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Welcome New Members



Betsy Stewart, Sandy LaLonde, Joan Nowak



Betsy Stewart, Cass Williamson, Pam Walsh

Sandy LaLonde was born in New York City. She is a retired physical therapist who specialized in Pediatrics, working with children who suffered from cerebral palsy, spina bifida or other issues. When she moved to Petoskey, she continued in physical therapy but switched to geriatric care. Sandy has three sons, all married, and three grandchildren. All live in Florida. Sandy and her husband, George, have been married for 30 years. They met in Sarasota but had ties to Petoskey which brought them here. Sandy was sponsored by Rhea Dow and was introduced to the club by Joan Nowak. Welcome Sandy!

Pam Walsh was raised in Lowell, MA. She now lives south of Detroit in Woodhaven but has been spending summers in Charlevoix for the last 5 years. She is an Associate Professor at Eastern Michigan University. She is also a registered nurse and has a doctorate in political science. She teaches health insurance, health regulation and health policy. Pam and her husband, Bill, have two children and three grandchildren. Her passions are traveling and photography. Other interests include reading, primarily mysteries, knitting and, of course, gardening. Pam was sponsored by Cass Williamson. Welcome Pam!



Adopt-A-Highway

Fall Pickup

Monday, September 26

9 am at Reformed Church

Rain date is Friday, September 30th.

-Submitted by Carrie Minch



October Newsletter Deadline

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

Send your information and articles to:

sawleonard@gmail.com.



September Meeting

September 13, 2016

1:00 PM

Flowers to Table

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



October Meeting

October 11, 2016

12:00 PM (note time change)

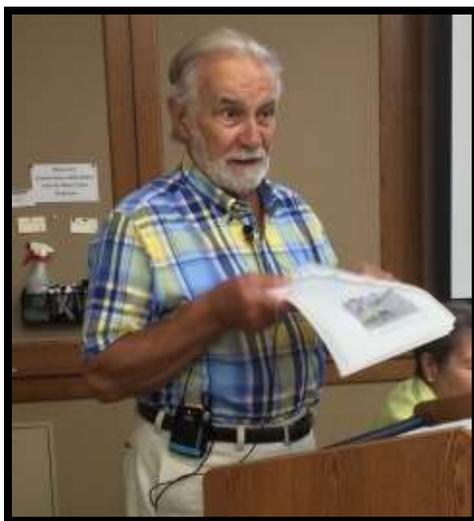
Pot Luck Luncheon

Please bring a dish to share and your own plate, cup, and flatware.

Program for October meeting will be at 6:30 pm at the library.

Along with Lake Charlevoix Association, we are hosting Professor Alan Steinman, Director of Annis Water Resources Institute at Grand Valley State University.

He will discuss stressors to the Great Lakes, consequences and possible solutions.



At our August meeting, Ken Polakowski reviewed the beautification project on 31 on the south side of Charlevoix.

2017 Sign Up Sheets

It is that time of year when we start planning for next year - 2017. How time flies! *Please, please* take a few minutes to complete a Sign-up Sheet if you haven't already done so. **Give the form and your dues to Ellen Kendall at the September meeting or by mail.** You have a few options. You should have received an email with a copy of the sign up sheet in it. You can print that or **call me** and I will mail you a copy or **pick up** the form at the next meeting. Don't forget to bring money or a check for your dues. Remember, if you are unable to fully participate as an active member, you can sign up as an Associate.

-Submitted by Mary Lynn Heid

Youth Education



At our August meeting, Ruth Augustine introduced the Poster Contest Winner, Kylee Rice & her parents, Gretchen & Chris. Kylee is a 4th grader at Charlevoix Elementary school. She won a certificate for 1st place in the state & regional contest for Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl & her poster was sent to the national contest. This is a first for our club.

-Submitted by Ruth Augustine

Organic Gardening Notes from Carla Chepy

Hand picking insects when possible. There are always consequences when using even organic remedies. If hand picking is not an option, there are many organic choices.

This list, by no means exhaustive, will provide you with solutions that are non-toxic or less toxic than chemical choices. There are many products that include ingredients such as garlic, hot peppers, citrus, etc., that stand alone or are mixed to provide effective control of many common insect problems in the garden. These are definitely worth looking into, but are too numerous to list here. Follow instructions and warnings provided by manufacturer when mixing or using.

