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Community Garden Spotlight Depot Heritage Garden



The Chicago & West Michigan Railroad's first train arrived in Charlevoix on June 26, 1892 and continued running for almost 90 years. Passenger service ceased in September of 1962, and the last freight train pulled out in February of 1982. On June 26, 1992, the exact 100th anniversary of the first train's arrival, the old train Depot and the surrounding property were deeded to the Charlevoix Historical Society (CHS).

In 2001 CHS approached the Charlevoix Area Garden Club (CAGC) with a request to create a vintage garden around the historic Depot. In addition, the CHS Board wanted to incorporate a set of vintage 1900 wrought iron gates, which were donated to the Society by the owners of the historic Colonial Club property just west of the Depot.

Since many CAGC members were also members of the Society, several volunteers responded enthusiastically. An historic garden designer was identified to create a garden plan with circa late

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Welcome New Member Martha Rohr



Martha Rohr, Betsy Stewart and Ellen Kendall

Originally from Lafayette, Indiana, Martha Rohr moved to Michigan in 2015 to live with two of her sisters who have a house in East Jordan.

Martha has a degree in Retailing and Merchandising from Purdue University. After 25 years of working for Equifax and moving all over the country (she has lived in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Massachusetts and Missouri), she retired and dabbled in other jobs such as administrative assistant, seamstress, and drapery designer.

Martha lived in Indianapolis for 20 years and one of her two children still lives there. Martha loves to volunteer and meet people and has been volunteering at Charlevoix Hospital since her move to Michigan.

Martha was sponsored by Ellen Kendall.

Welcome, Martha!



From left, Sandy LaLonde, Charlotte Koger, Nancy Cleland, Joan Nowak, Diane McMahon, Joanne Hawkins, Carolyn Navarre. Not pictured, Kathleen Tepper and Kris Jones.

2017 Board of Directors' Installation

At our December 2016 meeting, President Carolyn Navarre invited our member, Marge McGoff, to perform the installation of our 2017 Officers. Marge selected a variety of flowers in different colors to represent the various Board offices.

Marge greeted members and read a poem, *Give Your Best*, which stresses that leadership should do their best to fulfill their responsibilities. Following are excerpts from Marge's program:

"An installation most often means the changing of the guard. Along with that comes new dedication, new ideas, new enthusiasm and a pledge to do the best.

With these thoughts in mind, it gives me great pleasure to install the 2017 leadership for the Charlevoix Area Garden Club — along with a little flower arranging. Each flower was selected for its color and meaning, and becomes part of the bouquet —just as each office makes up our Board of Directors.

Directors: (Joanne Hawkins, Kris Jones, Sandra Lalonde)
I chose White Cushion Mums as the Directors' color because it represents cleanliness, purity, and a willingness to learn.

Treasurer: (Kathleen Tepper)

A Gold Rose portrays the Treasurer's office. Red captures the attention of this office, black soothes more members, but Gold symbolizes the wealth wished for the club.

Corresponding Secretary: (Charlotte Koger)

An Orange Gerber was selected for the Corresponding Secretary. Orange represents sunshine and cheer as your correspondences should do.

Recording Secretary: (Nancy Cleland)

I chose a Blue Delphinium for the Recording Secretary. Blue is symbolic of the responsibility to concentrate on the important issues of both the Board and Membership meetings and maintain the history of the organization.

Second Vice President: (Joan Nowak)

Yellow Cushion Mums represent the duties of the Second Vice President. It is a bright color as an accent to hospitality and the important Yearbook.

First Vice President: (Diane McMahon)

A Red Gerber represents the office of First Vice President. Red is stimulating and exciting. It is bright and lively. You are to lead the team in planning and organizing the programs for the Yearbook as they are the lifeline of the organization.

President: (Carolyn Navarre)

For our President, I chose Purple Daisy Mums. Purple is a symbol of authority and leadership. As the elected President, you have the responsibility to lead the Club. You are charged with blending this Club, using your theme "FLOWERS, FRIENDS, COMMUNITY", into an enthusiastic membership and a stimulating and active organization.

To the Membership: *It is a real commitment to be an officer. Each one deserves your support and respect and above all your cooperation. Give your talent to new ideas. Give your time to worthwhile projects. Give your heart to develop a close relationship. Be together through gardening. We have a special kinship and our lives are enriched by our commitments.*

As the Officers have placed their flowers in this vase symbolizing their support to the community, I will place the Lemon Leaf symbolizing the membership of Charlevoix Area Garden Club and this Gold ribbon will symbolize our Friendship. This in turn is the beginning of Carolyn Navarre's Presidency with her theme "FLOWERS, FRIENDS, COMMUNITY".

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL !!!

-Submitted by Joan Nowak





Message from Our President

We had another snowy January meeting but the soups, muffins and desserts provided by the committee rewarded the members that were able to attend the meeting. Our speaker was also able to make it to Charlevoix through the snow and we all enjoyed her presentation on caring for our house plants

The Program Committee has planned an exciting year for us, programs about plants, trees, lakes, pests and a field trip to the Botanic Garden and Iris Farm.

