



# June Newsletter 2020

## Landscape Maintenance

A big thank you to our Bed Captains, Carol Sutton, Sharon Walker, Sharon Schappacher, Dottie Hawthorne, Jill Hotchkiss, Lee Phillips and Gayle McPhilly for organizing our planting day on June 11th. Not everyone has a bed to plant as the Gaslight Bed installation has been delayed until July and the Waterfall Area is still a work in progress although the stairway is finally completed and grass has been planted. The pots that usually go around the Sobleski Gazebo will be at the History Museum this year.

The Raised Cement Planters around the city were planted on June 4th. It was a beautiful day and Jon Hummel appreciated all our help. Because so many members participated the planting only took about an hour. Jon said that he couldn't do it without the garden club and I assured him that the feeling was mutual.

Bed captains will be sending out their weeding schedules in the next few days. Please try and change with one of your bed members if you can't make your assigned time. If that is not possible, let your bed captain know. It makes it so much easier if we weed every week. Barb and I are looking forward to walking around and admiring all your hard work. Thank you so much,

Barb Kromm and Nancy Graham  
*Landscape Maintenance Chairs*



*Thank you to everyone for all their hard work!*

*A very successful and beautiful planting day.*

# Petoskey Area Garden Club Endowment Fund

Dear Sharon and Petoskey Area Garden Club Members:

I'm sure you are disappointed that you cannot get together around a good meal and discuss the important work the Club does for the community. I know I am certainly disappointed! I always enjoy the opportunity to visit with you all. In lieu of an in-person visit and report, I will give this update and the attached document.

First, during these challenging times please allow me to give you a general update on what your Community Foundation is up to. We are in a great position to weather this storm and support the community. Most of our staff work remotely but we continue to operate our office with Laurie Wendland, Director of Finance and Operations, the one staff member there for limited hours each day. So far, we have provided over \$140,000 in grant dollars to help with COVID-19 relief. The majority going towards health and human service programs and some going to help stabilize the nonprofit sector with operating support.

Second, on the endowment management side of things you can imagine that the last two or three months have been tough. Our investment results for the first quarter of this calendar year were a negative 19.2%. The good news is that April did rebound a bit, roughly up 6%. With such unique circumstances around the COVID-19 pandemic who knows what the rest of 2020 will look like. Our results for the 2019 calendar year were a positive 7.2%. Rest assured our investment committee, investment advisor and our board will continue to monitor the situation and act accordingly. We have always been patient with our investment portfolio and taken the long-term view. Our patience and discipline have served us very well through previous unpleasant investment downturns and we feel confident that this year will not be any different.

Regarding the one-page summary I like to put together for these reports, you will see that the long history of the Petoskey Area Garden Club Endowment Fund has served it well. When it comes to endowments, the longer the history, the better off you are. Over time, endowment funds grow despite the occasional downturn like we are witnessing today. The 'power of endowment' is still going strong for you. You will see that since 1998 you have received a total of \$334,321 in total gifts; you have received a total of \$132,844 in allocations back to the Club; and the balance is \$399,938! These are as of the end of March, 2020. Continue to encourage your members and others to contribute to the fund. Market growth and additional gifts are the two ways that an endowment fund is going to grow!

Please let me know if you have any questions. I would be happy to follow up with more information and/or eventually join you again in person whenever that becomes possible.

Thank you for all you do to keep our community beautiful!!

Sincerely,

David "DJ" Jones  
Executive Director

**Together  
we can help you do more.**

## Petoskey Area Garden Club Endowment Fund

Established October 16, 1998

Original Garden Club gift	\$100,000.00	
Additional Garden Club gifts	\$226,627.64	
Other Giving	\$7,693.79	From 59 unique donors
<b>TOTAL Gifts</b>	<b>\$334,321.43</b>	
Allocations Taken	\$132,844.74	
Current Fund balance	\$399,938.02	Power of Endowment!!

The Community Foundation handles all the investment and administrative details – including investment management, grant administration, donor acknowledgements, and quarterly reports.

This gives the Petoskey Area Garden Club time to do what you do best...

**Provide leadership in education, resources and networking opportunities for its members to promote love of gardening, floral design, landscape design, civic and environmental responsibility.**

Report created May 8, 2020 and these figures are as of March 31, 2020



**Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area  
community foundation**



## Program Updates



The June 24th PAGC Member meeting will be held at 12:00 as a virtual meeting using Zoom. This secure technology is easy to access and will allow us to have a brief business meeting as well as learn from a panel of experts about bees and pollinators, all while in the comfort and safety of our home or office.

You will be sent an invitation to this meeting with a link that is best used on a computer, but can also be accessed from a tablet or smartphone. As part of the invitation, you will also receive a meeting passcode which is the means by which access is limited to PAGC members.

This Zoom program allows up to 100 participants and an unlimited length of meeting. It is anticipated the meeting, including the bee panel, will be about 2 hours.



In order to minimize noise interference, William Santos will act as moderator for the business meeting and everyone else will be muted and recognized to speak according to the agenda or by raising their hands to be unmuted. Linda Longworth will moderate the panel of bee experts.

A demonstration or test Zoom meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 22nd at 11:00. The purpose of this test meeting is to allow members who has not used Zoom to try out the link on whatever device they will use to participate in the June 24th member meeting. A Zoom invitation to the test meeting and passcode will be sent to your email prior to and is separate from the regular meeting Zoom invitation and passcode.

We are happy to be able to have a safe way to meet this month. The PAGC Board has been using Zoom for its monthly meetings since April. This allowed us to move forward with the successful spring planting despite these difficult times. We look forward to future in-person meetings as the size of indoor gatherings is allowed to increase.

Topic: PAGC Membership Test Zoom Meeting  
Time: Jun 22, 2020 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83351729741?pwd=czJPcmNqRj-VaM2JWaVdIUWFYZk82UT09>

Meeting ID: 833 5172 9741  
Password: 776330



Marj Green  
*Program Chair*

## From Our President

William Santos is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**PAGC Board Meeting**  
Time: Jun 24, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82324898180?pwd=RkdFNXZOVVJs-TUxvOG9qVzZJaHFEUT09>

Meeting ID: 823 2489 8180  
Password: 251755

## Membership Meeting

Topic: PAGC Membership Meeting  
Time: Jun 24, 2020 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84651810360?pwd=SFk5SVRBOEtPUmt-GalpPc1FQcCtsdz09>

Meeting ID: 846 5181 0360  
Password: 907815

William Santos  
*President*



## Food Scrap Recycling

Recycling will resumed twice a week service every Tuesday and Friday. No plastic please.

Monarch Garden & Floral Design  
317 East Mitchell St., Petoskey, MI



## Kay Starmer “Share The Joy” Garden Award

Nomination Form - Deadline August 15th

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and email (if available):

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Please attach a photograph of your Nominated garden and write a description on the opposite side of this form.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this form to  
Shirley Burns at 215 Division Street, Petoskey.