



Troy Garden Club Branch
Woman's National Farm & Garden Association
Meetings held at the Big Beaver United Methodist Church
3753 John R, Troy, Michigan
Second Wednesday of the Month at Noon
February 2018



President's Message

Beverly Hydo

“Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul.” - Luther Burbank

As I write this, our federal government is shutdown. Discord and incivility rule; rather than trying to find common ground and compromise, insults and rude behavior dominate conversation. I would like to believe that our flower garden club makes people better, happier and more helpful as the above quote indicates, but that doesn't always seem to be the case. Although our behavior is far from mimicking the federal government, it is time to be more careful about our manners when dealing with each other and members of our immediate community. Manners is perhaps an old fashioned term but it implies caring and thoughtfulness to others. I noticed recently that the Master Gardener Society of Oakland County (MGSOC) has been printing a “protocol for all meetings” on their monthly agenda. It is really common courtesy. I print it here as a reminder to all:

- Silence your phones and electronic devices.
- Arrive on time. We start promptly at noon. When the gavel falls for order, take your seats quickly and quietly.
- Please DO NOT TALK among yourselves during the presentation. Hold your speaker questions until the end of the presentation.
- Be a “TGC Mentor” at general meetings. Get to know your neighbors, welcome visitors warmly and encourage new members to get involved.

Mentoring deserves special emphasis. Many of us have our own “tables” at lunch and although we all eagerly look forward to lunch with our friends, please be mindful of new people. Incorporate them into the group and encourage participation in club projects. We have many opportunities for participation. Right now we need Hospitality help. Judy Francis worked with Barb Lepri on beverage set up for our meetings, but now has new responsibilities as recording secretary. A replacement is needed. JoAnn Preston will be seeking volunteers to help with Horticulture therapy for seniors and the Perennial Plant Exchange. I am looking for volunteers to chair Ways and Means for a month. The money raised is meaningful to the club. Our room rental is \$125.00. Every dollar raised during our raffle defrays the cost of room rent. Some months room rent is “free” because the money raised covers that cost. March, April, October and November are available.

Our gardening year is rapidly unfolding. Though it is not time to be in the garden physically, there are numerous workshops and catalogs to inspire your inner gardener. Flowers do have the ability to make people better, happier and more helpful. Thanks for all you do.

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February Notices



George Papadelis from Telly's

Our February speaker is the always favorite George Papadelis, Owner/Operator, Telly's Greenhouse and Garden Center. See what is new in plants for 2018 and hear George's plant predictions for the best of the new introductions and those that will not make the most wanted list!

Ways and Means on Valentines Day

Presenters Nancy Cardon, Judy Cornellier,
Deborah Hancock



**Theme: Hearts and Flowers
Red, White and Pink
(Really anything goes!)**

Silent Auction:

Judy Cornellier will be donating a hand made basket lined with a dash of pink and poppy pods

Count on:

- Primrose plants, and amaryllis (hopefully blooming!)
- "A rose in a bud vase" for your Valentine
- Antique reprints of Valentines to give today
- Sugar cookies and candy bags to sweeten the day

Here is what members can bring:

baked goods, flowers, candies.

or

Use your imagination to add to the table.

All Items accepted think Homegoods

Baskets will be ready to fill.

Be sure to bring items before 11:30 to give time for the team to make a good presentation.

Hospitality

Ahhh... the month of February conjures up love, flowers and CHOCOLATE!

FINGER FOODS: Cindy Idyle, JoAnn Preston, Nancy Cardon, Tina Downen, Karol Carter & Judy Popyk

SALADS: Gerry Young, Karen Brant, Kay Betke, Diane Harris & Janet Henning

DESSERTS: Betty Chessin, Wendy Chessin, Carolyn Treiber, Karen Yard, Irene Koziel & Gloria Christiansen

CENTERPIECE: Mary Schwark

EVERYONE: bring a plate and cup and something RED for your table!

Yearbooks are Ready for Pick Up!

Kay Betke

The 2018 Yearbook will be available at the February meeting. Be sure to stop at the membership sign-in table and pick up your copy. The Yearbooks will have the member's name on them and will be in alphabetical order by last name. Please initial or sign your name on the sheet provided as a receipt of your copy.


The Yearbook is more than a directory list of members and their addresses. Take some time to look over the contents. This year a complete set of By-Laws and Standing Committees and Rules are included.

You may wonder why we include these pages each year. Our garden club bylaws state that all our members receive these important organizational papers. The **By-Laws** state how our club is governed. The **Standing Committees and Rules** are a guide to members who work on the various committees in our club. Included with these pages is a copy of the Membership Form. Next year we will ask you to save these pages as we will not be printing them in a large quantity.

Garden Walk Sponsorships

Karol Carter

Producing an inviting and ultimately successful garden walk requires expenditures. Expenses include insurance, publicity, hostess supplies, table & chair rentals, homeowner gifts, tickets & other printing costs and the art competition to name a few. Last year we were thrilled to have ten generous businesses agree to sponsor our event at the \$100 or more level. This amounted to \$1,350 in sponsorship funds or the equivalent of selling 135 additional garden walk tickets. These sponsors were recognized on our garden walk ticket plus on a sign at each of the gardens and the Troy Historic Village. If you know of a business or individual who may be interested in sponsoring our garden walk, please contact Lenore Treba. She will provide you with further details and a letter, which you can give to your potential sponsor. As the saying goes, "It can't hurt to ask." Many of you became patrons of the arts and sponsored an art competition prize or helped with other art competition expenses, which was a wonderful gesture.



