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D4D: Fun, fashionable, fabulous, informative!

On Wednesday, April 15, 2020, Daffodils4Detroit will host the 11th annual Daffodil Day Luncheon at the Detroit Yacht Club. Check-in for those registered will begin at 11 am, followed by lunch at noon. See the registration form (page 6) for the Daffodil Day schedule and for additional details.



Mary Culler

We are excited to include several highlights at this year's event:

~ An update on the Michigan Central Train Station and the Corktown Campus, given by Mary Culler, president of the Ford Motor Company Fund and chief of staff of the Office of the Executive Chairman. She is also development director of Ford's Michigan Central Train Station redevelopment.

~ Laurie Tennent, of Laurie Tennent Botanicals, debuts daffodil artwork originating from Belle Isle. Available for purchase will be original artwork, scarves and accessories.

~ The Peacock Room is expanding its botanical offerings beyond fascinators, hats and jewelry, to include garden-themed gift items such as flower candles and embroidered flower notecards. Rachel Lutz has been scouting items for us for months.

~ There is a new **BLUE** color for the 5" x 7" daffodil tile (quantities are limited and available for pre-order).

~ Beginning at 10:30 am, attendees may tour the partially renovated Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory.

~ Ticket options include ONLINE and MAIL-IN purchases as follows: \$39 regular and \$100 patron luncheon tickets as well as \$50 tiles. Donations may also be made ONLINE or by US MAIL. Note the registration form's requests regarding seating, entree & dietary restrictions.

~ Floral beauty supplied by garden clubs will adorn the tabletops once again.

The funds raised will purchase daffodil bulbs for planting on Belle Isle and in the City of Detroit. With the recent high-water levels and construction on Belle Isle, we will need to replant and augment past plantings, while recognizing flood zones and future island plans.

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**The Waterford Garden Club
 welcomes you to Michigan Division's
 94th annual Spring Council Meeting ...**

on Wednesday, May 20, 2020. See the registration form and venue map on page 7.

Presenter Janet Macunovich will join us with perfect timing as we all continue to contemplate our 2020 spring plantings. Janet's topic is *Landscape Ideas from Her Favorite Gardens – Before & After*.

Janet will walk us through time – as well as through beautiful spaces – to give us ideas, laughs, hopes and consolation in our own gardening efforts. She and her husband Steven Nikkila have designed, planted and renovated gardens for 40 years. The program will cover some of their favorite projects, while sharing design principles, maintenance tips and the life lessons learned from each experience.

Arrive at Bay Pointe Golf Club in West Bloomfield by 10 am. Enjoy breakfast, vendors' products, chatting with



old and new friends, learning from professional gardener Janet Macunovich, participating in Michigan Division's business and events... and maybe even going home with a door prize!

**Note registration deadline:
 May 8, 2020**

We are happy to report that our database shows a commitment for planting just over 3,000,000 daffodil bulbs – 75% of the way to our goal of 4,000,000 daffodils planted in the metro region. Thank you to the City of Detroit for their major commitment and for purchasing a bulb-planting machine to increase planting capacity!
 – Robin Heller



Daffodil Day 2019

Michigan Division, WNF&GA Reference & Resources

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Do you reciprocate?

According to an online dictionary, to reciprocate means “to respond to a gesture or action by making a corresponding one.”

Last year, two Franklin Garden Club members volunteered at Troy’s garden walk, and two Troy Garden Club members volunteered at Franklin’s garden walk. Both organizations needed help, and reciprocity was the answer.

Could your garden club benefit from reciprocity?
Try it. You may like it!

Visit Michigan Division & the WNF&GA (national) organization online:

Michigan Division www.michdivwnfga.weebly.com	WNF&GA (national) www.wnfga.org
Member Area Password: skneeshaw2021	Member Area Password: Farm100garden

Sharing Speaker Bureau Information

Clarkston Farm & Garden Club member Joette Kulse is chairperson of Michigan Division’s Speakers Bureau. If your branch needs a good speaker, she can help. If your branch wants to recommend a good speaker, Joette will be happy to accept your information.
Email: jkhorses@comcast.net

Mary Schwark—MI DIV newsletter editor & advisor

What’s Happening & When?

- April 15, 2020..... Daffodil Day on Belle Isle**
- May 1 – 15, 2020..... Submit info & photos for summer online-only newsletter.**
- May 20, 2020 Spring Council Meeting**
- June 3 – 7, 2020 WNF&GA National Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky**

Keep us informed.

We don’t know if you don’t tell us!

Please report all branch roster changes: member additions, subtractions, changes of address, phone numbers and email addresses.
Also, please share the good news that you’re ready to access the newsletter via the MI DIV website!



Who needs to know?

Cheryl Malin, MI DIV registrar
707 McDougal, Waterford, MI 48327
248-421-6093 cmalin09@gmail.com

From your Michigan Division president ...

Spring is just a few weeks away. My many garden catalogs began to arrive, as usual, in late December. Their arrival always tells me that it is time to start planning my garden.



Sheila Kneeshaw

In addition, numerous garden club tours will begin in June, and many of you will have your gardens on tour. I plan on visiting as many of your gardens as possible.

During the past year, two of our branches – Saginaw and Bloomfield Hills – celebrated their 90th anniversaries. Congratulations to both branches. I attended the celebrations and both were wonderful.



Many events are fast approaching. On Wednesday, April 15, the 11th annual Daffodil Day Luncheon will be held on Belle Isle at the Detroit Yacht Club. It is always a fun time with great speakers, great food and great company. (See event details on page 1 and this year's registration form on page 6.)

Our annual Spring Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20. The meeting will be hosted by the Waterford Garden Club at the Bay Pointe Golf Club in West Bloomfield Township. Come out and meet other garden club members. We always have a good time. A goal for this meeting is to have all Michigan Division branches represented. Please register as soon as possible. (See the registration form on page 7.)

