



Troy Garden Club Branch
Woman's National Farm & Garden Association

3753 John R, Troy Michigan 48083
Second Wednesday of the Month at 12:00 noon
February 2023



President's Message

Linda Forrester

“No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow.” *Proverb*

One more month closer to spring, and it's a short one! As I write this I hear we are getting snow. So we could look at the bright side and say that it's protecting our precious plants.

Last month was the 109th anniversary of the founding of the WNF&GA. If you are interested in more history of the organization, you can find it on the national website.

Daffodil Day is coming up and something fun and “springy” to look forward to. We'd like to ask five volunteers to create bouquets for centerpieces at the event. If you make one, you get to take it home and brighten up your own space. So you don't have to dig to find the information, here are the guidelines for the arrangements:

SPECIFICATIONS: • 45 centerpieces will be needed. • Centerpieces do not have to match. • Use simple clear glass vases of any shape. • Place a small ID label on the underside of the vase. • Finished centerpieces should be no more than 14” tall and no wider than 12” in diameter. All, or at least 50%, of the floral material should be daffodils. Feel free to be creative with the other 50%, provided daffodils are dominant. Centerpieces may be taken to the Detroit Yacht Club during open hours on Tuesday, April 18, or they may be delivered to the DYC no later than 10:30 am on Daffodil Day, Wednesday, April 19.

Happy Valentine's Day!



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Membership Corner

Bev Hydo

If speaking kindly to plants helps them grow,
imagine what speaking kindly to humans can do! - author unknown

We welcome new member Norma Frame to our club 🤝. She is a friend and neighbor of Marcia Mayer. Our best ambassadors for the garden club are our members. Do consider friends and neighbors who have, or are developing, the gardening bug, and invite them to join like-minded people in our club.

Now that Covid is largely behind us, we return to more normal gatherings. That includes getting to know some newer members who have joined us in the last couple of years. Please take time to introduce yourself to others at your table; include everyone in the conversation. Ask about the types of gardens people have. Share garden problems (we all have those). Solutions to black spot on roses or to those pesky deer. What about those d#@&* chipmunks! (Oops, carried away). Inquiring minds want to know!



Hospitality

Jackie Wilson

Reminders! Sign-up sheets will now be located at the food tables. Please be sure to take a peek at the sheets and sign up early. Plus, we're looking for members to sign up to bring a centerpiece for the food table as well.

Moving forward, please continue to bring your own plate, silverware and cup for the lunches to ensure the safety of all.

Keep Smiling!



Sunshine and Rainy Days

Cindi O'Neil

After a rather mild but gloomy January, as we enter February I find myself wondering when the other shoe will drop snow-wise (after all this is Michigan) and when we will start seeing the sun on a more consistent basis. The good news is that March, with its promise of spring, follows February. Maybe that is why the shortest month can feel like one of the longest—I just can't wait for spring. So this month, I am finding my bliss in the dream of sunshine-filled days and the joy of planning my next garden.

Please send your condolences to Connie Warren whose husband Dave passed away at the end of December.

Also, Jennifer Goldstein would probably appreciate some Get Well wishes to speed her recovery.

If you, or any one you know, is experiencing a "rainy" day and is in need of a little sunshine from their garden club friends, please let me know. I can be reached at tcjoneil@comcast.net.



The Troy Garden Club's

2023 Board Members

L - R:

Bev Hydo standing in for Linda Forrester, President

Patrick Hardy, Vice President

Karol Carter standing in for Judi Milidrag, Corresponding Secretary,

Onita Fitz, Recording Secretary

Barb Lepri, Advisor,

Jeanne Bolcer, Treasurer

Photo by Mary

Monthly Programing

Certifiable Gardens...or Gardners?

Patrick Hardy



Slightly panicked after our original January 2023 speaker cancelled in late 2022, I queried the Board about possible replacements and **JoAnn Preston** came to the rescue with a name. "*Certifiable Gardens?* What does that even mean?" was the general reaction after announcing the presentation. Panic was replaced by terror. But U.S. Marine veteran/Master Gardner **Jean Persely**, laid my...and everyone else's...worries to rest with an engaging, humorous and insightful program that took us on a journey explaining the benefits of certification for the environment and wildlife. was just the spark we needed to kick off our 2023 season and proved so popular among our members that she was actually one of the last to depart that Wednesday afternoon!

