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Daffodil Day 2023



Interested in smiling? A pop of cheerful color raises the spirit on bright days and gloomy days. Please join us on April 19 at the annual **Daffodils4Detroit Luncheon** to view a sea of golden yellow to bring smiles and cheer, regardless of the weather. While we hope Mother Nature will provide a timely showing of daffodils in bloom, our indoor display will be wonderful as well. The second floor of the **Detroit Yacht Club** will be filled with the happy yellow color in décor, in fashion and in flower arrangements.

Tickets are selling well, and seating is limited. While we will try to accommodate as many as possible, reservations will be first come (paid reservation), first served. Don't miss out on the Belle Isle update, John Gallagher's talk about Detroit's comeback, visiting the **Southern Gateway to the Iron Belle Trail**, and the fine shopping with our artists and the **Peacock Room** this year. Of course, you'll want the latest color in our signature tile and more notecards too!

And, we are **sooo** close to accomplishing our goal! Please help us over the finish line. Additional donations to the cause mean a lot this year. Being able to announce that the 2023 daffodil bulb planting brings us to four million planted in the tri-county area would be such a celebration of our local population! We know the City of Detroit continues its commitment to bring daffodils and other bulbs to city parks and medians. We will do the same!

We hope to see you there, and please wear something yellow to bring a smile ... -Robin Heller, D4D chairperson



Left: The 2023 daffodil tile's NEW color is light aqua.

Registration form, p. 15

Tickets are available: ONLINE, go to: www.michdivwnfga.org

Then click on: Daffodils4Detroit on the menu bar.

Tickets are also available BY MAIL. See registration form, p. 15. The deadline for early ticket pricing is March 31. After that date, prices will increase to \$60 per ticket until the April 12 deadline.

“Know the enduring happiness that the love of a garden gives.”
-Gertrude Jekyll

**Power UP
Garden Beauty &
Power DOWN
Garden Maintenance**

Does Kerry Ann Mendez of Kennebunk, Maine know the enduring happiness that the love of a garden gives? You bet!



And how fortunate we are. Kerry Ann will travel from Maine to Michigan in mid-May to share that enduring happiness as the keynote speaker during Michigan Division's 2023 Spring Council Meeting on Thursday, May 11. Troy Garden Club is pleased to host our Michigan Division gardening "siblings" at The Community House in Birmingham.

The event's underlying theme:

~ Honoring Old Friends & Making New Ones ~

was established to memorialize five late members of the Troy Garden Club and to encourage event attendees to meet and interact with new friends. The generosity of our late members' families and friends was demonstrated through contributions in their honor. Those monetary acts of kindness will support the speaker's participation and travel.

On May 11, be sure to look for the special poster in honor of Doris, Lillian, Norine, Mary and Mary Jo. Perhaps you knew them well or met them at previous meetings and events.

Kerry Ann Mendez is delightful, approachable and an experienced presenter to many audiences full of gardeners and garden lovers in both the U.S. and Canada. She is, as well, the author of four garden books and will be available to sign purchased copies on May 11.

Siobhan McKinney is also delightful. An accomplished harpist, she will create a lovely mood with her music beginning 45 minutes before the meeting is called to order at 10:00 am. She will also play during the breakfast buffet.

Troy Garden Club President Linda Forrester and other branch members have been busily gathering wonderful vendors and equally wonderful door prizes for attendees.

The finale will be an optional visit to a very creative garden near the meeting venue, plus opportunities to shop and dine in town. See registration form on page 14. **Seating is limited.**

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Michigan Division WNF&GA (national)

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Member Area:

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Password until 5/11 - Sillman2023 Password - Farm100garden

Please take time to explore the two websites. Learn about the history of Michigan Division and the WNF&GA. You'll find bylaws, standing rules & other significant documents. Several years of WNF&GA magazines are posted. Many Michigan Division newsletters are available as well. There's also a how-to document about hosting a Michigan Division Spring or Fall Council meeting. Thanks to the webmasters: Kathy Krasity (MI DIV) and Leslie Morris-Smith (WNF&GA).

What's Happening & When?

May 1 - 15, 2023

Submit info & HI-RES photos for the **SUMMER 2023 ONLINE-ONLY** newsletter. Distribution will occur in June 2023.

PLEASE SUBMIT
AFTER
APRIL 30.

April 19, 2023

Daffodil Day on Belle Isle - registration form on p. 15

May 11, 2023

Michigan Division Spring Council Meeting

Information & registration form on, pp. 1 & 14

VERY IMPORTANT: Inform us, please.

We won't know if you don't share!

Please report all branch roster changes: member additions, subtractions, changes of address, phone numbers and email addresses.

Also, please tell the registrar that you would like to access the newsletter via the MI DIV website!



Who needs to know?

Cheryl Malin, MI DIV registrar

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From your Michigan Division president . . .

We, as Michigan Division of WNF&GA, have just completed two very busy years. Our Division board has addressed many goals, both large and small and, when called upon, our membership has “stepped up to the plate” to help. Together we have completed three Presidents’ Gatherings; held four Council Meetings; moved our savings account to a Thrivent Financial Investment; completed our Strategic Plan; selected a website mistress, Kathleen Krasity, Indian Village Branch; supported D4D with table arrangements and our presence; and compiled a list of both member classifications and suggestions to increase membership. I am so proud of our Michigan Division’s accomplishments!



With the above accomplishments behind us, here is what I would like to see us address in the near future: adhere to our strategic plan, continue our Presidents’ Gatherings, increase our membership, continue support of ACWW, and review our bylaws and standing rules. Sue Malone, your 2023-2025 Division President, is in agreement with those goals. We are also VERY MUCH in need of additional members to volunteer for board and committee leadership positions. Such positions will let you “bloom where you are planted.”

