

# July 24, 2016 Newsletter

#### **Notes from the President**

This just in! Many of you are interested in arranging flowers?! A Flower Show Symposium is coming up, Aug. 17 & 18, Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids. National Garden Club Instructor, Claudia Bates, will focus on dahlias and gladiolas. To participate, register by July 27 at michigangardenclubs.org. Go to "calendar" and click on Aug. 17 for info.

It's been a beautiful summer and our gardens are gorgeous! This seems like a good time to thank our Bed Captains, Shirley Burns, Marj Green, Sharron Hemme, Sharon Schappacher, Sheryl Kashmerick, Rhea Murray and Sharon Walker, for the time and effort they give to PAGC! Thank you!

At our July meeting we'll talk about September District V meeting here in Petoskey. July and August meetings would be fun ones for guests- invite a friend! and I'll see you soon, Sandy

## **Landscape Maintenance**

Barb Kromm and I walked around Petoskey this week and are happy to report that our beds, boxes and baskets are flourishing. Although it was a lot of extra work to spread mulch on our beds, it does seem to be helping to keep the chickweed and overall maintenance to a minimum. We would like to thank Sharron Hemme for letting us plant and grow the bridge baskets in her greenhouse this past May. Her tender TLC made all the difference this year. The baskets are beautiful. Soon it will be time to make plans for next year's planting. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please pass them on to your bed captain. Your input is always appreciate.

Nancy Graham

## **Emmet County Fair**

I want to remind members that the fair is coming up...August 21, that's a Sunday. I will have a sign-up sheet at this meeting for volunteers to help put the garden club's table together. Our theme is "Farm to Table". Many of us grow tomatoes, peppers, make pickles, jam etc. So check your garden, we will have a 2 tables with fruits and vegetables and flowers.. Then set a table. It will all come together. Remember our District V meeting in Sept. Has same theme.



#### **Events**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the July 4th parade--it was so much fun! This month, don't miss the tour of Bear Creek Organic Farm on July 27th. August 24th we will be meeting at Emmanuel Episcopal Church and then touring some of our member's gardens. Be sure to mark your calendars.

The Women's Resource Center has their biggest fundraiser on Wednesday, September 14th. In the past, we have donated a basket of items for the silent auction. Would somebody be willing to organize that? Sharon Schappacher



The rocks are in at the Waterfall Area and the plants have been ordered to finish the job. Thanks to Jason Bock (Jake) and his crew for a wonderful job in putting these huge rocks into place. And thanks to Linda Zulski (Drost's plant guru) for advising us on what plants to place in the garden,

The Emmet Conservation District is pleased to announce that Vern Stephens, owner of Designs By Nature, will be again be giving a presentation on gardening with Native Plants, as well as providing the plants for our native plant sale. Designs By Nature is a Michigan company that specializes in growing native Michigan plants from wild-collected seeds, including local native seed sources. Please see attached our annual Native Plant Sale and Workshop for the Registration-Order Form.

Sharon Schappacher

**Reminder:** Shirley Burns is the greeter for the July meeting.

