

# December Newsletter 2020

## *Congratulations Sharon*



The Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce recently held its Breakfast of Champions, by Zoom. Preston Feather sponsors the Architectural Awards, one of the architectural awards is for beautification and our new Gaslight Bed was recognized with an honorable mention. The really big news is that our very own Sharon Schappacher received the Athena Award!! This award recognizes Sharon for celebrating the potential of all women as valued members and leaders of the community. Here's a quote from the award ceremony, "She is one of those empowered women that can empower other women. I have never met anyone that is more committed to equality, justice and the well-being of women. She realizes that she can make a difference and does so to make the world a better place," said Stephanie Baldwin, who presented the award to Schappacher.

We couldn't agree more, so glad her professional volunteerism includes the PAGC!!!

## Board Update

It's official, we have some changes in the Board for 2021.

Marjorie Green is President, Jane Schneider is 1st Vice President, and Pam Washburn is returning 2nd Vice President. Thanks for responding to our email proposed slate. Every vote counts and our by-laws require a majority vote.

Marj Green, *Program Chair*



## Committee Chairs

Please submit your information for PAGC yearbook as soon as you have it ready. To all members, active and associate, please submit any changes in your information, (phone, address, email) as soon as possible even up to mid-March.

Marla McGuire, *Yearbook Chair*  
marfmcg@gmail.com. or 231-675-6559

## 2021 Dues

Please send in your 2021 membership dues, \$25 for active members, and \$35 for associate members. Make your check out to PAGC and mail to PAGC, P.O. Box 746, Petoskey MI 49770.

Sharon Schappacher, *Treasurer*

## Corresponding Secretary

Karen Alberts is resigning from the position of PAGC Corresponding Secretary. She is hopeful someone will step up, so she can pass along notecards, stamps, etc. She will maintain her PAGC membership. Thank you Karen for doing a great job in this position.

## 2021 Meetings

The PAGC Board will be meeting by Zoom January through March. We hope to begin in-person Board and member meetings in April, depending on the status of the pandemic. Stay tuned by email and future newsletters about upcoming meetings and events.



## Thank you

We thank William Santos for his exceptional leadership as PAGC President the past several years. He was honored with the book *Iwigara: American Indian Ethnobotanical Traditions and Science* by Enrique Salmon, in a surprise visit to his store by at least 10 Board members on Nov. 27. So glad he will remain an active part of the club. This book will be donated to the Petoskey District Library in his honor, as is our PAGC tradition.



## PHS Ready for Christmas

PHS junior gardening girls made very beautiful centerpieces for Christmas. William donated the oasis and other supplies. Newly restored PHS courtyard is all lit up for Christmas.

## Youth Activities

Bags of books were donated by PAGC to Ottawa, Lincoln, Sheridan, Montessori and Central Elementary Schools! Each bag contained four books to inspire young gardeners, so that they will be thinking about bees, seeds and digging during this long winter. Here's hoping we can work with them in person in 2021.

If you are shopping for children's books, the really good titles include:

- Right This Very Minute** by Lisa H. Detlefsen
- The Thing About Bees A Love Letter** by Shabazz Larkin
- We Are the Gardeners** by Joanna Gaines and
- Badger's Perfect Garden** by Marsha Diane Arnold.

And, in other news, Parks and Recreation Director, Kendall Klingelsmith, says 2021 will be the year to develop plans for Children's Garden in Arlington Park. This will be the time to revive and refresh the work of our Children's Garden Committee. Our first meetings were in November 2017. We've been patiently waiting for a green light on this project, and it seems to be happening! Merry Christmas to all! Sandy Selden, *Youth Activities Chair*

