



Charlevoix Area Garden Club

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Community Garden Spotlight *Bergmann Center*



From our President...

Bergmann Center, Inc. is a life skills building center for adults who are mentally and physically challenged. CAGC committee members visit the garden weekly from May to September, working with the Clients to grow vegetables and flowers.

The handicap accessible deer proof garden consists of raised beds, elevated Earthboxes, a vertical garden, and growing tubs. The garden gives Clients a "hands on" gardening education, provides physical activities, and promotes healthy eating.

Everyone enjoys the soups, salads and salsa prepared from the garden produce. A highlight of the growing season is exhibiting flowers and vegetables at the Emmet-Charlevoix County Fair. The many blue ribbons are displayed with pride.

Join our Committee any Monday morning at the garden from ten to noon and share your love of gardening.

It has been a busy time for CAGC members. Nine members attended the National Garden Clubs, Inc National Convention in Grand Rapids in early May. Members of the club design group assembled the centerpieces for the Friday night banquet, 45 total. Janet Gilbert and Cecilia Bustos, co-chairs, worked for several months behind the scenes planning, then when spring finally arrived, went full speed ahead with the soliciting, digging, and potting of plants for the plant sale. Their major support people, Sue Wilson and Mary Watson Chavez, helped get it all organized and, with the help of many club members, accomplished another very successful fund raiser.

We now move on to the annual Garden Walk with the addition this year of a Flower Show. There are still slots open for volunteers to make this event the success we need it to be to support our civic gardens. If you haven't already signed up to be a docent or serve on a committee, you will be able to do so at the June membership meeting.



A client harvesting beans from an elevated earthbox.

-Submitted by Rhea Dow

Carolyn Navarre, President

Garden Walk 2016

"Gardens... Where Magic Happens"

Preview Day - July 6th

The primary purpose of Preview Day is to give the garden **Hostesses** and **Docents** the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the gardens they will be staffing on the day of the Garden Walk. It gives everyone a chance to see the gardens if they will be working at either the Walk or the Flower Show and unable to view the gardens on July 13th.

Homeowners are also invited to attend. Everyone who attends Preview Day should have a ticket. Docents who are not members of the CAGC will be given a ticket gratis. Please let Carolyn Navarre or me know if you have Docents who need a ticket.

A schedule has been made to give homeowners an approximate time when the visitors will be arriving on Preview Day. At the assigned time the two or three head hostesses of the garden (a.m. and p.m.) will observe the layout of the property to determine the best placement for docents as well as make careful notes identifying plants and other points of interest. They should be open to any ideas, suggestions or information the garden owners have to offer.

The schedule is:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>GARDEN</u>
10:00	Wyett Garden
11:00	Thurrow Garden
11:45	Berry Garden
12:15	Hamstra Garden
1:00	Babbitt Garden

-Submitted by Mary Lynn Heid and Charlotte Koger



July Newsletter Deadline

Submission deadline for the July issue of the CAGC newsletter is June 26th.

Send your information and articles to:
sawleonard@gmail.com.

Flower Show 2016

"Charlevoix - Where Magic Happens"

The Historic Depot makes a lovely spot for our flower show. This year there will be 4 designs in the gardens as well as filling the depot with designs and horticulture exhibits.

Have you decided what you are going to enter in the horticulture division of the flower show? Take tender care of that hosta, rose, geranium and plan on bringing a leaf or flower to the show on July 12th (Tues.) by 2:30. Whatever you are growing, we will have a spot for you. If it isn't listed, you can enter it under "other." What you need to do now is take good care of those flowers so they will be ready for the July show. Lois Lewis and Marsie Gowdy will help you if you have questions.

We still need folks to sign up for design. See Joan Nowak or Barb Claggett to see where you might like to enter. We will help you and you will discover what fun it is. Ask Bev Rudolph who took first and best of show on her first try at a design! Ask Betsy Stewart and Patti McCreadie who took blue ribbons and were first time entrants. Spread your wings and try.

You do not have to be a member of the CAGC to enter either design or horticulture. Encourage your friends and neighbors to enter and attend this delightful show and see "Charlevoix-Where Magic Happens".

-Submitted by Audrey Etienne



Adopt-A-Highway

Dates to remember:

Midsummer pickup:

Friday July 8th, 9am,

Rain date is Friday, July 15th.

Fall Pickup:

Monday, September 26th, 9 am,

Rain date is Friday, September 30th.

-Submitted by Carrie Minch



June Meeting

June 14, 2016

1:00 PM

For Love of Water

Liz Kirkwood of FLOW in Traverse City will address issues with the Enbridge Pipeline in the Straights of Mackinac.



July Meeting

July 5, 2016

1:00 PM

Organic Home Gardens

Carla Cheppy, who shared her garden with us on the garden walk last year, will teach us how to start and maintain our own gardens without pesticides, fungicides or herbicides.



Life Membership

Do you know a member whom you would like to nominate to be a Life Member? The Life Membership Committee would love to hear from you. Please email Joyce Herbert at jbherbert2@gmail.com or send her a letter of nomination at 406 Michigan Ave. by June 22. They are looking for members who have made exceptional contributions to CAGC. Participation in activities outside CAGC is also considered.

Nominations from previous years do not carry over, so even if you nominated someone in the past, please nominate him/her again. Previous members receiving this award are listed on page 6 of the 2016 CAGC Membership Book.

The Life Membership Committee will be meeting in June to review the nominees. The recipient(s) will be announced in October.

-Submitted by Joyce Herbert



CAGC Annual Plant Sale

"Hear Ye, Hear Ye"

The 2016 Plant Sale was a tremendous success. Our Charlevoix Spring weather cooperated so that a wonderful team of members could participate by digging, potting, donating and delivering plants and handing out flyers at the Farmer's Market.

On Friday a dedicated crew arrived at Ferry Beach Pavilion to attractively arrange the vast variety of plants for sale. Early on a beautiful Saturday morning the sales team arrived along with a very long line of anxiously waiting customers. They were not disappointed by the 1660 plants available for sale and the Ways and Means table displaying a variety of gloves and garden tools. This number of donated plants is a record for the plant sale. Of the 1660 plants available 1345 were sold. The 315 remaining plants were donated to Bergmann Center. Thus, the total intake for this year's sale is \$4400. WOW! When customers were asked how they received information about the sale they replied, "The flyer at the Farmer's Market". Also, the CAGC Facebook page had over a month of daily posts using pictures of plants that were offered for sale at Ferry Beach.

Sincere appreciation goes out to every member of this dedicated team whose time and effort made the success of this year's plant sale possible.

-Submitted by Janet Gilbert and Cecilia Bustos

DONATIONS

A donation was made to the Memorial Garden by Sally and Paul Hoelderle in memory of Jessie Papineau.

A donation was made to the Memorial Garden by Ann Puffpaff in memory of George Haggard.

A donation was made to the Depot Garden by Mary Bailey-Hengesh in memory of Gary Schmidtke.

Plant Sale Photos



The crowd started early...



2 regulars below, always with new hats!



Cindy Vermeesch working Ways and Means Table



-Photos by Mary Chavez

Centerpieces from National Garden Club Convention



-Photos by Joan Nowak