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## Welcome to Michigan Division's Summer 2022 Newsletter !

Below is a photo of 25 of the 65 WNF&GA members who registered for the 2022 National Meeting in southeast Michigan from June 1 through June 4. On June 3, following brunch in the Christopher Wren dining room at Meadow Brook Hall and a guided tour of Meadow Brook gardens, attendees transitioned to the east side of the Oakland University campus. They were welcomed by Kelly Brault, OU's director of annual giving. She provided historical perspective about the Matilda Wilson statue's creation.

Those in the photo (see identifications, including WNF&GA memberships, below) flank the statue of Matilda Dodge Wilson on the grounds of Oakland University. Mrs. Wilson, along with her husband Alfred, founded the university in 1957. The statue was created in Chicago, and installed and dedicated in October 2018, by sculptor Lou Cella. He is well known for his statues of many Detroit Tigers legends at Comerica Park. Mr. Cella, along with the OU Matilda Wilson sculpture committee, chose to portray Mrs. Wilson with a shovel in her hands. She was a groundbreaker, both literally and figuratively.



*Left to right: Karin Bickle-Rochester; Georgia Randinitis-Trailwood; Karen Gray-Troy; Linda Pratt-Warren; Charlotte Westbrook-Rochester (in front of Linda Pratt); Jim Pratt-Warren; Sue Grifor-Milford; Karol Carter-Troy; Arnetta Burroughs-member at large; JoAnn Preston-Troy; Terry LaBeau-Trailwood; Judi Milidrag-Troy; Mary McFarland-Milford; Matilda Dodge Wilson, WNF&GA president 1964-1966; Lenore Treba-Troy; Mary Schwark-Troy; Onita Fitz-Troy, Patrick Hardy-Troy; Jackie Seitz-Milford; Carrie Sue Cempura-Waterford; Shirley Nichols-member at large; Sue Malone-Waterford; Cheryl Malin-Waterford & Pontiac; Helen Jositas-Rochester; Yolanda Tenorio-Thomas-Troy; Ginger Dean-Moonglow*

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### What's Happening & When?

August 1 - 15, 2022      Submit info & photos for fall fall newsletter.  
NO SUBMISSIONS BEFORE AUGUST 1, PLEASE.

October 20, 2022      Fall Council Meeting hosted by the Grosse Pointe Shores Branch at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

Registration details will follow in the fall newsletter.

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

Michigan Division

[www.michdivwnfga.weebly.com](http://www.michdivwnfga.weebly.com)

Member Area

Password: Sillman2023

WNF&GA (national)

[www.wnfga.org](http://www.wnfga.org)

Member Area

Password: Farm100garden

Why not explore the Michigan Division & the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association websites? There's so much to learn about both organizations!

## VERY IMPORTANT KEEP US POSTED:

Please report all branch roster **CHANGES**: member additions, subtractions, changes of address, phone numbers and email addresses to Registrar Cheryl Malin. Be sure to tell her that you want to access the newsletter via the MI DIV website!

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## From your 2021 – 2023 Michigan Division president ...

What a busy spring this has been!

In April, Robin Heller and her Daffodils4Detroit committee pulled together another great daffodil luncheon. There were so many requests to attend, that opening up a second room was required.

One event in May was Michigan Division's Spring Council Meeting hosted by the Waterford Garden Club, where we learned about Brian Peterson's *Bees in the D*. The second was Mrs. Tebben's Tea, sponsored by the Lapeer Wildflowers Branch. It was attended not only by garden club members, but by Red Hatters and other local followers. I was thrilled to be able to get a ticket, as it was my first time to attend that wonderful event.

Our fourth event was the 2022 WNF&GA National Meeting, June 1 through 4, right here in southeast Michigan. Mary Schwark, WNF&GA's 2020-2022 national president, and the WNF&GA Executive Committee, did a spectacular job of pulling together the event! Members of the Troy Garden Club helped in various ways, including as meeting registrar and as volunteers with the Saturday lunch, dinner and live auction. The National Meeting occurred in two parts. The business portion was held via Zoom on May 14. The in-person portion was held in southeast Michigan with visits to many renowned garden-related sites. Patty Burnside, Saginaw Branch, was installed as the 2022-2024 WNF&GA president. Those four events afforded Michigan Division members many opportunities to socialize with one another, to learn about various gardening topics and sites, to share our mutual interests and concerns, and to "break bread" with one another.

