



October 19, 2015 Newsletter

President's Message

I can't believe that I am watching snow falling right now! Wait! What about my rose collars? What about the fern leaves and hosta? So, now "Peak Color" season is... white?!

Some gardening tasks may not have been accomplished yet, but many were.

PAGC has had a terrific gardening season! I thank YOU for your help in making things happen. Recently the Monarch Waystation became a reality - plants were planted and the path was mulched. Bulbs went into their beds for winter (just in time!). These projects could not have happened without you. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on October 28, and invite you to attend PAGC's board meeting also Oct.28, 10 am, Petoskey City Building.

Sandy

Landscape Maintenance

A big thank you to all of our members who contributed their time and effort this year. The addition of two new beds at City Center and the History Museum, and a Monarch Way Station meant added responsibilities for planting and maintenance throughout the growing season. I think the results speak for themselves. Civic gardening, landscape maintenance and the bed captains will be meeting again to work on plans for next year. At our last meeting on October 8th, we decided that the Dragon Wing Begonias did so well this year, and were so easy to maintain, that we would use them extensively next year. The bridge baskets are a work in progress. Barb Kromm and I welcome your ideas and suggestions.

Nancy Graham

Monarch Butterfly Station

The Monarch butterfly station was whipped together in record time on the Bear River Walkway. Al Hansen recommended the site (down the hill from the city maintenance garage). John Hummel and crew mowed, Hoffman's rototilled, and a pathway was created. Several days later we were planting. (Rhea Murray, Shirley Burns, Marge Greene, Sandee Keszo and Lee Phillips). A great effort to keep those Monarchs coming back. Thanks ladies!

Sharon Walker, conservation chair.

South Entrance Park Complete!!

Thanks to the following members Shirley Burns, Sandy Selden, Jane Damschroder, Marge Greene, Nancy Graham, Carol Kirkland, Marla McGuire, Dottie Hawthorne, Sheryl Kashmerick who planted on our very last day after shipment delays and rainy weather. South Park is now complete and we can look forward to hundreds of beautiful pink and red tulips in the spring. You are much appreciated!

Sharon Walker, south park captain.

Yearbook Update

Info changes i.e. address, phone number, email, to marlamcguire10@yahoo.com or call 231-675-6559. Thanks!

Marla McGuire

Nominating Committee Report

The following members have been nominated for PAGC Offices and will be voted upon at the November meeting.

Second Vice President: Joanne Evans

Recording Secretary: Jane Bock

Treasurer: Sandee Keszo

Corresponding Secretary: Carol Kirkland

Thank you ladies for your willingness to serve!

Sheryl Kashmerick. Nominating Committee Chairman

2016 Pograms

Do you have an idea for a program? Sharon Schappacher, Program Chairman is working on plans for next year. If you have a suggestion please contact Sharon.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at noon on Oct. 28th at Emmanuel Episcopal Church; and will feature a program on, "Fall Gardening: Clean-up, Pruning and Bulbs" by Mary and Adan Willson from Willson's Garden Center.

The National Garden Clubs Annual Convention will be held in Grand Rapids May 2-6, 2016 at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel. Please mark your calendar to attend. Also, if you would like to be involved you can volunteer to help. Contact Lori Luepnitz for a list of areas where they need assistance.

Plant Flowers, Grow Laughter, Harvest Love.

Anonymous

