



May 15, 2016 Newsletter

Message from the President

Happy Northern Spring!! (brrrr)

A little bit of warmth and sunshine has made our tulips bloom, while the heartier daffodils are cheerily welcoming people to Petoskey. The bulbs are a success, and a great start to our gardening year!

I had a good time at National Garden Club Convention in Grand Rapids. Sharon Schappacher, Chris Bartlett, William Santos, Joanne Evans and Lori Luepnitz were there as well. We served as host and hostesses at banquet tables and met gardeners from many states. There were business meetings, inspiring speakers, and LOTS of flower arrangements. We took field trips to the Holland Tulip Festival, Meijer's Garden, and two mammoth nurseries near Zeeland, MI.

My head is filled with flowers!!

ARBOR DAY in Petoskey was huge with the distribution of 800 white pine trees to elementary school children. Many thanks to our Youth Activities Chair, Marty Maloney, and to all who helped bag, tag, and deliver the little trees. Good job.

I had an email this morning which I truly loved. It went like this,

"Thank you so much for the gift from the garden club to all the elementary students. Ashton was very excited to bring his tree home and we planted it right away. Our thanks to all of you for encouraging our children to watch things grow!"

Does it get any better?

Sandy Selden

Note from our Treasurer...

Hi everyone. Please pay your dues as soon as possible. We have to send our roster of members to MGC June 30, so if dues haven't been paid those members can't be included on the roster. Active members dues are \$25, associate members are \$35. I'd like to have all your checks by June 15.

I'm also collecting for our May 25 luncheon at Pond Hill. Only 18 people have sent checks & it's only 9 days from now. Send \$14 per person & include your lunch choice of pulled pork sandwich or cherry-berry chicken sandwich on the check memo line. I need your luncheon checks by Friday please so we can give a head count. Write dues & luncheon checks separately although they may be sent in the same envelope. Send checks to

PAGC	or	PAGC
P.O. Box 746		c/o Sandee Kesko
Petoskey		290 Crooked Tree Drive
		Petoskey

Thank you and see you soon.

Sandee Keszo

Landscape Maintenance

On May 2nd, Shirley Burns, Sharon Schappacher, Barb Kromm, Kathy Snyder, Sandee Keszo, Sharron Hemme and I met at Sharron's greenhouse to plant the bridge baskets with Proven Winners Supertunia Vista BUBBLEGUM (pink) petunias in enriched potting soil recommended by Mary Willson. The baskets are growing nicely with lots of tender loving care supplied by Sharron. A big thank you to all involved.

Rhea Murray reported that her team has already spent 9 hours preparing the History Museum bed for planting the annuals on June 9th.

The next big project on our PAGC agenda is the annual WATERFALL AREA cleanup on Thursday, May 26th at 1:00 pm with a rain date on May 27th. All members are encouraged to participate. Please bring rakes, pruners and trowels. A bucket might come in handy for spreading mulch. Refreshments will be provided. A drawing will be held for a piece of garden club apparel. Please report to Sharron Hemme when you arrive for your work assignment.

Spring Planting Day is Thursday, June 9th with the rain date on June 10th. Your bed captains will be contacting you. If we each do our share, it goes very quickly. Thank you!

Nancy Graham and Barb Kromm

APPAREL SALE!

This month only "white PAGC T-Shirts" will be available for half price, \$5.00 instead of \$10.00. There are 2 size 2XL, 3 size XL, 8 size L, 8 size M and 3 size S. If you are interested, I will bring them to Pond Hill Farm and to the Waterfall Cleanup if you can't make the meeting. Please email me at nanagram01@yahoo.com or call me at 439-9501 to reserve your shirt. Thank you again.

Nancy Graham

Program

What a great program this month. Don't miss going to Pond Hill Farm and having a wonderful lunch and tour. Send your check to Sandee by this Friday and note "pork" or "chicken". Please plan to be in the July 4th Parade with the garden club. We line up by the high school before six and we're done by seven. Also, check your calendar for the grand Hotel Garden show coming up August 29 and 30th.

Sharon Schappacher

Reminder...

Rhea Murray and Marjorie Green are hostess for the May 25th club meeting.

Rhea Murray