The National Meeting of the WNF&GA will be held from June 3 – 7, 2020, in Louisville, Kentucky. The meeting will hold special meaning for Michigan Division. Mary Schwark from the Troy Garden Club Branch, and also immediate past president of Michigan Division, will take office as national president of the WNF&GA. I ask that as many of our members as possible please try to attend the meeting so that we can show Mary our support in beginning her two-year term of leadership for the Association. On behalf of Michigan Division, congratulations, Mary.

Registration forms for the bus from Michigan to Louisville and for the National Meeting are on pages 4 and 5 respectively of this newsletter.

Information about the 2020 International Tea will be provided in the summer online-only Michigan Division newsletter edition.

Thank you for all the support that you continue to give to Michigan Division. I do look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Michigan Division members have been “going green” in ever-growing numbers for the last 18 months! If your branch has not yet decided to encourage members to receive and read – and even print – their Michigan Division newsletters via the Internet, please do so. It’s never too late! Consider what can be accomplished by redirecting printing and mailing dollars to education or programming or grants.

Do you know about . . . ?

Members-at-Large

How to Become a Michigan Division Member-at-Large: (1) Be or become a WNF&GA member-at-large. See the NATIONAL magazine for details. (2) Send your name, mailing address, email address & phone number(s), plus a check for \$6 payable to Michigan Division WNF&GA. Mail to Patricia Brown (*address on page 2*). An application form is on the MI DIV website.

Branch Recognitions

The program of branch recognitions was reinstated in 2017. The 2020 application is on the MI DIV website.

In May of 2018 & 2019, ten outstanding projects were recognized at the Spring Council Meetings.

All branches are encouraged to submit applications for recognition of their **exceptional** activities and projects. Mail completed applications, postmarked no later than March 15, 2020, to MI DIV 2nd VP Jo Sillanpaa. (*contact information on page 2*). Recognitions will be announced and presented at Michigan Division's Spring Council Meeting on May 20, 2020. **Contact Jo to request an extension until March 31, 2020, if needed.**

Michigan Division Tributes

Branches may request Michigan Division tributes for their members who have been affiliated with the WNF&GA and Michigan Division for a minimum of 25 years AND in increments of five years. Members for 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51 or more years are eligible for tribute requests. Members who joined a Michigan Division branch in any of the following years are eligible for tributes: 1995, 1990, 1985, 1980, 1975, 1970, and any year prior to 1970.

If your branch has eligible members, please email MI DIV advisor Mary Schwark (schwark@aol.com) to obtain the information required by MI DIV. Request tributes no later than April 20, 2020, for recognition at the May 20 Spring Council Meeting.

NOTE TO BRANCHES: Unless you tell us, we don't know about your members' length of service. **A REQUEST BY A BRANCH IS THE ONLY WAY TO INITIATE TRIBUTES TO MEMBERS.**

Please read carefully. There are changes from past years!

**2020 Woman's National Farm & Garden Association
Annual National Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky**

**Bus Registration Form – 56 passenger Bianco vehicle
*FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED – DON'T DELAY! ****

Depart on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 ~ Return on Sunday, June 7, 2020

Three passenger pickup locations: (1) Laurel Park Place Mall, Livonia, MI;
(2) Troy Community Center, Troy, MI; (3) location TBD in northwest Ohio

OPTIONS 1 & 2 bus seats not reserved by April 1 will open to Option 3 riders on April 2.

OPTION 1 – \$160.00 – Ride the bus TO, FROM & AROUND Louisville.

Mail your \$80 deposit for arrival **BEFORE** April 1 and your final \$80 for arrival **BY** April 1.

OPTION 2 – \$160.00 (as long as seats remain) – Ride the bus TO, FROM & AROUND Louisville:

Mail your \$160.00 full bus fee for arrival **BY** April 1.

OPTION 3 – \$30.00 (as long as seats remain) – Ride the bus ONLY AROUND Louisville:

Mail your \$30 fee **BEGINNING ON** April 2 for arrival **BY** April 15.

OPTION 4 – (as long as seats remain) – Ride the bus TO, FROM & AROUND Louisville:

If your full registration fee of \$160.00 is postmarked **AFTER** April 1, 2020,
and **BY** the April 30, 2020 deadline, you **MUST** include an additional fee of \$20.

****DON'T MISS THE BUS!***

NOTE THE FOLLOWING VERY IMPORTANT CHANGE IN 2020:

Send your full bus “NO-LATE-FEE” registration (\$80 + \$80 or \$160) for arrival BY April 1.

See the box at the bottom of this page.

~ NO REFUNDS; NO EXCEPTIONS ~

To find out if seats remain, contact Helen Jositas (info below) after 9 am on April 2 (not before!).

A seat will be held for you provided your payment is received no later than four days after your call.

Please PRINT NEATLY to insure that your information can be recorded accurately.

Name _____ Branch _____ Division _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email address _____ Member _____ OR Guest _____

Make deposit of \$80.00 or full payment of \$160.00 payable to: WNF&GA Meeting Fund. Write “bus deposit” or “full bus registration” on the memo line. Mail your check and a completed copy of this registration form (after making a copy for yourself) to: Helen Jositas, 2834 Shannon Dr., Oakland, MI 48363 Questions? Contact Helen: 248-766-2300 OR rjositas@aol.com

I won't ride the bus TO & FROM Louisville, but I do want to ride it AROUND Louisville. I understand that, if any seats remain as of April 2, I may reserve my seat on the bus by sending my \$30 bus fee BEGINNING ON APRIL 2, 2020, for arrival by April 15.

Enclosed is my filled-out registration form above and my \$30 bus fee. YES _____

2020 WNF&GA National Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky – REGISTRATION FORM
June 3 - 7, 2020 **NO MEETING REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 26, 2020.**
 Complete a separate registration form for each member or guest. **NOTE:** Registration fees are NON-REFUNDABLE.
Embassy Suites Louisville Downtown, 501 South Fourth Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202 Phone: 502-813-3800

Please print neatly. The registrar must be able to read your writing!

