



# September Newsletter 2020

## September Program Update

The September 23 member meeting will be held on Zoom starting at 12:00. Our speaker, Elly Maxwell, Entomologist at Dow Gardens in Midland, is excited to be presenting "Garden Pests and How to Control Those Pesky Invaders".

We will start with updates about the fall bulb planting, improvements to the waterfall garden area, the neglected gazebo near the Chief Petoskey statue, and work on the reclaiming of the high school courtyard. Elly's presentation will begin around 12:20.

Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87277946108?pwd=dHF3aVN5YkxHS1dMdE04R3p0cVBvdz09>

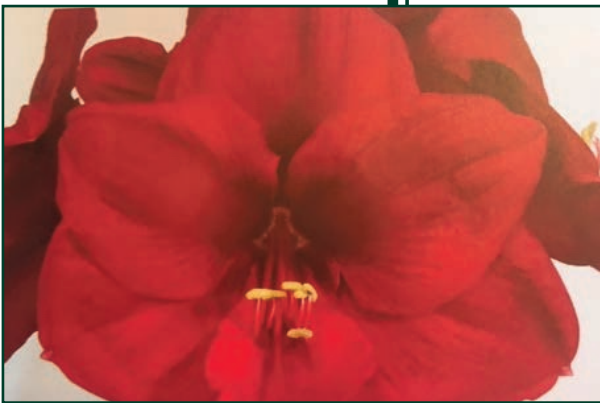
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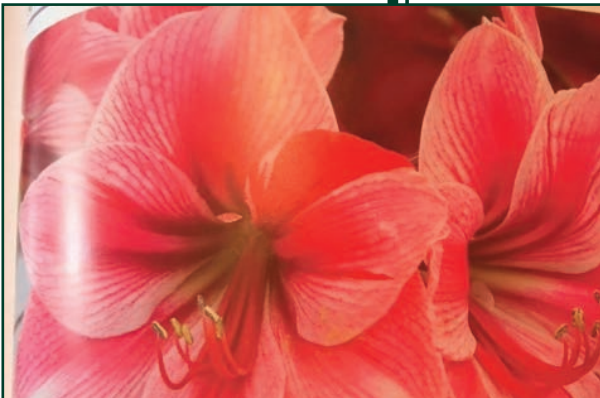
Marj Green, *Program Chair*  
517.230.2361



Apple Blossom



Carmen



Gervase

## 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. Put your money in an envelope. Your order will be in brown bag with your name on it.

Call 231-347-3404, leave a message if I don't answer, just leave your name, phone number, how many, and which bulbs. Only 30 bulbs are available, first come, first serve.

Thank you,  
Shirley Burns

## PAGC Serving the Community

The Petoskey Area Garden Club (PAGC) is more than a bunch of little old ladies gathering for tea once a month. Far more! For 87 years the PAGC has been actively working with the Petoskey Parks and Recreation Department, the Chamber of Commerce, and various businesses beautifying the City of Petoskey. Over the years, the club has grown to nearly 100 members strong, with both men and (mostly) women ranging in ages in the 30's to 80's. Contrary to what many people think, sipping tea and nibbling on crumpets in pretty flower gardens is not the reason for our existence – though we do enjoy monthly business luncheons. Our primary purpose is to create a pleasing ambience to what would otherwise be just another drab spot along the highway that you have to go through to get where you're going or, worse yet, that you have to live in. And we are proud to say we are extremely good at it, as evidenced by the numerous first place state and district awards we earned last year.

Dirt, seeds, and color is our passion. We are responsible for planting and maintaining the flower beds at the intersection of East Mitchel and highway 131, the Civic Center bed at J.C. Penny, Pennsylvania Park, the Waterfall Park, the History Museum, the Butterfly Garden on the Bear River Bike Trail, and the hanging baskets on the US 131 bridge to name a few. Yes, we get dirt under our fingernails.

Our business meetings primarily focus on current and future projects but are always followed by a gardening related guest speaker, tour, or project. This month we met at Lavender Hill Farm, 7354 Horton Bay Rd N, Boyne City, MI for our meeting, delicious luncheon, and a breathtaking (intended) tour of their extraordinary operation.

Last year we were honored to receive:

- \*State Double Diamond Club of Distinction Award
- \*First place Civic Beautification Award at district and state
- \*First place Environmental Award at district and state
- \*First place Photography at district and state
- \*First place Featured Article at district and state
- \*First place Yearbook at district and state

Not only that, but our own Shirley Burns received the Central Region's Certificate of Merit for her dedicated service to the Community of Petoskey and the PAGC.

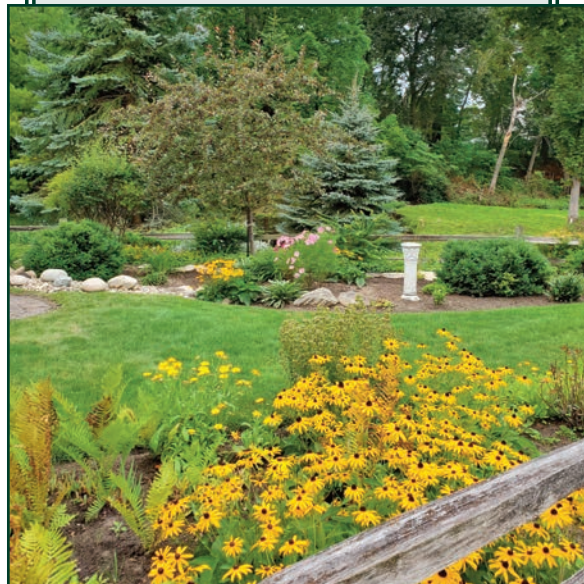
Tea and crumpets are fine, but service to the community through gardening is the name of the game.

Carson Wright  
*Publicity Chair.*

## Share the Joy

Congratulations to Marilyn Hopping on her hard work in her garden at 710 Winter Park Lane.

Marilyn is the 2020 winner of the Kay Starmer "Share the Joy" Garden Award.



## Flower Show School Cancelled

We had to cancel Flower Show School on September 29 and 30 because we are only allowed 10 people at an indoor gathering. We have decided to push off Course 1 for Flower Show School to next September 28 and 29, 2021, and course 2 in April of 2022.

We would really love to see great attendance by some in our club.

Sharon Schappacher and William Santos