



Troy Garden Club Newsletter

September 2025

**Taco Bar
Month!**

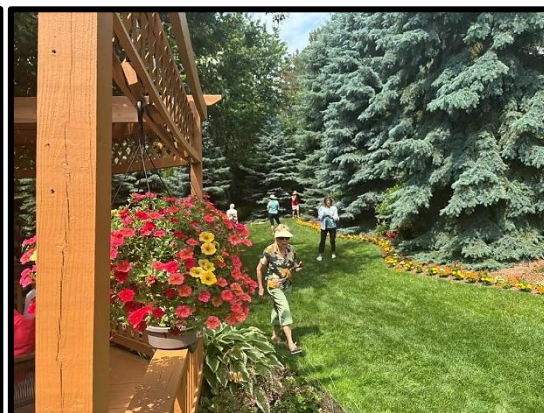
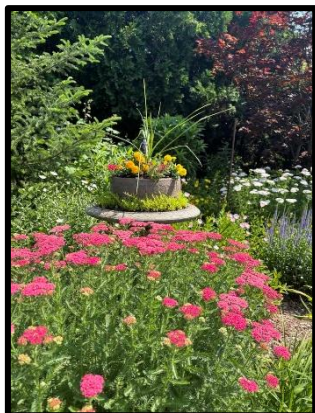
President's Message



Dave Becker

Our garden club is only as strong as our members want it to be.

As you know, this year we will be looking for a new **President, Vice President** and **Community Outreach Chairperson**. Out of 90+ members, I am confident that there are caring, capable individuals who can step forward to help guide and support our club into the future. A heartfelt thank you to all of the members who have given of their time, talents and energy to activities over the past year. Your efforts whether large or small are what make this club such a special place to connect, learn, and grow together. Let's keep our club blooming by ensuring that we have strong leadership for the year ahead and a lot of fun along the way.



2025 Board of Directors/Committee Heads

President: Dave Becker

Vice President: Patrick Hardy

Treasurer: Jeanne Bolcer

Recording Secretary: Darcel Connors

Corresponding Secretary: Judi Milidrag

Advisor: Linda Forrester

Community Outreach: JoAnn Preston

Greeters: Nancy Wietchy

Herb Study Group & Annual Directory: Kay Betke

Hospitality: Jackie Wilson & Cindi O'Neil

Membership: Beverly Hydo

Sunshine & Rainy Days: Pat Dodge

Troy Historic Village Gardens: Karol Carter & Ken Heck



Troy Historic Village Gardens Update

Karol Carter & Ken Heck



Nineteen members spruced up the gardens in August, donating 30 hours. Apparently six are still there as they did not sign out! While tending the print shop garden, **Mike Young** found numerous *milkweed tussock moth caterpillars* on the small stand of milkweed. Though they compete with monarch caterpillars for favored milkweed leaves, they are a food source for birds and mammals. Mike did not find any monarch caterpillars. **Next Gardening Date: September 3rd/9:30 a.m.**

Calendar/September

September 3, Wednesday/9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.: Gardening Day at the Troy Historic Village

September 10, Wednesday/11:30 a.m.: General Meeting/Luncheon

September 17, Wednesday: Herb Study Group (*Kay Betke to provide*)

September 24, Wednesday/Noon: Board Meeting/Niles-Barnard House, THV. **ALL WELCOME**

Newsletter articles may be submitted from the beginning of the month until the 26th.



8th Marilyn Frey

9th Sally Bolle

10th Meena Madhusudan

10th Sue Purcell

Birthdays



11th Tina Dowen

19th Linda Chambers

28th Thea Lockard

30th Margy Truza

HERB STUDY with Kay Betke



In July the **Herb Study Group**, plus a few TGC members, visited member **Marietta Crabtree's** (*lower right*) day lily garden. The collection of 500 plus day lilies is spectacular and descriptions are lost in words. You have to see them to appreciate their beauty. While we were there, Marietta, who also has a pollinator garden, released a Monarch Butterfly onto a swamp milkweed bush. A very special day. **On another note:** We have been told the Troy Historic Village will be moving the Log Cabin to a new location at the Village. We are in limbo as to what to do with the Herb Garden. We may be asking assistance from the Club's members to do some replanting of the Herbs 🌸



A Change is in the Air *Patrick Hardy*

A few changes to our upcoming 2025 Luncheon Speaker Series: **September 10th** will feature **Amanda Ruffini** (*above right*) of *Six Rivers Land Conservancy* with "**Invasives for Fall.**" On **October 8th**, **Emily Lardner** (*below right*) of *Lardner the Gardener* will walk us through "**The Business of Gardening.**"



Michigan Division Fall Council Meeting Thursday, October 2, 2025



Country Club of Detroit
220 Country Club Drive
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236



"Waterfront Porch: Reclaiming Detroit's Industrial Waterfront as A Gathering Place for All" by Dr. John Hartig

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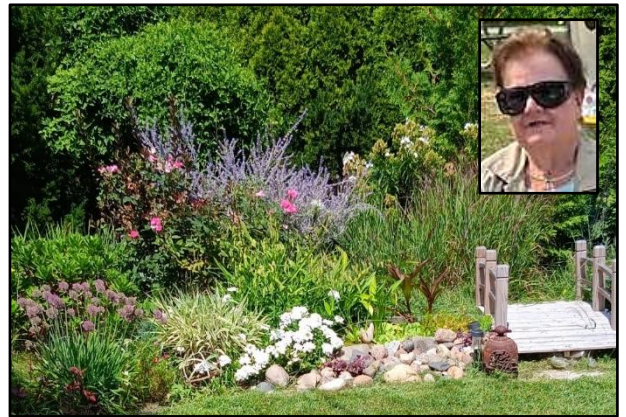
**Growing
Future Gardeners**
JoAnn Preston