If you have never attended a WNF&GA national meeting, please mark your 2023 calendar for late May or early June. We learn about the workings of our national organization, visit fabulous gardens, have great speakers and great food. Angel Funds may be available for those in need of confidential financial assistance.

In addition to the above, I was invited to attend a meeting of the Rochester Garden Club but was unable to do so. I was invited and did attend Saginaw Branch's memorial service honoring branch members who had passed away during the pandemic. I donated to and visited plant sales of our Waterford and Trailwood Branches and also attended Plymouth Branch's garage sale and Milford's garden walk. Our branches keep VERY busy. I look forward to seeing members at future garden walks this summer and to attending your branch meetings when invited.

As a teaser, what do you know about ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World)? About the London, England ACWW office? Pennies for Friendship? The triennial conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in May 2023?

Please save the date for the MI DIV Fall Council Meeting sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Shores Garden Club at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, on Thursday, October 20, 2022. The presentation will be *Berries, Bugs & Snags* by Rosanne Kovalcik, Master Gardener Volunteer & proprietor of Wild Birds Unlimited, Grosse Pointe Woods.



Jo Sillanpaa

### MICHIGAN DIVISION SUMMER CALENDAR

**July 13, Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> GARDEN WALK:** Country Garden Club of Northville, *Northville Garden Walk*: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Six private gardens. Vendors at Green Space will feature unique garden treasures and plants. Tickets: \$12 in advance, beginning June 11, at Gardenviews, 117 E. Main Street, Northville. Tickets on July 13: \$15 each at Green Space, behind the Northville Library. Garden club website and phone: [www.cgcnv.org](http://www.cgcnv.org) and 734-788-9935

**July 13, Wednesday, 47<sup>th</sup> GARDEN WALK:** Troy Garden Club presents *Kaleidoscope of Gardens*, with six private gardens: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm & 5:00 – 8:30 pm. Arts & Crafts Boutique, Plant Sale & Student Art Exhibit: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm at the Troy Historic Village, 60 W. Wattles Rd., Troy 48098. Info & online tickets thru 7/12/22: [www.TroyGardenClubMI.com](http://www.TroyGardenClubMI.com) OR call 248-535-5955. \$12 advance tickets at Auburn Oaks, Telly's, Troy Historic Village, Uncle Luke's. On July 13, the ticket price will increase to \$15. Tickets on Wednesday, 7/13, will be sold ONLY at the Troy Historic Village. RAIN OR SHINE EVENT.

**July 16, Saturday, GARDEN WALK:** Romeo & Juliet Garden Club; see page 10 for details.

**July 20, Wednesday, GARDEN WALK:** Clarkston Farm & Garden Club: 11:00 am – 7:00 pm. The Artisan Market is back! Local items, arts, crafts, jewelry, and a new *Christmas in July* booth showcasing items from Clarkston Garden Club members. Tickets before July 20 - \$15.00. Tickets on July 20 - \$18.00. More information at [www.clarkstongardenclub.org](http://www.clarkstongardenclub.org)

# Save the Date!

## *2022 Fall Council Meeting*

Thursday, October 20, 2022

Hosted by the Grosse Pointe Shores Garden Club Branch  
at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

### ***Presentation: Berries, Bugs & Snags***

by Rosann Kovalcik, Master Gardener Volunteer  
& proprietor of Wild Birds Unlimited, Grosse Pointe Woods

Watch for details and registration information in the fall 2022  
Michigan Division newsletter: The Michigan News

### **The 2023 WNF&GA in-person National Meeting?**

**The dates & location are TBD.**

Watch for additional information in the Fall 2022 WNF&GA magazine

*Farm & Garden.*

### **Daffodils4Communities**



It's not too early to think about bulb planting in the fall of 2022. Michigan Division's board of directors urges branches to establish daffodil projects in their own communities.

In this newsletter's Branch News section, those garden clubs which have created and reported community daffodil projects are recognized with daffodil icons next to their names. See icon example above.

