



## *April 17, 2016 Newsletter*

# **First Meeting of the year Noon, Wed. April 27<sup>th</sup> at City Hall**

### **Message from the President**

Welcome back!! It's spring! I have been wanting and waiting to write this PAGC letter for months. What is better than having all things new and gardens open to possibilities? I look forward to a great year of activities for Petoskey Area Garden Club. We have big meetings to attend- National convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan Garden Club in Frankenmuth, and District V right here in Petoskey.

Welcome to our newest member, Ann Whiteside! New to the Board are Sharron Hemme, Civic Gardening, and Dottie Hawthorne, Memorials. Thank you both for serving on PAGC Board!

We have one big garden project- it's the year of the waterfall garden! and one big Youth Activities project- 800 small trees for kids on Arbor Day. I challenge you to be involved, and do as much as you can, and together let's make it a great year for our gardens!

Sandy

### **Youth Activities**

The Petoskey Garden Club Youth Activity for 2016 is to give out to all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4th and 5th graders in Petoskey Elementary Schools a seedling of our State Tree, the White Pine. They will be distributed to the following schools. Ottawa, Lincoln, Central, Sheridan, St. Francis, and Montessori.

Marty Maloney will pick up the seedlings from the conservancy on Friday, April 22, 2016.

On Tuesday, April, 26th from 10 to 12, Volunteers are needed and welcome to come to Marty's garage at 804 Michigan St. Petoskey to separate, bag each seedling with shredded paper, dirt and water. We will tie a tag on each bag stating this is a gift from our Garden Club and planting directions. We will put the seedlings in boxes marked with school name and classroom, to be distributed April 29th, Arbor Day. Come to work bee with garden gloves, work apron, hand shovel. 12 to 15 volunteers would be great. Call Marty at (231)348-2742 to sign up and thank you!!!

On Arbor Day, Friday, April 29th at 9am, 12 Volunteers are needed to deliver the boxes to the schools, 2 people

to each school. Please call Marty to sign up (231) 348-2742. Should be fun! Thank you all and Happy Spring!!!!

## **2016 Michigan Garden Club Annual Meeting**

Marilyn McIntosh, MGC President, has invited all of us to attend the Michigan Garden Club Annual Meeting and State Convention. Convention will be held in Frankenmuth, MI on June 7 and 8 and the theme this year is "The Artful Garden".

Speakers include Janea Little, a professional naturalist who has special interests in birds, insects, fungi and more!, Andrea Foster, a conservationist who will share ways to enhance your conservation at home, and Charles W. Martin, an outstanding horticulturalist employed by Dow Gardens in Midland. Needless to say, in Frankenmuth this comes with a chicken dinner and some Edelweiss singing.

Registration forms will be available at our April general meeting or you can register at [www.michigangardenclubs.org](http://www.michigangardenclubs.org) and we are sure to plan car-pools for the ride there and back. I'm going and I hope you are too!

Sandy

## **Landscape Maintenance**

If you have not already done so, please take a minute or two now to put some important dates on your calendar so you don't inadvertently schedule something else on those days: Thursday, May 26th (rain date: May 27th) Annual Maintenance at the Waterfall Area at Bayfront Park at 1:00. Thursday, June 9th (rain date June 10th) Spring Planting at 10:00 am. Thursday, October 13th (rain date October 14th) Fall Planting at 1:00 pm.

We are fortunate to have several new members this year. We try to assign a new member to the same bed as his or her sponsor whenever possible with the hope that sponsors will be available to answer any questions that might arise. Members will be meeting with their bed captains at our first regular meeting on April 27th at City Hall.

PAGC T-shirts and hats will be available for purchase at the April 27th meeting.

Thank you,  
Nancy Graham and Barb Kromm

## **2016 Yearbooks**

Yearbook: if anyone did NOT receive a yearbook, please contact Marla McGuire at 231-675-6559 or to [marlamcguire10@yahoo.com](mailto:marlamcguire10@yahoo.com). Also, let me know of any changes or updates.

Marla

