

GARDEN CLUB OF DEARBORN ◀ FOUNDED 1915 ▶ JULY 2022
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GARDEN CLUB Newsletter

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Summertime, summertime! The grass is green, the daffodils and flowering trees have morphed into brightly colored annuals. This Newsletter has been briefly out of touch but our Club has been very busy.



The speakers at our April meeting were Cynthia Sohn, Director of Operations at the Henry Ford Estate, and Austin Eighmey, Senior Project Manager of Preservation and Restoration at the Estate. Their discussions included a detailed slide presentation of the work in progress. The “behind the scenes” pictures and information were fascinating. The team is working hard to restore Fair Lane, Home of Clara and Henry Ford back to its original splendor.

Our May meeting speakers were Tim Hawkins, Director of Public Works and Facilities for the City of Dearborn and Claudia Walters, Ph.D., Director of Operations for the U of M Dearborn Environmental Interpretive Center and Environmental Study Area.

Tim told us about a new effort by the City to engage neighbors, neighborhoods and organizations in the beautification of the city. Last year a private contractor was hired at a cost of \$50,000 to plant flowers in various locations throughout Dearborn. It was decided the effort was of limited success, and this year residents would be asked what they would like to see or do in their own areas. If there is a park, a small public space, curbside, whatever, Tim suggested individuals or groups consider planting that space. Tim can be contacted at 313-680-5411 with any questions.

Claudia Walters provided a wealth of information on the Environmental Interpretive Center (EIC) and Environmental Study Area (ESA) on the UM-Dearborn Campus. This is such an important space for so many reasons. The EIC is certified monarch butterfly way station. It's a critical stopover for migrating birds.

There are fewer and fewer such green spaces available due to urbanization. Without places to rest and “refuel”, birds cannot survive. More and more species will become rare or extinct. Even bees and insects are affected by loss of habitat, climate change, the use of pesticides. Without these small creatures, food supply for birds and amphibians would decrease; plants would not be pollinated and supplies up the food chain as far as humans would decrease.

Applied research including a tree inventory, groundwater monitoring, and climate change is done at the EIC. Sustainability efforts there include a rain garden, pollinator garden, and bee yard. Our Garden Club’s scholarships help students from the university use the EIC and ESA in their field studies. The grandson of our member Sharon Snider was the recipient of one of the scholarships.

The Estate, the Environmental Interpretive Center, and the Environmental Study Area are incredibly valuable assets right in our backyards. If you haven’t visited lately, please plan to do so soon.

As noted at our regular May meeting, The Garden Club of Dearborn hosted the Michigan Garden Club’s District 1 Spring Leadership Meeting at Park Place on April 27th. It was very well attended with approximately 60 people from different clubs throughout the District, including Grosse Isle, Ferndale, Southfield, Farmington, Livonia and Taylor. Many of our Club members attended and came away with new information and ideas.

Club officers, directors, and board members have been meeting to update various Club related items. COVID has changed many things, including certain aspects of the Club. A budget committee was formed to review income and expenses. Changes to the popular Holly Berry Brunch reduced the Club’s largest fundraising project and necessitated some changes in the budget. Our Club is still financially strong and expects to continue its activities.

A separate committee is working on changes to the Club’s By-laws. The committee has several meetings planned to update and revise the current version as necessary. Once finalized, the updated By-laws will appear in the 2022-2023 Directory.



As many know, our long-time member Mary Ellen Zell will be **100 years** young in July. Please plan to join us at the Dearborn Historical Museum McFadden-Ross House on Monday, July 11 at noon for a potluck celebration to honor Mary Ellen. Bring a dish to pass. We'll have a brief business meeting, then enjoy the party.



BIRTHDAYS



MAY

JUNE

JULY

Phyllis Brim
Carol Chrzastek
Mariette Lynch
Robbin Makled
Chris Nowak

Christine Berryman
Virginia Blanton
Mary Bugeia
Eva Gogala
Judy Henn
Connie Kurys
Cheryl Pizzimenti

Paulette Baumgart
Mindy Delano
Sherry Kammer
Cindy Jackson
Mary Ellen Zell



The Club was asked by Cathleen Francois from the Downtown Development Authority to participate in a plant exchange at the Old City Hall. Several members brought plants and the City provided tables. Mary Bugeia brought a large canopy which was greatly appreciated when it started to rain. Although the rain shortened the event, there were visitors, all the donated plants found new homes, and everyone had a good time.