All branches' efforts in their own locations complement the Daffodils4Detroit project.



**Barbara Donahue**, left, joined the **Milford Garden Club** in April 1998, . . . and the volunteering began. She co-chaired the May Plant and Bake Sale for several years. She coordinated plant digs for the sale, and she wintered plants in her garden for the next year. If you drove by her home, you would see pots in the ground with their white labels sticking up, waiting to be adopted. She always had pots and soil for other members to pick up and use when potting plants for the sale. She was a hostess at our annual garden walk and would weed, plant, and clean up gardens to get them ready for the event.

Barb was an Advanced Master Gardener. She shared her knowledge with us by writing articles for our newsletter. She could identify any plant, flower or herb by sight or photo, and chances were great that she grew it in her garden.

Where Barb really shone was her love of herbs. She made her own health and beauty products. With other friends, **Morning Thyme Herb Group** was formed as a sub-group of the Milford Garden Club. Members discussed herbs, went on field trips, and shared herbal food and drinks. From there, Barb and some of the other members joined the Michigan Herb Associates. They presented an educational display on herbs for the annual conference at MSU.

Barb had a beautiful smile and kind presence. You couldn't visit Barb at her home without leaving with plants, seeds or fresh produce from her garden.

Barb was a member for almost 24 years when she passed on March 6, 2022. She will be missed forever by those who knew and loved her.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Saginaw  
Garden Club Branch  
2019-2022**



- Phyllis Christeson
- Gerrie Davis
- Adeline Heilbronn
- Nancy Kleekamp
- Mary Jo McInerney
- Donna McKinley
- Katharyn Morley
- Eileen Nenninger
- Lorraine Pickelmann
- Sandra Ruth
- Marcia Ann Schmidt
- Janet K. Smith
- Ella Mae Wilson

**Dolores Donnellon**, right, joined the **Milford Garden Club** in February 1997. She was an ambassador for our organization. She looked you in the eye when she spoke with you, and you always felt that she listened to what you said. She had a ready smile and a positive attitude, which radiated warmth to all.

She loved gardening and became an Advanced Master Gardener. Dolores was a "worker bee" in the club. She assisted with all our projects including *Maintenance on Main*, *Plant and Bake Sale*, *Bulb Planting in the Village*, and our garden walk. Dolores was known for her baking skills and was always willing to share her special recipes with others.

The Lee House is a home for developmentally disabled adult women. Dolores initiated the idea of donating to the Lee House at Christmas. Each December, our members donate funds to provide gift certificates to the residents so that they can have special outings over the holidays.

Dolores had been a member for 25 years when she passed on February 5, 2022. She will be missed by all.



*Milford members' information & photos were provided by Linda Smith, Milford Garden Club immediate past president*

## Branch News

The Clarkston Farm & Garden Club gathered for a meeting and luncheon in May. Members listened to a presentation by the *Blue Heron Headwaters Conservancy* (see box below on right), which has pieces of land in Independence Township as well as in northern Oakland County.

Our speaker, Emily Duthinh, talked about the *30 x 30* movement to conserve 30% of America by 2030 for conservation. The *30 x 30 Plan* is a bold but achievable goal that will address the climate and biodiversity crises while strengthening local economies, protecting public health, and expanding access to the outdoors. The road to this goal will be traveled by local leaders and communities. Individuals can conserve by having pollinator habitats in their yards or on their acreage, parks, forests, or lands that are not developed. Those interested can google *30 x 30 plan for Michigan*.

We said farewell to our last board who lead us primarily on Zoom. Our new officers, who were installed in a humorous way, are Joan Harbaugh, president; Tina Lewis, vice president; Marilyn Zigerac, recording secretary; Pam Marin, corresponding secretary; and Sue White, treasurer. They will serve until May 2024.

June 4 was the date of our Perennial Plant Exchange. We saw many people out exchanging plants with their neighbors. The event is always a friendly time for gardeners and for free plants to exchange homes.

Tia Laderoute and Chris Shull will head up our garden walk this year. We are back to normal with all aspects of the garden walk: musicians, artists, restaurant specials, Artisan Market as well as six fabulous gardens. All the committees are working together in hopes that the community will have a wonderful time. We invite you to come to the Clarkston Garden walk on Wednesday, July 20, 2022.