Name _____ 1st national meeting? Yes No WNF&GA Member? _____ Or guest? _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home phone _____ Cell phone _____ Email _____
 Emergency contact person _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____
 Division _____ Division Office Currently Held _____ Branch _____
 Branch Office Currently Held _____ National Office Currently Held _____
 Arriving by: Air _____ Bus _____ Car _____ Expected date/time of arrival _____
 Rooming with _____ **OR** Need a roommate? Yes No
DIETARY RESTRICTIONS – IMPORTANT! Check **ONE** only: NO restrictions _____ Vegetarian _____
WE DON'T KNOW UNLESS YOU TELL US: Please list ALL dietary restrictions. _____

IMPORTANT NOTE

(INC.) = included in registration fee; (INC.-H) = included by hotel; (N.I.) = not included in registration fee

Thursday, June 4, 2020

7 – 8:15 am: Complimentary breakfast – **grab & go** (G & G) or **cooked to order** (CTO) – (INC.-H)
 8:30 am: Board bus
 8:30 am – 3:45 pm: Woodlands Farm tour; Yew Dell Gardens tour; lunch; Locust Grove tour – (INC.)
 5:30 – 7:30 pm: Comp. evening reception – (INC.-H)
 Dinner **ON-YOUR-OWN** – (N.I.)
 7:00 pm – Executive board meeting – exec. members only

Saturday, June 6, 2020

7 – 8:15 am: Comp breakfast – G & G or CTO – (INC.-H)
 8:30 – 10:30 am: Annual Meeting session II – (INC.)
 11 am: Board bus
 11:45 am – 3:50 pm: Jim Beam Distillery (INC.); lunch at Fred's Smokehouse – (N.I.); Bernheim Arboretum & Research Forest tour – (INC.)
 6 pm: Dinner at hotel, officer installation, speaker, silent auction – (INC.)

National Meeting Registration Fee = \$ 260.00

OPTIONAL donation to the National Arboretum Internship Fund (any amount) = _____

Add **REQUIRED** \$25 late fee beginning May 13, 2020, thru May 26, 2020 = _____

Total Amount Enclosed = _____

Check payable to **WNF&GA National Meeting Fund.** 

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

4 – 7 pm: Hotel & Annual Meeting check-in
 5:30 – 7:30 pm: Complimentary evening reception – *small plates & drink options* – (INC.-H)
 Dinner **ON-YOUR-OWN** – (N.I.)

Friday, June 5, 2020

7 – 8:15 am: Comp breakfast – G & G or CTO – (INC.-H)
 8:30 – 10:30 am: Annual Meeting session I – (INC.)
 11 am: Board bus
 11 am – 5:30 pm: Waterfront Botanical Gardens tour; lunch; Falls of the Ohio State Park; bus to restaurants & shops; bus to hotel – (INC.)
 5:30 – 7:30 pm: Comp. evening reception – (INC.-H)
 Dinner **ON-YOUR-OWN** – (N.I.)
 7:00 pm: Floral Arts Workshop at hotel – (N.I.)

Sunday, June 7, 2020

7 – 8:15 am: Comp breakfast – G & G or CTO – (INC.-H)
 8:30 am: Board bus.

**Mail completed registration form plus check to National Meeting registrar: Rita Urbanski
 246 Parkwood Circle, St. Augustine, FL 32086
 Registration or meeting questions: Contact Rita at
 248-961-0705 OR rzurbanski@gmail.com
 Include "Louisville" in the subject line of your email.
 NO REFUNDS. NO EXCEPTIONS.
 \$25 late fee applies May 13 thru May 26, 2020.
 NO MEETING REGISTRATIONS AFTER MAY 26 !**

Not taking the bus to & from Louisville? AS LONG AS SPACE REMAINS, a \$30 fee paid in advance will save you a bus seat for transportation around Louisville from June 4 thru 6. See bus registration form to learn how it MAY be possible for you to ride the big bus.

Valet parking for hotel customers: \$30/vehicle/night

Embassy Suites Louisville Downtown, 501 South Fourth Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202
Check in at 3:00 pm Check out at 11:00 am ~ \$189 + 16.07% tax per night
Reserve by calling the hotel directly: 502-813-3800 Request group rate for the WNF&GA 2020 National Meeting
Hotel registration DEADLINE: May 13, 2020 Website: hilton.com/en/hotels/sdfdnes-embassy-suites-louisville-downtown/

Here comes Mrs. Tebben's Tea sponsored by Lapeer Wildflowers

Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020

Time: 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm **Tickets:** \$38 each

Location: The Huntsman Hunt Club
3166 Havens Road, Dryden MI 48428

How to reserve tickets: On Wednesday, April 1, call Cecelia Montgomery beginning at 9:00 am: 810-664-6733. It's requested that one person from each branch call with the number of tickets needed. Then, if possible, send one check for all.



PLEASE NOTE: The phone will not be answered before 9:00 am on April 1.

Daffodils4Communities



Michigan Division's program of daffodil planting by branches **in their own communities** continues.

Daffodils4Communities – named and established by Michigan Division's board of directors in August 2018 – is a voluntary and independent effort funded by each branch. The program's umbrella name connects branches' own projects with Daffodils4Detroit.

In the **Branch News** pages 10 through 14 of this newsletter, note the daffodil icons near the names of those branches which have established daffodil plantings at libraries, post offices, community centers and other public locations.

Does **YOUR** branch have a daffodil project to add to Daffodils4Communities?

By William Wordsworth:

*I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.
Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance*

May we all be so fortunate on April 15!

**Flower Centerpieces for Daffodil Day
April 15, 2020**

The Daffodils4Detroit committee invites all Michigan Division branches who attend Daffodil Day to **LEND** flower centerpieces – five per branch – for use at the event. Following the event, the arrangements will be taken home by those who brought them.

SPECIFICATIONS:

- 45 centerpieces will be required.
- Centerpieces do not have to match.
- Use **simple clear glass vases** of any shape.
- Finished centerpieces must be **no more than 14" tall and no more than 12" wide**.
- Place a small ID label on the underside of the vase.



All, or at least 50%, of the floral material should be daffodils. Feel free to be creative with the other 50%, provided daffodils are dominant.

