

GARDEN CLUB Newsletter

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See you in September! Mark your calendars for our **Welcome Back Potluck Luncheon at 12:00 noon on Monday, September 19 at First Presbyterian Church on Brady.** Bring a dish to share. Paper products and plasticware will be provided by the Club. Our speaker will be GCD member, Karen Marzonie - Director of Gardens & Grounds at Fair Lane: Home of Clara & Henry Ford. She'll speak briefly about happenings at the Estate gardens and also about our Club's work on the Pollinator and Enabling Gardens (now called simply PEG) on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus. After two years of COVID-imposed neglect we're working to bring order back to those spaces.

Thirty-five members and guests met on July 11 at the McFadden-Ross House Museum to celebrate the 100th birthday of long-time Club member Mary Ellen Zell. We had a brief business meeting followed by a delicious potluck lunch and a beautiful birthday cake. Pretty party favors were made by Cynthia Casillas. Members signed a large foamboard decorated with flower stickers and centered with a 100th birthday card. Our Club donated \$100 to the Museum in her honor. Mary Ellen, always beautifully turned out, was dressed all in a lovely shade of blue and topped off with a straw hat. A good time was had by all.



As noted in our last newsletter, a committee has been hard at work updating our Bylaws. All members were asked for comments and were mailed copies of the final Bylaws. Thirty-nine (39) "Affirmative" responses and no objections were received. This report will be "Accepted" at the September meeting. Many thanks to Rose Wiggle, Bylaws Chair, and the group who worked on this important effort.

We will also vote on the Slate of Officers as noted below for a one-year period 2022 - 2023, as presented by Marietta Lynch, Nominating Chair. The Club appreciates her work in contacting members willing to serve in the various positions.

President	Rose Wiggle
V.P. Programs	Sherry Kammer
V.P. Membership	Carol Chrzastek
V.P. External Affairs	Mary Bugeia
Recording Secretary	Diane Rebori
Communication Secretary	Carol Chrzastek
Treasurer	Laurine Griffin
Awards Chairperson	Karen Marzonie
Nominating Committee Chairperson	Marietta Lynch

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On Saturday, August 13, several Club members met at the Pollinator and Enabling Gardens – PEG – to discuss and plan for this Club project. Karen Marzonie will head up the PEG study group. It was decided we will use the remainder of summer and fall to clean up the areas and the coming winter to plan in more detail how we'll go forward. Nick Speth, Manager of Gardens & Grounds and Horticulturalist at the Fair Lane Estate, will work to remove some of the horsemint that has expanded exponentially. The weeds in the pathways are being addressed to aid in the work to be done. A general goal is to have a 60/40 mix of native and non-native plants in each area.

The PEG study group members met again on Friday, August 26 at the gardens. Karen Marzonie arranged for Rick Simek, Program Supervisor and Manager of the Natural Areas at UM-Dearborn to join us. Rick offered some guidance as to what is an “aggressive” versus an “invasive” plant. Karen brought Nick Speth, Manager of Gardens and Grounds at Fair Lane, as well as Jenna Purvins and Slater Stanton, Environmental Sciences students at UM-D. Several different plants were identified and discussed. Nick, Jenna, and Slater made great progress in cleaning up the pollinator area. Nick cleared out dead plant material, Jenna dug out buckthorn, and Slater dug out teasel. And great news – they discovered three tiny black swallowtail caterpillars while working. A reward for all the effort thus far. **Anyone interested in joining this group can contact Karen Marzonie (marzgall@comcast.net) for information.**



Friday, August 12th was Maryanne Bartles last day of work as Library Director of Dearborn Public Libraries before starting her long deserved retirement. A planter was sent to Maryanne on behalf of the Garden Club of Dearborn to wish her well. Maryanne pointed out that in 1919 the women of the Garden Club conceived the idea for a public library in what was then Dearborn Township. Their vision was realized in 1924 with the opening of the new library called Mason Branch Library (now Bryant), and it remained Dearborn's main library until Henry Ford Centennial Library opened in 1969. Happy Trails Maryanne!!!

Looking ahead, our speaker for our meeting on October 11 at 6:00pm at the First Presbyterian Church - will be Cheryl English of Black Cat Pottery. Cheryl is an Advanced Master Gardener, artist, writer, and educator. She will talk about gardening for birds. She'll bring some of her lovely pottery to display and sell.





Our meeting on November 14 at noon will be a workshop to get together as a group to decorate wreaths / tabletop trees for Festival of Trees. Last year several members followed Carol Chrzastek's demo to decorate wreaths and Sharon Snider's instructions to make beautiful wired ribbon bows for donated items for the Festival. All of our wreaths and trees were sold during the Festival to

raise money for Children's Hospital of Michigan. We had so much fun, we decided to do it again! Plan to bring all the supplies you will need to decorate a wreath/tree as we meet to make items again this year to donate. If you would like to decorate a 2-ft./ 3-ft. tree, please let Mary Bugeia know and she will pick up trees from festival organizers. Unfortunately, wreaths are not provided.

December 10 will be our Holly Berry Lunch. Start thinking about items to donate for this major Club fundraiser. This event is the source of most of our budget. Donated items should be a minimum value of \$30.00. Think about shopping sales for best prices. Some of last year's most popular items were Chocolate Lovers' Basket, Liquor Basket of Cheer, holiday tote with blanket, mugs, cookies, coffee, wine and Buddy's \$30 gift card, air fryer, recipe collection and food thermometer, Picnic Day Basket with water resistant blanket, napkins and two bottles of wine, Spa Night Delight Basket, jewelry, children's books and toys. More information and details will follow.

Mark your calendars Michigan Garden Club's Fall District 1 Meeting on Wednesday, October 5. The meeting will be held at One Under Banquets, 35780 Five Mile Road in Livonia between 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person. Please make checks out to Garden Club of Dearborn and mail to Laurine Griffin, 22750 Alexandrine, Dearborn 48124 by September 26. Laurine will send one check to MGC for all those attending.

Garden Club of Dearborn Birthdays



August	September
Diane Rebori	Karen Marzonie
Helen Ross	Linda Johnson
Carmen Gudan	Helen Petricko
Carole Hogg	Anina Bachrach
Shelly Larabell	Shirley Barrick
	Carolyn Lashchuk
	Linda Stechison
	Mary Lenhart- Kirchoff



..... Garden Hints from Taunton's Fine Gardening

For a cushion when weeding, put an old pillow in a plastic bag and add a towel to keep the plastic from sticking to your knees.

Pollinator and Enabling Gardens (PEG)

University of Michigan-Dearborn Campus



Mary Ellen Zell 100th Birthday Celebration

Dearborn Historical Museum McFadden-Ross House





Carey West, Linda Johnson,
Mary Dietrich & Jo West

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Eva Gogola, Mary Bugela,
Carol Mcgarvey & Wanda Unis-Flaim

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Sherry Kammer & S. Larabell

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Cynthia Castilas & Laurine Griffin

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Sue Schnuor & Paulette Baumgart

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