



# April 2023 Newsletter

## From Our President

Spring is finally making her presence felt this week! The birds are serenading each morning and busily looking for food and nesting materials in the leaf litter. The ice has disappeared from the Bay. Temperatures are definitely warming, and the sun isn't setting at 5 pm.

Of course, that means that gardens will soon be sprouting, and Petoskey Area Garden Club activities will soon begin. Our first Board Meeting and General Membership Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at Northern Lights Recreation, 8865 M119, Harbor Springs. The Board Meeting starts at 10 am, and our Business Meeting and luncheon start at noon. I hope you have all made your reservations for lunch. This will be our annual Community Update, where we hear from Kendall Klingel Smith, Parks & Rec Director, and David Jones, P-HS Community Foundation Executive Director. We will also discuss our focus for the Garden Club for this year.

Last October, I took the first class of the MGC Environmental School. I shared what that was like at our November meeting, and many of you remarked that you would be interested in the course. The second class is scheduled for May 19-20 in Manistee, MI. I have already signed up for the class and am looking forward to it. You do not have to have completed the first class to be able to do the second. Let me know if you are interested in taking the course; I will be happy to answer your questions about it (517-303-6828). Sign up is done on the MGC website.

Other important events that are coming this spring include:

May 23, District 5 Leadership meeting in Kalkaska

May 24, Board & Member meeting at  
Petoskey District Library

May 25, City Planter Boxes

May 31, PAGC Spring Clean Up Day

June 1, City Planters Planting Day

June 6-7, MGC Annual Conference, Grand Rapids

June 8, PAGC Beds Spring Planting Day.

Wow! That is a lot to get the city up and blooming! That is why we want all members helping to make the work collectively easier and quickly accomplished. We have been doing this for 89 years, and our community depends on us. It will be joyful to see you all very soon

Jane Schneider, 517.303.6828

## 2023 Meetings

All meetings held at  
Emmet County EMS Training Room  
1201 Eppler Road  
unless otherwise indicated.

Board Meetings Always at 10:00

Social Gathering for Membership  
Meetings Always at 11:30

- **April 26 - Community Updates**  
Northern Lights Recreation  
8865 M-119, Harbor Springs  
Lunch \$25.00 per person RSVP by April 19
- **May 24 - Get Familiar with Gardening Books**  
Carnegie Building-CTAC  
Bring your own Lunch  
Followed by Public Library Tour
- **June 28 - History of American Spoon Foods, Justin Rashid**  
Lunch provided
- **July 26 - Incorporating Native Plants into Landscapes**  
Lunch provided
- **August 23 - Tea Luncheon under the tent at Bay View Inn**  
Followed by Garden Tour  
2011 Woodland Ave., Petoskey  
Lunch \$25 per person
- **September 27 - Adam Willson, General Manager, Willson's Garden Center, Lunch provided**
- **October 25 - Coveyou Scenic Farm Market Tour, US- 131**  
Meet at EMS, Lunch provided
- **November 15 - "What did a packet of Lavender Seeds start in my Garden?"**  
Lunch provided
- **December 13 - Christmas Luncheon**  
Lavender Hills Farm, 11:30am  
7354 Horton Bay Rd., Boyne City  
Lunch \$25 per person

Michigan Garden Club, Inc. in conjunction with  
District 4 cordially invite you to the

# 2023 MGC ANNUAL CONFERENCE



HANDPICKED JUST FOR YOU  
*Make the Member Connection*

**June 6-7, 2023**

Sheraton Grand Rapids Airport Hotel  
5700 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI

## Handpicked Just For You

**Keynote Speaker: Gardening is Murder, Neal Sanders**, Author and The Principal Undergardener' blogger, You will be able to relate to many of his humorous quips. A Book signing afterward.

