

May 2024 Newsletter



Celebrating 90 Years *Beautifying Petoskey Since 1934*

From Our President

Things are ramping up Garden Club members! We have many exciting upcoming events for the club, and I look forward to seeing you at them, especially our 90th Anniversary Gala on June 24.

Last weekend our Arbor Day Event with the City of Petoskey was very successful, with 90 trees distributed to community residents eager to add the native Serviceberry to their landscape. We received many positive comments to those who attended when they saw the beautiful rendering of the Kitigaan Children's Garden, especially since we were right there in Arlington Park where it will be located. Everyone walked away with a copy of our updated PAGC brochure too that included a map with photos of our many beautiful floral beds.



The upcoming May 22 member meeting will feature honoring our longtime members and past presidents. Hospitality will be providing lunch as well as a birthday cake for our club's "90th birthday." We will also have a presentation by Kathie Gray of CAKE CISMA (The Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area) titled: "Plant This, Not That!" I hope you all will attend!

Speaking of attending our events, **HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR TICKETS FOR THE JUNE 24 GALA YET?** All reservations must be in by June 10. The Gala, celebrating our history, as well as our future, will be a fun event for members, residents, and community leaders. Put on a pretty dress (ladies) or handsome suit (gentlemen), grab your best friend, and enjoy wonderful food, drinks and lively piano music provided by Howard Richards. Get your photo taken to preserve the memories of this special event as well.

You be enchanted by the sparkling tables and floral centerpieces made by our own club member, William Santos. Then watch William do his magic with four different floral arrangements, which you will all have a chance to purchase. You will definitely want to bid on items in the Silent Auction. The lineup of items for bidding are fabulous and unique.

Having a special evening set aside to be with friends and celebrate the many years that the PAGC has been a vital part of beautiful Petoskey will be a wonderful experience. I look forward to seeing you there!

Jane Schneider, *President*

Auction Items Needed

Dear Members,
We think you will be pleased to see the 22 packages that have been put together for the silent auction to be held at the 90th Anniversary Gala. All proceeds from the auction will be used for the future Children's Garden.

Our community has been very generous to us. We keep hearing "yes" we will donate because the garden club works hard to keep Petoskey beautiful. Thank you for your continued commitment to the garden club.

There are a few items still needed for the 90th anniversary gala silent auction. Since the list gets shorter each day the list is not included here.

If you are willing to solicit for one of the items or donate cash toward an item, please contact Jan Hertel or Kathleen Davis for items still needed.

We hope to see you at the gala!

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Silent Auction Co-chairs

Member Highlight Jane Damschroder

Growing up in central Ohio, Jane Damschroder was surrounded with vegetable and flower gardens planted by her parents. Jane recalls the colorful flower garden that included cosmos, gladiolus, marigolds, zinnias, and sweet peas climbing the garden fence as well as a large bed of nasturtiums outside the kitchen window. She enjoyed making cut floral arrangements from the large variety of flowers from their gardens.



Jane arrived in Petoskey with her husband and children in 1970. Once settled in and making new friends, she joined the Petoskey Area Garden Club. "I was asked to participate in the 'make Petoskey beautiful' campaign, so I did! That was in 1974 which makes this year my 50th year in this club," Jane proudly stated.

Early on in her membership, the club met in the homes of members, which made for a pleasant event to socialize and enjoy special treats from the hospitality committee, as well as addressing the business of the club. As the members grew the club found various locations to host their regular meeting including the Methodist and Presbyterian churches.

While the number of members grew, so did the number of gardens. The club was now managing six gardens which meant a large quantity of flowers to plant and care for each season. To fund the purchase of these flowers, the club collected donations in decorated containers on the downtown street corners. Later they made crafts out of dried plants and sold them at the fundraiser in the Episcopal church basement. Eventually a member introduced the idea of establishing an endowment fund at the Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, which has served the club well and continues to provide funding for our many projects throughout the years.

At one point, the club engaged in saving the downtown park as there was talk of turning it into a parking area, which was an outrageous idea. However, with determined leadership, the club was instrumental in banishing this idea and today, as we know, Pennsylvania Park is full of lovely trees and colorful gardens, that the club maintains for the community to enjoy.

Jane also served the club in leadership roles as the secretary and president. While no dramatic events happened during her leadership tenure, she has been deeply involved in serving the club to grow and thrive throughout the years. She has also worked with teams in the South Entrance Bed, the Waterfall Area Garden, and the Monarch Way Station.

"During my fifty years in the club, it has been interesting and satisfying to have been involved in the many accomplishments of the group, and with so many dedicated individuals," Jane said.

Submitted by Kathleen Davis

Get Ready for Gardening

Please note the following dates for all members to participate in the spring clean-up of all gardens, planting flowers in the raised planters, and planting flowers in gardens. Bed Captains will contact their teams to arrange maintenance schedules for the season. Bring gloves and small garden tools. Please make every effort to participate in your gardens to keep them beautiful for city residents and visiting guests.

