



# Charlevoix Area Garden Club

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## Welcome New Member Sandy Carless



Sandy Carless, sponsor Ellen Kendall, Nancy Cleland (Membership Co-chair)

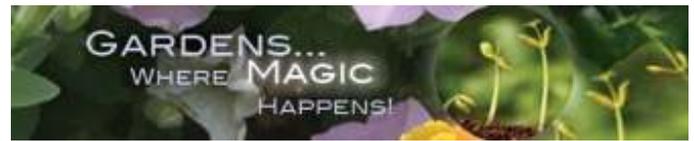
Sandy Carless was born in Arizona but raised in Michigan. She retired as a Senior Vice President after 24 years with JP Morgan Chase. Sandy initially retired to Port Charlotte, Florida where she and her husband of 47 years enjoyed the beaches and boating. In October of 2015, they relocated to Charlevoix.

Sandy has 2 children who were raised in Waterford. She has 4 grandchildren. Sandy's hobbies include gardening, knitting, cooking, redecorating and, of course, the grandchildren! Sandy was sponsored by Ellen Kendall. Welcome Sandy!

### July Meeting Note



July speaker Carla Chepy shared organic gardening tips with the membership. We will print some of her suggestions in a future newsletter.



## Garden Walk 2016, A Great Success

It was a bit warm but we had no wilted flowers at our five beautiful gardens! Back in January we picked the theme, thanks to Cheryl Coates and the Flower Show committee. Over the next six months many of you contributed to the successful day. Kathie Libert did an exceptional job with all the designing and printing. Patricia Aikin and her committee gathered sponsorships from a record number of businesses, breaking the record for financial support from Friends and Patrons. Kris Jones graciously handled publicity and getting our information into print for the local communities. Our President, Carolyn Navarre coordinated Ticket Sales, and Joyce Herbert coordinated the Hostesses and Docents - all did a fabulous job. Mary Chavez chaired the Signs/Road Markers committee. Susan Flanders coordinated special transportation for the gardens at Oyster Point and Horton Creek Inn B&B. Several men were recruited to help the day of the walk with parking and transporting visitors who needed assistance. Kathleen Tepper provided refreshments at the Depot while Susan Thurow and Jeannie Babbitt did the same at their gardens. And delicious refreshments were served beautifully at the Afterglow. That committee works so well that it does not need a Chair person! Thank you to all who worked on each and every committee. A special thank you to Charlotte Koger, my wonderful, hardworking co-chair and 2017 Chair if she gets a partner!! With appreciation,

-Submitted by Mary Lynn Heid



## **Flower Show 2016 a Success!**

We had a beautiful day, beautiful gardens, and a great turnout for our garden walk and flower show.

Our flower show was judged by six accredited judges. They were most complimentary. The schedule, designed and produced by Patti Aikin, was rated excellent. Linda Weston, a former member, produced all our signage and it was great. The Depot and its gardens were our setting and Rhea Dow's staging was innovative and creative.

We did a great job in Horticulture with 270 entries, all beautifully displayed thanks to leaders Marsie Gowdy and Lois Lewis. Bev Rudolph secured four excellent educational exhibits with Carol Greenslade's Photography Club exhibit being the blue ribbon winner. The 24 designs, coordinated by Joan Nowak and Barb Clagget, were super. Joan Nowak won the overall design "best of show" award. Nancy Cleland organized the judges and made sure they had a wonderful welcome and dinner at Joyce Herbert's home. The judges raved over the excellent job our clerks did thanks to Shirley Polakowski's organization and training. All those ribbons were in place thanks to Betsy Stewart's work. Marge McGoff could be seen the day before the show helping anyone who wanted to tweak their arrangement to do just that. Our hostesses for the day of the walk were organized by Cass Williamson and did so much to make the show interesting and help folks understand how a standard flower show works.

And finally, thank you all for entering great designs, bringing in horticulture specimens, and coming to see what a flower show is about. I did not list all the folks who came and ironed table skirting, set-up tables, took down the whole thing in an hour, greeted our guests, and did the organizing of the show. You all are the best!

-Submitted by Audrey Etienne

## **Major Winners of Flower Show**

Chris Helstrom was selected to be a local judge for our flower show. He awarded John Elzinga the local award for his Globe Flower, Karen Cole (Lois Lewis's daughter) for her fairy garden and Richard Brown for his Petasites. Congratulations to all 3 winners and thanks to Chris for his time and effort.

Gail DeMeyere, Executive Director of the Council of the Arts was asked to select her favorite from the 24 designs. She worked very hard evaluating each design and selected Beverly Rudolph's garden design "Contemplation".

The NGC Judges gave the following awards in design:

- Farm to Market Table - Judy Flanagan - Blue Ribbon
- Breakfast tray - Patty Nowak - Blue Ribbon
- Magic at Venetian - Joan Nowak - Blue Ribbon - Award of Design Excellence - Table Artistry
- Cruising Lake Charlevoix - Kathleen Schmidtke - Blue Ribbon
- Music in the Park - Ingrid Nedwich - Blue Ribbon
- Garden Magic - Marge McGoff - Blue Ribbon - Designers Choice Award

In Horticulture, Club members won the following awards. Growers choice award went to Lois Lewis for her African Violet. Audrey Etienne won this award for her fairy garden. Greta Gappy received an award of merit for her pansy, Cindy Vermeesch for her delphinium, and Patty Nowak for her hosta.