The club gave four \$1500 scholarships in 2022 to deserving students who had accomplished gardening or environmental work in high school. One student lives on a farm and takes care of the family's animals, including a bull. The young man will attend Princeton University. Another student, who is going into the Nurse Scholars program at Michigan State University, worked at the Clarkston Family Farm as a farmhand and teacher. Another student gave 150 hours of service work and helped at her church in the food pantry. She is considering a college major in environmental biology or environmental science. The fourth student also worked at the Clarkston Family Farm as a day camp counselor and holiday basket deliverer, as well as working as a Buddy Basketball coach. The Scholarship Committee was awed by all the extracurricular work that today's students partake in. We are proud to be able to support the students with scholarships for their efforts.

*-submitted by Joette Kunse, Clarkston Garden Club communications director*



*L – R: Emily Duthinh, board president of Blue Heron Headwaters Conservancy, and Clarkston Garden Club member Sue Sajdak.*

### **Blue Heron Headwaters Conservancy**

New name. Same mission.

Our big announcement is out. We are expanding our coverage area to save more land and water. To reflect that expansion we have changed our name to Blue Heron Headwaters Conservancy. The blue heron has always been a symbol of our work. This majestic bird represents the link between healthy land and clean water.

**Note:** BHHHC was formerly called the North Oakland Land Conservancy.

## Branch News continued

### Country Garden Club of Northville

Program Director Barb Sturtz – soon to be president of our branch – lined up a year of fascinating programs on topics as varied as hummingbirds, bees and even a lady who hiked The Long Trail after she turned 60. The trail is a 273-mile challenging experience in the wilds of Vermont, including wildlife, wildflowers and a few blisters. Inspirational! (See photos below.)

Our various committees did an outstanding job with their responsibilities involving the several gardens we maintain throughout the community. Another project we all enjoy is providing monthly flower arranging experiences for the members of a local retirement home.

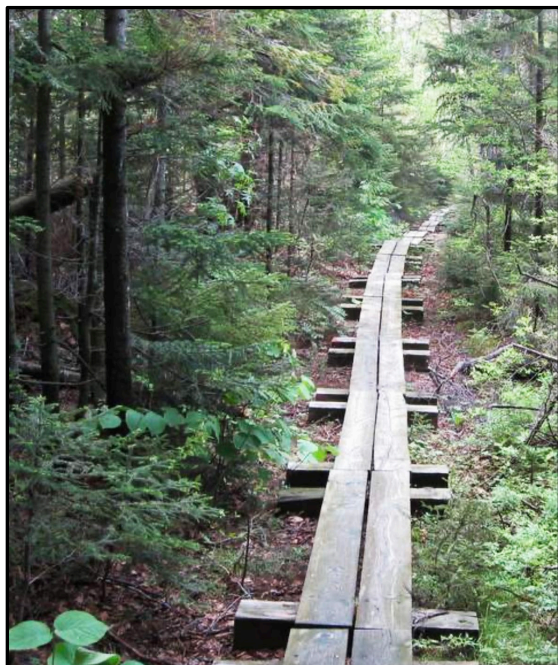
Other ways we reach out to our community are through the collection of food donations for a food pantry and decorating Christmas trees for two other charitable organizations.

We were pleased to be able to increase our scholarship donation from one to two recipients who are heading off to college. We completed our year with the planning of our 28<sup>th</sup> annual garden walk on July 13, 2022. See garden walk details, page 3.

*-submitted by Aleta Lee, president of Country Garden Club of Northville*

*The Long Trail:  
one of the Country  
Garden Club  
of Northville's 2022  
presentations*

*-photos  
courtesy  
of the  
internet*



## Branch News continued

### Franklin Garden Club Branch

As we entered a new phase of “normal” after surviving an extended pandemic and participation over several months in Zoom meetings, we are excitedly awaiting the arrival of the “prime time” for our gardens. Several members agree that our backs, muscles, and weary hands support its impending arrival.

