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BOO! The ghosts and goblins are already out and about. Join us on Tuesday, October 11, at 6:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church for our next meeting. Break out your favorite spooky sweater or sweatshirt for the occasion. Our speaker will be Advanced Master Gardener Cheryl English of Black Cat Pottery. Cheryl will discuss gardening for birds. She'll bring some of her pottery to display and sell.

Our Welcome Back potluck luncheon was a delicious opportunity for Club members to get together again. The updated bylaws were accepted by voice vote. Officers for this fiscal year were installed. Terms will end June 30, 2023. Carol McGarvey introduced each person and formally confirmed each was willing to fulfill the duties of their office.



## Effective September 19, 2022:

President: Rose Wiggle

V.P. Membership: Carol Chrzastek V.P. Programs: Sherry Kammer V.P. External Affairs: Mary Bugeia Recording Secretary: Diane Rebori

Communications Secretary: Carol Chrzastek

Treasurer: Laurine Griffin

Awards Chair: Karen Marzonie (not pictured) Nominating Committee Chair: Marietta Lynch





Also, at the meeting new member Adel Parzianello was introduced by President Rose Wiggle. Jo West presented Adel with a pair of gardening gloves making her an official GCD member. Welcome Adel!!

The PEG study group, led by Karen Marzonie, is making great progress at our Pollinator and Enabling Gardens on the UM-Dearborn campus. Karen hosted a dinner and planning meeting at her home on Thursday, September 29. Attending were Nick Speth, Horticulturalist of the Henry Ford Estate, Mary Bugeia, Cindy Jackson, Cynthia Casillas, Claudia Meyer, Terri Bungee, Mary Ellen Matigian and Sherry Kammer.

Karen advised she would pick up a flat of native plant "plugs" at Eastern Market on Saturday. It was agreed those who could attend would meet at PEG later on Saturday to plant. The plants were started by Friends of the Rouge and sold as a fundraiser for that organization. Our Club also contributes to Friends of the Rouge.

On Saturday afternoon, October 1, Karen Marzonie, Cindy Jackson, Cynthia Casillas, Mary Bugeia, and Sherry Kammer met at the PEG. More cleanup was done, and the "plugs" were planted. Identifying labels were inserted by each plant. Later Karen and her husband applied tripled shredded mulch to the area around the plants to hold in moisture and help control weeds. Please stop by and take a look at what Club members have accomplished this summer - it's pretty amazing!



Michigan Garden Club's Fall District 1 Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 5 at One Under Banquet facility in Livonia and was hosted by the Livonia Garden Club. Attending from our Club were Rose Wiggle, Mary Bugeia, Laurine Griffin, Carol Chrzastek, Jo West, Linda Johnson, Michelle Mikulec and Sherry Kammer. Monica Taylor, President of Michigan Garden Clubs, reminded us how our efforts can positively affect our communities. She also spoke about the national meeting to be held in St. Louis. GCD member Linda Johnson summarized the meeting in a trifold to share with those unable to attend. Thanks Linda!

Nancy Ryan, 1<sup>st</sup> VP MGC told us there are now 135 local clubs that are members of Michigan Garden Clubs. This represents the first increase in member clubs in a long time. There are many benefits to a local club for belonging to MGC, including certain scholarships and liability insurance coverage.

Jeanette Myers spoke about legislation that is now on the Michigan House of Representatives floor to name the black swallowtail butterfly Michigan's state butterfly. The black swallowtail is the only butterfly to overwinter in Michigan. Attendees at the meeting were asked to sign letters prepared by MGC and addressed to Speaker Jason Wentworth and Majority Floor Leader Ben Frederick in support of Michigan HB5642.

After the general meeting, Cheryl Link was our speaker. She has a degree in Floral Design and has studied Ikebana in the U.S. and the Central Training Institute in Kyoto, Japan. Cheryl is certified to the rank of Kakyo (Assistant Professor of Ikenobo Ikebana 3rd Grade). She presents workshops for both the Detroit and Ann Arbor chapters of Ikebana International.





Ikebana began as flower arrangement offerings to Buddha in temples. The practice was brought to Japan from China in the 4th or 5th Century. Ikebana is considered an art form in Japan. There is an exhibit in Kyoto that has been going on for 500 years! Despite "technical difficulties" that prevented her from showing slides as part of her presentation, Cheryl demonstrated how only a few stems can be made into a stunning arrangement. Her discussion while she worked was very interesting and engaging.

When the Ikebana demonstration was complete, The Creative Guild Flower Arrangers spoke on how to prepare plants and flowers to enter in the Horticulture Division of a Flower Show. Our Clubs own Mary Bugeia was one of the presenters, along with several other MGC members. They spoke while demonstrating how to plan and prepare plants and flowers for a flower show. This was very informative for those of us who have never considered the effort and forethought involved.



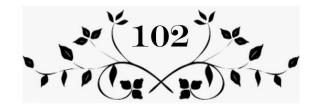
The District 1 Fall Meeting ended with a number of attendees going to Greenmead - Livonia's historical park - for a tour of their gardens, including the Livonia Garden Club's pollinator garden.



Our November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at First Presbyterian Church at 12:00 noon. This will be a wreath-making workshop for Festival of Trees, the fundraiser for Children's Hospital of Michigan. Please bring your 22" to 24" wreath or tabletop tree, decorative supplies, and glue gun. Carol Chrzastek and Sharon Snider will be on hand to help out as needed with your creations.

Our December meeting will be our very popular Holly Berry Brunch. We'll again meet at Park Place in Dearborn on December 10. Tickets are \$35 and to be listed in the program as a Benefactor, add \$5. Please give some thought to items you may have to contribute to this major fundraiser. Item value should be a minimum of \$30. If you are able to approach a local business and receive a donation, please contact Jo West or Terri Bungee.





Garden Club member Helen Petricko celebrated her 102nd birthday on September 3rd this year!! Helen joined the Club in 1990. A donation equivalent to her age was sent to the National Garden Club for their Plant America project in Helen's honor. The Club also sent her a birthday planter. Helen mailed a lovely thank you note to the Club for remembering her special day.



BIRTHDAYS	
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Carol McGarvey	Ruth Ann Johnson
Marie Komnenic	





For those who might not yet know ...
We are very sad to report the passing of our member
Christine (Chris) Nowak

She was an important part of our Club and will be missed by all who knew her