Centerpieces may be taken to the Detroit Yacht Club on April 14, or they may be delivered by 10:30 am on April 15.

Questions? Mary Schwark: schwark@aol.com

Please consider a generous branch or personal donation to **Daffodils4Detroit** in one of the following categories:

Double Golden – \$5,000+ includes 4 luncheon tickets, recognition on event signage, website and printed program

Golden Long – \$1,000 - \$4,999 includes 2 luncheon tickets, recognition on event signage, website and printed program

Trumpeter – \$500 - \$999 includes recognition on event signage, website and printed program

11th Annual Daffodil Day Luncheon Registration Form

Hosted by the Michigan Division of the
Woman's National Farm & Garden Association

10:30 – 11:30 am: Tour the newly-renovated Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory & the grounds on Belle Isle.

11:00 am: Luncheon check-in begins.
Peacock Room pop-up shopping and MORE

12:00 noon: Lunch is served. MENU: Maurice Salad, rolls & butter, Lemonade Layer Cake, signature non-alcoholic D4D beverage
The cash bar will include Spring Mimosas.

1:00 pm: Mary Culler, Regional Director, Ford Land Development, will speak about the Michigan Central Train Station & the Corktown Campus.



Wednesday, April 15, 2020
Detroit Yacht Club, Belle Isle

Register for Daffodil Day!
\$39 - THRU March 31, 2020
\$45 - April 1 THRU April 8, 2020

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
April 8, 2020

NEW BLUE DAFFODIL TILE! – Purchase early or on April 15 – \$50 per tile, tax included. ***LIMITED QUANTITY***

Make registration/tile/donation check payable to: Michigan Division WNF&GA. Mail check & completed registration form to:

Mary Schwark, 367 Ferndale Ave., Birmingham, MI 48009
Questions: infoandideas@aol.com OR 248-765-4809

New easy payment option – Use PayPal or a credit card: ONLINE PAYMENTS of \$39 per person thru March 31, OR \$45 per person from April 1 thru April 8. Complete registration information is still required: (1) While registering online, provide the info requested below OR (2) Send completed form to the mailing address above OR (3) FAX form to (248-593-5608) OR (4) Email form as an attachment to: infoandideas@aol.com Include D4D registration form in the subject line. Purchase online: PayPal or credit card @ www.michdivwnfga.weebly.com/daffodils4detroit-day-2020.html FOLLOW PROMPTS.

Guests per table: Maximum of EIGHT (8). Please check ONE OPTION below:

1. _____ I am reserving an entire table of 8. A check is enclosed & all 8 names are listed below.
2. _____ Please seat me with other members of my branch.
3. _____ NO SEATING PREFERENCE: Please seat me at any open table.
4. _____ I would like to sit with the 7 attendees listed below. They will register separately.

NOTE: All 7 additional registrations & payments must arrive by March 31 to preserve the full table.

REQUIRED:

If one person is sending a check for 8 people (Option 1), circle M (Maurice Salad) or V (Vegetarian) after each person's name.

For Option 4, it is not necessary to circle M or V.

_____ M V _____ M V _____ M V _____ M V
_____ M V _____ M V _____ M V _____ M V

Your name _____ Lunch @ \$ 39 (through 3/31/20) \$ _____
Address _____ Lunch @ \$ 45 (4/1/20 thru 4/8/20) _____
City, State, Zip _____ Lunch @ \$100 (includes program listing) _____
Phone & Email _____ Additional Donation (for daffodils) _____
MI DIV Branch _____ or Guest? Y ___ N ___ NEW BLUE TILE @ \$50 each _____
Check one only: Maurice Salad ___ OR Vegetarian ___ SAME TILE DESIGN – NEW COLOR
Additional dietary restrictions? _____ TOTAL OF ENCLOSED CHECK \$ _____

NOTE: No confirmation will be sent. Please make a copy of your registration form and check.



REGISTRATION FORM – Due May 8, 2020

Wednesday, May 20 – Bay Pointe Golf Club

4001 Haggerty Road, West Bloomfield Twp., MI
(Intersection of Haggerty & Richardson Roads – see map below)

Hosted by the Waterford Garden Club

9:15–10 am – Arrival ~ Check in & visit vendors

NOTE: Vendors will continue selling during breaks.

10–11 am – Breakfast ~ 10:30 am – MI DIV Business Meeting

11:30 am – Break ~ 12:00 noon – Speaker

12:45 pm – Door Prizes ~ 1:00 pm Adjourn

**Landscape Ideas from Her Favorite Gardens,
Before & After**

Janet Macunovich – photograph above – will walk you through time, as well as through beautiful spaces, to give you ideas, laughs, hopes and consolation in your own gardening efforts. Macunovich and her husband, photographer Steven Nikkila, are a creative, entertaining team that has designed, planted and renovated gardens for 40 years. The program covers some of their favorite projects. In addition, they share their design principles, maintenance tips and the life lessons learned from each.

**Make check payable to:
Michigan Division WNF&GA**

Please mail with your completed form to:

Susan Malone
1155 Shoman St.
Waterford, MI 48327
Phone: 248-613-5381

Registration questions:
smalnewgc@gmail.com

Reservation deadline: May 8, 2020

Name _____ Guest? Yes No Phone _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Email address (print NEATLY to assure receipt of confirmation)

Branch (& any current office, if applicable) _____

PLEASE NOTE: The registrar will send a confirmation to your email address. If you do not have email but wish to receive a confirmation, send a self-addressed & stamped envelope with your registration.

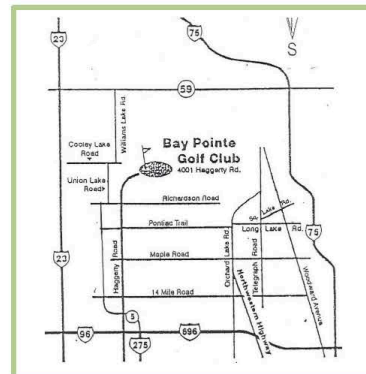
This form is also available on Michigan Division’s website.

