



FRIENDLY NEWS

*The Friendly Garden Club
of Traverse City*

September 2016 NEWSLETTER

MEETING INFO....

(Board meeting September 27th At Unitarian Church)

When: September 27, 2016
 11:30 Lunch
 12:15 Program
 1:15 Business Meeting
 2:15 Committee Snippets

Where: First Congregational Church
 6105 Center Road (M37), Traverse City

What: Preparing Our Gardens For Winter

Who: Speaker Jeanine Rubert, owner of Pine Hill Nursery, will discuss putting our gardens to rest for the winter.

Program Coordinator: Vicki Slawnik

Hostess Chair: Sue Loney

Hostesses: Arlene Beall, Letha Cairns, Michele Dillon, Janet Hickman, Rebecca Jones, Maxine Meach, Sue Soderberg





Fame is the scentless sunflower, with a gaudy crown of gold;
But friendship is the breathing rose, with sweets in every fold.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes

Hello FGC Friendlies,

- Do you want to be on the 2017 Garden Discussion Panel, featuring fun discussions for our members, “ snippet moment “, let Suzi know.
- A request to help our new members. If you could use FGC in the subject line, that would help when sending emails.
- All FGC members presence is important at this meeting as there are several motions to be voted on.
- FYI, members please know that the Board Meeting uses the same meeting agenda as does our Membership Meeting.
- Committee Chairs please know that your committees can discuss and make decisions for our garden club that don't require a motion be brought to the board/membership (i.e. time of the garden walk, how many dozen of cookies to bake, etc.).
- Please include me in all committee meetings, I am the ex-officio member of all standing committees.
- *CLARIFICATION* : A committee is a group of people that come together for a specific function, typically consisting of members of a larger group. Club Projects involving the Friendly Garden Club should be brought to the Board and then to Membership for a vote. Non-Board members wishing to speak to the Board may request time on the agenda through the club president. Working together allows us to keep continuing to build our very respected and proud legacy of the Friendly Garden Club of Traverse City towards a successful and strong future. Please review Article V, Section 2, of the

Constitution, which states additional committees, including ad hoc committees, may be created as occasion demands with members being appointed by the current president. Also, Article IV, Section 2, By-laws, Other standing committees may be created by the president with the approval of the board.

MOTIONS TO BE VOTED ON

(Membership vote matters)

- I move that as an amendment (Article X) of the Constitution, that the Website, Newsletter, and Yearbook, which are Ad Hoc Committees, become Standing Committees.
- I move that the duties of the Telephone and Sunshine Committee be incorporated into the duties of the Corresponding Secretary. (This is a condensed summary.)
- (A motion will be needed by Flower Arranging and Horticulture to combine committees.)
- I move that Nutrition be part of Conservation/Environment/Birds, Bees & Butterflies.
- The Constitution of the Friendly Garden Club, Article 11, states: “The goals/objectives of this organization shall be to provide education, to promote the love of gardening, horticulture, landscaping, and floral design, and to encourage civic beautification and environmental responsibility”. In respect of these objectives, I move that all members of TFGCTC plan and present a small standard flower show in the year 2017.
- Shall there be a flower show voted for 2017: Whereas the Flower Arranging and Horticulture be combined into one committee known as The Flower Show Committee.



Update on Our FGC Pine Tree: it has not survived. It gave its best to recover with some tender loving care from some very special FGC members help, but the trauma of being uprooted and out of hydration for an extended time took its toll on the pine. I removed the tree and replaced the soil and seeded the area. I also informed Rose Gallagher, Principal of Central Grade School, and they are very appreciative to all that we did for the children and school.

Suzi

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT news bite...

Nothing to report this month.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT news bite...

I will again have the 2017 hostess sign-up sheets there for those that did not sign last month.

Beth Mulac

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY news bite...

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws:

I move that:

One: Constitution: Article V, Section 1, Committees, be

amended to eliminate the Telephone and Sunshine Committee

Two: By-Laws: Article IV, Section 2, Standing Committees,

eliminate Telephone and Sunshine Committee

Three: By-Laws, Article III, Duties of Officers, Section 6, be

amended to incorporate the duties of the Telephone and Sunshine

Committee into the duties of the Corresponding Secretary.



To be presented at the August 23, 2016 meeting of the Board and the General Membership, to be voted on at the September 27, 2016 meeting.

Dorothy Cain, Corresponding Secretary

HISTORIAN news bite...

Nothing to report this month.

TREASURER news bite...

Treasury report sent in a separate email.

Please get all receipts to Arlene as soon as possible.

RECORDING SECRETARY news bite...

Nothing to report this month.

1) CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE news bite...

