



# Charlevoix Area Garden Club

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## Community Garden Spotlight Harsha House Garden



Approaching Harsha House from State Street, you are greeted by a front walk flanked with flower-filled antique planters. The building is a lovely victorian, painted cream with light yellow accents. On the victorian porch are four hanging baskets repeating the color theme of the sidewalk planters.

In the lawn off to the right is a wonderful circular flowerbed displaying a 14-foot Kousa Dogwood, with a

bed of Hostas underneath. Also on the right is a bed of very old Annabelle Hydrangeas that grace the foundation.

A memorial rose bed garden blooms on the left side of the porch steps. Additions to that garden in 2016 included a Japanese Maple, Green Velvet Boxwood and 3 Cayuga Verburnum.

Stepping through the wood-framed screen door on the porch, you will find the headquarters of the Charlevoix Historical Society, along with the museum and the museum store.

Along the side walkway to the back entrance are Bella Anna, Twist n' Shout, and Blushing Bride Hydrangeas. There are also various Hostas, Silver Scrolls Heuchera, and Jack Frost Brunnera. A Lenten Rose was added in 2015.

Toward the new handicapped entrance at the back of the museum, is a bed of tall grasses and a Strawberry Hydrangea to the right. Tall grasses also are planted behind the bench on the left of the entrance.

The side yard, which parallels the bank parking lot, is the longest bed at Harsha House. It is the main focal point where visitors park and head toward the house. In this bed are: Grand Mum Monarda, bunches of Laura Phlox, Blushing Bride Hydrangea, a combo of Lamium, Purple Dragon and White Nancy, five Hostas surrounding the old oak tree, Vanilla Strawberry Hydrangea, Spirea, Leucanthemum Gold Rush, Endless Summer Hydrangea, Threadleaf Coreopsis in a group, and Hemerocallis Happy Returns. These beds were redone in June 2013 and are maturing beautifully.

This historic garden is maintained by five garden club members.

-Submitted by Mary Lynn Heid



## 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.



## June Meeting

June 13, 2017 9am-3pm  
**Botanic Gardens/Iris Farm**

## Field Trip!

Right now there are 26 seats remaining on the bus for the Field Trip June 13. For the CAGC please get your reservations in right away. If you are still out of town, you can email Diane McMahon ([diane\\_mcmahon\\_1@yahoo.com](mailto:diane_mcmahon_1@yahoo.com)). All checks are to be made out to CAGC for \$30. Reservations and money will also be taken at the May meeting.

We will open the reservations to the Charlevoix Evening Garden Club & Boyne City Garden Club after May 11th. We want to fill the bus to keep the cost down and more importantly to make this fun trip available to all.

We will be leaving from K-Mart at 9:00AM SHARP. We will arrive at the Botanic Gardens around 10:15AM. It opens at 10:30AM.

The tour lasts 45-60 minutes. We will then have our boxed lunch & meeting in the Visitor Center. We will leave for the Iris Farm at 12:45PM. It takes 1 hour to get to the Iris Farm.

After the tour there we will head back to Charlevoix at 3:00PM to arrive at K-Mart by 4:00PM.



## June Newsletter Deadline

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

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



## CAGC Annual Plant Sale Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

We expect to have lots of good material available for the Plant Sale this year. The plants we divided last fall and over-wintered in the ground are doing great and the plants at the wholesaler are looking very good too. It's not too late for you to dig and pot any of your perennials that need dividing. Those of you who have plants to bring, please have them at Ferry Beach by noon on Friday, May 26th.

Because of the good results from the publicity table at the Farmers' Market last year, we will be having a display again this year, on May 18th and May 25th. Come and check out our new professional looking table cover featuring the CAGC and Michigan Garden Club logos. We will be asking for volunteers to sign up for two-hour shifts.

Additional publicity you can expect to see this year will be signs along the streets and highways. At this upcoming May meeting we will have sign-up sheets for working shifts on the day before and the day of the Plant Sale. We plan to circumvent the problems we had last year of volunteers waiting for the truck to arrive with our plants from the wholesaler by picking up the plants ourselves on May 25th. We will just need drivers to help us transport plants from several locations in Charlevoix to Ferry Beach on the morning of May 26th.

On Sale Day we hope the changes we are making in the lay-out of the Pavilion, the sales slips, the system of totaling sales, and finally checking out and paying will make the event run more smoothly and enjoyably for our patrons and volunteers as well. We appreciate all your volunteer help in making this another successful fund-raising activity for the CAGC.

-Submitted by Mary Chavez, Janet Gilbert, Sue Wilson; Plant Sale Chairs

## April Flowers....



Serving table centerpiece and individual table centerpieces for April meeting designed by Cindy Vermeesch. Beautiful job Cindy!

(Photos submitted by Joan Nowak.)

## Garden Walk 2017

Below is an ad that Kathie Libert put together by turning our postcard around for a vertical presentation. It will appear in the Charlevoix Courier in a magazine they will put out for June & July.



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Seating 11:30 and 12:30 – RSVP 231-547-8015 or  
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Mary's of Boyne, Petals, Pine Hill Nursery, Polly's Planting and Plucking,  
Round Lake Bookstore, Stonehedge Gardens and Touch of Spring  
or Call 231-547-2119

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-Submitted by Mary Lynn Heid



## Adopt-A-Highway

Whew! We did it on our rainy day option, Friday, May 5th! With only 5 participants, we spent 11 hours and loaded some 14 bags full of trash plus some construction debris.

Many thanks to Kris Jones, Janet Gilbert, Joanne Hawkins and Mary Lynn Heid!

-Submitted by Carrie Minch

## Conservation Hint

A Better Homes and Gardens Magazine hint about planting a native wild flower meadow garden:

Mow the area, do not kill existing vegetation, do not rake or till. Spread seeds, do not cover them. Tread lightly and closely over the seeded area to ensure seeds are in contact with the soil. For a large area, use a lawn roller. Then pray for rain!

In the fall, after the seeds and flowers have ripened, mow the area. Wildflower seeds will be up and growing before the spring grasses and won't need watering or fertilizer. Mow some walkways where needed to enjoy the flowers!

-Submitted by Carrie Minch