



**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 2019

### President's Message

Barb Lepri

*"A gardener is one for whom the prospect of the future is not threatening, but happy."  
Anne Morrow Lindbergh*

February is here and, as usual, we look forward to hearing from our friend George Papadelis on what's new for 2019. Of course with our first Garden Walk planning meeting taking place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January, we are diving into all the details that go into putting on yet another wonderful Garden Walk. As you heard, we have 7 gardens this year, with 3 of them located within a cul-de-sac. Please pay special attention to Mary Schwark's article regarding the Garden Walk volunteer sign up which appears in this newsletter.

JoAnn Preston, Karen Babcock and Pat Dunning are handling this month's Ways and Means. The theme is "Bake Sale and Best Sellers". Be sure to bring in a book or two (or three) and an item for the bake sale. We usually have a large group at the February meeting, and 10% of the proceeds go to Pennies for Friendship.

There is a new link to the 2018 Garden Walk video: [vimeo.com/310840928](https://vimeo.com/310840928). Check it out and reminisce about all the beautiful gardens we saw last summer. The link is also on our website.

Our new directory is now available. Please remember to destroy last year's membership directory, as that information is private. Finally, with winter weather upon us, please see the TGC inclement weather policy statement elsewhere in this newsletter.



*Our new officers (from left to right) Barbara Lepri – President, Linda Forrester - Vice President, Jeanne Bolcer – Treasurer, Judy Francis – Recording Secretary, Kathy Mardyla – Corresponding Secretary, Onita Fitz -Assistant to Barbara Lepri, Jayne Smith - Assistant to Linda Forrester*

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# Thank You!

Beverly Hydo

You may not have made a direct monetary contribution to the gift certificate I received to Ye Old Flower Barn upon completion of my two years as president, but you all contributed your unique gifts/talents throughout my journey. Initially, I made a fuss about not wanting to be president, knowing how time consuming it would be. However, two years went by amazingly fast! The bonus, for me, is how interesting it's been learning about all of our members. Many of you are so generous with your time and support of our club. That was invaluable to me as president, making my job that much easier. A sincere thanks to all!

Now we again turn to planning for the Garden Walk. This year we have seven gardens (yes, 7!) at five different locations, including three on a cul-de-sac, which we will staff as two gardens. It's not as confusing as it sounds. All the gardens are between Square Lake and South Blvd, which will make driving quicker. Visitors can spend more time at each garden and the Troy Historic Village, rather than struggling through traffic. Ann Britton has agreed to be our Head Hostess again and Mary Schwark will coordinate staffing of all areas. See her article elsewhere in the newsletter. Others have been approached to be Head Hostesses, or to chair a committee. By the time you read this we will have had our first planning meeting. I'm looking forward to lots of input and involvement from members, especially you.

## Membership

Pat Guibord, Diane Harris, Pat Piejak & Judy Popyk

There were 56 members at our January meeting. Make sure that you sign in.

Our seven guests from Rochester Hills, Roseville, Farmington Hills, Royal Oak, Madison Heights and Troy were greeted by Judy Popyk and Pat Marcaccio.

Good job everyone for handing in your membership dues for 2019 in a timely manner. Kay Betke has been working hard to give us our 2019 directory at the February meeting.

Please give a warm welcome to our new member, Joan McClelland. Her information will be on the bottom of the financial page.

If you happen to have any picks from your holiday flowers, we could put them to good use.

### Daffodil Day Luncheon

Lenore Treba

Join us on Wednesday, April 17th, for a fun event at Belle Isle. The registration form is on page 6 of the Michigan News. 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. Be sure to fill out the complete form. **My deadline is February 14.**



### February Birthdays

Diane Harris

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

## Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On!

Mary Schwark

As always, the second Wednesday of July will be the day of our 2019 garden walk. We're shaking up this year's volunteer sign-up in order to make the process more efficient and less of a burden for the head home hostess. Her's is a huge job and she needs our cooperation. Our first responsibility is to schedule **Wednesday** volunteers in the gardens and at the Troy Historic Village. **PLEASE READ THE INFO BELOW CAREFULLY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT'S NEW.**

***Your first opportunity to volunteer for the Troy Garden Club's 2019 garden walk venues and Troy Historic Village activities will be at our Feb. 13 meeting (one month earlier than usual).***

**GARDEN LOCATIONS:** All 2019 gardens are south of South Blvd., north of Square Lake Rd., east of Opdyke and west of Livernois.

**FIRST GARDEN SIGN-UPS:** At the Feb. 13 meeting beginning at 11:30 am.

If your personal travel distance is a factor, decide in advance if you prefer to volunteer in the gardens:

- (1) between Opdyke & Squirrel **OR**
- (2) between Squirrel & Adams **OR**
- (3) between Beach & Coolidge **OR**
- (4) between Coolidge & Crooks **OR**
- (5) between Crooks & Livernois.

In case your first choice is not available, be prepared to select alternative (2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> choice) locations.
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**FIRST TROY HISTORIC VILLAGE SIGN-UPS:** At the Feb. 13 meeting beginning at 11:30 am.