REGISTRATION: Breakfast buffet & speaker \$ 27.00 per person

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Guests are welcome & should send their own registrations & checks.

YOUR PAYMENT IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE LESS THE \$20 VALUE OF YOUR MEAL.



Calendar of Branches' 2020 Spring & Summer Events: *March 16 – July 15*

Sponsored by County Downs Garden Club

Annual Community Program:

Continuous Color in the Landscape

Illustrated lecture: Janet Macunovich, professional gardener & author – suggested \$5.00 donation

Date/Time: **Mon., March 16**, 7:30 pm

Venue: First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak, 529 Hendrie Blvd. (at 6th Street), Royal Oak.

Call Toby Cheney: 248-544-0242

Sponsored by Bloomfield Hills Branch

Rethinking Beauty: Inspiring Gardeners

in a Changing World! – Paul Zammit, presenter

Date/Time: **Thur., May 14**, 11:30 am

Venue: Bloomfield Hills Country Club

Email: bobbipolk@gmail.com for additional info and/or to receive an invitation.

Sponsored by County Downs Garden Club

50th Annual Plant Sale

Date/Time: **Sat., May 16**, 10 am – 4 pm

Venue: 10154 Borgman Avenue, Huntington Woods,

Plants for sale: large geranium deck pots, hanging baskets, begonias, & many other flowers

Pre-orders: Justina Misuraca, 248-762-0764, OR

Email: jmisuraca@gmail.com

THREE Perennial Plant Exchanges–Rain or Shine

Sponsored by Troy Garden Club

Date/Time: **Sat., May 16**, 10 am – 12 noon

Phone: 248-528-2647 *Healthy plants only. Please label.*

Venue: Family Aquatic Center parking lot
3425 Civic Center Drive, Troy

Sponsored by Warren Garden Club

Date/Time: **Sat., May 16**, 10 am – 12 noon

Phone: 586-978-7105

Venue: First United Methodist Church 5005 Chicago Rd.,
Warren 48092 (between Mound & Ryan Roads)

Sponsored by Clarkston Farm & Garden Club

Date/Time: **Sat., June 6**, 8:30 am

Venue: Main Street parking lot, downtown Clarkston

Sponsored by Waterford Garden Club

Michigan Division Spring Council Meeting

Date/Time: **Wed., May 20**, 10 am – 1 pm

Related activities: breakfast, vendors, Janet Macunovich

Phone: 248-613-5381 **Registration:** See pg. 8 of this newsletter.

Sponsored by Lapeer Wildflowers

Mrs. Tebben's Tea

Date/Time: **Thur., May 28**, 12 noon – 4 pm

Tickets: \$38

Venue: Huntsman Hunt Club, Dryden, MI

Additional info: See pg. 6 of this newsletter.

Sponsored by Franklin Garden Club Branch

35th Annual Franklin Garden Walk

Date/Time: **Wed., June 10** 10 am–4 pm & 6 – 9 pm

Email: franklingardenclub@gmail.com

Phone: 248-550-2598 OR 248-647-8096

Ticket cost: \$12 presale; \$15 on June 10 at the Gazebo on the Franklin Village Green

Advance tickets: See p. 11 of this newsletter.

Sponsored by Trailwood Garden Club

24th Annual Garden Walk: Flowers are Forever

Date/Time: **Tue., June 23**, 11 am – 7 pm

Ticket cost: TBD **More information available soon:**
www.TrailwoodGardenClub.com

Sponsored by Country Garden Club of Northville

27th Annual Northville Garden Walk

Date/Time: **Wed., July 8**, 9 am – 4 pm

Related activities: garden-centric vendors & live jazz in the Northville Towne Square

Tickets @ \$12 BEFORE July 8: www.cgcnv.org,

Eventbrite, Gardenviews and Pearaphernalia

Tickets @ \$15 ON July 8 at the Town Square

Sponsored by Troy Garden Club

46th Annual Troy Garden Walk:

Kaleidoscope of Gardens

Date/Time: **Wed., July 8**, Rain or Shine

9:30 am – 3 pm AND 5 pm – 8:30 pm

Related activities at the Troy Historic Village: plant sale, Midsummer Arts & Crafts Boutique, student art exhibit

Website: www.TroyGardenClubMI.com

Phone: 248-540-6158

Tickets BEFORE July 8: \$12 at Auburn Oaks Garden Center, Telly's Greenhouse, Troy Historic Village & Uncle Luke's.

July 8 Tickets: \$15; sold ONLY at Troy Historic Village

Sponsored by Clarkston Farm & Garden Club

15th Annual Clarkston Garden Walk

Date/Time: **Wed., July 15** 11 am – 7 pm

Related activities: Artisan Market at the Clarkston Independence District Library Grounds, 11 am – 5 pm Luncheon discounts per the garden walk program

Website: Clarkstongardenclub.org

Email: Clarkstongardenclub@gmail.com

Phone: 248-514-1729

Pre-event sales until Tuesday, July 14: \$15 at Bordines, The Gateway, KH Homes, Clarkston Independence District Library, Clarkston Chamber of Commerce & online at clarkstongardenclub.org

Mail orders through Clarkston Garden Club, P.O. Box 1011, Clarkston, MI 48347

Tickets ON July 15: \$18 at the library grounds only

Branch News



Bloomfield Hills Garden Club

Save the Date! A branch fundraiser on May 14, 2020, beginning at 11:30 am, will feature Paul Zammit, professor of horticulture at Niagara College and former director of horticulture at the Toronto Botanical Garden for more than 10 years. His topic is *Rethinking Beauty: Inspiring Gardeners in a Changing World!* Zammit is a passionate and energetic gardener and a lover of nature. The event will be held at the Bloomfield Hills Country Club. For additional information or to be added to the invitation list, please contact Bobbi Polk: bobbipolk@gmail.com. (See calendar listing, page 9.)

- submitted by Bobbi Polk

Editor's note: If you attended Paul Zammit's presentation at the Detroit Institute of Arts in October 2019, you know that he is both knowledgeable and entertaining, and well worth hearing and seeing more than once.