We thank member Sheila Marshall for many interesting programs and quality presenters arranged this past year for members to enjoy. Fortunately, several presenters were able to Zoom their presentations to enable members to attend the meetings from home. In January, Wendy Evans gave a stimulating presentation entitled “The Art of Flowers” showcasing several pieces at the DIA that pictured many different flowers in art and their meaning. The next month, we had a very informative presentation by Dr. Rebecca Tonietto on “Bees in the Detroit Region: Attracting and Recognizing Native Pollinators. In March, Ed Blondin presented “Lost Virginit: The American Gardening Revolution,” a stimulating historical documentary on the birthing of gardening. Most notable on the agenda for the year was a delightful and interesting tour of the MSU Tollgate Education Center. Mike Mathis, Director of the Center, shared the history of the 160-acre farm and led a guided tour showcasing its expansiveness. Pictured below in a photo from the farm are eggs which are made available to the public in a refrigerated container. Looking closely at the photo, you can see the date the chicken laid the egg, depicting its freshness. Following the tour, members enjoyed a tasty lunch at the Sedona Taphouse. We were ready for that after seeing the foodstuffs at the farm.

We were saddened this past year to lose 3 current members: Jane Davis, Mary Repucci, Susan Chambers, and one former member and past president, Nancy Ketko. The Broughton Garden has a new granite memorial commemorating our deceased members. Anne McNeil was busy this past spring arranging for mulch and dialoguing with the Village regarding costs for upkeep. Remarkably she was able to arrange for several costs for maintenance to be covered by the Village of Franklin.

It has been a busy year. Membership Chairperson Sue Welcome undertook the difficult task of updating our Constitution and Bylaws to reflect current practice. Due to the technical skillset of Co-President Cindy Juliano, we now have a very viable presence on Facebook and Instagram. We credit that initiative with the addition of several new members who were inspired by the beautiful posts Cindy regularly adds to the site. Thanks go to member Cynthia Amann who worked with a web developer to reinstate and design a new website to replace one which disappeared this past year.

Member Peggy DuFault has managed to garner seven gardens for our informal summer garden walks.

We held our annual garden walk on June 8, and now we anxiously await our end-of-season picnic at the lovely venue of Cindy Schiano’s home. Wishes for a wonderful summer for all.

*- submitted by Kathy Lorencz and Cindy Juliano, Franklin immediate past co-presidents*



*Above: Franklin Garden Club members tour Tollgate Farms with Mike Mathis, director of the center.*

*Photo right:*

*See paragraph two above for an explanation of the notations on the eggs.*





## Branch News continued

### Plymouth Garden Club

Welcome to Plymouth Garden Club's *Very Own 2022 Garden Walk!* As you view two member-taken photos on this page and a few more on p. 13, it will be as if you strolled through the landscape of Plymouth Garden Club. Imagine the beauty that will continue to unfold throughout our summer months. One garden photo is certainly worth a thousand thoughts!

*-submitted by Mary Prouty, Plymouth Garden Club, publicity*



*Our backyard fishpond – Sharon Bright*

*Sunflowers for Ukraine – Ann Hause*



*Plymouth Garden Club photos continue on page 13 . . . . .*

### Port Huron Garden Club Branch

The most recent meeting of the Port Huron Garden Club took place in April, as our January meeting was cancelled due to pandemic concerns. At our May luncheon, our branch installed new board officers. Below, see the list of Port Huron's new officers, as well as a commemorative photo of seven of them.

- President Ginny Paknikar**
- 1st V.P. JoAnn Brooks**
- 2nd V.P. Julie Moulds**
- Recording Secretary Linda Kearns**
- Corresponding Secretary Sue Hilton**
- Treasurer Jenifer Kusch**
- Financial Secretary Margo Fox**
- Parliamentarian Julie Moulds**
- Past President Sandy Sharpe**

With the design assistance of Janet Knust and JoAnn Brooks, along with the help of other volunteer members, our garden club plants and maintains seven gardens located throughout the city of Port Huron. This year the garden club also awarded scholarships to two students at our local community college. Thank you to Julie Moulds, scholarship chairperson, for her assistance with the committee.

