



# Charlevoix Area Garden Club

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## Community Garden Spotlight

### *Memorial Garden*

The Memorial Garden, which was totally renovated in 2010, is the oldest garden in Charlevoix, established in 1977. The garden is open 24/7 for contemplation or to rest during a long walk. Anyone is welcome to make a contribution to the garden as a tribute to a friend or loved one.

-Submitted by Diane McMahon  
Photo by Mary Chavez



## Charlevoix: Where Magic Happens



### Garden Walk 2016

Welcome back Snow-Birds! Don't forget to contact a Hostess to be a Docent for Garden Walk on July 13th.

Cheryl Coates needs people in the AM and Sue Wilson needs some for the PM. I do not know about the other hostesses but you can check with Betsy Stewart, Marianne Mundy, Greta Gappy or Chris & Rich Brown.

Notice: The Afterglow will be held at Michigan Beach this year instead of Depot Beach. It is a beautiful location with plenty of parking.

Enjoy your Spring gardening!

-Submitted by Mary Lynn Heid and Charlotte Koger

### Flower Show

Our May meeting will help get you in the mood to participate actively in the flower show. Learn how to make a fairy garden from a spokesperson from Pine Hill. This is one of the categories in the horticulture division, so we hope this will not only be fun to learn about but will inspire you to enter. We will also have 4 designs that demonstrate examples of design entries. Please talk with the designers, learn how they created their design and think seriously about entering one of the 6 design classes.

Anyone who did not get one of the fabulous schedules designed by Patti Aikin, be sure to pick up one at the May meeting. Here is where you learn all the details about how to enter both horticulture and design. Spread your wings and give it a try.

Members of the design class will help you with designs and Lois Lewis and Marsie Gowdy are there to help you with horticulture entries. Our goal is 2 horticulture entries per member! You can do it. Help us have a fabulous show. Even folks who have only pots can enter a petunia, geranium or some herbs.

-Submitted by Audrey Etienne, General Chair



## CAGC Annual Plant Sale Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendars for our Memorial Day Plant Sale is coming very soon!

For those of you who plan to share some of your wonderful plants, divided and potted, we have plenty of pots available in our storage unit. Please contact Cecilia Bustos at (636) 295-0789.

In the past, many of you have generously volunteered your time making our plant sales so successful. Let's continue that tradition and make this year no exception. Sign-up sheets will be available at the May meeting. There will be spaces to sign up for **unloading** and **pricing** on Friday, May 27 (the day before the sale) and for **selling** and **totaling**, and **clean up** after the sale on Saturday, May 28. We will also need volunteers to distribute flyers after the membership meeting on May 10.

Please join us for this fun event. We can enjoy each other's company and raise some funds to boot! Hope to see you all there.

-Submitted by Mary Chavez, Janet Gilbert, Cecilia Bustos



### 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).



## May Meeting

May 10, 2016

1:00 PM

### Floral Design

CAGC Member, Flower Show Judge and International Flower Arranger, Marge McGoff, will review the Flower Show Schedule with special emphasis on design classes.



### Conservation Hint

When planning your yard and garden additions this spring, consider planting a native tree, particularly a deciduous one which can provide shade in the summer and allow light through in the winter.

Trees do influence the weather. Just 200 trees can help produce a cumulus cloud! And trees probably helped make you because cooking with wood fires fed the evolution of our hominid ancestors, enabling jaw sizes to diminish and brain sizes to increase (Nature Conservancy, March/April 2013).

Many of us first fell in love with trees because of a certain tree that was in a nearby city park or in your own backyard, a tree you climbed or hung a swing from, a tree where you gathered leaves or cones, or a tree you just sat beneath and read a book. Do you have a tree story to tell?

-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.



### Adopt-A-Highway

Our spring pickup should have been accomplished by the time you read this. Rain and cold caused postponement to a May 2nd date. Anticipating a job well done and sending thanks to all participants.

We will report results next month.

#### Mark your calendar:

##### *Midsummer pickup:*

Friday July 8th, 9am,

meet at Reformed Church parking lot.

Rain date is Friday, July 15th.

##### *Fall Pickup:*

Monday, September 26th, 9 am,

Rain date is Friday, September 30th.

-Submitted by Carrie Minch

### DONATIONS

A donation was received from Mary Watson-Chavez for the Memorial Garden in memory of Engrid Smiley.

