

## **FACT SHEET - *Garden Stories 2025*: Troy Garden Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Garden Walk – Wed., July 9, 2025**

**GARDEN WALK SPONSOR:** The Troy Garden Club, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, was founded in 1971, and celebrated its 53-year anniversary in September 2024.

**WHAT & WHERE:** Troy Garden Club's 50<sup>th</sup> garden walk with FIVE home gardens in Troy, plus one BONUS venue.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, July 9. Gardens open 9:30 AM–3:00 PM & 5:00 PM–8:30 PM, **RAIN or SHINE.**

**GARDEN WALK NAME:** *Garden Stories 2025*. The event will feature a 15th year of plein air artists painting in the gardens.

**GARDEN WALKERS WILL VISIT GARDEN VENUES WHOSE NAMES ARE INSPIRED BY THE WORDS OF WELL-KNOWN GARDENERS & GARDEN EDUCATORS:**

*(A) Patient Labor & Attention; (B) So Many Plants; So Little time; (C) Kitchen Cupboard, Medicine Cabinet, Garden Shed ;(D) A Gardener's Work is Never Done; (E) I Garden Because I Cannot Help Myself. Bowers School Farm BONUS VENUE: Plants Teach Us Every Day*

**AWARDS & CELEBRATIONS:** The Troy Garden Club has won state and national awards from the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association in honor of the excellence of the club's garden walks.

**PURPOSE:** The garden walk is the club's principal annual fundraiser, from which donations are made at the local, regional, state and national levels. The 2024 garden walk generated net funding of **\$10,889.00** for donations in early 2025 to more than a dozen nonprofit organizations to support their horticultural programs, AND to a university student as a scholarship for horticultural studies.

**GARDEN WALK PROMOTIONAL IMAGE:** An art competition organized by the Troy Garden Club, in cooperation with Troy-area art teachers, will produce a sponsored grand prize winner (to be featured on promotional posters and postcards), as well as a black and white image for garden walk tickets.

**TICKET PURCHASE:** In-Person - \$15 in advance, beginning on June 1 at **Auburn Oaks Garden Center, Bordine's Rochester, Telly's Greenhouse, the Troy Historic Village and Uncle Luke's**. On garden walk day, July 9, tickets @ **\$18.00** each may be purchased by cash or check only at the Troy Historic Village. The tickets will include maps to all venues. Beginning in **mid-June through July 7**, tickets may be purchased online. Visit our TGC website beginning in **early June** for online purchase details. See TGC web address below under **FOR ADDITIONAL GARDEN WALK INFORMATION.**

**JULY 9 TROY HISTORIC VILLAGE GARDEN WALK ACTIVITIES: FREE ADMISSION**

to Midsummer Arts & Crafts Boutique AND Plant Sale, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM, at the **TROY**

**HISTORIC VILLAGE (THV):** 60 W. Wattles, just west of Livernois, Troy. Also at the THV, there will be a second year of a **FREE RAFFLE**. Garden Walk attendees will receive free raffle tickets as follows: (1) at each garden visited; (2) from THV vendors following a sale, and (3) from the TGC plant sale after a purchase is made. Celebratory free cookies marking the Troy Garden Club's 50<sup>th</sup> garden walk will be provided for garden walkers at the THV.

**FOR ADDITIONAL GARDEN WALK INFORMATION,** call **248-321-8291**. Visit the club's website: **[www.TroyGardenClubMI.com](http://www.TroyGardenClubMI.com)**

**PHOTOS:** Photos, jpg format, will be available for all five home gardens plus the **BONUS venue** after May 1, 2025.

**FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM:** The Troy Garden Club's 2025 Garden Walk will be featured in Facebook & Instagram photos beginning in June 2025. Included will be images of all featured gardens. Updates w/additional photos will be published periodically on FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The above information is current as of February 10, 2025. As information changes or as additional information becomes available, the **2025 Garden Walk Fact Sheet** will be updated periodically through June 2025 on the garden club's website,.

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