*-submitted by Ginny Paknikar, president*



## Branch News continued



### Rochester Garden Club Branch

Rochester Garden Club members had a jam-packed month of May with the May Luncheon, our nursery crawl to four fantastic Fenton area nurseries, plus garden cleanups and plantings at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm and other public gardens. We closed out the month by staffing an information booth at the Heritage Festival held on Memorial Day weekend at Rochester Municipal Park. Volunteer members enjoyed two days of interacting with the public, promoting our garden club and its public activities, giving away sunflower seeds and holding a drawing for six gift certificates from area nurseries.

A busy May was followed by an even busier June. We started with our perennial exchange. A favorite club event, members shared plants, along with growing advice and stories. Whose garden isn't graced with grandma's primroses, Mom's hostas, or a rose or daylily from a friend, all of which bring back memories and warm the heart? The annual Rochester garden walk, a members' garden walk, and a summer "show and tell" program at the Farm kept RGC members busy.

Members have continued to care for the vast plantings in the Children's Garden and around the homestead at Van Hoosen Farm with weekly weeding sessions and faithful waterings of the hanging plants. *A Garden Party* on July 19 will be an opportunity for the public to tour the newly renovated Dairy Barn and historical exhibits at the Rochester Hills Museum. Club members will serve as docents inside the buildings and in the award-winning Children's Garden.

The Van Hoosen Committee and Herb Committee will hold other summer programs that offer educational opportunities for members and for the public, including *A Herbal Happening* on August 17 featuring speaker Rebecca Culley-Healy, and a *Dragon and Fairy Festival* for the young and the young-at-heart on August 24. Both programs will take place at Van Hoosen Farm. See our website for registration and cost information.

The end-of-summer event, our annual Summer Meeting, will be held in August. It will be a day of laughing, learning and eating, of course! Herbal cooking demonstrations, *Ask a Master Gardener*, and a refreshing salad plus home baked goods will round out a well-planned event that always has us smiling!

For more information about Rochester Garden Club activities, please visit our website and check out our calendar: [www.rochestergardenclub.org](http://www.rochestergardenclub.org). – submitted by Sally Edwards



L – R: Cindy Miller & Sally Edwards enjoying the club's annual nursery crawl.

-photo courtesy of the Rochester Garden Club

### Romeo & Juliet Garden Club Branch

Visit the Romeo & Juliet Garden Club Branch's 2022 garden walk:

Saturday, July 16, 2022 ~ 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Six stunning gardens presented jointly by the Romeo & Juliet Garden Club AND the Romeo Historical Society

PRESALE tickets - \$15.00 - are available at the Romeo Public Library, the Kezar Branch Library, Town Hall Antiques & MJC Market Place.

Tickets on Garden Walk Day - \$20.00 - are available ONLY at the Romeo Schools Administration Bldg. Parking Lot, 316 North Main St.

To receive the event program, map, & wristband, present your ticket at the Romeo Historical Society, 290 N. Main Street, beginning at 10:00 am.

## 2022 Garden Walk

**6 Stunning Gardens**  
**9 Sites Open Total**

**ROMEO, MICHIGAN**  
**JULY 16, 2022**  
**11 AM TO 4 PM**

PRESALE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:  
ROMEO PUBLIC LIBRARY (65821) VAN DYKE  
KEZAR BRANCH LIBRARY (107 CHURCH ST.)  
TOWN HALL ANTIQUES (226 N. MAIN)  
MJC MARKET PLACE (220 N. MAIN)

DAY OF TOUR TICKETS SOLD ONLY AT:  
ROMEO SCHOOLS ADMIN BUILDING  
PARKING LOT (316 N. MAIN)

TICKETS \$15 ADVANCE & \$20 DAY OF TOUR  
CHILDREN UNDER 12 ARE FREE

Romeo & Juliet Garden Club  
Romeo Historical Society  
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## Branch News continued



### Saginaw Garden Club Branch

**Exceptional Project Recognition:** At the 2022 Michigan Division Spring Council Meeting, our Saginaw Branch received awards for four exceptional projects: *Spring Plantings* submitted by Holly Furlo, *Daffodils4Saginaw* submitted by Cinda Schantz, *Permanent Rotating Display at The Castle Museum of Saginaw County History* submitted by Susan Day, and *Strategic Planning* submitted by Patty Burnside.