Clarkston Farm & Garden Club Branch

The Clarkston Farm & Garden Club does not meet in the new year until March, but we have had some great gatherings this winter, including a celebration of the 90th birthday of our 30-year member Marian Emery. She is active with many other organizations and we are so proud that she is a member of our branch.

Our annual Perennial Plant Exchange will be held on Saturday, June 6 at 8:30 am in the Main Street parking area in downtown Clarkston. Our annual garden walk will take place on Wednesday, July 15, from 11 am to 7 pm. (See details for both events on page 9.)

The month of May will bring new officers to the garden club as we elect officers every two years.

We have supported the Clarkston Family Farm since its inception. Almost all Clarkston students attend events at the farm - field trips, programs, camps, projects or visits to the shop or farmers market. The hoop house caved in from November's 11 inches of snow, but it is now being rebuilt to be better and stronger than ever. The farm's goal is to have children learn about farm-to-table cooking and where food comes from. Making maple sugar has been added to the farm's spring activities, and member Joan Harbaugh is working with the farm to tell us what they may need.

Following the Michigan Division initiative - Daffodils4Communities - we are considering the planting of daffodils somewhere in our hometown.



Left: 2019 Perennial Plant Exchange - a family affair with assistance from event chairperson Linda Walker (green apron)



Right: Marian Emery with her brother Jack at her 90th birthday party in February



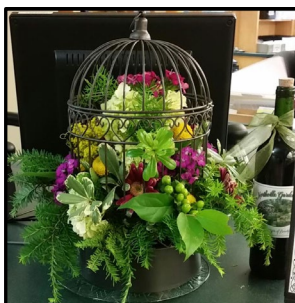
Country Garden Club of Northville

The Country Garden Club's 2019 Northville Garden Walk proved to be a delightful day, which began at our new staging area in Northville's Towne Square. Tickets were sold, garden artisans offered plants and garden treasures and the Silver String Dulcimers entertained with lively music. Six gorgeous community gardens delighted and inspired guests. As an extra treat, the Highland Lakes Environmental Garden brought attention to the importance of native plants.

Planning is in full swing for the 2020 Northville Garden Walk on Wednesday, July 8. A special feature, "a garden walk within the garden walk," will showcase six condo gardens, demonstrating that small areas do not deter gardeners. Small areas bring out gardeners' creativity! (See garden walk details on page 9.)

Another favorite club activity is flower-arranging with seniors at the Oakmont Senior Living facility. We rescue flowers (otherwise destined for a dumpster) donated by Trader Joe's. It is amazing to see the gorgeous arrangements created by Oakmont residents with just a bit of guidance from our members. We also use Trader Joe's donated flowers to make weekly arrangements for the Northville Library, and we decorate a library display case in April. Our next theme will be "How to attract Monarch butterflies, insects and wildlife to your garden."

- submitted by Kathryn Novak



Left: Country Garden Club of Northville library arrangement created from flowers donated by Trader Joe's.



Right: One dozen members of Country Garden Club of Northville with many dozens of dumpster-destined donated flowers

County Downs Garden Club

Members of County Downs Garden Club welcome the public to attend their annual community program on Monday, May 16, 2020, at 7:30 pm. The topic is **Continuous Color in the Landscape**, presented by Janet Macunovich, professional gardener, author and educator. The illustrated lecture will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak, 529 Hendrie Blvd. (at 6th Street). A donation of \$5 is suggested. There will be refreshments and door prizes. For additional information, call Toby Cheney: 248-544-0242.

The club will also host its 50th annual Flower Sale on Saturday, May 16, 2020, from 10 am to 4 pm at 10154 Borgman, Huntington Woods. Large geranium pots, deck pots, hanging baskets, begonias and many other flowers will be available. For pre-order requests and questions, please call Justina Misuraca: 248-762-0764 or email: jmisuraca@gmail.com
(See calendar listing, page 9.)

- submitted by Toby Cheney

Franklin Branch

The Franklin Branch will hold its 35th annual garden walk on Wednesday, June 10, 2020. The popular event will highlight gardens in the Franklin – Bloomfield – Birmingham area. Proceeds from ticket sales are used to support horticultural scholarships, as well as environmental, horticultural and educational causes in southeastern Michigan and beyond. We also host a local artisan boutique at the Franklin Gazebo during daytime hours – 10 am to 4 pm – on the day of the walk. Evening garden walk hours are from 6 pm – 9 pm. (See calendar listing, page 9.)

TICKETS – Online: 2020franklingardenwalk.eventbrite.com. Mail: send a self-addressed & stamped envelope w/check payable to **WNF&GA Franklin Branch**. Mail to Franklin Branch, PO Box 250194, Franklin, MI 48025. Include your phone number on the check. In-person: The Village Boutique in downtown Franklin beginning May 1. Maps & directions available on garden walk day at the Gazebo on the Franklin Village Green (across from the P.O. in downtown Franklin).

Box lunches by Panera - \$12 - are available by **pre-order only**. Included are a half sandwich (turkey or veggie), half tossed salad, chips, cookie and bottled water. Please indicate sandwich choice with your check, which should be made payable as indicated above. Box lunch order deadline: Thursday, June 4, 2010.

For additional information, contact Cindy Juliano (248-550-2598) or Kathy Lorencz (248-647-8096) or send email to: franklingardenclub@gmail.com

- submitted by Barbara Tobaben



Franklin garden walk - 2019

Grosse Pointe Shores Branch

We have continued to hold our regular meetings on the first Friday of each month, from February through May and from September through December.

Several members have attended the Daffodil Day luncheon at the Detroit Yacht Club and the Spring and Fall Council Meetings to represent our club.

We have been fortunate to host some very good speakers but are finding speaker fees to be rising. Our branch dues have remained at \$40 for years now, and we fund charitable donations and speakers from our budget. We are eager to hear reports on the feedback from other branches regarding their dues, fees and community projects.

While our group holds steady at 13 members, we seldom have absentees and we continue to gather in our members' lovely homes for our luncheon and speaker meetings. As our membership ages, we still welcome new members and we enjoy affectionate and enduring friendships with our longtime members.

