

Troy Garden Club - Welcome Letter

Mission Statement

The mission of the Troy Garden Club is to bring together those who are interested in home gardening so that they may learn better horticultural practices, promote civic beauty, conserve natural resources, promote the purposes of the Michigan Division of the WNF&GA, as well as share their knowledge and experience with others.

As a new or potential member, we want you to know that:

We meet 10 times per year on the second Wednesday of the month, except July and August. Our meetings include a light lunch at noon followed by a speaker at 1 pm.

Members sign up to provide buffet items, usually salads, finger foods, and desserts. You are asked to do this twice a year and at Christmas when everyone contributes to the buffet.

The club provides meals for January, June, and September. Members are asked to provide desserts for one of those meals.

During this time of fellowship and good food we hope that you will get to know some of the other members by asking questions about the club and sharing your garden experiences with others at your table.

The Troy Garden Club is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Our major fundraiser is an annual garden walk. Eighty percent of our net proceeds are donated to horticultural organizations, projects, and to partially fund student scholarships.

All members are required to work the garden walk. If you are going to be out of town or otherwise unable to participate on garden walk day, a non-participation fee of \$20.00 is assessed. Exceptions, usually for health reasons, are made on an individual basis.

We maintain the gardens at the Troy Historic Village. We meet at approximately 9:30 am on the first Wednesday of the month from April to November to garden. You are encouraged to garden at least once during the gardening season, or volunteer to water if gardening is too much.

Other projects you may consider include the Perennial Plant Exchange and Festival of Trees. The best way to get to know a group is by volunteering, or helping another person with a project. Consider signing up to provide a floral centerpiece for the buffet table one month. Both setting up for a meeting, and clean up, requires help.

We often select speakers or topics based on member suggestions, so please let us know about topics or speakers you would like to hear.

We are also interested in any special talents you possess. Please consider any skill you could share:

Accounting Advertising Artistic Talent Computers Video PowerPoint
Photography Writing/journalist

Other: _____