



# March Newsletter 2021

## From the President...

The PAGC Board and committees have been busy getting ready for our program year starting on April 28, 2021. Our meetings will start on Zoom for April and May and we will hopefully be meeting in person in outdoor venues over the summer. The PAGC yearbook, with our exciting schedule of programs, is expected to be mailed to you in early April.

An important goal of 2021 is to see more participation by our members in our various committees and activities. Your participation is essential to the success of our club. Many committees are meeting by Zoom currently and in the future will likely often meet as quick asides at in-person member meetings.

In addition to the PAGC garden you help to plant and maintain, every active member should also plan to participate on a committee. We need volunteers for all our committees, so don't be surprised if you're asked by a committee chair to serve as co-chair or become a working member of a committee. Most jobs require only an hour or so a month or less. None of these activities are done by one person alone and are good ways to better understand how our club works.

Your willingness to volunteer will help to ensure we have a stronger club where the work for its success is shared equally and with broader input from all our members.

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## Committee Updates

The yearbook preparation is going well and Marla McGuire is using her magic to produce it as well as training others as her back-up. We have purchased a refurbished laptop that will be available with the Microsoft apps necessary for both yearbook preparation and updating of the PAGC website. Rita Miller will be co-chair for Yearbook and Sue Moffatt will be co-chair for Web Master. We so appreciate all the excellent work Marla has done on these crucial PAGC functions and wish her success as she focuses on her healing.

Jan Hertel has also agreed to lead our Awards committee. This will allow Julie Ethington to focus more on Youth Activities in 2021. Thanks to all of you who have agreed to new roles in 2021.

## Upcoming Programs

We are very excited for you to be part of our monthly programming this year. Some of our meetings and programs will be presented on Zoom, which will not only keep us safe during the pandemic, but enable us to bring programs and speakers that would not be possible otherwise. Additionally, we have live, face-to-face programs planned for June, July, August, and December. Some of our highlights will be a Garden Tour, a Wildflower Walk, making Art in the Gardens, a cooking demonstration, and a talk with the famous horticulturalist & author, Brie Arthur (you may want to Google her; she is amazing!).

The first two meetings will be on Zoom, a Zoom link will be emailed out before that date. The board meeting will be at 10 a.m. and Social time for the general meeting starts at 11:30 a.m. Our Zoom meetings will all begin at noon and will feature our speakers or programs before our business meeting. Feel free to invite guests that you would like to persuade to join the Garden Club.

Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, April 28, featuring Kendall Klingelsmith from Petoskey, Director of Parks and Recreation, David (DJ) Jones from the Petoskey Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, and Lisa Hoyt from the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce, speaking on bird walks.

On May 26, we can learn about Growing and Caring for Dahlias from Rusty Hart. We will also get an update on the Children's Garden from Sandy Sheldon. We are very excited to begin creating this innovative and educational garden in our community.

Jane Schneider, *Program*

