



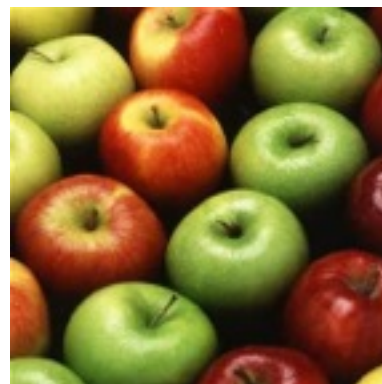
FRIENDLY NEWS

*The Friendly Garden Club
of Traverse City*

October 2015 NEWSLETTER

MEETING INFO....

When: October 27, 2015
10:00 Board Meeting
11:30 Lunch (**Bag lunch provided**)
12:30 Program
1:30 Business Meeting



Where: Northwest Michigan Horticultural Research Station
6686 S. Center Highway, Traverse City

Who: Program Chair Maxine Meach will introduce Dr. Nikki Rothwell

What: **The Exciting World of Apples** from home gardens to commercial production. An orchard tour will be available after the business meeting.

Hostess Chair: Sue Loney

Hostesses: Cathy Hamilton, Beth Mulac, Dorry Price, Laura Swire, Anita Scussel

FLOWERS AND FILOSOPHY

October 2015

J. Stiltner, President

How quickly this garden club year has gone. It seems I was just “rooting” around for something to write for September’s FLOWERS AND FILOSOPHY and all of a sudden it’s October. Fortunately, we were blessed with a beautiful September and there were a zillion activities to squeeze in beyond putting the gardens to bed. No more can I wander around the garden/yard until almost 10:00 PM. Darkness descends around 8:00 PM now with its countdown of approximately 2 minutes earlier each day.



So approaching the longer evenings, I often resort to puzzles, word games, number games and lately “adult” coloring books. Unlike the wonderful real artists we have in our club, I need lines to stay in!!! I love the USA TODAY puzzle page and the Record Eagle often is challenging —especially the CRYPTOQUOTES.

During the last two years as your PRESIDENT, I have used a few “crypts” in meetings and other F and F essays. I like to mindfully correlate them to the business and pleasures of our FRIENDLY GARDEN CLUB. Here are a few “crypts” I particularly like:

“WE ARE LIKE BUTTERFLIES; WE FLUTTER FOR A DAY AND FEEL LIKE IT’S FOREVER” Carl Sagan

“NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE; THE WORD ITSELF SAYS “I’M POSSIBLE”!” Audrey Hepburn

“KNOWLEDGE IS KNOWING THE TOMATO IS A FRUIT; WISDOM IS NOT PUTTING IT IN A FRUIT SALAD” Mike Washington

“THREE GRAND ESSENTIALS OF HAPPINESS (GARDENING) IN THIS LIFE ARE SOMETHING TO DO, SOMETHING TO LOVE AND SOMETHING TO HOPE FOR” Joseph Addison

AND tongue and cheek and a little humor:

“IF YOU HAVE ONE GOOD IDEA, PEOPLE WILL LEND YOU TWENTY”
Marie VonEbner-Eschenbach

“A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE AFRAID TO SAY WHAT THEY WANT; THAT’S
WHY THEY DON’T GET WHAT THEY WANT” Madonna

“YOU CAN’T EXPECT TO HIT THE JACKPOT IF YOU DON’T PUT A FEW
NICKELS IN THE MACHINE” Flip Wilson

LOVE Y’ALL, GIRLFRIENDS,

Jill

ITEMS OF INTEREST...

Please look for the “Check It Out” board at our next meeting. It has a variety of items of interest for all — from thank you notes to gardening tips to invitations. The agenda is also displayed on the board for your perusal.

NEW AND EASY * MICHIGAN GARDEN CLUB, INC, WEBSITE**

USER NAME: 5member

PASSWORD: member

+++++Remember to bring your version of an Elevator Speech. We will be asking for 3 volunteers to go over these and choose 2 or 3 versions that our club can vote on at our November 10th meeting. That will be less than a month job. Where else can you get so much recognition and satisfaction in that short of time?

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT news bite...

Greetings Friends, Happy Autumn,



Our Fall Meeting will be held at the NORTHWEST MI HORTICULTURE RESEARCH STATION, please check your yearbook for the details. There will be a provided lunch, program, business meeting, and an optional tour of the apple orchards.

There will be a collection of canned goods and other food items for those in need of friendly support. Please have your donation

in a bag or contained box. Drop off your donation in the back of my red jeep, that will be parked close to the entrance, and I will deliver to the Father Fred Foundation. On that note, we will be deciding together, at our general membership meeting, what charities we would like our food donations to go to and how often we would like to take up a collection for 2016.

A friendly reminder that when you find something you would like to share about Birds, Bees, Butterflies, Frogs, Nutrition, please let me know. The information can be shared in our newsletter or if you want time to share it at our membership meetings, it's always welcomed and certainly appreciated.

Fast forwarding ahead to March 2016, there will be a silent auction again. We are looking for any item/s pertaining to gardening that you want to donate. Let Sue Mrowczynski or me know, especially if you are a snowbird and won't be here for the March meeting but want to donate.

A fun time was had by Nancy Rhoadarmer, Marilyn Rebant, Dorothy Cain, Judy Pohl, Sue Loney, Carolyn Hoffman, and me as we had fun enjoying our adventure field trip to Jacob's Maze. It was the perfect day for enjoying the maze and enjoying a wonderful conversation with all as we navigated, very successfully I may say, through an amazing maze!

