

GARDEN CLUB Newsletter

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Happy Holidays! Did you know the word “holiday” is derived from “holy day”? That covers a lot of bases at this time of the year. However and whatever you celebrate, make it happy!



Your Club is getting ready for our very popular Holly Berry Brunch at Park Place in Dearborn on Saturday, December 10. Santa’s helpers got together and wrapped 90 raffle gifts for the upcoming event. Some fabulous raffle and silent auction donations have been collected, so be sure to come prepared with cash and self-stick address labels for your tickets. Doors open at 10:00 a.m.; buffet lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. Be sure to take time to check out all the beautiful items and choose your favorites. Winning tickets will be drawn randomly for each raffle prize. This is our Club’s biggest fundraiser to support all of our activities – scholarships, speakers, community outreach and more – so your generosity is much appreciated.



C. Casillas, C. Chrzastek, J. West & T. Bungee
(M. Fogarasi Not Pictured)



L. Johnson

More than a dozen Club members, including our official photographer, Otto Baumgart, attended our Festival of Trees wreath-making workshop on Monday, November 14. Terri Bungee, while not able to attend, sent a lovely centerpiece to add to our contribution. Karen Marzonie and Mary Bugeia turned a small “Charlie Brown” tree into a rustic success with small wooden berry garland and pine cones. Mary also did two small trees at home to donate to the Festival. There was glitter to spare, and everyone had a good time for a good cause. In the midst of our workshop, we took time to celebrate a milestone birthday with our Treasurer, *Laurine Griffin*, who will be 90 years young on December 1st. A chorus of “Happy Birthday” was followed by the serving of special cake. We learned after the close of the Festival that all of the Club’s items had been sold.

Looking a little further ahead, our speaker on January 16, 2023 at noon will Sue Fradkin, a former GCD president, vice president, treasurer and HBB finance chair. Her experience with essential oils began with her daughter-in-law many years ago. Susie quickly became impressed with what she saw and learned. Essential oils are the liquid that is in many shrubs, flowers, trees, roots bushes and seeds and are usually extracted through steam distillation. Many of these essential oils and blends can be used in daily life. She has done a lot of research and found easy ways to treat and heal such injuries as a minor burn.

The following information is provided to us by Mary Laundroche of the City of Dearborn.

Bagged leaf collection program to end week of December 12-16. Final days of loose leaf collection November 28-December 2.

The last days for collection of loose leaves raked into the street is on trash days the week of November 28-December 2, with the program ending in the Friday trash district on December 2. Leaves should no longer be raked into the street after your trash day this week.

However, leaves and yard waste will still be collected in bags or approved containers set at the easement through the week of December 12-16. After a neighborhood's last pickup of bagged and containerized leaves the week of December 12-16, the city's trash contractor will not pick up any yard waste until March 2023. Questions about the yard waste collection program, including bagged or containerized leaves, can be directed to 313-943-2150.

If residents still have yard waste or bagged leaves to dispose of both collection programs end, they can drop it off at the DPW yard on the third Saturday of each month. The next scheduled DPW yard day is Saturday, December 17 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. The yard is at 2951 Greenfield. Loose leaf collection is a great service in our community, helping keep our neighborhoods looking their best.

Nominations open until December 7 for 2022 Dearborn Aglow awards. Judging will take place December 9-12.

Nominate your own holiday displays or those of their neighbors for consideration in the annual Dearborn Aglow awards program presented by the Dearborn City Beautiful Commission. Nominations are due by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7 and can be emailed to citybeautiful@ci.dearborn.mi.us or called into 313-943-2154.

The volunteers of the Dearborn City Beautiful Commission will be touring the city for the most impressive of displays the evenings of Friday, December 9 to Monday, December 12. Judging will not be limited to nominated homes, but being alerted to outstanding displays will be helpful to the commissioners.

Owners of selected homes will be honored at a ceremony in early 2023 and receive commemorative awards, as well as publicity through the City of Dearborn's website, social media accounts, and City of Dearborn Television. Dearborn Aglow is another activity that makes Dearborn a special place to call home.

November 12, 2022

Festival of Trees Wreath Decorating Workshop



Mariya Fogarasi,
Cynthia Casillas,
Linda Johnson

Garden Club of Dearborn

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Cynthia Casillas
With the wreath she made for Festival of Trees Benefit,
Children's Hospital of Detroit.