On May 26th, Club members cleaned up the Pollinator/Therapy Garden within the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Organic Garden. COVID having kept volunteers away for two years had allowed the weeds to flourish. Members Karen Marzonie (not pictured), Sherry Kammer, Mary Bugeia - along with community volunteer Claudia Meyer and UM Environmental Sciences student Slater Stanton - spent several hours weeding and cleaning. Mary Bugeia, Sherry Kammer and husband, as well as, Karen Marzonie and husband have continued weeding and watering.

A couple - Kathy and Bob - who have one of the UM community gardens on the hill, are interested in partnering with the Club in order to help with the upkeep of the Pollinator Garden. They'll first concentrate on removal of all the Canadian Thistles. Please consider stopping by the garden to help weed or water. Water and a hose are available under the tree at the back of the garden. A nozzle and a sprinkler are in one of the sheds.





In early spring, Liz Kedzior once again "Planted it Pink" at Mt. Kelly Cemetery in honor of breast cancer awareness. Geraniums, petunias and impatiens were purchased by Liz and planted in the Sacred Heart section of the cemetery. Once in full bloom this summer the space should pop with pink.

Judy Henn continues to maintain the Blue Star Memorial located near the Bryant Branch Library. Blue Star Memorials pay tribute to the Armed Services of America. This spring, Judy and Elena Lovelace planted bunches of Stella D'Oro lilies at the Blue Star. Once blooming they will add additional color and beauty to the Memorial.



Mary Bugeia and Carmen Gudan took the time this spring to fill the planters at Amtrak's John D. Dingell Transit Center with a colorful variety of flowers. The flowers will bloom all summer brightening up the entrance to the train station for all visitors to admire.



Member Robbin Makled, along with student volunteers, headed up the native plant sale at Duvall Elementary School during the Edison street sale. East Michigan Natives LLC furnished the plants and had horticulturists on-hand to provide any plant information or garden design advice. Proceeds helped benefit the DuVall Butterfly Garden and Club educational activities.



Julie Schaefer, Deputy Library Director at The Henry Ford Centennial Library asked the Club to plant and maintain two large planters at their south entrance of the building. The Club had done so in the past and were happy to do so again. Mary Bugeia and Sherry Kammer shopped for and planted the cement planters the very next day. Library staff and patrons were very pleased as they admired the results and the staff also pitched in to help water the new display. Stop by and see the Club's work!



Elena Lovelace, along with the Boy Scouts, paid tribute to our veterans at the 12th annual Memorial Day Service at Mr. Kelley Cemetery. Dearborn Troop 1127 placed flags on the 209 graves to honor all the deceased service men and women from the Civil War to Vietnam buried at Mt Kelly. The ceremony consisted of each veteran's name being called out over a loudspeaker and a bell rung for each name. At the end the Allied Veterans Rifle Team fired a 3 shot volley and TAPS were played. TAPS is actually



called "Day is Done" and was used to notify the troops to extinguish lights and prepare for evening roll call. Today, "Taps" is sounded as the final call every evening on military installations and at military funerals and remembrance ceremonies.

In 2012 Congress recognized "Taps" as the "National Song of Remembrance." The 3 volley shot comes from the Civil War

where fighting was stopped so the wounded and dead from each side could be retrieved. Once that was done, 3 shots were fired in the air by each side to let the other side know battle could resume because all the bodies had been removed. Guests from Wreaths Across America and Knights of Columbus also attended and plan to participate again next year. The scouts also placed the row of the flags along the median on Military Street – stepping in to resume the yearly flag planting on Military that member Phyllis Brim did with her husband.



MGC DISTRICT 1 SPRING LEADERSHIP MEETING

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Southfield Parks & Garden Club
Sheila Kneeshaw, Annette Burroughs,
Pat McLamore, President of the Southfield Parks & Garden Club
Daria Van Hoey

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Beth McNeely, Barbara Carol & Monica Taylor

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Flank Place Center
Dearborn, MI

Phoebeta Baumgart,
Linda Gunderson,
Sheila Kneeshaw
&
Ruzi Moline

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Taylor Garden Club-Mary Taylor, Lois M. Adams, Mary Krzeczowski
& Pat McKarge, Garden City Garden Club



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Theresa Bungee, Chandra Berryman, Michela Mikulec,
Carol Olson & Dominic Scappatoci



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