**Betty Sanders**, Speaker & Gardener, **Maintaining Healthy Lawns & Lawn Alternatives**

**James Lutke**, Artist and Floral Designer, **Floral Styling with James Lutke**

**Natalie Carmolli**, Proven Winners, **Beautiful & Smart-Hardworking Shrubs**

**Josh Rogenbuck**, Walters Gardens, **EZ Scapes**

**Installation of Michigan Garden Club Officers**

**Registration deadline is May 19, 2023.** Online registration and payment is now open. Nonmembers are welcome to attend. **Seating is Limited**

**Registration Fees** are:

Conference Only: \$145.00

Conference Plus Meijer Gardens Tram Tour: \$163.00

Conference Plus Japanese Garden Tour: \$161.00

Meijer Gardens Big Picture and Docent Led Tour: \$160.00

Registration fees include morning coffee, lunch and dinner on June 6 and continental breakfast and lunch on June 7.

**MGC Website for Registration: [www.migardenclubs.org](http://www.migardenclubs.org)**

**If you are planning to spend the night.** A block of rooms are set aside at the Sheraton Airport Hotel. **Reservations** must be made by May 5, 2023. Call the hotel directly at 616-957-1770 and reference the Michigan Garden Clubs Annual Conference to get our room rate of \$119 per night plus taxes.

**Featured this Year:** The popular **Vendors and Silent Auction Baskets.**

### SPECIAL FEATURES PICKED FOR YOU!

Tours of the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park are available on the afternoon of June 7.

Tram Tours \$18.00

Japanese Garden Tour \$16.00

Big Picture and Docent Tour \$15.00

Your option

### COCKTAILS IN THE COURTYARD

June 6th at 5:30



## 2023 PLANTING DATES

Rain dates are next day  
at the same time

City Planter Boxes  
May 25 at 10 am

City Raised Planters  
June 1 at 10 am

Spring Cleanup  
May 31 at 10 am

Spring Planting  
June 8 at 10 am

Fall Cleanup  
October 4 at 10 am

Fall Bulb Planting  
October 11 at 10 am

Kay Starmer "Share the Joy"  
Garden Award  
Deadline for Nominees  
August 15

PAGC Mailing Address  
PO Box 746  
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PAGC Website  
[www.petoskeygardenclub.org](http://www.petoskeygardenclub.org)

MGC Website  
[www.migardenclubs.or](http://www.migardenclubs.or)

## HOSPITALITY LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

### JUNE

Chairperson: Connie Beaubien Greeter: Gail Kepford  
Helpers: Linda Longworth, Sherry Bash, Kay Baldwin,  
Sharon Schappacher

### JULY

Chairperson: Kathy Mitchell Greeter: Julie Hagenbuch  
Helpers: Marj Green, Karen Crossland, Jackie Bunker, Jan Hertel

### AUGUST

No Luncheon-Bay View Inn tour and light tea sandwiches

### SEPTEMBER

Chairperson: Lois Polatnick Greeter: Nancy Fazio  
Helpers: Sandy Selden, Kari Soloman, Susan Roache, Judy Allen

### OCTOBER

Chairperson: Anne Whiteside Greeter: Connie Lenau  
Helpers: Carole Sutton, Ruth Goldsmith, Julie Ethington,  
Barb Gutuskey

### NOVEMBER

Chairperson: Roberta Vander Breggen Greeter: Ethel Larsen  
Helpers: Sue Moffatt, , Christine Gebhard, Judy Allen,  
Kathleen Davis

### DECEMBER

Lavender Hills Farm Christmas Luncheon!

\*Chairperson: Organizes with the team, the menu and who brings what. Helps where needed. Greeter: The Greeter will be present by 11:30, greeting and dispersing nametags. Also, brings in food. Helpers: Bring a dish, drink, dessert, and help set up and clean up afterward

*Thank You All for Your Participation*

### Avoid Neonicotinoids

Some bedding plants have been treated with NEONICOTINOIDS, which is poison to bees and can cause colony collapse! Please make sure you read tags that come with plants, and avoid any that have been treated with neonicotinoids. These chemicals are banned in Europe, but are still used here.

### Planting Humor

Cucumbers can be planted anytime in May after danger of frost is past. Folklore has it that, to protect them from insects, they should be planted on May 1st (the old pagan holiday of Beltane) before sunrise—for best results, they should be planted by a naked young man.

Carol Sutton, *Facebook Posts*



*A wonderful new look for the south bed. The hydrangeas have been saved for planting when the construction is finished.*