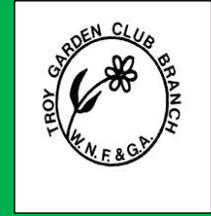




Troy Garden Club Branch
Woman's National Farm & Garden Association
Second Wednesday of the month



June 2021



President's Message

Linda Forrester



“We can accomplish more together than we can alone.” Max DePree

“Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success.” Unknown

Are you getting the theme of these quotes? Your attendance at our June garden club meeting at Raintree Park is extremely important. If you haven't already done so, be prepared to sign up for a shift or two at our garden walk. Don't forget, there is a \$20 fee for non-participation. Besides bringing a few items to our luncheons, this is the only other requirement in the club and vital for our most important fund-raising event of the year. A big THANK YOU to those of you who have already signed up, but we have a few spots open and still have some members that need to put their hand up. You may also want to volunteer for a 2nd shift and be a fill-in for someone in case of an emergency on garden walk day. Many of our club members have been working hard on putting all these details together. Now it's our time to pull together and make this garden walk a huge success. Please, Please, Please – we need all of you!!!

Our meeting time has **CHANGED** and will begin at **11:00 AM** and will end **No Later Than 2:00**. Please bring a brown bag lunch: the Club will provide water for the meeting. If you'd like to bring your own chair, it may be more comfortable as we will be sitting at picnic tables without a back support. An email reminder with your table assignments will be sent by Onita Fitz a few days before. Looking forward to seeing everyone in person again after such a long absence.

A very generous, anonymous donation has been made to cover the cost of water at our Garden Walk event. Thank You very much.

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Troy Historic Village Gardens

Karol Carter and Ann Britton

“There’s splendor as each flower unfolds its mystic beauty to the earth bright buttercups and daisies fringed orchises lovers of the swamplands - - - whose tiny ballet blossoms dance with every breeze gentians’ - - - misty delicate loveliness” Gwen Frostic. June is the month where our winter dreams of summer beauty begin to be realized.

Our May gardening day was the polar opposite of the opening gardening day in April. On May 5th, the weather was not perfect. It was windy, cold and damp. But almost twenty members worked for two hours, weeding, raking, digging and planting. The village looked lovingly cared for when we left.

The THV has planned many events for early June so the gardens will be on display. Plan on joining us for the next gardening day on June 2 at 9:30 a.m. This is a wonderful way to renew friendships and make new friends. The garden chairs can not do all the work alone. **There are many large gardens that need many hands to complete the work.**

Please come and help the Garden Chairs. They are Linda Forrester, Jayne Smith, Cynthia Idyle, Judi Milidrag, Elaine McLeod, Pat Dodge, Marilyn Frey, Karol Carter, Judy Francis, Kay Betke, Debbie Hancock, Kathleen Mardyla, Onita Fitz, Carole Cotter-Bodner, Mary Schwark, JoAnn Preston, Barbara Chambers and Ann Britton.

The COVID protocols for the THV are **masks must be worn when working in groups or entering the buildings for any reason.** If you work alone at a time that the club is not scheduled to work you may remove your mask but keep it handy for entering buildings and encountering visitors and staff. **When these protocols change you will be notified upon arrival.**

Save Those Pots

Elaine McLeod

We are still in need of pots for repotting those extra plants you have in your garden.

All types and sizes are needed and welcomed. Too many is better than not enough.

Please bring them to the June 9th meeting, so that we can stack them and allow the membership to take what is needed.





Sunshine & Rainy Days

Cerol Battiste-Alleyne



Hello Troy Garden Club Family,

A HAPPY JUNE to ALL as we begin our SUMMER MONTHS with planting, picnics and plenty of fun.

When this Newsletter arrives in your various mailboxes, we would have already celebrated Memorial Day. My hope is that Everyone will have had a Fantastic time celebrating with family and friends, (in their backyard or wherever,) for the first time since such an opportunity was denied due to this pandemic.

I trust all is well and you all are enjoying the blessings of early summer coupled with its warm sunshine and gentle breeze, and I know we are all anxiously awaiting the day when we can gather together again and that is a wonderful time we can look forward to. We will have an earlier opportunity of seeing each other and welcome guests to our upcoming Annual Garden Walk scheduled in July.