My next position in our division is to be advisor to our Michigan Division board for two years. Our new slate of officers is a very capable team. I look forward to helping them in any way that I am needed. My next venture will be attending the ACWW Triennial Conference in Malaysia, from May 17-25, as your representative. I plan to prepare a report to be shared with you in the fall.

On May 11, it will be time to pass the gavel. I have truly enjoyed these past two years as your president - learning even more about our Michigan Division of WNF&GA and meeting so many of our talented and accomplished members. Best wishes to each of you as we continue together supporting the goals of our national organization through our division and our branches.

Jo Sillanpaa, 2021-2023 president

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Report from your Michigan Division representatives to the WNF&GA . . .

Your Michigan Division and the members of the WNF&GA Executive Committee are working hard for you. The results of the surveys sent to each branch president are being read and discussed so that you may best be served.

Because we have no editor for the national magazine, all the information about the WNF&GA is on the organization’s website. Just type in www.wnfga.org. Go to the Members Area and type in the password: *Farm100 garden*

For the latest updated directory, go to the homepage. Much work is being done on the website. It is still a work in progress because much information that is no longer relevant is being deleted.

If there is anything new that your branch would like to have included on the national website, please contact President Patty Burnside. *-submitted by Cheryl Malin & Charlotte D. Westbrook*



Michigan Division Branches

* BRANCH NEWS IN THIS ISSUE & NEWSLETTER PAGE NUMBERS

CL = Calendar Listing Only

Bloomfield Hills Garden Club	Plymouth Garden Club
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Grosse Pointe F. & G. Club* - 7	Saginaw Garden Club* - 11
Grosse Pointe Shores G. C.	Springfield Garden Club* - 11
Indian Village Garden Club* - 8	Trailwood Garden Club* CL
Lapeer Wildflowers Garden Club* - 8	Trenton Garden Club
Milford Garden Club* - 9	Troy Garden Club* - 12
Moonglow Garden Club CL	Warren Garden Club* - 13 & 14
Northville Garden Club * - 9	Waterford Garden Club* - 13

Below, in blue, is a list of candidates for Michigan Division’s 2023-2025 board of directors.

Voting will take place at the Michigan Division Spring Council Meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2023.

ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS MAY BE MADE FROM THE FLOOR.

PRESIDENT – Sue Malone, Waterford G.C.
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2ND VICE PRESIDENT – VACANT
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Charlotte D. Westbrook, Rochester G.C.
VACANT

Flower Centerpieces for Daffodil Day

MORE CENTERPIECES ARE NEEDED !

April 19, 2023

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

SPECIFICATIONS:

- 45 centerpieces will be needed.
- Centerpieces do not have to match.
- Use **simple clear glass vases** of any shape.
- Place a small ID label on the underside of the vase.
- Finished centerpieces should be **no more than 14” tall and no wider than 12” in diameter.**



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 during open hours on Tuesday, April 18, or they may be delivered to the DYC no later than 10:30 am on Daffodil Day, Wednesday, April 19.

For questions or to notify Michigan Division that your branch will participate, email: Jo Sillanpaa jcsillanpaa@gmail.com

Daffodils4Detroit Donation Categories

Who doesn't love daffodils?

Please consider a generous branch or personal donation to Daffodils4Detroit in one of the three categories below.

Fundraising for nonprofits is successful when prospective donors and recipients share a passion for common interests.

DOUBLE GOLDEN - \$5,000 + includes acknowledgement on the website, social media, onsite signage, from the lectern, as well as a commemorative Daffodil Day tile.

GOLDEN LONG - \$1,000 - \$4,999 includes acknowledgement on the website, social media, onsite signage, as well as a commemorative Daffodil Day tile.

TRUMPETER - \$500 - \$999 includes acknowledgement on the website, social media, and onsite signage.

2023 CALENDAR ~ Spring & Early Summer ~ Michigan Division Branches

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOST BRANCH</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DETAILS/COST</u>
Daffodil Day (registration form, p. 15)	Wed.	April 19	Michigan Division	10:30-2:30 pm	Belle Isle	\$50-by March 31 \$60-April 1 thru 12
Spring Council Meeting (registration form, p. 14)	Thur.	May 11	Troy	9:15 am-1 pm	The Community House of Birmingham	\$38 – See p. 14
Perennial Plant Exchange	Sat.	May 20	Warren	10 am-12 noon	1 st United Methodist Ch. 5005 Chicago Rd., War.	Rain or Shine \$ -0-
Mrs. Tebben's Tea	Thur.	May 25	Lapeer Wildflowers	12 noon-4 pm	The Huntsman Hunt Club, Dryden	\$50
Plant Sale & Garden Boutique	Sat.	June 3	Milford	10 am-12 noon	Milford United Meth. Ch. 1200 Atlantic St., Milford	Varied per item
Perennial Plant Exchange	Sat.	June 3	Clarkston	8:30 am	Parking lot dwn. Clarkston @ Main & Washington	\$ -0-
Garden Walk	Thur.	June 15	Rochester	10 am-5 pm	Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm	\$ TBD
Garden Walk (Artisan Mkt. 9 am-5 pm)	Wed.	June 21	Franklin	10 am-4 pm & 6 pm-9 pm	Franklin Community Park & Gazebo	\$12-Adv./\$15-6/21
Garden Walk & Marketplace	Fri. Sat.	June 23 June 24	Milford Milford	4-8 pm 10 am-4 pm	Milford United Meth. Ch. 1200 Atlantic St., Milford	\$15-Adv. & \$18-6/23 & 6/24

