



FRIENDLY NEWS

*The Friendly Garden Club
of Traverse City*

May 2016 NEWSLETTER

MEETING INFO....

(Board meeting May 17 At Unitarian Church)

When: May 24, 2016

10:00 Tour Bird Sanctuary (Optional)

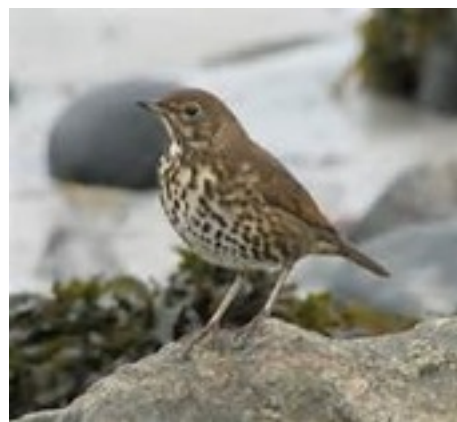
11:30 **BROWN BAG** your lunch, water will be provided

12:15 Program

1:15 Business Meeting

2:15 Committee Snippet

Where: Saving Birds Thru Habitat
5020 N. Putnam Road, Omena
(Driving directions on page 2)



Who: Kay Charter, Executive Director of SBTH
Program coordinator: Suzi Snyder

What: Optional bird walk and then an indoor presentation on native plants.
Bird walk participants are encouraged to bring binoculars.

Hostesses: Sue Mrowczynski, Suzi Snyder

DRIVING DIRECTIONS...

To: Saving Birds Thru Habitat
5020 N Putnam Rd Northport, MI 49670-9494



30 MIN | 23.427 MILES



Start out going west on W Grandview Pkwy/US-31 S/MI-37/MI-72 toward Garland St. Continue to follow W Grandview Pkwy/MI-72.

1.12 miles



Stay straight to go onto S West Bay Shore Dr/MI-22. Continue to follow MI-22.

20.46 miles



Turn left onto E Freeland Rd.

E Freeland Rd is 0.6 miles past N Putnam Rd

If you reach N Panoramic Dr you've gone about 0.8 miles too far

1.07 miles



Turn right onto N Putnam Rd.

0.77 miles

5020 N PUTNAM RD is on the right.

Your destination is just past E Tatch Rd

If you reach E Omena Rd you've gone about 0.2 miles too far

News bite from our President...

May 2016

S. Snyder, President



And this our life, exempt from public haunt
Finds tongues in trees, books in running brooks,
Sermons in stones and good in everything.

-William Shakespeare

Hello Friendlies,

Our May meeting will be at Kay Charters, Director and Founder of “Saving Birds Thru Habitat”. The Tour of the Bird Sanctuary begins at 10:00. Those of you unable to go on the bird walk please arrive with your lunch at 11:30, Program will begin at 12:15, Business Meeting 1:15-2:15. Parking is close to the building we will be using.

Important Notes:

- *Let Letha or myself know if you are bring a guest to the May meeting*
- *Let Letha or myself know if you can't attend the May Meeting*
- *Directions to Kay Charter in the newsletter*

- *Online Resource: www.PerennialResource.com: Make a Wish List and Search our Perennial Encyclopedia for information on over 2,000 varieties or perennials*
- *Keep your eyes and ears open for new grants for 2017*
- *Save the Date: June 21 @ 12:45, we have been invited to visit the beautiful gardens of Anne Tucker, who lives on the Peninsula, Nancy Rhoadarmer has arranged this special field trip for the FGC, more information to follow at a later time concerning car pooling*
- *Pennies for Pines jug will be at May's meeting*
- *Donations for our pets will be collected by Carolyn Hoffman*

Happy Gardening!

Suzi

NON-PROFIT FOR MAY...



Cherryland Humane Society. Here is a list of items preferred...

<http://cherrylandhumane.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/WishList.pdf>

Monetary donations are appreciated, also.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT news bite...

Nothing to report this month.

TREASURER news bite...

Nothing to report this month.

RECORDING SECRETARY news bite...

As recording secretary I have the Letterhead and Note Cards for the Club.

If you need letterhead or note cards, please notify me prior to a general meeting and I will bring a supply for you. Thank you.

Vicki Slawnik - vickislawnik@gmail.com - 248-227-6071



1) CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE news bite...

Janet Florence, Sandy Stockemer, Co-Chairs



Our committee has a meeting at the Visitor Center on Thursday, May 19, 10AM.

May 26 - CB committee plants Visitor Center at 9 AM.

June 2 - Logo Garden planting at 9AM for **all FGC members**. Can't believe I'm writing this as it snows!

Please be on the look out for outstanding gardens in our area and pass the info along to our committee. We'll have an award presentation in July.

2) CONSERVATION/ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE news bite...

Connie Brown, Chair

Nothing to report this month.

3) FINANCE COMMITTEE news bite...

Pat Jean, Chair

Nothing to report this month.

4) FLOWER ARRANGING/HORTICULTURE & NUTRITION COMMITTEE news bite...

Cathy Hamilton, Jane Weldon, Co-Chairs

The Flower Arranging Committee held its second meeting of 2016 on May 10 at the Elmwood Township Fire Station. With nine members present, the group started a study of the basics of flower arranging presented by Cathy Hamilton. After a brief history of early Western flower arranging, Cathy connected it to Eastern arranging, primarily from Japan, emphasizing the similarities and differences. After learning some Ikebana history, containers and styles common to numerous schools, each member completed a basic upright low bowl Moribana arrangement in the style of the Ohara School.



