

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

GARDEN WALK SPONSOR: The Troy Garden Club, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, was founded in 1971, and will celebrate its 54-year anniversary in September 2025.

WHAT & WHERE: TGC's 50th garden walk with FIVE home gardens in Troy, & 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 INCLUDING THE

FOLLOWING: (1) *Patient Labor & Attention*; (2) *A Gardener's Work is Never Done*; (3) *So Many Plants; So Little time*; (4) *Plants Teach Us Every Day*; (5) *I Garden Because I Cannot Help Myself*

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, produced a sponsored grand prize winner (featured on promotional posters & postcards), as well as a black and white image for garden walk tickets.

TICKET PURCHASE: In-Person *during open hours* - \$15 in advance, **June 2 thru 6:00 pm on July 8** at **Auburn Oaks Garden Center, Piechnik's Greenhouse & Garden Gate, Telly's Greenhouse, Troy Historic Village, Uncle Luke's & at some Troy Farmers Markets. In-person sales at Bordine's Rochester will begin on June 20.** On garden walk day, July 9, tickets @ **\$18.00** each may be purchased by cash or check **ONLY** at the Troy Historic Village. Tickets include maps to all venues.

ONLINE TICKET PURCHASE: beginning June 16 through 11:59 pm on July 7. **NO ONLINE ticket purchases after July 7.** Need additional online purchase details? Visit our TGC website beginning in **early June.** See 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 **50th 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**

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/more photos will be published periodically on FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM: Troy Garden Club MI

IMPORTANT NOTE: The above information is current as of May 6, 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.

Most recent information update: 05/06/2025