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Garden Walk & Plant Sale	Tue.	June 27	Trailwood	11 am-7 pm	Plymouth area	\$12-Adv.& \$15-6/27
Garden Walk	Wed.	July 12	Country Garden Club of Northville	9 am-4 pm	Northville & Novi	\$12-Adv. & \$15-7/12
Garden Walk	Wed.	July 12	Troy	9:30 am-3 pm & 5 pm-8:30 pm	Troy Historic Village (plant sale, boutique, tickets end at 6 pm or earlier)	\$15-Adv. & \$18-7/12
Garden Walk	Sat.	July 15	Romeo & Juliet	11 am-5 pm	Romeo	\$16-Adv.& \$20-7/15
Garden Walk	Sat.	July 15	Moonglow	10 am-4 pm	Trenton	\$8-Adv. & \$10-7/15
Garden Walk	Wed.	July 19	Clarkston	11 am-7 pm	Clarkston Independence District Library for tickets on 7/19	\$15-Adv. & \$18-7/19
Garden Walk	Sun.	July 23	Warren	10 am-4 pm	Historic Village District near Mound & Chicago Rds.	\$8-Adv. & \$12-7/23

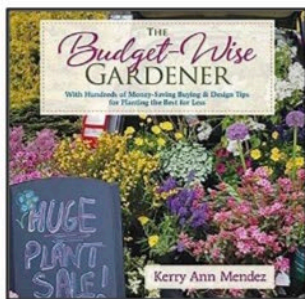


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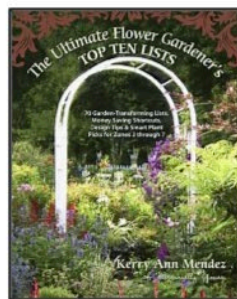
- Power **UP** Garden Beauty & Power **DOWN** Garden Maintenance ?
- Achieve more bang for your buck ?
- Spend less time on backbreaking maintenance ?
- Plant amazing perennials, flowering shrubs & annuals for more color ?
- Include pollinator friendly natives or nativars which require less water ?

The Michigan Division Spring Council Meeting will feature keynote speaker Kerry Ann Mendez. *- photo by Sergio Mendez*

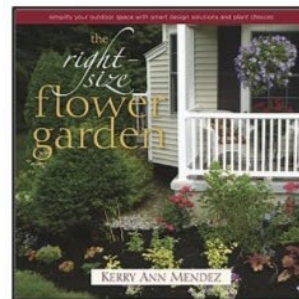
The meeting registration form is on page 14.



The Budget-Wise Gardener



The Ultimate Flower Gardener's Top Ten Lists



The Right-Size Flower Garden



Seeing Your Way Out of the Dark

Kerry's books will be available for purchase & signing on May 11: CASH, CHECK or CREDIT CARD
Pricing is as follows: any one book - \$20; any two books - \$35; any three books - \$50; any four books - \$65

Branch News

Clarkston Farm & Garden Club

Clarkston Farm and Garden Club finished 2022 by making customized holiday arrangements for sale to our loyal customers. Many of our members are very creative and they enjoy designing and creating arrangements. Our Main Street planters were designed by our new chairpersons Beth Kudla and Karen Bolton, and they were arranged by members for Christmas. We topped off the year with a holiday luncheon.

While we have been dormant through most of December, January and February, we are starting to awake for the year 2023 with plans for the Perennial Plant Exchange, the 2023 Clarkston Garden Walk and a night at the theatre.

Our Perennial Plant Exchange will be on Saturday, June 3 beginning at 8:30 and this is a time for us to talk to the community about plants and plantings as well as to exchange plants. The Clarkston Garden Walk will be on Wednesday, July 19. The Garden Walk spotlights six gardens in the community, plus an Artisan Market for local vendors. We invite you all to visit both events.

And lastly, while we work hard, we also like to have fun with our “buds” (husbands or significant others), so our local community theatre treats us to a performance, and our members provide the wine and hors d’oeuvres for an evening of friendship.

-submitted by Joette Kunse,
communications chairperson



Far left: Co-chairperson Beth Kudla decorates a Clarkston Main Street planter for the holidays

Left, L-R: Marilyn Allyn, President Joan Harbaugh, Beth Riegel, and past president Diane Putvin put the finishing touches on a downtown planter and turn on the lights.

-photos by Joette Kunse

Country Garden Club of Northville



The Country Garden Club of Northville is looking forward to spring. We were able to do some mini planting in February when we made terrariums out of used spice jars. (Photo below left.) Our speaker, Rachel Nisch from *Graye’s Greenhouse*, was an excellent teacher. We were able to get our hands (a tiny bit) dirty as we layered chicken grit, charcoal, and soil, and planted our terrariums with moss and itty-bity plants. We got to upcycle and plant!

We continue to do *Lonely Bouquets* with leftover flowers from our flower arranging sessions at Oakmont Senior Center. The bouquets bring random joy to those throughout our community.

We encourage all to participate in our 29th Annual Garden Walk. It will be on Wednesday, July 12, 2023. We are in the planning stages now, and we think it will be a banner year. More information can be found on our web page: www.cgcnv.org.

See *Calendar*, p. 5.

-submitted by Shay Leonard, 2nd vice president



Country Garden Club of Northville’s terrarium project

-photo courtesy of branch

Gerry Payne

d. January 17, 2023 Age 86

Gerry passed away peacefully on January 1, 2023, after a brief illness. She was born in Detroit and lived in Northville most of her life. With her caring, hardworking way, coupled with seemingly endless energy, she enjoyed the chaos of five children and all their friends. She was a doting grandmother of four. She loved her later-in-life career at Our Lady of Providence working with disabled adults. Gerry was a 36-year member of the Country Garden Club of Northville. She was an active member, always ready to help, especially on our annual garden walk. She was delightful and will be missed.



In Memoriam

Geraldine “Gerry”
Payne

Country Garden Club
of Northville Branch

Branch News continued

Franklin Garden Club

The Franklin Garden Club's 2023 program year began with a talk by Cheryl English, an advanced master gardener and owner of *Black Cat Pottery/The English Landscape*. Cheryl astounded us with her comprehensive knowledge of native trees, shrubs and vines

and how to use them in ecological gardening. We were entertained and educated.