- submitted by Shirley Hartert, president, Grosse Pointe Shores Branch

Plymouth Garden Club

Plymouth Garden Club is not just all about tending gardens in spring, summer and fall. The seeds of commitment were thoughtfully planted years ago to care for those in need within its community and beyond. Back in 2008, in the midst of our country's recession, it was suggested and voted upon that the garden club should "adopt" the Salvation Army. As a result, members bring toiletries and non-perishable food items to our meetings during the months of October, January, February, March and April. With our membership of 40+ strong, it's amazing how much is donated each month! Food Pantry chairperson Shirley Connors (photo on right) graciously packs and delivers donations to the local Salvation Army office after meetings.

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And it doesn't stop there! At our November and May meetings, we remember our military veterans. Since 2015, we have been donating toiletries and essential articles of clothing to our local veterans' group. The items, in turn, are distributed to homeless and local veterans, as well as to the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor. Member Shirley Zaetta coordinates the endeavor, and delivery to the distribution center is always assured.

Our gardening friendship and generous nature continue to blossom within and throughout every season.

- submitted by Mary Prouty, Michigan Division newsletter publicity

Rochester Garden Club Branch



Rochester Garden Club members with the results of their Zen Rock Painting Workshop, led by fellow member Cathy Labrie

How busy can a garden club be during the winter months? Plenty, if you are a member of the Rochester Branch! Members enjoyed herb studies, zen rock painting and workshops for flower arranging, gnome ornaments, making beehouses and chain painting. There was even an afternoon movie presentation, **Green Fire**, about the conservationist Aldo Leopold.



Dutton Farm, one of the stops on Rochester Branch's 2020 garden walk. Featured will be the farm's gardens & store.

Our spring activities will keep us just as busy with garden clean-ups, our Annual Pre-K Planting with 310 Rochester four-year-olds, preparation for the Rochester Garden Walk, & planting annuals at three locations: the Rochester Hills Library, Thelma Spencer Park & Van Hoosen Farm.

This year's garden walk will feature beautiful private gardens – some small and intimate and some with massive plantings and magical hardscapes. Visit Van Hoosen Farm, where vendors will sell unique garden and home art, plants and other treasures. Dutton Farm (photo on left) was established to allow adults with disabilities to find training, employment & friendship in a safe, productive environment.

Through raising chickens and vegetables, the young people in the program learn responsibility, teamwork and money-handling as they sell their products to the public.

For more information about the 2020 Rochester Garden Walk and other club activities, visit our website:

www.rochestergardenclub.org

- submitted by Sally Edwards, Rochester Branch member

Romeo and Juliet Garden Club

The Romeo and Juliet Garden Club finished 2019 in high spirits at their final meeting of the year – and decade – with a celebratory luncheon. Celebrating with a gourmet meal in The Rustic Bluebird, a charming historic house in Romeo, the meeting was attended by members and friends of the club.

We are looking forward to our community beautification projects and to gardening in general. Our annual fundraising enables us to maintain three community gardens and to be a contributor to Daffodils4Detroit and Seven Ponds Nature Center.

In 2019, Romeo and Juliet member Lori Brubaker grew 300 plants from seed. She contributed the plants to two community gardens, which then donated the resulting produce to two food banks.

To the right are photos taken at our end-of-the-year luncheon, which was enjoyed by all. A portion of the luncheon proceeds were donated to our projects.

-submitted by Kathy Bruggeman, president of Romeo & Juliet Garden Club



Left to right: Carol Leonard's daughter, Carol Leonard, Shirley Gizinski's daughter (head turned), Shirley Gizinski, Carol Dutherland



Romeo & Juliet members & guests enjoy an end-of-year luncheon at The Rustic Bluebird in Romeo.

Trailwood Garden Club

Although it's been cold and snowy outside, Trailwood Garden Club of Plymouth has been busy developing sub-committees in preparation for our 24th annual **Gardens are Forever** garden walk on June 23. (See calendar listing, page 9.) One of our newer volunteer positions for members is referred to as a "Garden Buddy," a person who is a liaison between a garden walk homeowner and the garden club. Responsibilities include responding to questions and helping a homeowner to prepare for the garden walk in any way needed. This year, we have five confirmed gardens. One of them is the garden of Anne Von Wagoner, one of our newest members.

Last year's garden walk was such a success that, at our November 2019 meeting, the club was able to increase our donations to the organizations we support. We also made a sizeable donation to East Middle School in Plymouth as they develop a native pollinator garden in one of their courtyards, along with Trailwood member Marie Everitt plus school students and staff. Since the **Friends of the Rouge** (FOTR) organization has relocated to downtown Plymouth, Trailwood members have volunteered and participated in classes on rain gardening. The club has also become financially supportive of FOTR's endeavors.

We look forward to seeing you on our June 23 garden walk.

– submitted by Terry LaBeau, recording secretary



Trenton Garden Club Branch

Our November meeting was exceptionally fun! Members Diana Anderson, Jan Machuga and others gathered materials and instructions needed to create our own personal wreaths for the holidays. Seeing everyone's personal and unique talents was very interesting.

In December we hosted our annual Christmas luncheon, which was attended by 223 people. The event included the sale of numerous items at our boutique, a money tree, and a raffle of many exquisite and beautiful items donated by members. The proceeds of our Christmas event are used to present scholarships to local students, as voted on by our members.

Our November and December events were memorable for certain.

- submitted by Yvonne Bruce, Trenton Garden Club member

Wreath-making with Trenton member Diane Ferrari

Standing in background: Diana Anderson, coordinator of wreath-making project

Troy Garden Club



Right: George Papadelis

The installation of officers – both returning and new – started the Troy Garden Club's new year off on the right note. Our officers are: President Barb Lepri, VP Linda Forrester, Treasurer Jeanne Bolcer, Recording Secretary Patty Dunning and Corresponding Secretary Judi Milidrag. Our congratulations and support to all!

