

June 12, 2016 Newsletter

News from the President

First of all, I want to say "Happy National Garden Week"! This is it! and we have celebrated well by planting our city gardens. They look absolutely beautiful! Thanks for doing what garden club members do. (Plant, haul mulch, laugh, dig dandelions, weed, water, snack, repeat.)

Earlier this week I spent two days in Frankenmuth at Michigan Garden Club Convention. I came home with new ideas AND some awards for Petoskey Area Garden Club! All of the details... at our next meeting, June 22! Garden Walks coming up include:

Charlevoix Area Garden Club Walk and Flower Show on July 13 Friendly Garden Club (TC) July 21 Sandy Selden

Waterfall Clean-up

A very big "Thank You!" to all the members who participated in the Waterfall clean-up this year! The amazing group of 25 members weeded, picked up and spread mulch in record time and transformed the area into a beautiful setting. We are proof that when everyone pitches in that great things are accomplished. It has been a pleasure working with all of you.

Sharron Hemme, Waterfall Bed Captain

Landscape Maintenance

Today, June 10th, Petoskey really does look beautiful! Yesterday members worked hard to make that happen. This year, in addition to planting annuals, we spread over 120 bags of mulch. We are hoping the mulch will make maintenance easier, cut down on the chick weed and conserve moisture. Thanks to everyone who participated. A special thank you to Roger Kromm for delivering the mulch to our beds. Roger also estimated the amount of mulch we needed and got it for us at half price! Another special thank you to Dick Hemme who went above and beyond at the Waterfall Area cutting dead shrubbery out of the tulip bed and supplying the wheelbarrows to move mulch.

Now that our beds and boxes have been planted, they will need to be maintained. Your bed captains will be sending you your weeding schedule. Ideally, the weeding will be done on Thursday or Friday but, if you can only do it on Wednesday, do it then. Please contact the person or persons you are weeding with and try and do it together, but, if you can't, do it when you can that week. Swap weeks if you can't make your assigned time. Let your bed captain know if you can't get a substitute. We are all busy in the summer. If we each do our share, it makes it easier for us all. Barb Kromm and I will help in any way we can, Nancy Graham

Apparel

The garden club aprons that Sharon Schappacher, Chris Bartlett, Marj Green, Connie Lenau, Lee Phillips, Barb Kromm and Ethel Larson ordered are ready and I will bring them to the June meeting. The cost is \$12.00 cash or check made out to PAGC. I have 5 more available if any- one else is interested. Thanks, Nancy Graham

Reminder

Kathy Snyder is the hostess for the June 22^{nd} meeting at the Emanuel Episcopal Church. Rhea Murray

Member Updates

I am pleased to announce Katherine Kan is back home in Petoskey.

We are excited to have two new members:

Karen Alberts, 3566 Atkins, Petoskey 49770, 248-747-4972, <u>albertskaren@yahoo.com</u> Karen McClatchey, 885 Crooked tree Dr., Petoskey 49770, 231-590-1951, <u>karmcclatch@gmail.com</u> Also, Kathy Meredith is taking a leave of absence.

Youth Activities

Thank you for an outstanding job by Marty and her crew with the distribution of White Pine Seedlings to Petoskey school children. Now Marty would like to step down and we are looking for someone to take over as Youth Committee Chairman. Please contact President, Sandy Selden if you are interested.

District V Planning Committee Meeting

We will have a meeting to discuss the District V fall meeting on Thursday June 16 at 3:00pm at Simply Sweet by Jessica, Downtown Petoskey.

Thanks, William

This month we have Karen Motawi speaking to us about Loda Lake, a wildflower sanctuary. We will be meeting at Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

Up Coming Events

July 4th is right around the corner and we have lots of flags to hand out to all of the kids. Please let me know if you plan to be in the parade July 4th at 5 p.m. The parade starts at 6 p.m. and we are done in about an hour. I also need a couple of cars to drive. Don't miss this fun time! Sharon Schappacher