**Meet “The Saginaw Lady”:** Our branch now has proprietary rights to a newly hybridized daffodil from Oakwood Farms in Niles, MI. We will sell bulbs at our fall fundraiser. *Photo at top left.*

**Scholarship Winners Honored:** Two of our \$1,000.00 scholarship recipients were able to attend our luncheon with their parents. *Photo at top center.* The other two recipients are shown with Kim Vance, Scholarship Committee chair, at Heritage High School Honors night. *Photo at top right.*

**Tea at 10:** An informational tea was held May 21, 2022, to welcome about 50 new and prospective members. The program featured an icebreaker based on WNF&GA informational posters, speeches, table prizes, refreshments, and the reveal of our new brochure.

**Daffodils4Saginaw:** Saginaw Branch’s gift to the community for our 90<sup>th</sup> birthday was to plant daffodils in public places. About 20,000 bulbs have been planted in the past two years and are now putting on an annual spring show. *Photo at bottom left.*

**Daffodil Day at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle:** Patty Burnside, Ann Herm, Kathy Meinschein, Sue Sonntag, Holly Furlo, and Stella Thelen with the table arrangement made by member Judy Thomas. *Photo at bottom right.*



## Branch News continued



### Troy Garden Club Branch



Many Troy Garden Club members attended Daffodil Day 2022 on Belle Isle.

Among Troy attendees were, L–R: Judi Milidrag, Judy Francis, Yolanda Tenorio-Thomas, Lenore Treba, Tina Downen

-photo by Bev Hydo

## Branch News continued



### Warren Garden Club Branch

After a long wait, summer seems to have arrived. What a glorious time of year! We welcomed Lori Smith of the St. Clair Shores Yardeners to our April meeting, where she provided excellent information about native plants. Several members enjoyed the excitement of Daffodil Day on Belle Isle – so beautiful even though many of the daffodils had not yet bloomed.

The Spring Council Meeting was another wonderful spring event and a joyful reunion with Farm & Garden friends. THANK YOU, WATERFORD BRANCH! The setting was lovely, and speaker Brian Roest-Peterson provided a wealth of information. In lieu of our May general meeting, we had a **Shopping Night** at Eckert's Greenhouse. Owner Karl Eckert provided an overview of **What's New for '22**, and many members made multiple trips to their cars with their treasures. We hosted our Perennial Plant Exchange on Saturday, May 14. Our major fundraiser for the year was held on June 24, 25 & 26. The Rummage Sale that was postponed for two years finally happened.

Best wishes to all for a fun-filled and happy summer!

-submitted by Paula O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President



Above, L – R: Madelyn Zamora & Anna Popovich – chilly but sunny morning at Oudolf Garden on Daffodil Day

Below: Great turnout of Warren members taking a break from shopping at Eckert's Greenhouse; at table closest to camera from L – R are Pat Brown, Jean DeDecker, Sue Keffer & President April Everett

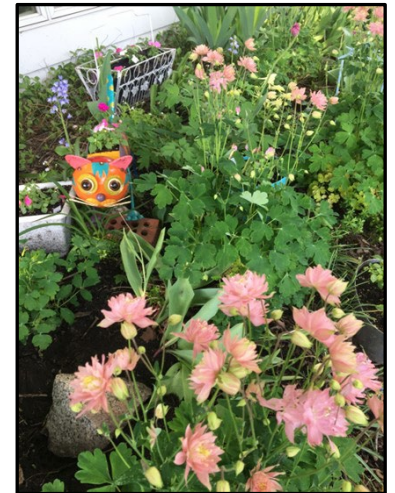




Blue star & allium – Jan Lopata



100 year-old double French lilac, a family heirloom – Dorothy Simescu



Cat in the columbine – Jan Evans



My up-north garden – Margi Bake



View from her kitchen window – Shirley Connors



Plymouth Garden Club members after planting OUR SPACE in downtown Plymouth

Back row: Debbie Corson, Jan Evans, Margi Bake, Nancy Earle, Billie Barton, Shirley Zaetta, Jane Libbing. Front row: Denise King, Karen Sisolak, Dorothy Simescu



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