On February 13 Lindsey Pielak of *Keeping Detroit Growing* presented a tour de force about the activities of the non-profit and its growth over the past six years. Located in the *Eastern Market* area of Detroit, they have many hoop houses that extend the growing season and provide fresh produce in an area considered to be a food desert. Training people in the neighborhood to start their own community gardens is their forte and the group has made a significant improvement in the appearance of the area, as well as providing vegetables to low-income families and seniors.

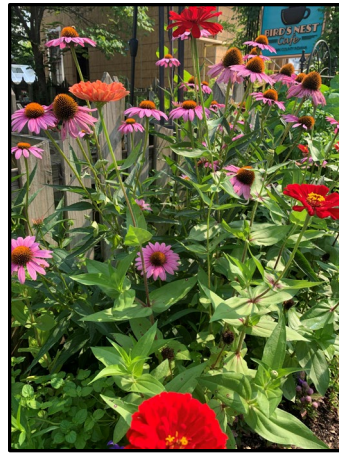
All About Dahlias was the topic of our March 13 meeting lecture, presented by Lucy Propst. She is the president of the *Master Gardener Society of Oakland County* and the recording secretary of the Southeastern *Michigan Dahlia Society*. Tubers are her specialty and many of us want to learn about propagation, winter storage and enhancing bloom size.

We will take a field trip to *WOJO's Greenhouse* in Ortonville on April 10, and expect to learn about the management of a greenhouse. On May 8 we will have our Annual Business Meeting and we will also organize for our June 21 garden walk.

Please mark Wednesday, June 21, on your calendar. It's the day of our famous Franklin Garden Walk. See additional information on this newsletter's calendar page 4.

We schedule informal visits to each other's gardens, usually including one in the evening, so that significant others can attend.

-submitted by Barbara Borden, co-president



Left: scenes from Franklin Garden Walk venues

-photos courtesy of Margaret Bancroft

Grosse Pointe Farm & Garden Club

Memorable meetings to start the new year included Michele Hodges, president of the *Belle Isle Conservancy*. Michele shared tales of the island and brought us up to date on the status of Belle Isle projects and priorities. In February we co-hosted fellow Farm & Garden member Jenny Rose Carey's talk titled *Grow More Flowers*, based on her new book, *The Ultimate Flower Gardener's Guide*. She introduced us to new and wonderful ways of thinking about our gardens!

Then a week later we joined with the Junior League Gardeners for a private showing of *Dare to Be Wild*, the movie about Mary Reynolds, gold medal winner at the *Chelsea Flower Show*. Known for being the youngest winner, the movie follows Mary's journey from concept to success in the garden design competition at the 2002 *Chelsea Flower Show*.

-submitted by Robin Heller



Grosse Pointe Farm & Garden Club members with Jenny Rose Carey, fourth from left

Left to right: Robin Heller, Anne Ryan, Fran Ralstrom, Jenny Rose Carey, Candy Sweeny, Doris Brucker

-photo courtesy of Grosse Pointe Farm & Garden Club

Branch News continued

Indian Village Garden Club

The Indian Village Branch's January 2023 program continued from January 9 to January 16.

On the ninth, our speaker was Dwight Roston, from *Planted Detroit*, a new facility that grows greens year-round. It is located on Lafayette and Mount Elliot, near our Indian Village neighborhood. Dwight explained how they grow ultra-organic greens under lights in a controlled environment. He also brought a large sample of the salads produced at *Planted Detroit*. They were as tasty as they were healthy and enjoyed by all.

Planted Detroit was so intriguing, that we organized a field trip to the growth facility on the morning of January 16. Over a dozen Indian Village branch members and friends were able to tour the facility. Before we entered, we had to put on hairnets, foot covers, lab coats and have our hands washed by a machine.

It was fascinating to see how the plants were grown on vertical shelves, at the rate of hundreds of plants per square yard. It is what a farm would look like on a space station. The room, with ultraviolet lights used for young seedlings, was especially striking.

It was great to see such an unusual new business thriving in our area. Salads from *Planted Detroit* can be purchased at *Plum Markets* and at many *Meijers* stores. They are the salad of choice for *Henry Ford Hospital*. *Planted Detroit* delivers free to Indian Village. I am sure we will all be eating more salads.

-submitted by Kathleen Krasity, Indian Village Branch program chairperson



Left to right at *Planted Detroit*:

Dwight Roston of *Planted Detroit*, Kathleen Krasity, Dot Martin, Betty Warmack, Betty's friend, Diann Haska

-photo courtesy of Indian Village Garden Club



Ultraviolet grow lights at *Planted Detroit*

-photo courtesy of *Planted Detroit* Growth Facility

Lapeer Wildflowers Garden Club

You're invited to Mrs. Tebbens's Tea

hosted by the Lapeer Wildflowers Garden Club

When: Thursday, May 25, 2023, 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm
Lunch served at approximately 1:00 pm

Where: The Huntsman Hunt Club, Dryden, Michigan

Why: To raise funds for scholarships awarded to Lapeer County High School students who plan to go into the fields of horticulture, agriculture or environmental sciences

What: \$50.00 per person: Lunch & Auction ~ Raffle ~ 50/50 Drawing

Reservations: On Saturday, April 1, please call Cecelia Montgomery beginning at 9:00 am at 810-664-6733. One person from each branch or group should call with the total number attending. **Please do not call before April 1.**

- submitted by Barbara Reehl



Branch News continued

Milford Garden Club

Gardeners just want to have fun! Please join us on Friday, June 23, 4:00-8:00 pm, and on Saturday, June 24, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, in discovering seven unique gardens during the Milford Garden Club's 26th Garden Walk and Marketplace. Our chosen gardens have been solely planned and maintained by the homeowners themselves. Area vendors and artisans will be present on Saturday displaying their goods.