I will be collecting your \$7.00, at our October Meeting for your Amaryllis bulb for our hands-on program for November (Check payable to FGC or cash will be accepted). The bulbs have been ordered and we have ordered (7) extra for those of you who didn't sign up for an Amaryllis. Laura will be explaining what type of container you should bring to the November Program.

Garden Study Course III, again was a wonderful learning experience. A BIG THANK YOU to Terry Harding, Sue Soderberg, Cathy Hamilton, Carolyn Hoffman, and Nancy Collard for making it always a delightful experience for all who attend in our garden clubs ☺

Peace,

Suzi

No Spring nor Summer Beauty

hath such grace

as I have seen in one Autumnal face. -John Donne, English poet (1572-1631)

- 1) CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE news bite...**
Janet Florence, Sandy Stockemer, Co-Chairs
No news for this month.

2) CONSERVATION/ENVIRONMENT & BIRDS, BEES & BUTTERFLIES COMMITTEE news bite...

****Chair, OPEN**

In supporting our feathered friends, choose trees and shrubs which also have seeds and berries, these can provide food for the birds, and can also attract insects, which the birds can feed on too.

You can try:

- Oak
- Cherry
- Plum
- Beech
- Holly (Ilex – choose the female, with berries)
- Ribes (Flowering currant)
- Pyracantha
- Cotoneaster
- Rosa rugosa
- Hedera (Ivy)
- Sea Buckthorn (Hippophae rhamnoides)
- Viburnum opulus (Guelder Rose)



3) FINANCE COMMITTEE news bite...

Pat Jean, Chair

No news for this month.

4) FLOWER ARRANGING COMMITTEE news bite...

Cathy Hamilton, Chair

No news for this month.

5) GARDEN WALK COMMITTEE news bite...

Letha Cairns, Chair

No news for this month.

6) HONORS LUNCHEON COMMITTEE news bite...
Vicki Slawnik, Chair

HONORS LUNCHEON THANK YOU

I would like to thank the Honors Luncheon committee for the lovely day they arranged for garden club members and their guests. The weather was beautiful so the view from The Park Place was perfect. It was delightful to get to have a social luncheon and have the time to visit with each other and catch up with old friends.



Many thanks to: Arlene Beall, Nancy Rhoadarmer, Kay Stehouwer, Judy Pohl, Marge Scott, Terry Harding, Laura Swire, Catherine Davidson, Marilyn Burdinie. Your hard work paid off and it was great to work with each of you.
Vicki Slawnik - Chairman

7) HORTICULTURE & NUTRITION COMMITTEE news bite...
Maxine Meach, Chair
No news for this month.

8) JUNIOR GARDENING news bite...
Donna McKenzie, Susan Kuschell, Co-Chairs



We are busy putting the gardens to bed with all the groups preparing for next year. This year we gave 157 pounds to Food Rescue. That is a record year thanks to the weather. Donna and Susan

9) MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE news bite...

Sue Soderberg, Chair
No news for this month.

10) NEWSLETTER news bite...

Anita Scussel, Editor
No news for this month.

11) PROGRAM COMMITTEE news bite...

Suzi Snyder, Chair
No news for this month.

12) PUBLICITY COMMITTEE news bite...

** Chair, OPEN
No news for this month.

13) TELEPHONE & SUNSHINE COMMITTEE news bite...

Dorothy Cain, Chair
No news for this month.

14) WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE news bite...

Linda Burkey, Jean Spagnuolo, Co-Chairs
No news for this month.

15) WEBSITE news bite...

Stephanie Nelsen, Tech Specialist

The 2016 geranium order form was added on the Home page and the Forms page. Also updated the colors for next year's geraniums with photos on the Forms page with link from Home page.



TREASURER REQUEST...

\$\$\$\$ A Friendly Reminder From Your Friendly Treasurer \$\$\$\$

All bills must be paid before the books are closed at the end of the year. Please submit your bills, **with a voucher signed by your committee chairman**, as soon as you can. Arlene will not attend the October and November meetings so you need to mail bills to her Michigan address and they will be forwarded to her in Florida.

OF SPECIAL NOTE...



October is Breast Cancer awareness month.....schedule your mammogram and make sure all your friends do too.....If we all take care of each other maybe we can beat this disease.

YEARBOOK UPDATES...

None noted at this time.

Dates to Remember...

November 4	MGC Finance Meeting	E. Lansing
November 5	MGC Board of Directors Mtg	Lansing
November 10	LAST FGC MEETING FOR 2015	Traverse City



^^ 50-50 Raffle -- \$1 apiece or 6 for \$5 (always optional)

Executive Board:

President	Jill Stiltner
1st VP & Program Chair	Suzi Snyder
2nd VP & Hostess Chair	Sue Mrowczynski
Recording Secretary	Beth Mulac
Corresponding Secretary	Sonja McGettrick
Treasurer	Arlene Beall
Historian/Librarian	Letha Cairns
Parliamentarian	Donna McKenzie

Committees:

Civic Beautification	Janet Florence, Sandy Stockemer
Conservation/Environment	OPEN
Finance	Pat Jean
Flower Arranging	Cathy Hamilton
Garden Walk	Letha Cairns
Horticulture/Nutrition	Maxine Meach
Junior Gardening	Donna McKenzie & Susan Kuschell
Membership	Sue Soderberg
Program/Yearbook	Jean Spagnuolo & Stephanie Nelsen & Terry Harding
Publicity	OPEN
Telephone/Sunshine	Dorothy Cain
Ways and Means	Linda Burkey & Jean Spagnuolo

AD HOC Committees

Honors Luncheon	Vicki Slawnik
Blue Star Memorial - Veteran's Park	Pat Huxtable
Website	Stephanie Nelsen
Newsletter	Anita Scussel