

September 2023 Newsletter

Blue Ribbon Award



On behalf of the PAGC, Shirley Burns and Linda Longworth constructed a display to be entered at the County Fair in the farm products division. They selected “Pollinators” as the theme. The display won a Blue Ribbon and a \$40 gift certificate that was presented to the garden club. Features of the display included several posters about bees and beekeeping, antique bee skeps, handouts about pollinators provided by MSU Extension, and children’s handouts. The children were excited to take home coloring sheets to identify pollinators and stages in the life of a bee. The attendance at the booth was measured by over 150 names in the drawing jar. The drawing awarded a jar of honey and also a free native bee hive. It was a good educational display and well received.

Submitted by Linda Longworth

September 27th Meeting

Board Meeting 10 am, Social Meeting 11:30
General Meeting 12 noon

EMS Building

Lunch provided by Hospitality Committee

Adam Willson, General Manager
Willson’s Garden Center



From Our President

District 5 Meeting

PAGC sent 11 members to the District 5 members meeting in Charlevoix on Thursday, September 14.

We began with coffee and donuts at 9 am, followed by a fabulous floral table arrangement activity. Given directions, endless floral material, and tools, each table worked on a table centerpiece. It was very educational, and each table achieved stunning results.

Our second presentation was a thought provoking talk from Petoskey’s own Tom Bailey, retired Director of the Little Traverse Conservancy (34 years). Tom’s life has been dedicated to conservation of Michigan’s natural resources. He talked about commitment to and passion for a cause, and leadership.

Lunch was delicious: soups and salad catered by Roast & Toast. Our final speaker came to us by Zoom. Robin Pokorski, Director of Pacific Region Garden Clubs, NGC, used humor, singing, and pure joy to inspire us. She wants meetings to be brief and fun. She wants everyone to bring in new ideas, and take turns at leadership. Fundamentally, she believes in the incredible force for good that gardening (& garden clubs) has to make our world a better place.

90th Anniversary Committee

The 90th Anniversary Committee has met and exchanged ideas to commemorate and celebrate the 90th Anniversary of PAGC (1934-2024). We have an enthusiastic group: Karen Alberts, Jane Bock, Kathleen Davis, Marj Green, Jan Hertel, Connie Lenau, Cathy Meyer, William Santos, Jane Schneider, Kari Solomon, and Pam Washburn.

We have a variety of events we will plan, some for members, some for the public, and some things to benefit others in the community. Once we have firmed up the plans and dates on the calendar, we will need assistance from ALL PAGC members to make all the celebrating a reality. We may be decorating a float for the 4th of July Parade, making “Thank You” bouquets for various community groups, raising money for our Anniversary Focus Project, the Children’s Garden, and transforming the “Gala” venue into a floral fantasy. We will also be remembering our history, and honoring our long-term members and past presidents. We hope to have regular tours of our garden beds in the summer, and to continue our displays and entries into the Emmet County Fair.

Get ready, because 2024 will be a lot of fun!

Jane Schneider, *President*

"Share the Joy" Garden Award

The award is presented each year to a garden located in the City of Petoskey that can be seen from the street as one walks or drives by. The winner for 2023 is Jim Vanek , 1057 Hoffman St. Tied for 2nd place were the gardens at: 312 Jackson St. and 207 Summit St.

Jim gave the PAGC members a tour of his gardens and shared some tips for his success in gardening. The garden was in full bloom in September in spite of the dry Spring and early summer. In addition to his yard, he extended his beds to welcome walkers on the hiking trail entrance to the Petoskey High School walking and hiking trails. Jim has a Little Sharing Library box in the garden as well. Vanek received a gold star stake to place in his garden and a gift certificate to Willson's Garden Center.

Sharing gardening ideas and tips in the community is one of the goals of the PAGC. The sense of enhancing community is the reason behind the "Share the Joy" award in honor of former resident Kay Starmer.



*Pictured left:
Dallas Culvabouse, Jim Vanek
and Nancy Fazio, nominated
the garden for the award.*

August Tea



PAGC enjoyed a lovely, plated tea luncheon at Stafford's Bay View Inn. Members got into the spirit of a formal tea by wearing hats for the occasion. In addition to lunch, we were treated to a presentation about and tour of the Bay View Memorial Garden.



Mark Your Calendars

Clean up gardens October 4 at 10
Plant bulbs October 11 at 10.
ALL members work each day.