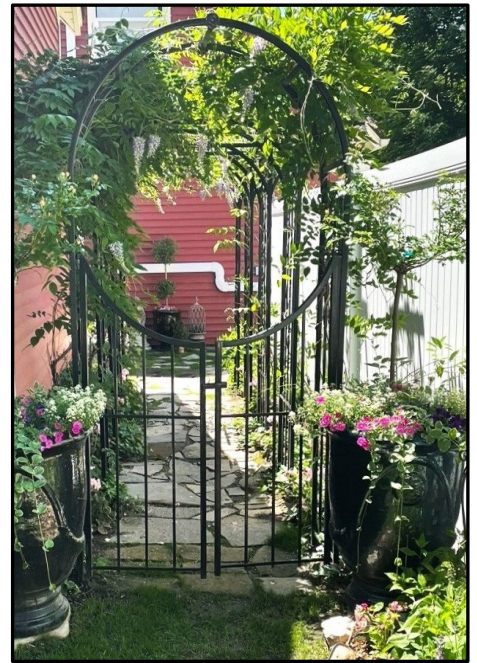
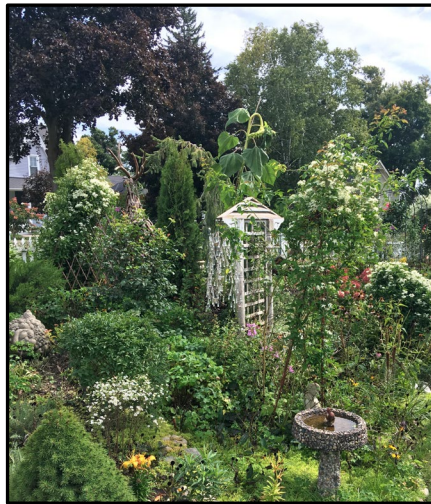
Ticket Sales and Marketplace will be at the Milford United Methodist Church, 1200 Atlantic Street, Milford. Presale ticket prices are \$15.00 and they will be \$18.00 on the day of the walk. Check our website for locations to purchase presale tickets for the garden walk: www.themilfordgardenclub.org

This year our plant sale and garden boutique, which have previously been held in mid-May, will be held on the 3rd of June, from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon at the Milford United Methodist Church. Plants will be sourced from digs in members' gardens.

Both fundraisers benefit college scholarships for local high school graduates, as well as other community charities.

So, if you are a gardener or just someone who wants to have fun exploring our chosen gardens or purchasing well-loved plants, please join us during our June events. We look forward to reconnecting with our Michigan Division friends.

*-submitted by Gail Cooper,
garden walk publicity chairperson*



Left & above: scenes from Milford garden walk venues

-photos submitted by Barb Amey and Linda Becker, garden walk co-chairpersons

Northville Garden Club



In December 2022, members from the Northville Garden Club sponsored a tree at the Northville Community Center. A nature theme was chosen. The tree was decorated with colorful packets of seeds and popcorn. Included as well were birds with nests and adorable houses. The trees were enjoyed by all age groups, including Santa, who stopped by to see the children during a special holiday program.

-submitted by Dana Whelan

Left to right: Jan Wilhelm, Kathy Galarneau, Kari Bainbridge and Liz Murtfeldt. -photo courtesy of Lia Burghardt

Remembering the winter holidays, but dreaming of beautiful Northville gardens in 2023



-photo above courtesy of Northville Garden Club Facebook page

Branch News continued



Rochester Garden Club

Shhhhh. We are undergoing stratification. This is the time of year that members of the Rochester Garden Club recuperate after holding our big fundraiser, the Gifts & Greens Market, in early December. Some of us are not cold-tolerant and we migrated to warmer environs to overwinter. Those remaining in Michigan participated in a select number of activities such as a flower arranging workshop, herbal soup parties, knitting tutorials and the like. In between, we caught up on novels, dreamed of garden improvements and even did a few jigsaw puzzles. Once the weather breaks and the soil warms, however, our stratification ends and we are ready to germinate.

With spring, the daffodils bloom, and many travel to Belle Isle to enjoy Daffodil Day. We also prepare and distribute preschool garden kits to all the preschool classrooms in the Rochester School District. Plans for our June garden walk shift into high gear.

We also set up for our native plant sale, and we handle all the details necessary to make the day a success. We look forward to our Annual Meeting / May Luncheon, which is a time to dress up and enjoy a lovely lunch at an area restaurant while taking care of important club business. We also anticipate our most popular event – the Nursery Crawl. Most of all, we look forward to getting outside and enjoying the fresh blooms of springtime.

-submitted by Jenny VanDusen, president



Germination begins!

*Rochester Garden Club
flower arrangers, L – R:
Pat Hambleton, Gerri Hintz,
Sandy von Berg, Sara Malstrom,
Margo Gatzke, Linda
McNamara, Shirley Soley,
Helen Jositas*

Romeo & Juliet Garden Club Branch

Our branch of the WNF&GA celebrated a very successful 2022 with a festive luncheon at our local bistro, Buon Appetito. There were four wrapped mystery boxes on the long table. Everyone had chocolates in front of their plates and different colored candy canes. The four that were red received a box at the end of the luncheon. Inside were four sprouted amaryllis. It was a great way to see beautiful flowers in winter. Our Treasurer Nancy Pihlaja sent a photo of her amaryllis (below), exactly 30 days after the luncheon. Beautiful! We look forward to a successful 2023 with our upcoming second annual garden walk on July 15.

