

August 2023 Newsletter



From Our President

I was very excited to learn today that we have 12 members going to the MGC

District 5 Fall Member Meeting. It is taking place in Charlevoix on September 14, 9 am-4 pm. How wonderful that we have that many members that want to expand their connection to the other garden clubs in the district and their members. These sessions are always entertaining and educational. We will be sure to Grow, Connect, and Share what we experience.

Have you thought about going back to school lately? I'm sure your children or grand children have that on their minds as we hit half way through August. The Michigan Garden Clubs / National Garden Clubs offer four different Schools that any member may attend for a small fee. They are: Environmental School, Flower School, Gardening School, and Landscape Design School.

I just signed up for the third class of the Environmental School. There are four classes in the School, each two days long with an exam at the close of each class. First was held October, 2022, and was a general earth science, plant biology, and ecology course. The second class was held in May, 2023 and covered land use and mis-use, types of land, and agriculture. The third class will be about air pollution indoors and out, plants that clean the air, rain forests, and environmental ethics, and will be held October 27-28, 2023. The final class will be about water, and held in May 2024. All of these classes for Environmental School have been in Manistee, MI, a beautifully forested and agricultural part of our state. Each class has included field trips.

If you go to the MGC website, log into the members area, and click on "Schools" you can see each of the schools offered. For example, there will be a Flower School held in Ann Arbor October 5-7, 2023. There is a Landscape Design School offered via Zoom (out of Waltham, MA) October 25-27, 2023. You can learn more about the school's curriculum and register for the school on the MGC website, migardenclubs.org (member password: `mgcgrow`).

Maybe you will decide to go back to school again!

Jane Schneider, *President*

Visit All Our Beautiful Gardens

History Museum
100 Depot Ct.

Waterfall Area
Bayfront Dr.

Gaslight Bed
US 31/Lewis St.

Arlington Park
101 E. Lake St.

Pennsylvania Park
Mitchell/Howard St.

**Mitchell Street
Bridge Baskets**
109 W. Mitchell St.

South Entrance Bed
US 31/Mitchell St.

City Center Bed
408 E. Mitchell St.

**Petoskey District
Library**
500 E. Mitchell St.

Monarch Way Station
Bear River Valley
Recreation Area

Remember to take your turn maintaining your gardens and submit pictures of them.

Chris Bartlett, *Landscape Maintenance*



August 23rd Meeting

The August PAGC meeting is shaping up to being a lovely tea and garden tour at BayView Inn, with responses in from 45 attendees. We should have a fun time. Stafford's will serve the tea inside Howard Room at Bay View Inn in case of heavy rain. A BIG thank you to Cathy Meyer for all of her help coordinating this meeting. If you are attending please remember to try and wear a hat and bring centerpieces of flowers from your gardens!

Jan Hertel & Pam Washburn, *Programs*