The Charlevoix Photography Club won the Top Exhibitor Award and blue ribbon for their exhibit. Thanks to Carol Greenslade for her efforts to pull this exhibit together.

We were so excited to see the wonderful participation of members in both design and horticulture.

Thank you all.

-Submitted by Audrey Etienne

(Photos of flower show winners will be published in the September newsletter.)



## August Meeting

August 9, 2016

1:00 PM

### US 31 Enhancement Project

Ken Polakowski will update us on the US 31 enhancement on the south side of Charlevoix, a project supported by CAGC.



## September Meeting

September 13, 2016

1:00 PM

### Flowers to Table CAGC Annual Meeting

Esperance owner, Suzanne Acharya, will demonstrate how to use local flowers and produce to beautify our tables.

### 2017 Budget Approval and Election of Officers

## Apple Fest Bulb Sale



When your alliums fade and lose their "normal" color, you can spray paint them any color you like. At the Memorial Garden the "Globemasters" are now a fluorescent yellow, and the "Schubertis" are now a fluorescent orange! Bet you'll be planting them for your gardens this fall!

PS - Both bulbs will be featured in our booth at AppleFest!

-Submitted by Mary Chavez and Patti Aikin (AppleFest Chairs)



## September Newsletter Deadline

Submission deadline for the September issue of the CAGC newsletter is August 26th.

Send your information and articles to:  
[sawleonard@gmail.com](mailto:sawleonard@gmail.com).



## Message from Our President

I want to thank everyone that made our garden walk a success again this year. Special thanks to Mary Lynn Heid and Charlotte Koger, co-chairs of this year's walk and to Audrey Etienne and her committee who organized the flower show. We can all now take a deep breath and enjoy the rest of the summer before our next fundraising activity, the bulb sale, at Applefest.

We will be signing up for next year activities at the August meeting so begin thinking about where you want to put your involvement in the coming year. Just a reminder, we have added an additional membership category, Associate Member, for members who are not able to actively participate in our gardens, fundraisers, or club activities, but still want to be able attend our meetings to enjoy the programs and the fellowship of friends.

One last request, the nominating committee will be seeking members to fill the board positions for this coming year. I hope that many of you will consider saying "Yes" when approached to serve. This is a wonderful opportunity to become more involved in the operation of the club and get better acquainted with your fellow members.

- Submitted by Carolyn Navarre



## Adopt-A-Highway

For our July pickup, eight committee members completed our task between thunderstorms, each pair taking about an hour and collecting a total of 13 bags of litter. Milkweed, pink vetch, black-eyed Susans and daisies cheered us on our way. Thank you to all who participated!

### Dates to remember: Fall Pickup

Monday, September 26

9 am at Reformed Church

Rain date is Friday, September 30th.

-Submitted by Carrie Minch  
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## Beautification Committee

In 2016, for the very first time, 54 merchants participated in the beautification competition. That's an increase of 14 over last year and the greatest number we've ever had. There were many gorgeous window boxes and planters along Bridge Street, as well as terrific gardens both north and south of the downtown area. Please compliment these merchants who have contributed so much to making Charlevoix the beautiful and welcoming community that it is.

Judging was held on Monday, June 27, 2016 with the awarding of certificates following on Wednesday, June 29, 2016.

This year **Hotels, Motels & Inns** had their own category with nine competitors.

1<sup>st</sup> place: Mac Dougall House B & B

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Maple Leaf Motel

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Weathervane Terrace Inn & Suites

The **Garden** category had seven competitors.

1<sup>st</sup> place: Burger King

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Bingham Insurance

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Esperance

In the **Window Box and Planter** category, there were thirty-eight competitors.

1<sup>st</sup> place: Bridge Street Tap Room

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Lake Charlevoix Brewing Company & The Lake House

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Ga Ga For Kids

4<sup>th</sup> place: The Clothing Company

Honorable Mention: Scovies, Cherry Republic, East Park Tavern, American Spoon Foods, Sunglass Shop, The Villager, Charlevoix Insurance Agency, Color Wear

Congratulations to our winners and all who participated.

-Submitted by Roberta Gluck, Chair



Sue Thurow, Madison Hagen, Aaron Hagen

First place  
Window Boxes and  
Planter Division  
Bridge Street Tap  
Room



First Place, Hotel, Motel and Inn Division  
Roberta Gluck, Michelle and Armand Coallier, owners.



Second Place, Hotel, Motel and Inn Division  
Maple Leaf Motel - first time entry  
Sue Thurow, Roberta Gluck, Vivian Cohen, Cindy Farrell, owner and landscaper; Barb Kopitz



Burger King, First Place Garden Division,  
center Jill Wisdom, manager  
Sue Thurow, Roberta Gluck, Vivian Cohen, Barb Kopitz