

Membership Updates

Welcome to a new year of PAGC membership! We are 96 strong this year! And an unusual year it will be! Because of Covid-19, members will be doing things differently! Our meetings, for the time being, will be virtual, and our "Mix and Mingle" time to get to know our members will be postponed!

But we still have reasons to celebrate! We welcome four new members. Congratulations go to Pam Carpenter, Stuart Cunningham, Cathy Meyer, and Cathy Schaeffer. We look forward to getting to know you! When we are all wearing face masks around our garden beds, introduce yourselves from an acceptable distance! You join us in the "new normal". Your brand new yellow name tags and a lovely floral bouquet will be waiting for you the next time we have an in-person meeting!

A round of applause also goes to the nine members who have earned their green name tags this year! Congratulations are in order for: Kay Baldwin, Connie Beaubien, Deborah Cadieux, Jan Hertel, Gayle McPhilamy, Rita Miller, Sue Moffatt, Jane Schneider, Pamela Washburn. Thank you for your continued commitment to PAGC and Petoskey!

We have no silver name tags to give out this year, but a few coming up in the next few years!

If you have someone in mind for new membership, please email their name and contact information to me and I will send them a card to complete and return to me. I will also ask you, the sponsor, to email me a letter of recommendation for membership. Then at the next virtual board meeting, I will read your letter and the board will vote. We have lost members this past year for a variety of reasons, but we know there are community members who are out there that would like to join us in our a PAGC goals! This will be an unusual year to engage all members without our face to face meetings but keep thinking of new members and let me know.

Karen McClatchey w/ Karen Alberts
Membership Chairman

May Newsletter 2020



Ethyl Larsen and Karen Alberts attended the Gaylord Club seminar in February. It focused on peonies and Ethyl brought a beautiful photo of her peonies in bloom. We had a wonderful time with interesting a guest speaker and excellent lunch.

From Our President

MGC Conference Cancellation

Due to the current situation Michigan Gardenia Clubs Inc. has made the decision of canceling the upcoming conference in June.

Board Meetings

For the near future board meetings are being held in Zoom conference rooms (video conferencing) from the safety of our homes. If you have any topic that may need to be brought to the board please email William Santos, willsantos2727@gmail.com

June Meeting

We are waiting for the new regulations from the state to make the decision to cancel or to continue making plans for our June meeting. We need to follow state guidelines on social distance and other safety precautions. We will keep you informed either by email or newsletter.

William Santos
President

Landscape Maintenance

In less than a month, on Thursday, June 11th at 10:00 AM, we hope to do our spring planting. Rain date is Friday, June 12th at 10:00 AM. Shirley Burns will be contacting the bed captains about how to follow the governor's guidelines on social distancing, perhaps working in shifts. The bed captains will contact their members. Our member's health and safety is of utmost importance. If you don't feel comfortable participating on planting day, please let your captain know so they can plan accordingly. However, there should be no issues with social distancing when we weed.

Jon Hummel has asked for our help again this year planting the petunias in the raised cement planters around the city. The tentative date is Thursday, June 4th at 10:00 AM. Rain date is Friday, June 5th at 10:00 AM. This is a nice way for us to show our appreciation for all that the city does for us throughout the year. We will not be maintaining the planters this year.

This is Barb and my last year as Landscape Maintenance Chairs. If anyone is interested in taking over next year, we would be happy to work with you and show you what's involved. This will be another challenging year but, we can do it, we always do and the city will look beautiful because of our efforts. Thanks in advance for all your hard work.

Barb Kromm and Nancy Graham
Landscape Maintenance

Seeds Galore

I have hundreds of seed packets available from the youth project we were unable to do this year. I will put them in my garage on a table Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16, Bring a bag and help yourself. Also a big thank-you for all the cards and well wishes during our stay in Minneste. Doing well and will travel back to Mayo every three weeks, but so glad to be back in beautiful Northern Michigan.



Jane Bock

Civic Gardening Work Assignments

CIVIC GARDENING CHAIRS

Shirley Burns 881-1390
Chris Bartlett 248-770-4567

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE CHAIRS

Nancy Graham 838-7753
Barb Kromm 838-5430

SOUTH ENTRANCE BED

CAPTAIN: Nancy Graham 838-7753

- Karen Alberts
- Julie Ethington
- Lori Stafford
- Roberta VanderBreggen
- Jane Damschroder
- Marjorie Green
- William Santos

WATERFALL AREA

CAPTAIN: Carol Sutton 586-436-7530

- Jeanette Aspenleiter
- Pam Carpenter
- Barb Kromm
- Shelly Robertso
- Janice Smolinski
- Carson Wright
- Jackie Bunker
- Gale Kepford
- Jill Patterson
- Jane Schneider
- Rose Tamraz

MONARCH WAY STATION

CAPTAIN: Sharon Walker 881-5194

- Anne Allison
- Nancy Fazio
- Rita Miller
- Sharyn Olliffe
- Shirley Burns
- Marla McGuire
- Sandra Miller
- Pattie Powers

POST OFFICE and LIBRARY CONTAINERS

Barb Kromm Jill Patterson

PENNSYLVANIA PARK / CITY CENTER BED

CAPTAIN: Sharon Schappacher 838-7677

- Linda Bade
- Lori Luepnitz
- Cathy Meyer
- Sue Moffatt
- Pam Washburn
- Stuart Cunningham
- Karen McClatchey
- Kathy Mitchell
- Cathy Schaeffer
- Grace Williams

GASLIGHT BED AND GAZEBO CONTAINERS

Co-CAPTAINS: Dottie Hawthorne 507-990-0271
Jill Hotchkiss 231-676-0189

- Connie Beaubien
- Barbara Gutuskey
- Ethel Larsen
- Judy Mainland
- Sandy Selden
- Deborah Cadieux
- Joan Holec
- Linda Longworth
- Elsie Mangune
- Kathy Snyder

HISTORY MUSEUM

Co-CAPTAINS: Lee Phillips 347-7686
Gayle McPhilamy 269-267-7846

- Mary Agria
- Chris Bartlett
- Nan Casey
- Julie Galante
- Connie Lenau
- Karen Smith
- Kay Baldwin
- Jane Bock
- Sandra Ciccirelli
- Janice Hertel
- Lois Polatnick
- Anne Whiteside

Program Updates

With the cancellation of our April and May meetings, we are missing each other and our annual updates from the City of Petoskey and the Community Foundation. Updates from Kendall Klingelsmith and David Jones will be in the next newsletter in lieu presentations this year.

Our May program also anticipated a presentation from a dahlia expert and a member plant exchange. Please stay tuned as we adjust to our ability to meet together and determine when we might be able to accomplish both of these activities, maybe separately, at future meetings.

As you know, the PAGC Board is making future meeting decisions on a month by month basis, with priority for May and June being our planting day on June 11th. We are still anticipating a panel presentation at our June 24th meeting on the importance of bees and how we can support them and other pollinators. If this meeting takes place, it is likely no lunch or beverages will be served. Further details will follow once a decision on the June member meeting has been made.

Marj Green
Programs

2020 *Yearbooks*

Yearbooks will be printed and mailed out soon. Northern Copy Express is catching up on backlog of jobs, but we are on the list!

Thanks,
Marla McGuire

Gardening is cheaper than therapy
and you get tomatoes

Author unknown