- submitted by Kathy Bruggeman, president



*Romeo & Juliet Garden Club Branch members celebrated a successful 2022 at **Buon Appetito**. Nancy Pihlaja, bottom right, won a vigorous amaryllis! Photo above right.*

-photos courtesy of Romeo & Juliet Garden Club Branch

Branch News continued



Saginaw Garden Club

Horticulture Therapy, A Commitment to Our Community

by Cathie Gerding, co-chairperson, Saginaw Horticulture Therapy Committee

Horticulture Therapy has had a presence in the Saginaw Branch of WNF&GA for more than 60 years. In 1961, the Saginaw Branch was given the Michigan Division WNF&GA award for participation in Horticulture Therapy.

Today, our Saginaw Horticulture Therapy Committee consists of eleven members. From October through May, monthly project kits are prepared by committee members. They gather in members' homes to make sample projects and assemble project kits. The kit assembly consists of gathering materials, cutting pieces, and often painting. Committee members deliver kits or go as teams in-person to assist in making the projects at select facilities.

Until March 2020, committee members went to community facilities to work with residents or students. During the pandemic, members were unable to enter care facilities, but continued to provide project kits. The facilities for which we have provided projects during the past forty years are: The Saginaw Juvenile Detention Center, Pace Community Village Assisted Living Center, and Millet Learning Center for differently challenged students.

This year (2022-2023), we can again enter Millet Learning Center and work with the students. We deliver project kits to the Juvenile Detention Center and Pace Community Village.

Our Horticulture Therapy program continues to be recognized by every care center served. Plaques which attest to our longevity in volunteering in their facilities are numerous. Having the opportunity to visit the facilities and help participants complete the prepared crafts is truly a blessing to our members. We remain committed to serving these select groups of individuals in our community. Valuing each person is our number one purpose.

-submitted by Ann Herm, president



Saginaw Garden Club Branch
Horticultural Therapy Projects:

Above left: Native American corn made with pony beads and raffia

Above right: tulip card made with ribbon

Saginaw Garden Club Horticulture Committee Members

- Penny Butterfield
- Melissa Carpp
- Janet Coppolino
- Ginny Darnell
- Cathie Gerding
- Valina James
- Meredith Main
- Janet Skulley
- Hanny Sullivan
- Julie Tach
- Kim Vance



Springfield Garden Club

Our club has fewer active members now, and we won't be meeting until March 2023. I have wrapped up 2022 and it is also the last month of my presidency for the Springfield Garden Club. Pat Smolen is our new president.

Regarding what our club has done with the \$200.00 that we received from the WNF&GA for use in 2022, the photos to the right, as well as the information below, tell the story.

With the cooperation of the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation director, we planted a white oak tree. We've been awaiting a plaque to install at the base of the tree, and now we have it. Photos of both the tree and the plaque are on the right. One photo includes Vice President Carolyn Wood and me. There's another fall photo of some of our members planting daffodil bulbs around the base of the tree.

Our club thanks the national organization for such a wonderful sentiment.

Gratefully, Carol Pinkos, immediate past president

Editor's note. The Springfield Garden Club now has plans to install a bench near the tree. One good thing leads to another!



Springfield Garden Club members – Left: Carol Pinkos and Carolyn Wood

Right: Planting daffodils beneath the tree



PRECISION TOOLED BRONZE PLAQUE: 6"x 12" X .25"
RAISED COPY - HORIZONTAL STROKE, LEATHERETTE - W/ BRUSHED SURFACE

Branch News continued

Troy Garden Club



The Troy Garden Club branch looks forward to hosting the **Michigan Division 2023 Spring Council meeting on May 11**. Chairperson Mary Schwark suggested the title, “Honoring Old Friends & Making New Ones” as its theme. (See p. 1.)

Our branch has mourned the passing of five cherished members. The TGC was blessed to receive generous memorial donations in their honor. We will use the donations to fund our award-winning harpist and our keynote speaker, including all travel expenses. The speaker is nationally known horticulturalist Kerry Ann Mendez. Our “old friends” would unanimously approve.

Vice President Patrick Hardy, has booked an interesting lineup of speakers for our 2023 monthly meetings. Please visit our website (web address below) for the speakers’ schedule. Guests are welcome for a modest fee.

The Herb Study Group’s meetings are always bustling with activity. Rock painting “with a purpose” was on their January and February agendas. The embellished rocks will be used as additional plant identification in the Log Cabin Garden, which the group maintains at the Troy Historic Village. The Troy Garden Club’s Perennial Plant Exchange, under the leadership of JoAnn Preston, will be on Saturday, May 20, with plant swapping hours from 10 am – 12 noon. Plantaholics arrive in plant-packed vehicles with dreams of diversifying their gardens. The curious, who arrive with no plants to exchange, are initially directed to the popular “Orphan Table.” Hopefully a little “orphan” will allow a botanical neophyte an opportunity to savor the success of growing a plant.

We invite you to attend our branch’s principal annual fundraiser on Wednesday, July 12. Our 48th garden walk is appropriately named, “Garden Stories.” Find details in this newsletter under Spring/Summer Events (p. 5), and on our website: www.TroyGardenClubMI.com. FREE admission to the Historic Village **on July 12 only**. Enjoy our Midsummer Arts & Crafts Boutique, Plant Sale & Student Art Exhibit. Visit our website for information about all upcoming TGC events.

-submitted by Karol Carter



Left: Herb Study Group member Jackie Wilson paints a “dill stone.”