Each **Wednesday GARDEN time slot** and each **Wednesday TROY HISTORIC VILLAGE time slot** should have at least two volunteers by the end of our March 13 general meeting. For additional sign-ups, see below. \*\*\*

**IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE FEBRUARY 13 MEETING:**

- (1) You will miss George Papadelis' annual **What's New** presentation AND you will miss the first garden walk and Troy Historic Village Wednesday sign-up opportunities.
- (2) Email schwark@aol.com from February 1 through March 12. (Please call only if you don't have email.)
- (3) Provide your **1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup>** choice locations as listed above under **FIRST GARDEN SIGN-UPS and FIRST TROY HISTORIC VILLAGE SIGN-UPS.**
- (4) Indicate your **1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup>** choice time slots: morning OR afternoon OR evening

**Based upon the order in which your email requests are received, your choices will be added to the garden walk schedule after the TGC's February 13 meeting.**

**\*\*\*FOR THOSE WHO SIGN UP IN PERSON ON FEBRUARY 13 OR BY EMAIL FROM FEBRUARY 1 THROUGH MARCH 12:** You may volunteer for **second time slots in the gardens** or **at the THV** beginning on March 13.

Questions? Email: schwark@aol.com

### February 2019 Speaker

Linda Forrester

George Papadelis from Telly's Nursery is a favorite speaker of ours and shares his enthusiasm with us every February. Everyone knows George! He will be giving us his usual entertaining style of banter as he shares what is new for gardeners in 2019!



Mary Schwark and her January centerpiece

### Hospitality

Norine Garavanta

Our February meeting is very popular so prepare a lot for all of our guests.

**FINGER FOODS:** Irene Koziel, Bev Hydro, Judi Milidrag, Onita Fitz, Linda Chambers, Kathy Blechinger, Barb Chambers, Nancy Cardon, Judy Cornellier, Debbie Hancock, Nancy Wietchy, Cindy Idyle, Pat Guibord, JoAnn Preston.

**SALADS:** Mary Jo Howe, Patty Dunning, Jeanne Bolcer, Karen Hancock, Kay Bette, "The" Dixons, Carole Bodner, Karol Carter, Diane Harris.

**DESSERT:** Florence Peressini, Maria Richie, Judy Francis, Pat Piejak, Kathleen Mardyla, Val Greenberg.

**MAIN CENTERPIECE:** Nancy Cardon

**12 TABLE THEME:** Anything RED in honor of Valentine's Day!

### February Ways and Means – Book and Bake Sale

Patty Dunning, Karen Hancock, JoAnn Preston

What better time than February in Michigan to grab a good book with a tasty pastry and curl up in a warm spot! And with extra guests arriving for George's talk from Telly's, we really need your contributions to Ways and Means. So sort through your novels, biographies, mysteries, bestsellers, garden guides, and fiction and bring them along to donate at the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please leave children's books, textbooks and cookbooks at home this time. We appreciate your books and paperbacks please, no magazines.

Or maybe just use that cookbook to whip up some tasty bake sale item to sell. Cookies, cupcakes, muffins, breads, pies – any treat you can think of to make Valentine's Day more fun. Disposable plates please and if you can include the recipe, that would make your bake sale item more delightful to fellow cooks.

If you can't decide between book or bake, let's have the first part of the alphabet focus on books and second half on bake sale. New member, Patty Dunning, is going all out to help make this Ways and Means especially delightful, so bring your cash as this is not a raffle. We would love everyone participating.

### Calendar February 2019

Kathie Mardyla

- 13 12 noon. Troy Garden Club General Meeting  
Big Beaver United Methodist Church
- 20 10 a.m. Herb Group Meeting
- 25 **Newsletter Deadline.** Please email articles to Karen Brant
- 27 11 a.m. Garden Walk Meeting at Troy Historic Village Church  
12:30 p.m. Board Meeting at Troy Historic Village Church



### TGC Inclement Weather Policy

Barb Lepri

It is time to reiterate our policy regarding cancellation of meetings due to weather conditions. When general meetings are cancelled due to weather, it's usually last minute. Members will have to make themselves aware of school closings. If Troy Schools are closed, our general meeting will be cancelled. Rescheduling of that meeting will depend on the availability of the church, the speaker and members.

For Board and Garden Walk meetings, I will contact the attendees after checking with the Troy Historic Village regarding conditions there. Of course, you are encouraged to make your own decision based on your situation.



Two or three members are needed each month to organize and publicize Ways and Means. At this time no one has volunteered to do the month of March. Funds raised by Ways and Means help to defray the costs of speakers and room rent at the church. Also 10% goes to Pennies for Friendship. This is a small time commitment; please let Barb Lepri know if you can run Ways and Means for one month.

### Yearbook

Kay Betke

The **2019 Yearbook** will be available at the February meeting. Be sure to stop at the member 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 for receipt of your copy. Remember you have a white binder to keep the Yearbook items in. Last year a complete set of By-Laws and Standing Committees and Rules were included with the yearbook information. Please keep these pages since they were not reprinted for this year.

Suggestion: Place a divider between the yearbook pages and the by-laws and standing committees pages. A colored piece of paper is included with the 2019 Yearbook for that purpose.