Next month the group will do a different ikebana design and then study how European, Early American, Ikebana and other design elements combined to produce the Creative American Design of the mid twentieth century.

The next meeting will be on June 14, at the Elmwood Township Fire Station. Time will be from 1 to 4 PM. Arrangers should bring a low bowl at least ten inches in diameter with a flat bottom. The choice of flowers will be made closer to the meeting when it is clearer what will be in bloom in our gardens. Submitted by Cathy Hamilton

5) GARDEN WALK COMMITTEE news bite...

Cathy Spanski, Chair



Please bring your checkbook or \$40, to the May meeting, to purchase your 5 tickets from Kay Stehouwer and Nancy Rhoadarmer.

Also, Letha Cairns and Marilyn Rebant will have sign up sheets for you to choose a shift to work at one of the gardens. Please be sure to sign up at the meeting as it will save them a lot of phone calling if you don't.

Additionally, there will be posters and save the date cards for members to take to help distribute in June.

Finally, a chair and co- chair are needed for the walk for 2017! Please consider volunteering for this important job for our club if you have never done so! It is a wonderful event to be a part of!

Thank you, Cathy Spanski

6) JUNIOR GARDENING news bite...

Susan Kuschell, Chair

Thank you to everyone who attended the Children's Garden Sale and a special thanks to those who donated plants. Our club support is greatly appreciated by the Children's Garden. Here are some of our groups this year: Salvation Army summer camp, Traverse City Park and Rec Summer Camp, Ottawa Chippewa kids, Heartland Hospice, Women's Resource, Habitat for Humanity kids and more. Sincerely Susan



7) MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE news bite...

Letha Cairns, Chair

Nothing to report this month.

8) NEWSLETTER news bite...

Anita Scussel, Editor

Nothing to report this month.

9) PROGRAM COMMITTEE news bite...

Suzi Snyder, Sue Mrowczynski, Co-Chairs

Nothing to report this month.

10) PUBLICITY COMMITTEE news bite...

Sue Soderberg, Chair

Nothing to report this month.

11) WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE news bite...

Terry Harding, Marellene Morrell, Co-Chairs
Nothing to report this month.

12) WEBSITE news bite...

Stephanie Nelsen, Tech Specialist
Nothing to report this month.

13) BLUE STAR MEMORIAL news bite...

Pat Huxtable, Chair
Nothing to report this month.

YEARBOOK UPDATES...

We hope everyone is enjoying their 2016 Yearbooks. Unfortunately, we have had several members whose yearbooks were coming apart. We have informed Kwick Print (on Eighth and Garfield) of the issue. You can take the yearbooks to Kwick Print and ask for Blaine, the owner, or Brayden and they will gladly take care of it immediately. If it is hard for you to do this, please let us know, and we will make arrangements to take it in for you. Please let us know if you have had to have your yearbook repaired, we are keeping track of the count.



We are so sorry for this inconvenience!

Jean, Stephanie & Terry

DATES TO REMEMBER...

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| May 18 | Geranium Pick-up, Peninsula Fire Station |
| May 26 | Visitors' Center Planting, 9 a.m. |
| May 27 | Rain date, Visitors' Center |
| May 30 | Memorial Day |
| June 2 | LOGO garden planting, 9 a.m. |
| June 3 | Rain date, LOGO garden planting |
| June 7-8 | MGC Convention, Frankenmuth |



BOTANIC GARDEN...



Calling all planters who volunteered to plant containers at the Botanic Garden:
Plants have been ordered and tentative planting dates set for May 23rd or June 1st. With the weather being so iffy, we may decide to wait til later in June to plant. Will have to keep you informed via email on the final planting date. Designers met and chose plants so that portion is completed. Now waiting for plants to arrive between now and end of May. Once they are at the garden, we will set a time for actual planting. In the meantime, I am ordering a sunny, moderately warm day to complete this task!

Right now, the planters have transition plantings in place. Deer have discovered the tulips and pruned them while disrupting the pansies and other plants used as fillers. Hope we have better luck with our plants once they are in place.

Terry Harding

Birthdays...



MAY

Elaine Armstrong
Laura Swire
Susan Kuschell

Connie Brown
Pat Jean
Candace Petersen

JUNE

Pat Huxtable
Mary Melvin
Kay Goodall

Terry Harding
Sue Loney
Jean Spagnuolo

Executive Board:

President	Suzi Snyder
1st VP & Program Chair	Susan Mrowczynski
2nd VP & Hostess Chair	Beth Mulac
Recording Secretary	Vicki Slawnik
Corresponding Secretary	Dorothy Cain
Treasurer	Arlene Beall
Historian/Librarian	Terry Harding
Parliamentarian	Cathy Hamilton

Committees:

Civic Beautification	Janet Florence, Sandy Stockemer
Conservation/Environment	Connie Brown
Finance	Pat Jean
Flower Arranging and Horticulture & Nutrition	Cathy Hamilton, Jane Weldon
Garden Walk	Cathy Spanski
Junior Gardening	Susan Kuschell
Membership	Letha Cairns
Programs	Suzi Snyder, Sue Mrowczynski
Publicity	Sue Soderberg
Ways and Means	Terry Harding, Marellene Morrell
Yearbook	Jean Spagnuolo, Stephanie Nelsen, Terry Harding

AD HOC Committees

Blue Star Memorial	Pat Huxtable
Website	Stephanie Nelsen
Newsletter	Anita Scussel