**Community
Outreach**

Ever wonder where future gardeners will come from? While TGC gives scholarships to assist students who are in college majoring in horticulture-related fields, most of us found our love of gardening much earlier, often in elementary school or at the side of a grandparent or neighbor. TGC does its part in fostering the love of growing plants through cooperation with the **Troy Community Coalition Summer Camp**. This July, I met with 60 future gardeners in 3rd through 8th grade under the trees of *Martell Elementary School* to share information and conduct hands-on planting. Some were 'old-timers' who have been planting and taking home for five years; many were first-timers eager to see how OUR needs and the plant's needs are similar. In three different groups for 45 minutes each, we talk, then each student pots a plant of their choosing, labels and waters it, then enjoys the pleasure of taking home a growing flower (not a bean seed!) to care for...whether they live in an apartment or a mansion. **Debe Hancock** and former member **Gail Peedle** assisted and counselors served as demonstrators. **Thank you, TGC members, for your financial support for the plants and supplies.**



Sally Bolle: "My doe has twins also, I don't intentionally feed them but they clean up everything under my birdfeeders on a daily basis. I just love watching the babies, don't you?" *With this garden...yes! -Editor*



Sue Vette's Garden: "White Verbena flanks the pond backed by Knockout pink Roses, Russian Sage and white Cleome providing an ongoing display."



Hospitality
*Jackie Wilson &
Cindi O'Neill*



September is a club sponsored lunch – TACO BAR! Please arrive by **11:45 a.m.** with your dessert food item already prepared and be sure to provide a serving utensil as well. TGC members have signed up as indicated below. **Dessert for 20:** Yolanda Tenorio Thomas, Becky Crocker, Judy Popyk, Karen Cox, Denise Karry, Linda Forrester; **Centerpiece:** Sue Vette. **Reminder to members:** To ensure everyone gets a chance to enjoy the food, **please take a smaller portion on your first plate.** Bring your own plate, utensils and cup/glass as we try to be mindful of our environment by helping to reduce waste. At the conclusion of the meeting, be sure to police your table and toss disposable items and arrange chairs at the table.



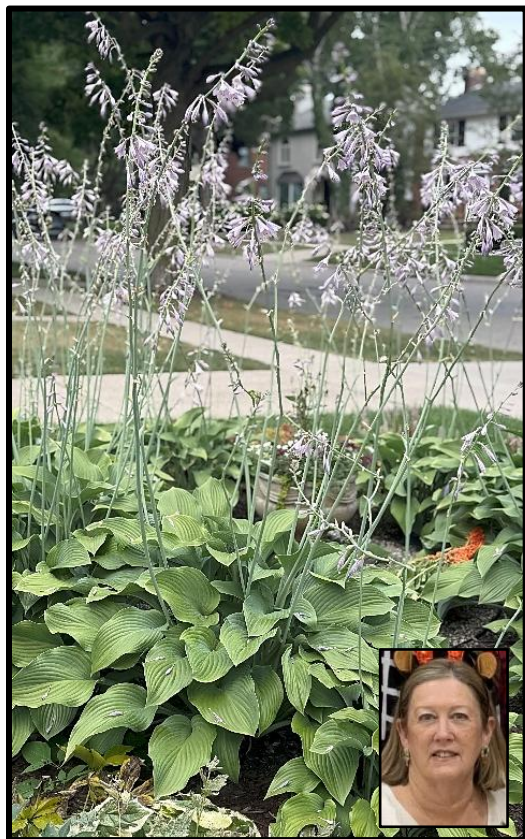
Keep Smiling!

Wednesday, October 1st/Noon is the date/time of our annual **Budget Meeting** at the *Troy Historic Village*. **Jeanne Bolcer**, Treasurer, guides us through what we've got and how we spend it. This is something everyone in the Club should know and we encourage you to attend. It can be eye-opening!

Ways and Means with Judi Milidrag



The **October 10th** General Meeting will feature one of our popular **RAFFLES**, so start thinking now of new or gently used items you would like to donate. **Baskets** and **gift bags** are welcome as well as we will be combining items to create 'theme' prizes. Always great fun and the money goes toward funding our general operating fund. **More to come...**



Linda Forrester's prize-worthy front garden has *Krossa Regal Hosta* flower stalks over 6' tall which provide a focal point at this time of year.



Kaye Betke: "The *Ligularia* I bought at the TGC plant sale three years ago...it's a bog plant and I water it faithfully every evening!"



This twelve-plus year old huge-blooming Clematis is a real stunner in **Linda Chambers** garden. Is that a "Dr. Ruppel?"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR and put on your thinking cap to devise a costume in keeping with the "**Out of This World**" theme for Trick or Treating at **Troy Historic Village** on **Friday, October 24; 4:00-8:00 p.m.** and/or **Saturday the 25th; 10:00-1:00 p.m.** TGC will commandeer the Print Shop porch giving out treats while greeting, BUT NOT SCARING, all the little trick or treaters! **Volunteers needed.**

Troy Garden Club – Founded in 1971

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Monthly meetings at 3753 John R, Troy, MI 48083
Second Wednesday of the month at 12:00 noon
September through June

