



August 2022 Newsletter

Membership News

No new members to announce this month, but I do have a couple of reminders: Green and silver name badge wearers, please take a moment at the next meeting to introduce yourself to new, yellow name badge members if you haven't yet, and try to sit with or near them. Help them feel welcome! The more we get to know each other, the stronger the feeling of belonging/community. It's worth the effort. Also, if you do have a guest or someone who may be interested in joining PAGC, please let me know. You can email or call.

Karen Alberts, *Membership Chair*

District 5 Fall Meeting

The MGC District 5 Fall Meeting will be in Traverse City on Oct. 6, 2022. The registration cost for the program and lunch at the Hagerty Center is \$40. PAGC is one of 28 garden clubs in District 5. The theme of the meeting is "Playing Outdoors".

The PAGC Board has authorized covering the registration cost for 10 members. Eight slots are currently still available. We hope that ten of us will take this opportunity to meet and learn with other garden club members in our District, sharing ideas and our enthusiasm for gardening.

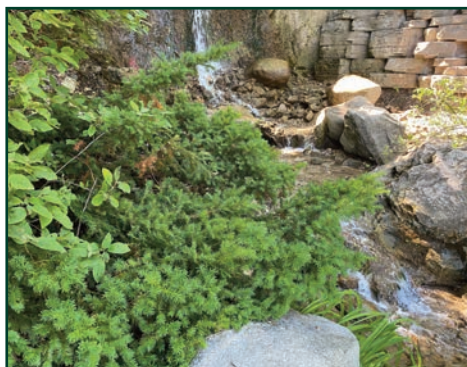
Please indicate your interest in attending by contacting Sharon Schappacher at sharonschap5@gmail.com. She will register all attendees on behalf of PAGC. Our registration deadline is Tuesday, September 19.

Carol Sutton Rescues PAGC Heritage

Dorothy Loveless, founder of the Petoskey Garden Club in 1934, was honored with a memorial plaque on a stone at the waterfront. Her family visits Petoskey and likes to reminisce about their family history.

On their last visit they couldn't find this memorial! They contacted us through our website, a bit out of date but they luckily emailed Sandy Selden, a previous PAGC president.

Our intrepid Board Secretary, Carol Sutton, also Waterfall Bed Captain extraordinaire, took on this missing monument and found it hiding behind an overgrown yew. Next time you visit the waterfall garden, please check out the lovely and newly accessible tribute to our PAGC founder, Dorothy Loveless.



From Our President

We had a great turnout for the July meeting. I hope everyone received at least one notice of our move to the EMS based on the weather forecast. Great job on lunch, Hospitality Committee!

A thank-you to Carol Sutton for making a gift of an engraved gavel for the PAGC President. It's certainly needed based on the acoustics of the EMS training room and our enthusiasm at meeting in person this summer.

Dorothy Sandoval, Michigan Garden Club District 5 Director, gave us a great overview of how PAGC fits into and benefits from the Michigan and National Garden Clubs. Notes from her presentation are attached. I know she greatly enjoyed our meeting and the flower arranging project.

William Santos wowed us with his Ikebana demonstration, what fun we had trying to emulate his technique!!! Thank you. William!

We will be meeting rain or shine for August at Bear Creek Organic Farm and September for our Native Plant Sale at Festival Place Shelter. Meetings will resume at EMS for October and November.

Marjorie Green, 517.230.2361

Bed Captains

The gardens look great. Continue to send photos and plant suggestions to Jane Bock and Judy Mainland.

Submitted by Jill and Chris

Fall Planting

Daffodil bulbs have been ordered for the South Entrance and Gaslight Beds. After talking with the company and based on their recommendation, we purchased "English Grown Bulbs" which are hardier than the Dutch bulbs. Hopefully, they will do better against the road salt that those beds seem to endure. We will only be planting daffodils. The bulbs are a double yellow with an orange/red center. Based on several years of poor results, we will not be planting anything in Penn Park. Mark your calendars for bulb planting on October 12th.

Judy Mainland, *Civic Gardening*

August Meeting

August is Harvest Time in our local gardens. What better time for a guided tour of Bear Creek Organic Farm. Wednesday, August 24, our member meeting will be held at Bear Creek Organic Farm (rain or shine), 4012 Atkins Rd., Petoskey. Car pooling is suggested. Lunch and business meeting will be held in the first greenhouse after the farm market. Please park in front of the greenhouse. **Bring a chair for yourself.**

Meet at 11:30 for a social half-hour; lunch and meeting start at noon. The Hospitality Committee will provide lunch. From 1-2 pm we will be given a farm tour by Brian Bates and Anne Morningstar, owners of the farm.

After the tour, you may want to buy some of the wonderfully fresh and tasty produce and honey in the farm market. See you all on Wednesday, 8/24.

Jane Schneider, *Program Chair*

First 4 cars please pull all the way LEFT to the garage door; there's room for 4 or 5 more@bottom of driveway, and room for countless others heading down to the RIGHT as 2nd driveway continues. Planning on being on the deck; will have seating for 16, if more attend we may need the chair you're bringing for the general meeting at Bear Creek Organic Farm.

Cheers, Karen Alberts



Members enjoyed making Ikebana flower arrangements with William Santos at the July meeting.

Notes from Dorothy Sandoval District 5

- Club dues
- MI gets \$6
- National get \$1 of the \$6
- National provides us with the follow schools for our own enrichment or to become an expert: Environmental School, Flower Show School, Gardening School, and Landscape Design.
- Numerous video's on their website to view for free.
- Once a month member educational meetings.
- Resources for developing your club ie. How to be the president, how to write bi-laws, how to recruit members, etc.
- Guidelines and samples for all you need for your club needs
- Grants to help you pay for things.
- Sometimes a 58 pages Newsletter.
- MI provides numerous video's on their website to view for free.
- MI offers in person and on line conferences.
- Friday member meetings offering all types of educational opportunities.
- Supportive services for members and clubs.
- They offer a club liability insurance if someone from the public gets hurt at one of our events which protects the club as well as individual members from being sued. It's very common these days to get sued. If you belong to a club, organization, or foundation you need protection from law suits.

- Grants and Scholarships.
- Ames Tools
- Native Plants Education
- Youth Education and fun things like Woodsy Owl/Smokey Bear, Essay Contest, and building things from recyclables
- Espoma Fertilizers
- Plant America Community Project is \$1000 alone
- Modest Newsletter.
- Website is for all: ID: member Passcode: mgcgrow from here you can go to NGC and Regional
- Awards and some monetary.

Projects for Involvement

Homegrown National Parks Project

- Did you know we each can help restore biodiversity to our planet with small steps?
- There are 10 steps to read about and educate your communities regarding this project.
- Go to the website to read more about this amazing project.

Pollinators

- Did you know we have 450 bee species native to MI?
- We have 18 species of bumble bees.
- 150 species of butterflies.
- 200 species of moths.
- And one species of humming bird.
- Loda Lake Wildflower Sanctuary. Did you know it's the only wildflower Sanctuary in the US?
- Black Swallow Tail Butterfly which has passed the House toward becoming MI state butterfly. We are one of 3 or 4 states in the union that do not have a state butterfly. Did you know the Black Swallow Tail lives in MI all year round?
- Blue/Gold Star Memorials
- Plant Natives