



GARDEN CLUB Newsletter

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On Monday, June 26, The Garden Club of Dearborn gathered for our Annual Meeting celebrating the accomplishments of the outgoing officers/committees and the installation of the 2023-2025 officers.

Outgoing President Rose Wiggle presided over the Installation of Officers Ceremony. Each newly elected officer received a red rose tied with a ribbon of a color symbolizing the office. Cynthia Casillas, the new president, received not only a rose with a purple (leadership, royalty) ribbon, but also a presidential gavel. Outgoing President Rose Wiggle presented Mary Bugeia with a lovely bouquet in recognition of all her past and present leadership efforts relative to the Club. In turn, District 1 Representative Linda Johnson presented Rose with an Outstanding President Award "trophy" for her recent leadership.



Rose Wiggle

The Officers for 2023-2025 are:

- President: Cynthia Casillas
- Vice President, External Affairs: Terri Bungee
- Vice President, Membership: Carol Chrzastek
- Co-Vice Presidents, Programs: Open*
- Recording Secretary: Diane Rebori
- Treasurer: Laurine Griffin
- Awards Chair: Karen Marzonie
- Parliamentarian: Mary Bugeia
- Nominations Chair: Jo West



Mary Bugeia



Cynthia Casillas

President Casillas' first official duty was to invite everyone to enjoy a delicious buffet lunch catered by Szegedis. The lunch was followed by very informative Annual Reports from the outgoing officers and a door prize drawing featuring floral arrangements and various gardener treasures. A big thank you to Linda Johnson for all the special touches she did to make it a truly lovely event. Everyone left the meeting feeling like a *Proven Winner!* We are honored to have Cynthia as our President for the next two years and I'm sure you will give her your full support. Congratulations Cynthia!!

The Garden Club of Dearborn hosted a wonderful Garden Walk for our members and their guests on June 10th. Mother Nature gave us a perfect day and every garden was uniquely lovely in both front and back yards!

A BIG THANK YOU to all who so generously opened their beautiful gardens and to all who helped to make it the perfect afternoon for a stroll through some of the most outstanding home landscapes in Dearborn. Thank you members:

- Terri Bungee
- Linda Stechison
- Marlene & Keith Bankwitz
- John & Lynn Spencer
- Henrietta Flanz



Here's hoping that the hosts enjoyed the visits as much as our members did!

On June 12, 2023, six members of the Garden Club of Dearborn joined four members of the U of M Dearborn staff and an Environmental Science student for a delicious lunch, a scholarship presentation, and a tour of the Environmental Interpretive Center (E.I.C.).

The scholarship was presented to Valerie Osowski by Garden Clubs of Michigan District 1 Representative Linda Johnson. This grant was one of sixteen given to students in Michigan state colleges and universities who are studying the environment, plants, and other areas compatible with the mission of the Garden Clubs of Michigan. Other members from the Garden Club of Dearborn who attended the festivities included Rose Wiggle, Laurine Griffin, Mary Bugeia, Sherry Kammer and Terri Bungee.

Our very own Eva Gogola who is also on the U of M Dearborn staff was joined by her colleagues Claudia K. Walters, the Director of the E.I.C; Dorothy F. McLeer, the E.I.C. Program Manager, and Liz Swayne, Stewardship Officer.



Valerie Osowski with GCD Members



Valerie Osowski with UofM Staff Members

2023-2024 GARDEN CLUB OF DEARBORN MEETING SCHEDULE

NOTE: NEW Start time 11 am for General Membership Meetings (not 12:00 pm)

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS			
Month	Date	Time	Additional Information
2023			
September	11	11:00 a.m.	Potluck
October	9	11:00 a.m.	
November	13	11:00 a.m.	Wreath & Bow Making Session
December	2	11:00 a.m.	Holly Berry Brunch - Park Place
December	11	11:00 a.m.	HBB Wrap-Up with Light Lunch
2024			
January	8	11:00 a.m.	
February	12	11:00 a.m.	Valentine's Tea
March	11	11:00 a.m.	
April	8	11:00 a.m.	
May	14	6:00 p.m.	Tuesday Evening
June	10	11:00 a.m.	Catered Lunch

BOARD MEETINGS		
Month	Date	Time
2023		
September	6	10:00 a.m.
October	4	10:00 a.m.
November	1	10:00 a.m.
December	6	10:00 a.m.
2024		
January	3	10:00 a.m.
February	7	10:00 a.m.
March	6	10:00 a.m.
April 3	3	10:00 a.m.
May	1	10:00 a.m.
May (for June)	29	10:00 a.m.

Birthdays

JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Christine Berryman	Paulette Baumgart	Carmen Gudan	Anina Bachrach
Virginia Blanton	Mindy Delano	Shelly Larabell	Nanette Fisher
Sheila Brooks	Cindy Jackson	Diane Rebori	Linda Johnson
Mary Bugeia	Sherry Kammer	Helen Ross	Carolyn Lashchuk
Eva Gogola	Adel Parzianello		Mary Lehnart Kirchoff
Judy Henn	Mary Ellen Zell		Karen Marzonie
Cheryl Pizzimenti			Linda Stechison

*Please note that Sherry Kammer was installed as the VP of Programs at the June meeting, however due to health concerns – Sherry is stepping back to recoup, relax and focus on her health – the Club wishes to thank Sherry for her two years of dedicated service in this position.

