



# June 2022 Newsletter

## From Our President

The gardens look beautiful! City planters too. Thanks to all who showed up to accomplish the cleanup, planting, and spreading of mulch! It's been a busy couple of weeks. We lucked out with good weather and some extra help from spouses on planting day. Our bridge baskets are scheduled to be up soon.

Jane Schneider and I traveled to the MGC conference in Lansing last week. We are bringing back program ideas as well as very nice MGC awards in recognition of our 2021 activities, thanks Jan Hertel and Sandra Miller for your hard work documenting our efforts! See the list of our awards in a separate article in this newsletter.

We also were treated to some creative cocktail recipes using ingredients growing in your garden. How does a Strawberry Basil Gin Smash sound, Citrus Lavender Martini, Lemon Herb Vodka Martini, Rose Mojito, or a Kiwi Lime Mint Sangria. There will be handouts with these recipes at our June 22nd meeting, don't miss out!

Please join us at the EMS at 1201 Eppler Road at 11:30 on June 22. Park in front of the building. We will gather to catch up with everyone, enjoy lunch and have a short meeting before heading out on our tour of the past Kay Starmer Award-winning gardens.

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## Upcoming Meeting

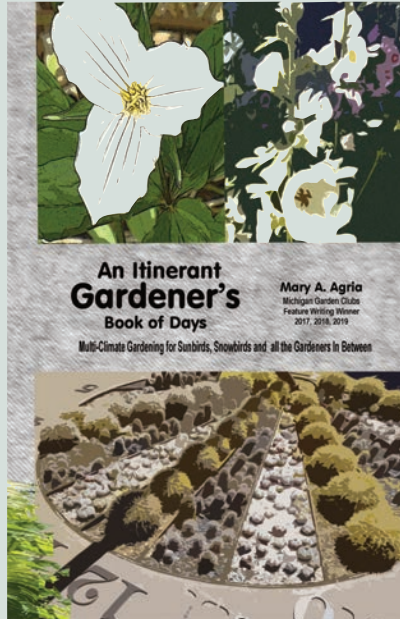
Our June 22 member meeting should be fun, and a good chance to invite friends to join us. The social gathering will start at 11:30 am at the Emmet County EMS building 1201 Eppler Rd., Petoskey. Lunch will be provided by the Hospitality Committee.

After lunch and our business meeting, we will have a short presentation by PAGC member Mary Agria on her newest book, "*An Itinerant Gardener's Book of Days*." After Mary's talk, maps will be handed out for our 2022 Garden Tour from 1-3 pm. We will be visiting four Kay Starmer "Share the Joy" award winners from past years. You may visit them in any order you wish. Car pooling is a good idea to relieve parking issues. Guests are welcome to accompany you.

Jane Schneider, *Programs*

## An Itinerant Gardener's Book of Days

Mary Agria's newest book, "*An Itinerant Gardener's Book of Days*" is a classic daybook. It is probably the only daybook written in



Northern Michigan since that of Alice C. Erwin of Harbor Springs published in 1939. Daily entries about gardening and nature appeal to gardeners in Northern Michigan and those who garden seasonally in other places as well.

Mary's columns in the Petoskey News Review won the Michigan Garden Clubs prize for feature writing four years in a row. She began publishing her gardening novels and nonfiction books on gardening 15 years ago with the regional best seller, "Time in a Garden" in 2006. In recognition of her work, she has been selected

to be the keynote speaker at the Keep Michigan Beautiful 60th Anniversary celebration this summer.

Mary will introduce her book **ITINERANT GARDENER** at the Club meeting on June 22nd and sign copies. It is discounted to \$15.00 for Club members. She is also pleased to be able to donate a portion of the sales back to the Club.

## 2021 Michigan Garden Club Awards

First up was recognition of Marla McGuire as an Award of Honor nominee. A beautiful certificate was awarded to her family. This was the only award presented in person to any club and the only one posthumously awarded. A very touching tribute to Marla!



We received 1st Place in District 5 and 2nd Place in state for our Civic Beautification project of watering our beautiful bridge baskets. All our members who participated in this heroic effort are to be commended!!!

Also 1st Place in District 5 and Honorable Mention in state for the Carolyn Gray Award - PAGC selection and purchase of books for elementary school libraries. Thanks to Sandy Selden and Karen Alberts for selecting and delivering these books on behalf of PAGC.

We received 2nd Place in District 5 and 3rd Place in state for a featured article written by our illustrious member and author Mary Agria. In the Horticulture category we received District 5 Honorable Mention for our participation in NCMC's Lifelong Learning by offering walking tours of PAGC's gardens. These tours were led by Jane Schneider and were well-attended.

Thanks to Jan Hertel and Sandra Miller, with assistance from Julie Ethington Martin, for submitting our award applications and doing such a great job capturing PAGC's highlights of 2021.

Marjorie Green  
*President*

## Wildflowers Walk at the Hoogland Family Nature Preserve



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### Nearby Garden Club Events in July

**Charlevoix Area Garden Club** invites you to our annual fundraiser at The Castle, on July 13, 2022, 11:30-2 PM. We have a guest speaker who will enlighten and delight us. We are also offering a cash wine bar, a delicious meal provided by Weathervane, gorgeous decorated tables, and wonderful silent auction items. Tickets are \$50 and are now available as we do have limited seating. To reserve your ticket, call Joanne at 231-675-6050.

**Sedums Garden Club of Cheboygan** Sunday July 17th Gardens and Garages Garden Walk from noon to 5:00 will feature spectacular gardens, antique classic cars, boats, and tractors. Cost is 2 for \$25 before the event or \$18 @ at the door. Contact Linda Rogers at [mackinawmemories@gmail.com](mailto:mackinawmemories@gmail.com).

**The Friendly Garden Club of Traverse City** - 39th Annual Garden Walk: Between the Bays Gardens on Old Mission Peninsula on Thursday, July 21 11:00 - 6 pm Rain or Shine. Tickets \$15, children 16 and under free. No strollers or pets. Tickets on sale at First Congregational Church, 6015 Center Road and at all homes on walk. Visit [www.thefriendlygardenclub.org](http://www.thefriendlygardenclub.org) for more details.

**PLEASE NOTE-PAGC's** Website is [www.petoskeygardenclub.org](http://www.petoskeygardenclub.org). I'm not sure when the dot between garden and club was introduced, but it is inaccurately listed in our yearbook and our new bookmarks. Sorry for any confusion.

