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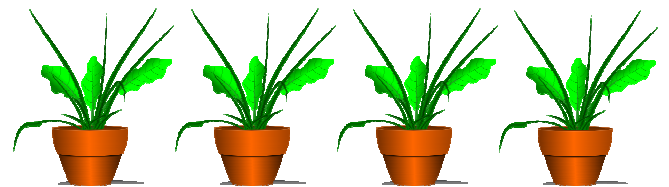
Betsy Stewart, Kathleen Schmidtke, Eileen Chrzanowski

Welcome New Member Eileen Chrzanowski

Eileen Chrzanowski is originally from Saginaw, MI. She graduated from Delta College and pursued a career as a legal secretary and then a Probate Legal Assistant in Saginaw & Detroit. After marriage and a brief stint in Troy, MI, she moved to Kingwood, TX where she has lived for the past 31 years. She began a new career with the Humble School District in 1997 in various positions, including substitute teaching, and retired in 2013.

Eileen has 2 sons and 2 grandchildren and her husband Mike has a son and a daughter and 3 grandchildren. Eileen and Mike purchased their second home at Hemingway Pointe Club in 2012. They spend two months here in the winter, to ski, and return in the summer for another four months, to escape the heat of Texas.

Eileen was sponsored by her sister-in-law Kathleen Schmidtke. Welcome Eileen!



CAGC Annual Plant Sale Saturday, May 27th

PLANT SALE 2017! As with all of our major fund raisers, we appreciate the eager participation of our CAGC members. Now that spring is (almost) here, please look at your emerging perennials and consider where they may be too crowded. Then think - dig and divide. We need potted plants to sell. In the past our members have potted and donated hundreds of plants. We know we can count on you again this year. We will also need many volunteers on the day before and the day of the sale (more on this in the May Newsletter). This April, think dig and divide - take 1/3, leave 2/3. We have empty pots in storage. If you have an idea of how many and what plants you will be donating, please call or email Mary Chavez: 231-547-8015 or alphafever@gmail.com.

-Submitted by Sue Wilson

May Newsletter Deadline

Submission deadline for the May issue of the CAGC newsletter is April 26th.

Send your information and articles to:

sawleonard@gmail.com.



April Meeting

April 11, 2017 1:00 p.m.
Charlevoix Public Library
Garden Maintenance

Cindi Urban, Master Gardener, maintains the gardens at Castle Farms. She will discuss tools and tasks for the our gardens over the seasons.



Conservation Wisdom for April

Please keep in mind when you add to your garden:

" Japanese barberry, autumn olive, Chinese tallow, Japanese knotweed, kousa dogwood- all are products of a permissive import system. They are also products of a conventional wisdom that says garden plants don't need to be part of the local food chain. Ecologists say this ethos must change; residential landscapes need to help compensate for shrinking wildlife habitats and diminished food sources in the wild.

"People tend to view the natural world as separate from the human world... Our landscape aesthetic supports that mindset: "We live over here, and nature's on that side of the fence" but nature is where you live." "

-Submitted by Carrie Minch

(Excerpt from National Wildlife Magazine, April-May 2017)



May Meeting

May 9, 2017 1:00 p.m.
Charlevoix Public Library
Critters!

Gregg Schumaker of Wildlife Management and Nuisance Control in Conway will discuss critter management in a humorous presentation.



Message from Our President

The Dairy Grille is open, can spring be far behind? This means we will be gearing up for our spring and summer activities.

The plant sale will be here before we know it so I hope all of you can begin thinking how you can contribute to making it a success again this year. You could help dig plants, price plants, set-up, work a shift at the sale or help clean-up at the end of the day.

The Garden Walk committee has secured the gardens, the sponsor committee is busy soliciting sponsorship funding and the ticket is being designed.

As you know, we have added an Associate category of membership this year which relieves those members of many responsibilities. I would hope, however, that the Associate members would know they are welcome to participate in our fundraising functions as they are able, such as working a shift at the plant sale or being a docent at one of the gardens for the garden walk.

Thanks for all your help,

Carolyn Navarre, President



Adopt-A-Highway

Your Adopt-A-Highway Committee is offering you a chance for a walk, with bending and stretching, to help stretch your winter-tight muscles! Meet on Monday, May 1st, at 9:00 a.m. at the Congregational Church (corner of State and Park) for a safety video before the walk. Bring gloves and waterproof footwear. If rainy that day, we will pick up on Friday, May 5th.

-Submitted by Carrie Minch

GARDEN LADIES (DOLLIES)

We currently have SIX Garden Walk "Dollies" (featured in March newsletter) identified and are interested in finding ONE more to use during the Garden Walk in July. Please contact Charlotte Koger or Mary Lynn Heid if you can help in this effort.