Daffodil Day Luncheon

Lenore Treba

Join us on Wednesday, April 18th, for a fun event at Belle Isle. The registration form is on page 11 of the Michigan newsletter. A state park sticker will be required for your car. I am collecting the registration forms to submit as a group so that we can sit together. My deadline is February 14

January Membership

Greeters: Judy Lochner
and Pat Marcaccio

- 48 Members Attended
- 1 guest - Kuni Ganguly returned to visit

With the addition of our new member, Ann Zimmerman, we now are 100 members strong.

A Step Back in Time/Looking Forward to the Future

Judy Francis

Have you visited the 5-acre charming Village Green at 60 W. Wattles Road in Troy? Over 13,000 students have gained a glimpse of the past while touring the Troy Historic Village. Thousands of people have enjoyed the beauty of this place while attending various events throughout the years.

Loraine Campbell, our speaker on January 10th, has been the Executive Director of the Village for over 17 years. She has a B.S. in Biology and a Masters in History.

One of the main projects at the Historic Village this year is the 1700 sq. ft. Niles Barnard House renovation, which should be completed by December 2018. Loraine is seeking feedback for technology, accessibility, functionality and curb appeal/landscaping ideas from the Troy Garden Club. Three new objectives for 2018 are:

1. Re-envisioned boutique for the Garden Walk
2. Niles Barnard House renovation and landscaping
3. Train exhibit in the Summer

I am looking forward to 2018 at the Troy Historic Village, aren't you?

**Your Invitation to the Gardens &
the 10th Annual Art Competition**

Mary Schwark



The Troy Garden Club's 10th annual art competition is off and running! With the Troy School District's continuing participation, the guidelines have been distributed through the schools' art departments and building administrators. Now the waiting begins for the students' heartwarming art. Thank you to Troy Garden Club member Marilyn Frey. For a third consecutive competition, she has taken on the enormous job of collecting and cataloging this year's entries.

The Troy Historic Village has generously made their church building available for the various stages of processing the art, judging, framing and the May 3 art awards ceremony. Approximately three dozen TGC members participate in the annual art competition experience as judges, framers, sponsors, cookie bakers and hostesses.

Once again, the art will be exhibited at the THV's Poppleton School for two weeks beginning July 11, the day of *Invitation to the Gardens*, the TGC's 44th annual garden walk. In addition, the Village is a major collection point for art entries. Thank you, THV!

If you've attended the art awards ceremony in the past, you know what fun it is and how encouraging it is to see such happy and creative students, as well as their enthusiastic families, friends, teachers and school principals.

Many Troy Garden Club members have sponsored art awards over the past several years. The grand prize of \$100 (plus \$50 for framing) is again being underwritten by Stephen M. Kremer, Centaurus Financial. Thank you to TGC member Margy Truza for permitting us, year after year, to request sponsorship from her financial planner.

Now we ask that our members become, once more, Patrons of the Arts. Will you help as generously as you have in the past?

Sponsorship is needed for the following: three first place awards of \$35 each; three second place awards of \$20 each; three third place awards of \$15 each; one award of \$50 for the art used on the ticket; \$35 for "framing" supplies; \$70 for guidelines printing; and a \$75 award for the art department of the school which submits the most entries. The same awards were all sponsored by generous TGC members in 2017!

For the larger awards, if you would like to contribute toward them but not fully fund them, that is a very welcome alternative.

Please contact Mary Schwark, schwark@aol.com, to select your sponsorship category and to become a 2018 Patron of the Arts. All checks should be made payable to the Troy Garden Club, and they should be submitted to Jeanne Bolcer, TGC treasurer.

Herb Study Group
Ann Britton

Judy Popyk spent many hours organizing the lovely January Tea at Tonia's Victorian Tea Room in Rochester. The warm tea and tea sandwiches were comforting on a blustery winter day. Tonia shared the history of the building and her journey as a business owner. Thank you Judy for facilitating this event.

Our next meeting will be at the THV in the Old Troy Church on February 21, 9:30 a.m. All members of the Troy Garden Club are invited to join the group. The refreshments will be supplied by Nancy Cardon and another member.

**HAPPY
 FEBRUARY
 BIRTHDAY! to**



Mary Hrynik	10
Jeanne Bolcer	11
Sylvia Powers	13
Carolyn Treiber	13
Bill Williams	13
Valerie Greenberg	14
Constance Warren	22
Sue Ann Moretti	28

Calendar February 2018

- 14** 12 noon Troy Garden Club Meeting Big Beaver United Methodist Church. Speaker George Papadelis "What's New for 2018?"
- 19** **February Newsletter Early Deadline Feb. 19 ***** Please email your article to Karen Brant**
- 21** 9:30 a.m. Herb Study Meeting Troy Historic Village
- 28** 11 a.m. Garden Walk Meeting
- 12:30 p.m. Board Meeting Troy Historic Village Church



Karen Brant January Centerpiece

January Happenings



Our new officers (left to right) Karen Hanock - Corresponding Secretary, Judy Francis - Recording Secretary, Jeanne Bolcer - Treasurer, Yolanda Tenorio-Thomas standing in for Judi Milidrag - Vice President, Bev Hydo - President



What do these members have in common besides their shirts? Both Karen Yard and Nancy Wietchy are former Recording Secretaries.