Above: Completed stones for the Troy Historic Village’s Log Cabin Herb Garden

-photos left & above by Jennifer Goldstein



TGC’s 2023 officers L – R: Bev Hydo standing in for President Linda Forrester; VP Patrick Hardy; Karol Carter standing in for Corresponding Secretary Judi Milidrag; Recording Secretary Onita Fitz; Advisor Barb Lepri; Treasurer Jeanne Bolcer

-photo by Mary Schwark

Warren Garden Club



A beautiful Christmas dinner at **The Gazebo Banquet Center** was the grand finale of 2022 for our Warren Branch activities. We were delighted that Michigan Division President Jo Sillanpaa and Michigan Division First Vice President Sue Malone accepted our invitation to join us for the festivities. (Photo, page 13.) President Sillanpaa performed the traditional Installation of Officers ceremony, which involved all officers receiving carnations in varied hues to represent their positions. President April Everett, Recording Secretary Linda Gardner, Treasurer Pat Brown, and Corresponding Secretary Jackie Slongo have returned for another term, and have launched 2023 with enthusiasm!

Members participated in a “Show and Tell” at the February meeting by bringing their favorite tools. There was a great deal of variety, but the most unusual was Pat Brown’s hand-held, battery-operated Power Weeder – a wonderful gadget that enables one to weed while standing. What a blessing for those unable to kneel! As always, the annual March Potluck and White Elephant Night was greatly anticipated and fun with a phenomenal spread of menu items. In April, we will celebrate the arrival of spring with member Michele Kozumplik presenting a program on Fairy Gardens. Sounds delightful, doesn’t it? Our calendars are marked for the 19th of April Daffodil Day, which is more exciting each year. Thank you to the Troy Branch for hosting the May 11th Spring Council Meeting – another great opportunity to enjoy a beautiful venue and share special times with our gardening friends.

Our branch is looking forward to our Perennial Plant Exchange on Saturday, May 20. Please join us (rain or shine) from 10 am – 12 noon at the First United Methodist Church, 5005 Chicago Rd. (between Mound and Ryan Roads). Another upcoming event which we are VERY excited about will be a garden walk on Sunday, July 23, from 10 am – 4 pm. The six homes are all in the Historic Village District of Warren (tucked in the Mound and Chicago Roads area), and the original Warren Village Hall will be open for the occasion. We will keep you posted on the details and hope to see you at both events!

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-submitted by Paula O'Brien

Warren Garden Club continued



Installation of Warren Garden Club officers at the Gazebo Banquet Center, December 2022:

Left to right are Paula O'Brien, Michigan Division President Jo Sillanpaa, Warren Branch officers President April Everett, Treasurer Pat Brown, Recording Secretary Linda Gardner, and Corresponding Secretary Jackie Slongo. -photo by Sue Malone

Waterford Garden Club

Waterford Garden Club members enjoyed the National Meeting in early June 2022. What a great time! We then moved into summer and enjoyed visiting each other's gardens throughout the summer months. Also in June some of our members were able to attend the Milford garden walk, and what a wonderful selection of gardens they had!

Members also went on a field trip to R&G Landscape for their free open house and to see their hostas. Many of us came home with different miniature hostas, their specialty. In August a few members spent a second year maintaining flower beds at the Michigan Renaissance Festival. Members also regularly weeded on a weekly basis at the Waterford Senior Center or at the Drayton Plains Nature Center.

We began our regular business meetings as we moved into September and fall. In October, we had our first evening meeting of the year at *My New Favorite Thing*, and we did a fall craft. Our meeting was open to the public. Members also went on a field trip to visit *Summer Dreams Farm* for their dahlia open house. There were so many beautiful flowers.

In December, eight members attended the *Cranbrook House Tour and Tea*, and we learned a lot about Cranbrook's historic home. In January, we found ourselves at *Alex's Gourmet Market*, where we had a brief business meeting and our winter luncheon. Eight members attended and enjoyed great food and great company!

In February, we took a field trip to the *Dow Conservatory* and *The Pines of Dow Gardens*. It was another wonderful experience! In March, we spent our second evening meeting at the *Oakland County Sportsman's Club* and we had a speaker. In the coming months we look forward to several activities: our April *Marigold Mother's Day* projects in select Waterford schools, our *Spring Plant Sale* in May, and our June luncheon and third evening meeting of the year.

-submitted by Carrie Sue Cempura, president



Waterford Garden Club crafters at a meeting, left to right: Cathy Colling, Joyce Wefel, Anne Mobley, Sue Malone and Cheryl Malin

-photo by Carrie Sue Cempura



Michigan Renaissance Festival volunteer gardeners,

Left to right: Cathy Colling and Connie Kiefiuk

-photo by Carrie Sue Cempura

Michigan Division Spring Council Meeting – REGISTRATION FORM

Thursday, May 11, 2023

The Community House

380 S. Bates Street, Birmingham, MI 48009

HOSTED BY THE TROY GARDEN CLUB BRANCH – *Honoring Old Friends & Making New Ones*

Meeting Schedule

9:15 – 10:00 am – Check in & visit vendors

9:15 – 10:45 am – Harpist Siobhan McKinney

NOTE: Book signing & vendors will continue during breakfast & breaks.

10:00 – 10:45 am – Welcome & Breakfast Buffet

10:45 -11:25 am – MI DIV Business Meeting

11:25 am – Installation of 2023-2025 MI DIV Officers

11:40 – 11:55 am – Break

11:55 am – Speaker Kerry Ann Mendez

12:55 pm – Door Prizes

1:00 pm – Adjournment

1:00 – 7:00 pm – ON-YOUR-OWN: Visit a don't-miss private garden nearby, PLUS shopping & dining in town

Directions to nearby private garden provided at meeting

**Power UP
Garden Beauty &
Power DOWN
Garden
Maintenance**

**SPEAKER &
AUTHOR:**

Kerry Ann
Mendez

Kennebunk, Maine



Make check payable to: Michigan Division WNF&GA
Mail payment with completed form to event registrar:

Vicki Guntenaar

46028 Imperial Lane, Macomb, MI 48044

Phone / Text: 303-807-4364

Questions: vguntenaar56@gmail.com

Registration ARRIVAL deadline: April 26, 2023

PLEASE NOTE: The registrar will send a registration confirmation to your email address. No email? You may enclose a self-addressed & STAMPED envelope when you send your registration. PLEASE PRINT NEATLY:

