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President's Message

Dear Members,

What a busy month June has been and it is hard to believe that we are moving into July!

Marge McGoff and I attended the annual Michigan State Conference in Bay City. We received a few awards while there:

1. For our yearbook we received 2nd place at the District 5 level.
2. For our Garden Walk we received 1st Place at the District 5 level and 3rd Place at the State level for Large Clubs. (I read all the remarks from the judges and saw they did not receive our program with the home explanations and the map. I think we would have received 1st place from State if they had that one piece of literature!)

Our Beautification committee walked around the city and have given out awards to merchants who have contributed to the beautification of Charlevoix. Thank you to Mical Miller for chairing this and for all the members who participated.

Our year-long plans are coming together for our **"Gardening is Murder"** luncheon on July 10th. This should be a fun event so I hope all of you are attending and/or helping. Ticket sales went very smoothly.

A concern has come to my attention this month and I ask for everyone's help in correcting this issue. I know you are all very social and love seeing your friends and visiting with them. That is why we invite you to come early and to socialize during our refreshment break. It seems that there are many people who continue to talk during the business part of the meeting as someone is trying to relay information. All this chatter is very disruptive to the speakers, members, President and to those on Zoom. I try to keep the meetings as short as possible and as organized as possible. So, I am asking **you** to be more aware of **your** actions and help all our members hear the entire meeting discussions. If you have something of substance that needs to be addressed, let me know and I will call on you.

Sincerely,
Martha Rohr





No July Membership Meeting

We look forward to seeing you at our “Gardening is Murder” Luncheon on July 10 at Castle Farms. If you paid for your reservation with cash or check you will not receive a paper “ticket” your name will be on the reservation list at the door – just show up before 11:30 to receive your table assignment.

We will not be having a regular membership meeting in July. Our next scheduled meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 13 at 1:00 pm in the Community Room of the Charlevoix Public Library.



Beautification Awards

A group of members visited over 40 Charlevoix businesses last week to judge the design, originality, and color of their container and garden plantings. Six gardens and nine container designs stood out. Mical Miller, committee chair, and several CAGC members will deliver award certificates to the deserving business owners this week: Bingham Insurance, Gaga for Kids, Edward Jones Investments, The Lake House, McDonalds, Grey Gables, Jaytel Cottage, Bridge Street Taproom, J Bird Provisions, Esperance, The Weathervane Restaurant, Berkshire Hathaway, Colorwear, Peppers Boutique, and Smoke on the Water.

Conservation: How the Peanut Saved the South’s Soil

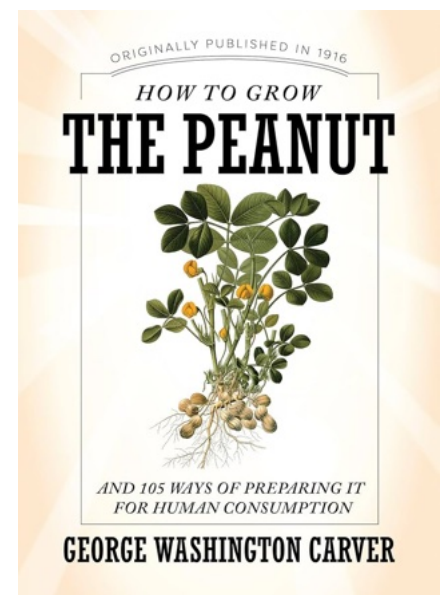
Submitted by Carrie Minch

George Washington Carver saved the soil of the Southern United States, ruined by years of growing cotton, by encouraging the growing of peanuts.

Born of enslaved parents in Diamond Grove, Missouri, Carver gained acceptance to Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, in 1887 and in 1891, transferred to Iowa Agricultural College (now Iowa State University) where he earned a B.S. in 1894 and an M.S. in 1897. Later that year Booker T. Washington, founder of Tuskegee Institute, convinced Carver to serve as the school's director of agriculture. At Tuskegee, Carver developed his crop rotation method, which alternated nitrate-producing legumes such as peanuts and peas with cotton, which depletes soil of its nutrients.

Following Carver's lead, southern farmers began planting peanuts one year and cotton the next. Although the peanuts were used to feed livestock, large surpluses quickly developed. Carver developed 325 different uses for the extra peanuts—from cooking oil to ink. He helped Henry Ford make peanut rubber for cannons in WWII. He is the first African American to have a national park named for him (it is in Missouri).

In the Minch household a grilled peanut butter and jelly sandwich is one of our favorites – and it’s patriotic!





