



October Newsletter 2020

October Program Update

The October 28, 2020 member meeting is cancelled. Very unfortunate since we had such fun last year making the flower arrangements for Flowers for Friends. Just not possible for us to meet this month inside for this project.

The November 18 program would similarly have us indoors at Emmanuel Episcopal Church making a holiday arrangement, so it is likely to be cancelled, although the Board will make that determination on Oct. 28th.

As for our holiday luncheon plans, we are scheduled for City Park Grill on Dec. 16th at noon. Here is how they describe their Covid preparedness:

- They comply with all of the state and health department regulations and all servers wear masks.
- 50 is the maximum number we can have in the Hemingway Room. They will space the tables out for social distancing. They have a co start draw of air on the dining room which he called a “negative flow of air”
- The biggest risk we have is from the people at our table and it’s up to us if we want to have tables of 4 or 6.

This luncheon will cost \$22.50, choices include chicken, beef or vegan.

In these unusual times, please help us to plan whether there is sufficient interest in having this event. Please email Marg Green at greenmarj@gmail.com or call her by Nov. 1st about your interest in attending. You do not need to contact her if you are not planning to attend. A separate invitation with lunch choices and a due date for payment will be sent if there is sufficient interest.

Marj Green, Program Chair
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Youth Activities Project



We are prevented from being present at Petoskey’s Elementary Schools this year, and will not be able to do hands-on programs with our future gardeners. The good news is we’re going to send them some stories, new books that may inspire children to garden, or to keep bees, to eat vegetables or take good care of this earth.

As a Youth Activity this year PAGC will purchase a set of four books for each of the five Petoskey Elementary Schools. These books were chosen by the National Children and Youth Garden Symposium as the best children’s gardening books of 2019. Included in each set will be:

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

Badger’s Perfect Garden by Marsha Diane Arnold

We have ordered the books from our local bookseller, McLean and Eakin, and received a generous discount on our purchase from the bookseller himself, Matt Norcross.



Sandy Selden,
Youth Activities
Chair

Then and Now

The old adage “it takes a village” was never more evident than with the Petoskey High School Courtyard cleanup project. Petoskey Area Garden Club members Jill Patterson, Jill Hotchkiss and Julie Ethington worked alongside Cheetos/Kindness Club members, Eagle Scout candidate Alex Feeley; his Scout troop #5 and several community donors to transform an outdoor courtyard area that had been closed to students for years. When it was determined that school would indeed open this fall, Cheetos/Kindness club members were adamant that they needed a space where they could get some fresh air and a brief reprieve from wearing masks



all day. They contacted PAGC and the cleanup started on Aug 9th. With the help of Dave Patterson chainsawing, Jim Ethington spraying, Avery Timm serving as student Project Manager and so many hardworking young gardeners, the transformation happened quite rapidly. At a special

dedication service on Sept. 28th, the courtyard was once again reopened to students. It's truly amazing what this “village” has done to bring joy to students at PHS in the midst of a pandemic!

Special thanks go to all of the many PAGC members who donated beautiful plants to fill the courtyard, Dave and Cathy Meyers for donating Preen and 150 bags of mulch, David Hoffman for landscaping an entire corner, and Home Depot for donating a sprayer, weed spray and potting soil.

The ramifications of a project of this magnitude are far-reaching for PAGC. Several students have enjoyed the gardening so much, they are asking if we would start a Jr. Gardening Club. Additionally, they are hopeful that other area landscapers and PAGC will work with them to complete 2 unfinished corners of the courtyard.

Beautiful transformation, wonderful job well done!

Gazebo City Cleanup Looks Great!



Museum Bed Cleaned-up and Ready for Spring Planting



Amaryllis Bulbs

Reminder to order Amaryllis bulbs, the bulbs will arrive Nov 2, 2020, cost is \$10.00 each. You can pick them up at Shirley's sunroom at 215 Division St. A volunteer is needed to be my co-chairman for Civic Gardening. Chris Bartlett is taking new position and it really helps to have 2 people doing this. We meet in January to decide plantings for spring, and oversee June planting and fall planting, that's it. Please someone volunteer.

Thank you,
Shirley Burns
231-347-3404

Board Positions

The following three position are up for a vote next month:

President-Marj Green

1st Vice President-Jane Schneider

2nd Vice President-Pam Washburn-sJan Hertel would like to help in this position.

Not voted on: Apparel (not a committee but probably under membership)-Nancy Graham was doing it but now it is Jackie Bunker

Landscape Maintenance-Chris Bartlett

Nominating-Sharon Schappacher

Historian-William Santos

New Address

Lori Luepnitz new address is:

1150 Charlevoix Avenue

Unit #1, Petoskey MI

November thru April:

1800 Englewood Street

The Villages, FL 32162

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Volunteer Needed

I am looking for a member who would be willing to tend my two plants from December until early April. They are tropical plants that like lots of water about every two weeks. Water and drain and done. Contact me by phone or email and then in December I would drop them off at their place.

Thanks,
Karen McClatchey
231-590-1951