



April 12, 2015 Newsletter

President's Letter

Can you feel it coming? The hints are subtle. Chickadees have changed their tune and ski wear is on sale. Rumor has it that the Gaslight bed has sprouted. Yes, it's spring in northern Michigan!

WELCOME BACK to Garden Club!! The yearbooks have been mailed, programs have been planned and new gardens are in the works. It's going to be a fabulous year to be an active member of PAGC.

Michigan Garden Club's state convention is here in Petoskey, June 3-5. You will want to attend. One of the speakers is our very own, Linda Longworth, and Sharon Schappacher has been selecting the vendors for our shopping enjoyment. Shirley Burns has been assembling a basket of goodies for a silent auction. We need some helpers to hostess or greet at the convention, held at Odawa Casino. Please call or email me if you would like to help!

We are adding two new gardens this year... the "Penney's Bed" across from Penn Park and the History Museum's historic garden. The Mitchell Street Bridge will receive a new look with hanging baskets instead of boxes, and we will plant those on May 11. We are going to need many gardeners, but yes, this is what we wait for all winter!

I invite you to join the fun.

At recent committee meetings I heard comments such as "I've learned so much at garden club" or "planting the beds is really my favorite". So, here's the question... What has garden club done for you? Send me your comments and I look forward to seeing you at our first meeting on April 22.

Sandy

Yearbook

Yearbooks were mailed out April 3rd. If you did not receive one, call Marla McGuire at 231-675-6559 or email at marlamcguire10@yahoo.com.

One typo to report already, Lisa Hicklen's email is incorrect in Associate member roster.

It should be corrected to: lisahicklen@charter.net.

Please send any other corrections to the above or phone or email.

Thanks! Marla

Basket for Silent Auction at MGC State Convention

We are going to have a basket "full of goodies" for the auction at the MGC State Convention at Odawa Casino...June 4,5,6. Shirley Burns and Jane Bock have been gathering items. However, they are still looking for four volunteers to contact the following stores and request a donation and deliver the gift to Shirley Burns by May 1st. Please contact Shirley to let her know if you are interested in helping.
KILWINS, SHORTERS, ACE MEYER HARDWARE, MAPLE MOON FAMILY SUGARY.

Thank you, Shirley and Jane.

PAGC Newsletter

I intend to send out a newsletter to all members that they will receive one week prior to our meetings; and additional notices as needed. Most members receive their publication by email, but about 15 receive it by US mail. Therefore, if you want to submit information to be included, I need to receive it twelve days prior to our scheduled meetings. If you are not receiving the newsletter please contact Lori Luepnitz.

Membership

There have been a few membership changes in 2015. After a year's absence we welcome back Nancy Rea. Also, Lisa Hicklen, and Carol Ronan have moved to Associate Members, we certainly hope to see you two from time to time.

April showers bring May flowers....and we are ready!

Rhea

PAGC Activity Update

Our first meeting of the year will be held at Maple Moon Family Sugary on Atkins Rd. in Petoskey at noon on Wed. April 22. The program will be about making Maple Syrup. If you need to sit, bring a folding chair.

Our Arbor Day tree planning will be held on Fri., April 24th. Details will be available at the general meeting.

Bridge Basket Planting will take place Mon., May 11th at 10 am at the City Garage. All are encouraged to attend.

There will also be a cleaning bee at the Waterfall Area Wed. May 20th at 1 pm. It is a large area and we can use many helping hands.

The Michigan Garden Club State Convention will be held at Odawa Casino on June 3-5. You can attend the entire convention or go for just Thursday, June 4th. Check out the MGC website for full details. Registration forms are due May 8th and copies will be available at the April meeting. *(The website is listed on first page of the yearbook.)*

Please mark all these dates on your calendar and plan to participate!