I'm most thankful for each one of you, and to know that you made it through a very difficult time. Now we're on the other side of this trial and can look backward with gratefulness in our hearts to be alive.

I'd like to inform you that Gerry Young (one of our garden club family members) has experienced some cloudy days over the past months due a reoccurring health issue. I was able to send a bit of Sunshine her way in the form of a card to help her through and to cheer her spirit. If any other TGC family member would like to reach out to Gerry in a special way either by means of a phone call, card, please do not hesitate. Gerry's address can be found in your recent Directory. I know she'd like to hear from you and to maybe help in brightening one of those cloudy days... this is what family does--be there for our one another especially in their times of need.

Thank you to all of the wonderful garden club members who expressed their condolences after the passing of my father, Robert (Bob) Seeger on April 30. I appreciate everyone who took the time to call, write a note, or send a card.

Jeanne Bolcer



News to Know

Linda Forrester

- Posters will be going out to our ticket sellers soon. If you want a poster or two to put in a local store, library, etc. contact Barb Lepri. Barb will also have the postcards to send to ALL your friends and relatives. See page eight for addition ways to obtain a bundle of postcards to share.
- Troy Garden Club will sell tickets online for the first time through PayPal or our garden club website from June 11 thru July 11.
- Sign up for the National WNF&GA meeting Saturday, June 5.



Garden Walk Plant Sale

Karol Carter & Elaine McLeod

By now you have hopefully decided which of your plants will be joining a new garden “home.” Please remember to pot them a few weeks in advance so they don’t look droopy and sad on garden walk day. Fuss over them removing dead leaves, weeds and any insects. Try to use a light weight soil and the pot doesn’t need to be filled to the top. Plants in cute containers are big sellers so consider bundling a few plants. **Your donations should be non-invasive and something you would purchase at a plant sale.** The plant sale staff will be accepting plants on **Tuesday, July 13, from 10:30AM – 2PM** at the Troy Historic Village. Our location is now near the main entrance, so bring your offerings to that parking lot. **There will be no presale of plants on Tuesday, July 13th. Please have your plants labeled noting name, sun or shade preference and color of bloom if appropriate.** We will have extra pots and labels for you at the June general meeting. If you don’t feel you have the proper plants but would like to contribute, consider purchasing one. By early July, items should be reduced at most garden centers. If you enjoy the thrill of the hunt at garage sales, watch for unusual containers or even an attractive watering can. **Thank You for your support of our plant sale.**

Volunteers registered for the Tuesday July 13th Set – Up Day & Wednesday July 14th Plant Sale Day: Please try to attend our TGC Outdoor June 9th General Meeting which will focus on our garden walk event. You will receive instructions regarding procedures for each day.

Monthly Program

Patrick Hardy



There are any number of adjectives we could use to describe May’s speaker, Michele Hodges, Founding President and CEO of the Belle Isle Conservancy, but if we had to choose one it would most likely be “passionate.” Using no visual aids, the Detroit native kept her audience entertained from start to finish on the beauty and wonder of Belle Isle, Detroit’s 982-acre paradise once known as the “Paris of the Midwest.” In less than an hour during her self-effacing and sometimes hilarious presentation she covered topics such as the James Scott Memorial Fountain, the Flynn Pavilion, and the Yacht Club; as well as the history surrounding it: from its design by Frederick Law Olmsted; its destination with the Underground Railroad to Canada; and the Speakeasy in the basement of the Aquarium during the Prohibition; and on to today where the island has been a site of the Freedom March and a COVID memorial for Detroit victims. Flooding and being a “make out” haven were given equal time. A popular destination with 4.9 million visitors and always evolving, Belle Isle is also a site of a new garden by internationally renowned Dutch horticulturist Piet Oudolf, opening this summer. Michele described him as a “hunk.” Additional topics range from a shipment of garden eels to partnering with the Detroit Public Schools: reaching out to children and offering the same opportunities of life-time memories most of us share. Michele is head cheerleader and fundraiser for the island and she imparted her joy and love over the course of her presentation, encouraging one and all to visit this gem in our own backyard this summer to make new friends and memories. I know I will.