Insecticidal Soap: For best results use soaps designed for use on plants. Controls: aphids, leafhoppers scale, whiteflies, earwigs, sowbugs, mites. Always test a small section of the plant first since the spray can damage flowers/leaves.

Horticultural Oil: Can be used as a dormant oil spray in the spring to kill overwintering insects, or in a weaker solution during the growing season. Controls: aphids, gnats, leafhoppers, leafminers, mealybugs, mites, scale, slugs.

BT (Bacillus thuringiensis): Low toxicity bacterium that controls caterpillars, cabbageworms, cabbage looper, tomato hornworms, etc.

Sluggo: Non-toxic and easy to use to remedy slug damage.

Sluggo Plus: Controls slugs, but includes Spinosad to also provide control of cutworms, earwigs and sowbugs.

Spinosad: Toxic to bees. Spray when bees are not active, plus 2 to 3 hours for it to dry on the plant. Controls: caterpillars, Colorado potato beetle, corn earworm, cutworms, earwigs, sowbugs, leafminers, leafhoppers, thrips.

Neem: Toxic to bees. Spray when bees are not active, plus 2 to 3 hours for it to dry on the plant. Is in oil form, do not use when very warm, it may burn the plant. Controls: aphids, Colorado potato beetle, cutworms, flea beetles, leafminers, mites, scale and whiteflies. Also an excellent fungicide.

Pyrethrum: Toxic to many beneficial insects and fish; use with caution and as a last resort. Controls: aphids, scale, beetles and their larvae, cankerworms, caterpillars, lace bugs, leafhoppers, leafminers, mealybugs, mites, scale, thrips, sawfly larvae, spittlebugs, whiteflies and more.

beetleJUS: New from Gardens Alive, a form of BT, very low toxicity. Controls adult beetles, larvae and caterpillars, e.g. Japanese beetle, Asiatic beetle, root weevils, spotted oak borers and more.

(continued in next column)

Organic Gardening continued from previous column:

grubHALT: New from Gardens Alive, a form of BT, very low toxicity, easy to use. Granular form used to control lawn and garden grubs. Catalogs are an invaluable source of information for those wishing to use organic methods of pest control. I have found the catalog from Peaceful Valley Farm & Garden Supply, GrowOrganic.com, [888-784-1722](tel:888-784-1722), and Gardens Alive, GardensAlive.com, [513-354-1484](tel:513-354-1484) to be particularly informative.

-Submitted by Carla Chepy

NEW MEMBERSHIPS!

We have three new members. Sandy Carless joined in July and Sandra LaLonde and Pamela Walsh became members in August. Labels with the contact information of each new member have been made up and will be available at our membership meetings. Please remember to bring your membership books so that you can "paste" them in on one of the back pages of your book.

-Submitted by Nancy Cleland & Betsy Stewart, membership co-chairs



Conservation News

Instead of thinking of your yard as an extension of your house, think of it as a place to share nature with the animals around us. From our challenged bees to our native mammals, your yard is a place where you can make a difference, even in this time of climate change. "It is not an outdoor room - you have an ecosystem in your landscape. Help it along!"

Natural vegetation grows in layers. For example, a forest ecosystem typically contains a variety of canopy and understory trees, large and small shrubs, and groundcover. Each of these layers is favored by certain birds, insects, and mammal species. Buy native plants, these species evolved with these plants and may depend upon them to survive.

(Adapted from Defenders of Wildlife magazine)

-Submitted by Carrie Minch
September 2016

STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

A FEW OF THE WINNERS...



Division I Horticulture
 Grower's Choice Award
 African Violet
 Lois Lewis



Division I Horticulture
 Perennials
 Delphinium
 Cindy Vermeesch



Grower's Choice Award
 Fairy Garden
 Audrey Etienne



Division III -
 Special Exhibits:
 Educational Top
 Exhibitor Award --
 "Magic Through the
 Lens"
 The Charlevoix
 Photography Club.



Grower's Choice and
 Horticultural
 Excellence for Begonia
 (large plant in photo).
 Lynn Keelan



Division II Design
 Table Artistry and Award of Design Excellence
 Class 3
 Magical Night at Venetian Festival
 Joan Nowak



Division II Design
 Local Design Award
 Class 6
 Historic Garden Magic
 Beverly Rudolph



Division II Design
 Designer's Choice Award
 Class 6
 Historic Garden Magic
 Marge McGoff