This year's Garden Walk will be paired with a luncheon so we will need all our members to commit to being involved with the walk or helping with the luncheon to make this year's big fund raiser a success.

Looking forward to a great year,

-Carolyn Navarre



Carolyn Navarre at installation ceremony.



February Meeting

February 14, 2017 1:00 p.m.
Charlevoix Public Library
Erwin "Duke" Elsner

AKA "The Bug Guy", Duke saved us at the last minute by agreeing to fill in for our scheduled speaker. Duke will share knowledge and enthusiasm. He is a PhD Entomologist and has worked for the MSU Extension in Traverse City since 1990. He specializes in small fruits but his passion is bugs. It is sure to be informative and fun!



March Meeting

March 14, 2017 1:00 p.m.
Charlevoix Public Library
Shoreline Stewards

Eli Baker from Tip of the Mitt will tell us about the Michigan Shoreline Stewards' Program and ways to protect our Lake Charlevoix watershed.

DONATIONS

We received a donation from Joan and Paul Witting for the Hospital Meditation Garden in memory of Annelise McGoff, Marge McGoff's granddaughter.

Patti Bishop donated to the Memorial Garden in honor of Marg Jeakle and Betty Pittman.

Mike and Rhea Dow donated to the Endowment Fund in memory of Patti Blow, an active former CAGC member.



March Newsletter Deadline

Submission deadline for the March issue of the CAGC newsletter is February 26th.

Send your information and articles to:

sawleonard@gmail.com.

SOUP!

Two recipes for soup from the January meeting were submitted by Jen and Earl Kilander. The first, Perfect Potato Soup, is available at the following link:

<http://thepioneerwoman.com/cooking/perfect-potato-soup/>. (Kilanders' note: This recipe will fill 4/5 of a 4 quart slow cooker, so you can feel comfortable adding more veggies or liquid. We made on the stove and transferred it to a Crock Pot.) Please email Sarah Leonard at sawleonard@gmail.com if you would like the recipe to be sent to you by email. The second is as follows:

Slow Cooker White Chili With Chicken

3 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon minced garlic
2 tablespoons dried chopped onion
4 oz can diced green chilies
2 teaspoons cumin
1 teaspoon oregano
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon chili powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper
3 tablespoons flour
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups chicken broth
2 cups milk
4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, ($1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs)
(2) 15.8 oz cans great northern beans, drain/rinse
11 oz can of super sweet white corn, drained
Optional toppings: shredded Monterey Jack cheese and cilantro

Instructions

1. Melt 3 tablespoons of butter in a large saucepan over medium high heat.
2. Add minced garlic, dried chopped onion, diced green chilies, cumin, chili powder, oregano, pepper and salt. Cook for a couple of minutes.
3. Stir in flour and cook for a couple of minutes while stirring. The mixture will clump together.
4. Stir in chicken broth until the flour mixture has dissolved.
5. Stir in the milk.
6. Put boneless, skinless chicken breasts in the bottom of the slow cooker.
7. Top with corn and great northern beans.
8. Pour the broth over all of it and cook on high for 6-8 hours. After about 5 hours, cut the chicken into bite sized pieces and return to the Crock Pot.
9. Optional: top bowls of chili with shredded cheese and cilantro

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1890's style and plant material. With the plan in hand members of the CAGC, CHS and the Evening Garden Club raised funds through their members, other community organizations, area benefactors, and applications to community foundations.

Members' shovels finally turned and tilled the soil in the fall of 2002 to plant 100 Winter Gem boxwoods, which defined four garden rooms and became the bones of the garden. Simultaneously, members researched, through life-long residents and the Historical Society, which plants grew in Charlevoix between 1870 and 1930—the time period established for the garden.

Each of the garden's four rooms was given a distinct personality. Room I became the "gracious lady" who formally welcomes visitors as they step onto the historic Saginaw brick patio. The patio's arched design echoes the arch above the Depot building's entranceway and evokes the feeling of greeting for its visitors. Room II was designated as the "playful child" and boasts a variety of bright, colorful perennials and a rhythmic annual plant border. Room III, the "dear friends" room, hosts the peony garden where forty heritage peonies thrive and bloom each June in various shades of pink. The Lutyens benches invite visitors to sit a while, view Lake Charlevoix and, perhaps, share stories. Room IV invites visitors to contemplate for a time under the protection of the pergola and enjoy the variety of white blooming plants.

Sixteen years after its birth, many of the garden club members who were involved in the Depot Heritage Garden's creation continue to maintain it. One day, as we till the soil in the beds or deadhead spent flowers, we hope to see you relaxing on the Lutyens benches, taking in the beauty of the garden, eyeing the vintage lines of the 1892 Depot, or contemplating the beauty of the expanse of Lake Charlevoix. Please, visit us often!

—Submitted by Patti Aikin, Ruth Augustine, Rhea Dow, and Joan Nowak