January and February speakers Janet Macunovich and George Papadelis, respectively, drew record numbers of guests. For our February meeting, members coordinated a sale of roses and heart-shaped cookies as our club Ways & Means fundraiser.

Planning meetings began in January for our 2020 garden walk, **Kaleidoscope of Gardens**. It will feature seven area gardens on July 8. (See calendar listing, page 9.)

Since 2004, our donations budget – from garden walk proceeds – has included flowers delivered throughout the year to the cancer centers at Beaumont Hospitals in Royal Oak and Troy. Our club was honored by the hospitals for our ongoing commitment to their patients. Troy members Pat Guibord, who has spearheaded the flowers project since the beginning, plus flower deliverers Cerol Battiste-Alleyne and Judy Francis, attended the luncheon to receive the award from Beaumont on behalf of the Troy Garden Club. (See Pat and Cerol, photo on right.)

Our branch will supply many floral centerpieces for Daffodil Day, and the Spring Council Meeting is on our calendar, . . . with Mrs. Tebben's Tea not far behind. We hope to see some of our friends from neighboring clubs at those events.

- submitted by Bev Hydo, Troy Garden Club advisor



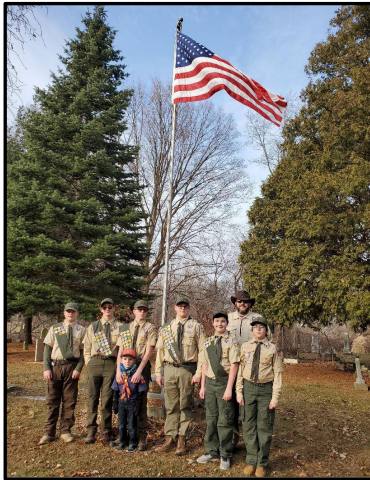


Wreaths Across America



Warren Garden Club Branch

We are pleased to report that Boy Scout Troop #1477, sponsored by our branch, participated in the Wreaths Across America project on December 14. Seven Scouts placed wreaths on 24 graves in the historic Warren Union Cemetery. The honored veterans had served in the military as far back as the Civil War, and on through World War II. There was a wonderful ceremony, which concluded with the playing of *Taps*. (See photo on left.) 2019 ended on a positive note with a successful Greens Workshop and a lovely holiday dinner at The Gazebo Banquet Center.



*Boy Scout Troop # 1477 at historic
Warren Union Cemetery*

At the January meeting, program chairperson April Everett enlightened us with a delightful program on the 2020 Herb of the Year – *Rubus* (red and black raspberries!). She also treated us with *Rubus*-themed desserts and was assisted by her daughter Iris. We appreciate you, April and Iris!

In February we took a field trip to Hydro Capitol to learn about growing plants indoors without soil. An annual March tradition is a potluck dinner along with a White Elephant Exchange, which is always lively!

We are all looking forward to spring and Daffodil Day, the Spring Council Meeting, and Warren Garden Club's Rain or Shine Plant Exchange at Warren's First United Methodist Church. (See calendar listing, page 9.)

A fundraiser for our Scholarship Program is being planned, and a rummage sale will be held on June 26 and 27. Details will follow.

– submitted by Paula O'Brien, Warren Branch president

Waterford Garden Club Branch

The Waterford Garden Club hosted its annual Greens Market in December. Members decorated wreaths and swags, made fresh floral arrangements and sold poinsettias. The sale was great fun and nicely attended.

Our club will host Michigan Division's 2020 Spring Council Meeting at Bay Pointe Golf Club in West Bloomfield, and we are off and running with the project. Although we are a small group, we are happy to take on the assignment and are looking forward to May 20. We think that everyone will enjoy the venue and speaker Janet Macunovich. (See the article on page 1 plus the registration form on page 8 of this newsletter.)

At our February meeting, we had a fun project making bee motels with coffee mugs, felt liner and bamboo reeds. At our March program a speaker from Oakland County 4-H will explain how our funding contributions help them with their numerous projects.

In April, we will return to many Waterford Schools' kindergarten classes for our Mother's Day Seed Planting Project. Our Spring Plant Sale will be on Saturday, May 30. Between the Spring Council Meeting and our other projects, we are going to be very busy!

- submitted by Sue Malone, Waterford Branch president



Bay Pointe Golf Club, West Bloomfield Township



Mark your 2020 calendar!

Louise Saks Parliamentary Unit Annual Community Workshop

Meeting Essentials – Saturday, May 2, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham
1669 West Maple Road, Birmingham, MI 48012

The program will feature three main topics:

- **Proficient presiding**
- **Creating an agenda**
- **Rights & responsibilities of members**

An “Ask the Experts” panel of parliamentarians will answer questions from the audience.

For additional information, visit:

lspunit.wordpress.com

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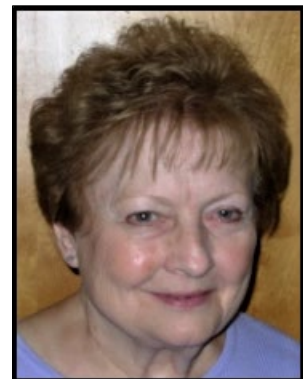
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In Memoriam

Marge Berndt ~ A memorial service was held in October for former Trailwood Garden Club member Marge Berndt. Marge was an active member for 20 years and was known for hosting our annual Christmas party in her home. She served as our corresponding secretary during her time in the club and was our go-to person for knowledge about trees and flowers. We salute you, Marge, for all your contributions. - *Terry LaBeau, Trailwood*



Dee Pass ~ A member of the Rochester Garden Club since 2014, Dee passed away on January 31. She will be remembered for her smile and a quick funny comment for any occasion. She will be missed. A funeral was held on February 8.



Dee Pass



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Wednesday, May 20, 2020**

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Bay Pointe Golf Club

**Host ~ Waterford Garden Club
Chairperson ~ Sue Malone
Speaker ~ Janet Macunovich**

Meeting details on page 1
and registration form on
page 7 of this newsletter.

Save the Dates for the

**WNF & GA 2020
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in Louisville, Kentucky**



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