Name _____ Member? ___ or Guest? ___ Phone _____

Street address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address (print clearly to assure confirmation receipt):

Branch Name (and any current branch office, if applicable):

THIS REGISTRATION FORM IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON
TWO WEBSITES: Michigan Division & Troy Garden Club

PER PERSON: Incl. Breakfast Buffet & Speaker \$ 38.00

OPTIONAL DONATION \$ _____

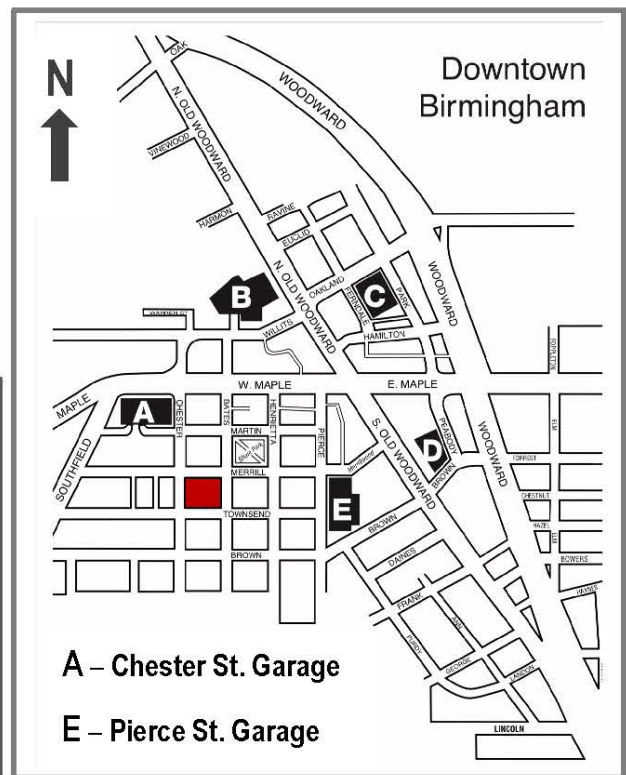
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Non-member guests are welcome while space remains.
They should send their own registrations and checks.

PAYMENTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE LESS THE
\$32.00 VALUE OF EACH MEAL PLUS GRATUITY.

SUGGESTION: Photograph or make a copy of your
completed registration form and check before mailing.

PARKING: **RED BLOCK** on map indicates location of
The Community House between city garage A (Chester
Street Garage) and city garage E (Pierce Street Garage).



History of Daffodil Day

The Daffodil Day Luncheon is an annual event to showcase the restoration progress on Belle Isle and to raise funds for the purchase and planting of additional daffodil bulbs.

Daffodil Day at Belle Isle is sponsored by the Michigan Division of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, Inc. More than three million daffodil bulbs have been planted since the first Daffodil Day in 2010.

While we have met our Belle Isle goal, we continue to augment plantings on Belle Isle. The City of Detroit's daffodil plantings in parks and along medians join our efforts to reach a vision of four million bulbs planted in the Detroit region. The vision of four million expands our partnership with state and local governments, businesses and other nonprofits.

Our Vision: Celebrating each life in the Detroit region by planting four million daffodils.



Where flowers bloom, so does hope. ... Lady Bird Johnson



Registration Form
Annual Daffodil Day at Belle Isle
 Wednesday, April 19, 2023
 Detroit Yacht Club

- 10:30 am** Special Attraction: Southern Gateway of the Iron Belle Trail featuring The Nordin Brothers' sculpture *One World . . . Under Michigan Stars*
- 11:00 am** Registration begins.
- 12:00 noon** Luncheon

Keynote by John Gallagher: *The Return of Detroit*

Menu
 Chicken Salad, Fruit, Rolls & Dessert
 Vegetarian Entrée TBD
 Daffodil Delight
 Cash Bar

Online registration will be available in January at:
michdivwnfga.org

- Yes! I want to attend the luncheon at the Detroit Yacht Club!
- Yes! I want to help buy more daffodil bulbs!
- Yes! I want to purchase a daffodil tile. (\$50.00)

*The maximum number of guests per table is 8.
 Please check one option below:*

- Reserve an entire table (check & names enclosed)
- Please seat me with other members of my branch.
- No seating preference. Please seat me at an open table.
- I would like to sit with (registering separately):

NOTE: Seating is limited.

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Branch _____

Dietary Restrictions _____

No. of guests _____ x \$50.00 (before April 1) = Amount \$ _____

No. of guests _____ x \$60.00 (April 1 – 12) = Amount \$ _____

Lunch _____ x \$100.00 (w/ program listing) = Amount \$ _____

No. of Daffodil Tiles x \$50.00 = Amount \$ _____

Additional Donation _____ = Amount \$ _____

= **Total** \$ _____

No confirmation will be sent. Please make a copy of your check and your completed registration.

The Michigan Farm & Garden Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Make check payable to: Michigan Division WNF&GA
 Mail to: Pat Brown - Daffodil Day Luncheon, 31616 Lexington St., Warren, MI 48092



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*Watch for updated Michigan Division information
in the 2023 summer ONLINE-ONLY newsletter.
It will be published in mid-June.*



Michigan Division Speakers Bureau

Would your branch benefit from ideas or suggestions for speakers? The Speakers Bureau list is on Michigan Division's website. See page 2 of this newsletter for details about website access. Go to **Members Area** (password required) and then to **Resources** on the lower right side, where you will find the second topic, **Speakers Bureau**. You'll also find contact information.

Speaker *recommendations* are also needed. The list is updated when suggestions arrive. Questions? Please email Joette Kunse (1) to recommend speakers or (2) to request suggestions for your branch.

– Joette Kunse, Speakers Bureau chairperson

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