Upcoming dates:

- City raised planters flower planting:
Thursday, May 23 at 10am
- To attend please show up around 9:45 at the City Center bed (at the old JC Penny building) and you will be assigned to planters throughout the city. Jon Humel will be there to direct everyone.
- Spring Clean-up of all gardens:
Wednesday, May 29 at 10am
(rain date is May 30 at 10am)
- Spring flower planting:
Thursday June 6 at 10am
(rain date is June 7 at 10am)

Civic Gardening co-chairs
Jane Bock and Judy Mainland
Landscape Maintenance co-chairs
Kathleen Davis and Kari Solomon

Garden Club Meeting May 22 , 2024

Emmet County Building
1201 Eppler Road

Board Meeting at 10 a.m

Social Gathering at 11:30 a.m

Lunch at noon

90th Anniversary Party
Honoring Members
Celebration Cake

Speaker
Plant This Not That
Katie Gray of Cake Cisma

2024 GARDEN PLANTS

GASLIGHT BED

Bed Captains, Ethel Larsen

- 6" Red Dragonwing Begonia
- 4" White Daisy
- 4" Lt. Blue Salvia
- Flat Antigua Marigolds

CITY CENTER BED

Bed Captain, Sharon Schappacher

- 4" Blue Dk Salvia
- 6" Pink Dragonwing Begonia
- 4" Bubblegum Supertunia
- 4" White Supertunia
- 4" Royal Velvet Supertunia
- 4" Pink Verbena
- 4" White Angelonia
- 4" Blue Scaevola

SOUTH MITCHELL BED

Bed Captain, Marj Green

- 6" Pink Dragonwing Begonia
- Variegated Green Lime Coleus
- Paradise Vista Supertunias

HISTORY MUSEUM BED

Bed Captain, Connie Lenau

- 4" Orange New Guinea Impatiens
- 4" Florific Violet New Guinea Impatiens
- Yellow Ligularia
- 4" Lobularia Snow Princess
- 4" Yellow Sanvitallia
- 4" Blue Scaevola
- Pink Verbena
- White Phlox
- Purple Phlox
- Black Eyed Suzanne

FRONT BOX

- 4" Orange New Guinea Impatiens
- 4" Purple New Guinea Impatiens
- 4" Scaevola (white and blue)

CIRCULAR MONUMENT)

- 4" Bright Mixed New Guinea Impatiens

20" LIBRARY POTS

Bed Captain, Chris Bartlett

- 6" Red Surefire Begonia (3 in each)
- Golden Creeping Jenny (3 in each)

24 — 18' BRIDGE BASKETS-Jane Bock

- Silverberry, Bubblegum, Paradise Vista Supertunia

BAYFRONT PARK (Waterfall)

Bed Captain, Carol Sutton

- 4" Pink Dragonwing Begonia
- Flats Multi-colored Impatiens
- Flats Mixed Coleus
- Flats Purple Salvia

PENNSYLVANIA PARK

Bed Captain, Sharon Schappacher

2 URNS

- 6" Red Surefire Begonia (3 in each)
- 4" Hip Hop Euphorbia (2 in each)

BED NEAR MITCHELL STREET

- 4" Pink, Purple and white
- New Guinea Impatiens

BED IN THE MIDDLE

- 4" Pink, Purple and white
- New Guinea Impatiens

Emmet County has Compost for Sale



Bagged Availability limited. \$8 per bag (1.5 cubic feet) or 3 bags for \$20.

Bring-Your-Own Buckets Minimum "bulk" purchase of \$7.50 for a ¼ Cubic Yard 50 gallons!

Bulk Load-Your-Own \$30 a cubic yard.

Bulk We-Load \$40 a cubic yard, loading available into open trucks or trailers only.

Submitted by Pam Carpenter



90th Anniversary Gala

Petoskey/Bay View Country Club • June 24, 2024 • 5:30pm- 9:00pm

Ticket Reservation Form

Ticket price includes hearty hors d'oeuvres, Live and Silent auctions. Cash bar provided.

Number of tickets to purchase at \$75 each: _____ Total purchase: \$_____

I cannot attend the 90th Anniversary Gala but would like to donate \$_____ to PAGC toward the new Kitigaan Children's Garden.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Guest names: _____

Credit Card Credit Card # _____ Expiration _____ CVV _____

Check enclosed

Return form to:

PAGC • P.O. Box 746 • Petoskey, MI 49770

For questions, please contact Jane Schneider, PAGC President: (517) 303.6828

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90th Anniversary Gala

Petoskey/Bay View Country Club • June 24, 2024 • 5:30pm- 9:00pm

This year marks the 90th Anniversary of the Petoskey Area Garden Club and we are celebrating this special milestone.

Join us as we reflect on our legacy and celebrate our future together!

Tickets are \$75 per person which include a variety of hearty hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and auction items to bid on.

William Santos, of Monarch Garden & Floral Design, will do a live auction demonstration of fabulous floral arrangement.

An array of attractive packages will be available to bid on for the Silent auction. There is something for everyone!

Proceeds from the auctions will go toward the new Kitigaan Children's Garden. Purchase your tickets today!

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