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The Summer 2024 Edition of *Thru the Garden Gate* is now available online. You can read it using the following link. If you are not receiving the Michigan Garden Club's newsletter in your email, you can join their email list:

<https://myemail-api.constantcontact.com/MGC-Thru-the-Garden-Gate-Summer-News-2024-.html?soid=1113645395326&aid=zPdB2XpiMYc>

District 5 Fall Meeting: save the date, **September 12, 2024** for the Michigan Garden Clubs District 5 Fall Meeting and Horticulture Flower Show in Mackinaw City. The theme for the flower show will be "Color", and club members are welcome to enter horticulture, display photographs, create educational displays, and serve as judges. For more information, go to the website of the Seedums Garden Club <https://www.seedums.org>

National Garden Clubs



The NGC Flower Show School Symposium will take place August 6 – 7, 2024 in Lansing, MI. For more information go to:

<https://calendar.gardenclub.org/event/flower-show-school-symposium-lansing-mi/>

The National Gardener Magazine is now a **100% online publication** that is made available on a quarterly basis through the NGC website. You can read the spring 2024 issue using the following link:

<https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2024-04/tng-spring-2024.pdf>

Help Wanted!

At our June Membership Meeting several members signed up to host or assist with refreshments at our 2025 meetings. We still need more help! Please email Beth Cowie bethcowie@mac.com and let her know which month(s) you can help out at a meeting.

Community Vegetable Garden: All CAGC members (and friends) are welcome to help with our new vegetable garden. It is located in the Charlevoix Community Garden plots on State Street (just before it merges into US31 – across from the Horizon Bank). We need to keep up with weeding, watering, and harvesting the produce. Stop by the plot and take a look (bring your favorite weeding tool). Contact Beth Rosenthal or Beth Cowie if you would like to be a part of our regular weeding bees.

Adopt-a-Highway

Don't Forget our Highway litter pick-up during our busy July! Please join us if you can on Monday, July 15th at 9 am at the Luther Church parking lot (across from the Charlevoix Pool).



Floral Design Study Group

In June the CAGC Floral Design created arrangements with the theme "Preparing for the Fundraising Luncheon". Below are designs created by Greta Gappy, Audrey Etienne, Joanne Pittman, and Martha Rohr.



News and Notes

The Charlevoix Conservation District discussed their work at our June meeting. Alison Adams, District Manager of the organization, invited all of us to their Annual Garden Party and 75th Anniversary Celebration. It takes place on August 8th from 5- 7:30 pm at the Conservation District offices, 303 North Street, Boyne City. There will be live music, food, a silent auction, and a cash bar. The party is free to attend, and no reservations are required. To find out more about the party and other activities of the Conservation District: https://www.charlevoixcounty.org/conservation_district/

What Bug Chewed on My Plants Last Night?! Under cover of darkness, a variety of animals might chew on your leaves. So how do you know who to blame and what to do about it? MSU Extension's *Gardening in Michigan* website has a recently published article to help you identify the culprit: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/what-bug-chewed-on-my-plants-last-night>

Members have been hard at work in our Civic Gardens – including this planting session at the Hospital Garden (see photos below). Thank you all for making Charlevoix beautiful!



CAGC Events and Community Calendar

July

- 10** **Biennial Garden Luncheon, Fundraiser.** Castle Farms
- 15** **Adopt-a-Highway Pick up**, 9 am, meet at the Lutheran Church parking lot (across from the Charlevoix Pool). Trash bags and reflective vests will be provided.
- 17** **Fairy Houses and Gnome Homes**, 10:30 am, Old City Park, Boyne City. Learn how to make your own fairy house using pre-collected nature items. FREE program geared for children ages 3-7, but families of all ages are welcome. Presented by the Charlevoix Conservation District.
- 18-20** **The Tri-Cities Garden Club** (Ferrysburg, Grand Haven, Spring Lake) will be having a flower show "The Garden Olympics" at the Spring Lake District Library <https://tricitysgardenclub.org/flower-show/>
- 20-27** **Charlevoix Venetian Festival**
- 21** **University of Michigan Biological Station Open House**, 11:30 am – 2:00 pm, UMBS Campus, Pellston. <https://lsa.umich.edu/umbs/news-events/all-events.detail.html/110232-21824613.html>

August

- 6-7** **NGC Flower Show School Symposium**, Lansing, MI.
- 8** **CAGC Board Meeting**, 10:00 am, Charlevoix Public Library.
- 8** **Charlevoix Conservation District Garden Party**, 5:00 pm, 303 North Street, Boyne City. FREE to attend. Cash bar.
- 13** **CAGC Member Meeting**, 1:00 pm, Charlevoix Public Library. Presentation by Justin Rashid, co-founder of American Spoon Foods.



CAGC Newsletter, Website, and Social Media

Submission deadline for the August CAGC newsletter is July 25. Email your photos, information, and articles to Beth Cowie at bethcowie@mac.com. You can also send information and photos for our website and social media.



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