



September 14, 2015 Newsletter

President's Message

I have been struggling with the idea of September, as it is hard to let go of our beautiful summer. I dread the end of perennial blooms, the pruning and clipping back that comes with fall, but I find surprises... my fall crocus are in bloom under some giant hosta leaves and hibiscus and anemones prove that September is not just for chrysanthemums



Garden Club is still working. Your weeding may be done, but one new project, planning meetings, District V meeting, bulbs to plant...there is more fun to be had!

Many thanks to Sharon Schappacher for organizing our day trip to Mackinac Island's Grand Garden Show on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1! It was too much fun.

Coming up- installation of a Monarch Waystation on the Bear River walk. I am so excited about this new adventure in PAGC gardening. Hope you enjoy it too. Sandy Seldon

Welcome to Our New Members!

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Landscape Maintenance

The next big project for our club is Fall Planting. If you have not already marked your calendar, it is **Thursday, October 1st at 1:00 in the afternoon**. Bulbs will be planted at the South Entrance Park bed, Pennsylvania Park, the City Center bed, and the Gaslight bed. Members who plant at the Waterfall Area are asked to go to the Gaslight bed and members who plant at the History Museum bed are asked to help out at the South Entrance Park bed. We are planting a lot of bulbs this year and it will go quickly if all of us do our share. If you have any questions, please contact me at nanagram01@yahoo.com or 439-9501. Thank you, Nancy Graham

There will be a second meeting of the Landscape Maintenance Committee on Thursday, October 8th at Sharon Schappacher's house at 9:00 in the morning. Please let your bed captains know your ideas and concerns for next year so they can be addressed at the meeting. Better yet, come yourself! Just please let Sharon know so she can plan accordingly, sharonschap5@gmail.com or 838-7677. Nancy Graham

The Next Meeting is Wednesday Sept. 25th

All members are invited to the next business meeting at 10 am at the Petoskey City Hall. Be involved in all that is happening at PAGC.

The next program meeting will be held at noon at Sharon Schappacher's home at 1070 Grand Ridge, in Petoskey. Mary Rapin from Bliss Gardens Farm and Community Kitchen will present a program on Cooking with Herbs and Local Products.

Gardening Tip

I was just reading my Fine Gardening magazine, and came across this planting tip. "This is an easy and seemingly permanent solution for the problem of squirrels eating tulip bulbs. If you simply put a dab of petroleum jelly on each bulb before you plant it, the squirrels show no interest in it. They must not like the smell, which apparently persists." Barb Kromm

Monarch Way Station is Happening Soon.

Several PAGC members met with Al Hansen last week and selected a sight. Jim Hoffman will rototill the River Walk sight this week and garden club members will prepare and plant the week of Sept. 14th. We have a group of very excited members. This is part of conservation efforts to keep those Butterflies coming back. Call Sharon Walker if you would like to be involved in this fall project. Sharon Walker

Emmet County Fair

I'd like to thank Rhea and friend who worked hard setting up our display. We took a first place ribbon (\$22.00) prize. It looked great and thanks to all who brought plants, table, and picnic basket. Shirley Burns

Garden Quote of the Month: "Say it with Flowers!"