Garden Walk Update

Bev Hydo



I'm getting excited, Garden Walk is only a month away! It feels different this year because planning has been done remotely on Zoom. Group dynamics and in person communication are missing. However, you should know that many members have faithfully attended all our garden walk planning meetings. Members have accepted responsibility for many tasks necessary for a successful event. Everything is coming together.

Now it is time to expand that involvement to all of you. You will find member assignments for garden walk at the end of this newsletter. If your name is not there, please contact Mary Schwark, it's not too late to volunteer. Besides bringing food for our lunch potlucks (which of course we haven't had!), it is the only absolute requirement of membership. Be a part of the group.

Additionally, because we have all been pretty isolated for the past year, it's even more important to reach out to others now with publicity. Our postcards and posters are being printed and will be ready for you at our June 9th meeting. Donated art work from our plein air artists will adorn both our postcards and tickets. We ask that everyone take a couple of packets of postcards to send/give to friends, neighbors, and even complete strangers! The state of Michigan is opening up again after a very long time of quarantine, and we need to get out the word that GARDEN WALK is back! Generate interest!

Our members will sell GW tickets at the Troy Historic Village open house on **June 7th**. Judi Milidrag is organizing a group to sell tickets at the Troy Farmer's Market on **July 9th**. If you are interested in helping at either of these events let Judi or I know. We are also selling tickets through our usual garden centers (Auburn Oaks, Telly's and Uncle Luke's) as well as Troy Historic Village.

Linda Forrester will email a copy of our poster to all her fellow Michigan Division garden club presidents to forward to their members. Mary Schwark and I will contact the presidents of Meadow Brook garden club and the master gardener association of Oakland County, and ask them to do the same. We hope to have articles in the Troy Times as well as the Oakland Press. A notice in the Homestyle section of the Friday Detroit News and Free Press has always helped our cause. The Troy Today magazine, mailed to all Troy residents last week, had prominently placed notice of our GW thanks to the efforts of Karol Carter. One of our homeowners had an article about her garden and our garden walk in Hour magazine in April. So the ball is rolling.

Please be thoughtful as well as creative in spreading the word. Consider placing posters in your doctor's or dentist's office. Perhaps a local hairdresser or other small business in Troy. We have an excellent reputation for a quality garden walk. There is pent up demand after last year's cancellation of everything! We are counting on all our members to spread the word.

A last word about our Wednesday, June 9th meeting. **We are meeting at 11 am at Raintree Park** pavilion. The start time is **early** at 11am because our contract with the Recreation Department ends at 2pm, so this gives us 3 full hours to meet. Masks are now optional for outdoor events, and capacity limits go away on June 1st. If you are not fully vaccinated, or just feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please feel free to do that. Additionally, we will be seated at picnic tables, so you may want to bring a cushion, or even your own lawn chair, both for comfort as well as some distance. Hand sanitizer will be available. Your table assignment to meet with your head hostesses will be sent by email June 8th.



2021 Directory

Kay Betke

At the June meeting, when we meet in person, printed copies of the 2021 Directory will be available. Please pick up your copy for your white binder. Last year at the March, 2020 meeting the complete yearbook was given out. Many members did not pick up their copy. Sue Vette will bring the remaining yearbooks to the June meeting. If you don't remember if you picked up your copy, they have member's names on them. Please keep the front portion of the yearbook and shred the 2020 directory. A new complete yearbook will be done for next year. New members, if you did not receive a white binder, please let me know by email, katyjaybet@gmail.com.

It will be so nice to see you all again. This past year has been a trying one. We will enjoy working together on the Garden Walk in July.

June Birthdays

Kathleen Martin



6/2	Joanie Ugelow
6/5	Vicki Guntenaar
6/7	Norine Garavanta
6/8	Joan Burcar
6/16	Geraldine Young

6/18	JoAnn Preston
6/19	Judith Locher
6/21	Kay Betke
6/21	Patricia Piejak



THV GW Parking

Sue Vette

Please at NO TIME on Garden Walk Day should you park in the front lots of the Troy Historic Village. Members working or shopping at the THV should park in the back yard at 109 Lange, leaving the street available for the overflow from the front lots.

