

GARDEN CLUB OF DEARBORN ◀ FOUNDED 1915 ▶ February 2023
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♥ GARDEN CLUB Newsletter ♥

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Happy Valentine's Day! Be sure to join us for our Valentine's Potluck Lunch on Monday, February 13, at 12:00. We'll meet as usual at First Presbyterian Church on Brady. Bring a dish to add to the buffet table. We'll have a few raffle items, too. Our speaker will be Michele Hodges, President and CEO of the Belle Isle Conservancy.

Sue Fradkin was the guest speaker at our January meeting. Sue, a former GCD member and Treasurer, gave a talk on "Essential Oils for Personal Health and Healing". She gave the history of essential oils, how and when essential oils came to the USA, how they are made and the application of various oils. Sue brought her book "Essential Oils Pocket Reference" published by Life Science Publishing which she uses as one of her main sources of reference. She also noted many uses for oils can also be found on the internet, etc. Thanks to Sue for a very enlightening presentation.



Karen Marzonie recently contacted members of the P.E.G. (Pollinator and Enabling Garden) study group to schedule a winter planning meeting. If you missed her email or are interested in joining this group, you can contact her at marzgall@comcast.net. We've made great progress at the UM-D community gardens area. It truly is satisfying to see how we've been able to overcome two years of COVID-enforced neglect.

Anina Bachrach and husband Ben Bachrach have put a lot of work into getting the GCD website back on track. We certainly can't thank them enough for their effort to get it updated and functioning again. Eva Gogola, already familiar with WordPress, has stepped up to pick up where the Bachrachs left off. Eva did some additional updating, as well as making the site visually appealing. Ben gave Rose Wiggle and Carol Chrzastek a mini master class in navigating the website in hopes that they will also be able to work with Eva on its upkeep. Ben, Anina and Eva have given their valuable time and expertise to bring the site back to life so be sure to visit www.gardenclubofdearborn.org. on a regular basis to answer any of your general questions or to keep up with club events and information.

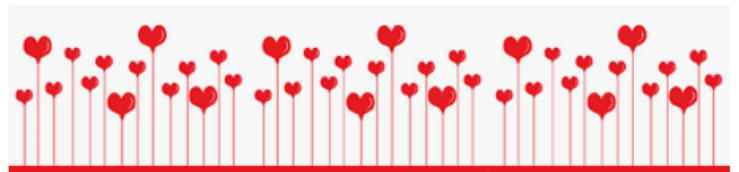
Carol is also working on updating the Club's business cards. Several members have suggested cards allow us to introduce ourselves and provide contact information to friends and neighbors who might be interested in joining the Garden Club of Dearborn.



Wanda Unis Flaim, our always cheerful greeter at entry and registration tables, has decided to step down from those duties at our general meetings. Many thanks to Wanda for her fine organizational skills over the years. Her work has been much appreciated. We are very happy however to still have Wanda working registration for the Holly Berry Brunch!!

Otto Baumgart, our great photographer, is dealing with some serious health issues. His wife, Paulette, tells us they are very pleased with their doctors and the treatment facilities in their area. They would both be happy to hear from Club members. Their mailing address is Otto and Paulette Baumgart, 6666 Ryan Highway, Tipton, Michigan 49287. Below is a note to the Club from Otto and Paulette.

DEAR GARDEN CLUB
THANK YOU ALL FOR THINKING
OF ME. ABOUT THE SECOND
WEEK OF MARCH I WILL FIND
OUT HOW WELL THE TREATMENTS
WORKED. I AM FEELING OK BUT
NEED TO STAY AWAY FROM
PEOPLE.
P.S. THANK YOU FOR THE
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
AWARD.
Otto



Thank you so much for keeping in touch
with Otto. I see him so pleased to
hear from everyone. He tapes all his notes
and cards to our book as a reminder of
all the prayers and well wishes for him.
Your wonderful
Thank you -
Paulette



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Linda Gunderson

Ron Wiggle