Janet Florence, Sandy Stockemer, Co-Chairs

A meeting is scheduled for **Friday, October 21st, 10AM**, at the Visitor Center for all current and new members of the Civic Beautification Committee. We're excited to get plans underway for next year's projects. We also are looking for a new design for the Logo Garden. Any thoughts, suggestions, etc are welcome and helpful.



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 met on Sept. 13 at Elmwood Township Fire Station to study and practice creating miniature designs for a flower show. Members brought a five inch and an eight inch design and set them up with some staging like a flower show. Then the whole group evaluated each design for strong areas and possible improvements. The group would like to include miniatures in a flower show if we have one.

The last meeting of the year will be Oct. 11 at 1 PM when we will study some of the mechanics of flower arranging. The meeting will be open to any club member interested in learning how to properly use a pin holder, oasis and other devices as well as wiring stems, bending branches and manipulating leaves. Please call Cathy Hamilton or Jane Weldon if you wish to come. Space is limited.

The group also discussed the possibility of a flower show next year and there was much input on themes, time of year, locations, staging, horticulture to be included and design possibilities. The reasons for doing a flower show were reviewed and members volunteered to do some of the work needed to determine the wisdom of proceeding.

5) GARDEN WALK COMMITTEE news bite...

Cathy Spanski, Chair
Nothing to report this month.

6) JUNIOR GARDENING news bite...

Susan Kuschell, Chair

The 16th Annual Awards Night was a big success. Our numbers continue to build. Cheri Leach from the Discovery Center did a program. We had music, sheep, clown, balloons and more. Everything we put on the kids pizza's they grew themselves. The Jonkhoffs donated live butterflies and they were beautiful flying up in the air. Thank you to all who attended and helped. Thank you Junior Gardening Committee for mentoring young gardeners. This important work continues to allot city kids an opportunity to become our future gardeners.



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



Geranium order sheets will be available at the September meeting. If you wish to order exactly what you ordered for 2016, give me your name and I will make a copy of your order so you can put it on a new order blank. Also, the new order sheets will be on our website for your convenience.

There will be old garden club signs available for repurposing for \$1-\$2. These signs will show considerable wear and tear. Terry

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.

BOTANIC GARDENS Update...

What's happening at the Botanic Garden?



Work continues with some projects being completed such as the final coating of the walkways to make them handicap accessible. Another area by the Visitor Center is ready for pulling grass before perennials can be temporarily planted. I invite anyone who would like to help with this to contact me or Sue Mrowczynski so we can notify you of the date work will be done.

Offering to help pull grass does not obligate you to plant or maintain the area as there are BG volunteers that will be helping with this. **THIS IS NOT A NEW FGC PROJECT OR NEW COMMITTEE. IT IS A SPECIFIC OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN BUILDING THE GARDEN** should you wish to be involved.

Terry Harding

FRIENDLY BUCKS Update...

At our August meeting, we collected \$23.00. For the month of September, we will continue to collect for the *Archangel Ancient Tree Archives* organization. *Archangel* promotes the use of the right trees for the right application for a balanced, sustainable environment. They are creating living libraries of old-growth tree genetics by cloning these old growth trees through traditional and advanced horticultural propagation for the purpose of future research and functional reforestation. We will continue to collect money until we can donate \$50.



Each month there will be a box at the entrance table for any voluntary contributions. Additionally, we are always looking for suggestions for 501c-3 local organizations that we can support.

Thank you. Anita Scussel

YEARBOOK updates...

No updates for this month.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

September 30	Finance Committee Meeting
October 7-9	NGC Central Region Convention
October 10	Columbus Day
October 17-18	Environmental Studies School, Holland
October 18	Board Meeting, Unitarian Church

BYE BYE HUMMINGBIRDS...



By now most of our hummingbirds have gained their weight and are winging their long, remarkable journey to warmer climes. Some stragglers may stop on their way, even into early October, so keep those feeders “at the ready”. A warm, humid summer creates mold in feeders. Clean them well before storing. An old toothbrush is a good cleaning tool. Now they’ll be ready for a welcome back next spring, around May 9th. I can hardly wait!!!

Dory Price

Legends say that hummingbirds float free of time, carrying our hopes for love, joy and celebration. The hummingbird’s delicate grace reminds us that life is rich, beauty is everywhere, every personal connection has meaning and that laughter is life’s sweetest creation.

DISTRICT V NEWS...

Nothing new to report for this month.

Sue Soderberg

District V Director

Birthdays...

SEPTEMBER

Arlene Beall
Suzi Snyder

Peg Jonkhoff
Sandy Stockemer

OCTOBER

Linda Burkey
Judy Pohl
Vicki Slawnik

Catherine Davidson
Dorry Price
Jill Stiltner



Sue Soderberg

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, 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
Yearbook	Jean Spagnuolo, Stephanie Nelsen, Terry Harding
Website	Stephanie Nelsen
Newsletter	Anita Scussel