Even one car may prevent our BUYING GUESTS from joining in on the Village activities. Emergency vehicles must be able to have access so please don't park in an unauthorized area. ADDITIONAL PARKING IS PERMITTED in the back lot at Brookfield Academy on the south east corner of Livernois and Wattles. Please do not park at the Party Store as the Village tries to be a good neighbor and not infringe on their property.

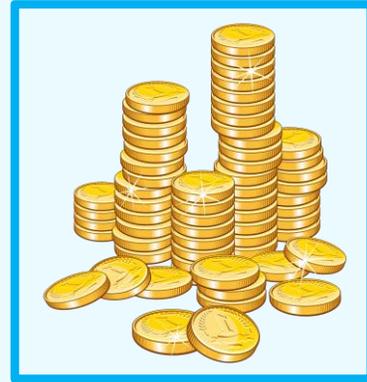
Pennies For Friendship, PFF

Associated Country Women Of The World, ACWW

Ann Britton

Pennies for Friendship supports projects in the following areas:

Education and Capacity Building
Sustainable Agriculture,
Training & Development
Sustainable Water,
Sanitation & Energy
Income Generation & Livelihood
Nutrition,
Good Health & Wellbeing
Maternal and Reproductive Health



One of the many projects funded in September 2020 is 1077 New Lives through Financial Literacy Children Watch, in Tamil Nadu, India. 100 Irula tribal women were recently released from bonded labor. These women worked in brick kilns, rice mills, stone quarries and charcoal production to pay off debts. Because this is a form of slavery they were never able to acquire skills and education to find alternative employment. This project established adult education centers in 5 villages. They now have the opportunity to obtain basic skills in reading, writing, arithmetic, financial literacy, the growing small crops.

Projects 1070 and 1072 are also in Tamil Nadu, India. There are 40 beneficiaries of Project 1070. These women will learn to cultivate and process indigenous rice and are given calves to raise.

There are 105 participants in Project 1072. This project provides women with rabbit and chicken rearing training and provides assistance in acquiring the needed animals etc. Thirty of these participants will also learn to cultivate herbs for additional income.

These are just three of the twenty-three projects approved in 2020. Since COVID has stopped those in person meetings, money has not been collected for over a year. The containers will be available at the June meeting. So please remember to bring any spare change or bills to the meeting to donate. Checks are also accepted. Make the checks out to the Troy Garden Club with PFF in the memo area.

A Garden Achievement



Congratulations to our TGC member Judy Cornellier for her success in breeding and raising cecropia moths. On last fall's Spooktacular Garden Walk, some of you may have noticed their cocoons, on her deck in a big black cage. This spring Judy was able to capture a photo of them mating. Her beautiful gardens are proof that we benefit from these moths and other great pollinators.

Here Are Three Ways to Obtain GW Post Cards

- (1) Starting immediately and until July 14 - as long as the postcard supply lasts – you can contact Barb Lepri (bjlepri@gmail.com) and tell her how many postcard bundles of 25 you need.
- (2) Mary Schwark will be doing double duty at the Gazebo and will have a limited number of postcard bundles available at the Troy Historic Village on our next gardening day: Wednesday, June 2, 2021.
- (3) Postcards will once again be available for you during our mandatory IN-PERSON meeting on Wednesday, June 9 – this month being held at Raintree Park (on the west side of John R, just south of Big Beaver United Methodist Church.)



June Calendar

Judi Milidrag

June 2	9:30 am	Garden Maintenance at Troy Historic Village. All members are invited and Appreciated.
June 5	10:00-1:00 pm	WNF&GA Annual National Meeting (Virtual)
June 7	4:30-6:30 pm	Troy Historic Village OPEN HOUSE
June 9	* 11:00 am -2pm	General Meeting at Raintree Park (Mandatory for Members)
June 20		First Day of Summer Happy Father's Day
June 23		Newsletter articles due to Pat Dodge: panndodge@aol.com
June 23	11:00 am 12:30 pm	Troy Garden Walk Meeting (via Zoom) Troy Garden Club Board Meeting (via Zoom)
July 14		Troy Garden Club "Anniversary Garden Walk"

*note the time change due to our contract with Raintree Park