



# September 2022 Newsletter

## Upcoming September Meeting

As gardeners, we endeavor to create a beautiful landscape. We also want our gardens to be beneficial to the environment. We have all heard that birds, butterflies, bees, and other creatures are diminishing by loss of habitat. Our home gardens can help with that loss.

The Michigan Garden Clubs have prioritized for its members to support the dwindling bird, butterfly, and bee populations. By including Native Plants in our home landscapes, we help provide the habitat that supports the caterpillars, insects, seeds, and berries eaten by birds. Most importantly, in spring, caterpillars feed the young bird hatchlings.

To that end, we are having a NATIVE PLANT SALE at our next meeting, September 28, 1-3 pm at the Festival Shelter, Petoskey Bay Front Park near the marina next to the Bear River. We will have 30 varieties of native plants to purchase \$7 each. There will be signage that indicates how the various plants will look when flowering, how tall and spreading they will grow, and what kind of light they require.

Our members' meeting will start with the usual social time at 11:30 am. Lunch will be provided by the Hospitality Committee. Lunch and the meeting will begin at noon, and the plant sale begins at 1 pm.

We truly hope that each of you attend this important opportunity to purchase reliable Native Plants, and that each of you will buy a few of them to add to your garden this fall. PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO THE SALE. This sale is designed to help our community to support the ecology in Northern Michigan. Please bring short cardboard boxes for carrying the plants home. Think of your gardens and plan where you might add some color and function with Native Plants.

Jane Schneider, *Program Chair*

## From Our President

Happy Fall! Please make sure you have the October 12, Bulb Planting Day and rainedate of October 13, on your calendar. Your bed captain will be contacting you about fall clean-up and where you should help, if your bed doesn't get any bulbs to plant.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the Festival Place Shelter for our first Native Plant Sale on September 28, at 11:30. A brief member meeting and lunch will precede the sale. This is a rain or shine event.

Marjorie Green, 517.230.2361

## Bed Captains

Reminder, we have garden clean-up 10/5/22 at 10am. at Waterfall, History Museum and Monarch Way Station.

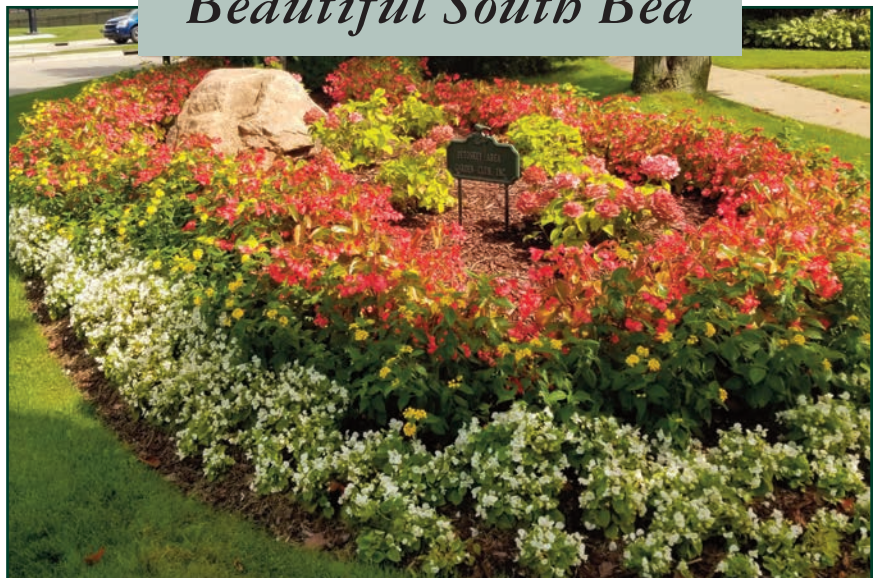
Daffodils are only being planted at Gaslight Bed and South Bed 10/12/22 at 10am. The city removes annuals at South, Gaslight, City Center and Penn Park. Please let the city do their job.

Are you all remaining as bed captains for 2023? If not, please ask a garden member to take this position and let us know. Do we need additional help to clean up History Museum, Waterfall or Monarch gardens? Let us know ASAP answers to our questions so we can assign additional workers.

Thank you for all you do all year. The gardens are looking good. Send thoughts on flowers for spring planting to Jane, Judy and Jill H.

*Submitted by Chris and Jill*

## Beautiful South Bed



## Share the Joy Garden Award

On September 15, several members of the Petoskey Area Garden Club gathered on the front porch of Jim and Melanie Burke to award them the annual "Share the Joy" garden award. The Burkes home at 710 Grove street was in full bloom and full view of those who pass by. Each year, members of the garden club nominate gardens they feel demonstrate the joy of gardening for all to see. This year there were 10 nominees and the choice was difficult. One main criterion is that the garden can be viewed from the street. The garden club has noted that Petoskey has a number of front yard gardens that add so much pleasure to neighbors in the community.

The Burkes moved to Petoskey a few years ago from Oklahoma and have been delighted to be able to grow plants that they had not been able to before. In addition, they have enjoyed the friendly neighborhood with neighbors being willing to share information about gardening near the 45th parallel. While working from home, the Burkes enjoy being able to escape into their yard and relax with some gardening as a diversion from the daily work routine.

This is the sixth year that PAGC has awarded The Kay Starmer "Share the Joy" award to local gardens. The award is a grant to the PAGC in memory of Kay Starmer, who raised her family in Petoskey and was a supporter of all things in nature that bring us joy.

Linda Longworth, *Share the Joy Chair*



## Wonderful August Meeting at Bear Creek Organic Farm