COMING UP IN FEBRUARY is the perennial favorite, **George Papadelis**, Tellys' owner, with "*What's New in 2023.*" It will be a challenge to come up with something new in introducing Mr. February as past Vice Presidents have been describing him since 2006. One thing we're certain of: look as ageless and be as full of enthusiasm as the first time he stepped before our Club. Mark calendars for **February 8th**



Photos by Mary Schwarz



Painted rocks for labeling the herb garden at the Troy Historic Village

Photo by Yolanda Tenorino Thomas

Herb Study

Kay Betke

For our January meeting we met at the home of Yolanda Tenorio-Thomas. We painted herb names on slabs of slate that were donated by Onita Fitz. There were quite a few talented artists in our group. The stones will be placed in the herb garden at the Troy Historic Village to identify the collection of herbs. The group enjoyed a pot-luck lunch by great cooks!

Karen Gray gave a presentation on making a garden scrapbook. Some of our members will meet at her house April 4 to complete a small garden scrapbook. If any TGC members would like to join us, please contact Karen and she will give you all the particulars.

In February our herb group will meet at Judy Cornellier's to finish our painting on the slate stones to complete all the herbs at the garden. We will also have a surprise project.



Herb Study members: back row l-r Carol Cotter, Pat Guibord, Karen Gray, Jackie Wilson, Onita Fitz, Judy Cornellier, Front row: Kay Betke, Tina Downen, Cindi O'Neil, Jenifer Goldstein, and Yolanda Tenorio-Thomas. *Photo by Yolanda Tenorino Thomas*



Painters at the front table: Yolanda Tenorio-Thomas and Tina Downen. Painters at the back table: Onita Fitz, Karen Gray, Kay Betke, and Pat Guibord. *Photo by Jennifer Goldstein*

Herb Study members Judy Cornellier, Jackie Wilson and Cindi O'Neil painting rocks for the THV

Photo by Jennifer Goldstein



Herb Study members Onita Fitz, Karen Gray, Kay Betke, and Pat Guibord happily painting rocks for the THV. Photo by Jennifer Goldstein



Artists at Work: Jackie Wilson, Judy Cornellier and Onita Fitz.

Photo by Jennifer Goldstein

February Birthdays

Beverly Hydo

02/03 Patrick Hardy

02/04 Anna Flynn

02/11 Jeanne Bolcer



02/13 Carolyn Treiber

02/22 Connie Warren

Save the Date



Mark your calendar and welcome in the spring with D4D. This year's Daffodil Day will be on Wednesday April 19.

Snow Day Information



In the case of heavy snow, the Troy Garden Club will follow the same closure as the Troy Public Schools.



February Calendar

Judi Milidrag

- Feb 8 12 Noon General Meeting at Big Beaver United Methodist Church. Speaker: George Papadelis on What's New for 2023!
- Feb 22 11 am Board Meeting at Niles-Barnard House at THV
- Feb 23 12:30pm TGW Meeting at Niles-Barnard House at THV
Due date for articles in the March TGC newsletter to panndodge@aol.com

Treasurer's Report

Lenore Treba

The treasurer records for 2022 were reviewed by Janet Peceny and Lenore Treba on January 12th, 2023. They found them to be correct.

Please see the separate attachments for the Troy Garden Club's treasurer's report.

TGC club and Herb Study member, Jennifer Goldstein, shared the recipe for the Fudge and Almond Pinecones, the sweet treat she brought to the Herb Study meeting last month. She gives all the credit to the author who is "must love herbs" whom she follows on Facebook. Thanks Jennifer!

FUDGE AND ALMOND PINECONES

1 cup semi sweet chocolate chips
2 oz unsalted butter
Pinch of salt
7 oz sweetened condensed milk (1/2 a standard can)
1/2 tsp vanilla extract
2 cups sliced almonds

Method
In a heat safe bowl combine the chocolate chips, butter, salt, condensed milk, and vanilla. Using the double boiler method, heat your ingredients. Be careful not to let the water touch the bottom of your bowl. Stir constantly until all the chocolate has melted and the mixture is smooth.
Take off heat immediately and place mixture in fridge to cool for 20-30 minutes.
The mixture should hold its form but still be moldable. Form the chocolate mixture into a cone shape and place it on parchment paper. Begin sticking almonds into the bottom of the cone. Move your way up placing each row behind the next in an overlapping pattern until you reach the top. Place the finished pine cone in the fridge to set up for a minimum of 1 hour! Makes 15 pine cones!
Recipe Can easily be doubled.

@mustloveherbs

