



Pathways & Gardens

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New Director

Pam Greve has accepted the director's position on our Board! The Board is looking forward to serving with Pam.

Newsletter Title Contest

Congratulations to Joy Jacob, winner of Newsletter Title Contest. What a wonderful way to frame our journey! Thanks to all who participated, including the judges, Jackie Skinner, Myrna Naile and Susan Hegarty.

It's a Fiesta!

Join us Wednesday, May 2, 2012 for a Cinco de Mayo inspired Membership Luncheon. Plan on gathering at the Michaywe Inn the Woods Terrace Room at 11:30. Please RSVP by Friday, April 27, 2012. Checks for \$18.00 are to be payable to the Edelweiss garden Club, Inc. Please send check to Cynthia Hilling, 250 Arrowhead Trail, Gaylord, MI 49735-9013.

The purpose of our luncheon is to welcome prospective members to our club and to celebrate our membership. Please encourage friends, neighbors or family to join us. Join the fun - Wear bright colors!

Keepers of the Earth

Garden Plastics Recycling

Please recycle your plastic pots, plastic trays, plastic edging, black irrigation tubing and black plastic drains. For more information, go to: <http://www.RecycleChicken.org>

Beautification of Our City

Our official planting day is Wednesday, June 6. In case of inclement weather, your plant chair will contact you. The Michaywe Manager, Todd Chwatum, has waived the \$100 fee and is allowing us to use the Opal Lake Beach House on Planting Day, June 6th. After planting, join us at the Beach House for a potluck picnic. Doors will open at 10:30 am. The Opal lake Beach House is located just south of the corner of the Opal Lake Road and Michaywe Drive intersection.

Members with last names: A-M – bring salads. N-Z, bring dessert. Picnic tablecloths would be great. Napkins, plastic silverware, plates and beverages will be provided.

Our Mission

- To stimulate the love gardening
- encourage home and community beautification
- promote better horticultural practices
- encourage all forms of conservation
- provide education and resources
- promote the programs of MGC and NGC



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(Two-year Terms)

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Spring Plant Exchange

Scheduled for Saturday, June 16, 2012, from 9 a.m. until Noon at the Farmer's Pavilion, this exchange gives members a chance to rejuvenate their own gardens and share their knowledge and plants with other members and the public.

Labeling the plants is important. Members have come up with a variety of ways to do this: From using waterproof markers on the pots or plastic bags, to making plant labels from popsicle sticks, index cards or mini blinds! Label information should include the name of the plant and the light requirements such as sun, shade, or partial shade. Indoor plants are welcomed as well as annuals, seeds, tubers, bulbs, and slightly used garden tools, and ornaments.



Preparing our Gardens for Spring planting

Although our official planting day isn't until June, preparing the gardens for planting is important. Consider the following tips:

- Remove all dead plants, leaves and stems. Burn any diseased material far away from the garden or discard in garbage bags. Do NOT put in your city's compost.
- Lightly loosen the soil and work in some fresh compost mixed with mulch when putting around the base of perennials. This will promote growth and health as well as discourage insects and help plants stay moist longer.
- Buy healthy plants and keep them moist and in the shade until read to plant.
- Put corn gluten down to prevent weeds from taking over. This will kill unwanted seeds from sprouting.

Calendar

Wednesday, April 31, 2012 -	Donations for the MGC State Convention Gift Basket due to Pam Karbowsky 989 731 – 0569
Wednesday, May 2, 2012 -	Edelweiss Garden Club, Inc. Membership Luncheon, Michaywe Inn the Woods Terrace Room 11:30 a.m. RSVP by Friday, April 27, 2012
Tuesday, May 8-11, 2012 -	The Holland Garden Club to host a Tulip Time Flower Show, "Holland in Bloom," Contact Alyce Doss, 616 335-3394
Wednesday, May 9, 2012 -	District V Presidents' and 2012 State Convention Planning Committee Meeting and Luncheon, Grand Traverse Resort
Wednesday, May 16, 2012 -	NGC Convention, Buffalo, New York
Wednesday, May 16, 2012-	Edelweiss Garden Club Field Trip to the Weather Station, Lunch at Frederic Inn. Contact Lois at 989 939-7617.
Saturday, May 26, 2012-	Charlevoix Area Garden Club Annual Plant Sale, 8:30-Noon
Friday, June 1, 2012-	Membership Dues Deadline Active Members \$15, Associate Members \$25, Life Members \$15.00, New Member \$25 Mail to: Denise Matteini, P.O. Box 185,Waters, MI 49797-0185
Mon. June 4-Tues. June 5-	MGC, Inc. 81 st State Convention, Grand Traverse Resort, Theme: Theme "Honoring Mother Earth" Marilyn McIntosh, co-chair
Wednesday, June 6-	Planting Day and Opal Lake Beach House Potluck Picnic, 10:30 am
Wednesday, June 13-	Garden Club Meeting , University Center, Computer Lab, 11:00 am
Saturday, June 16-	Spring Plant Exchange, 9:00 a.m. to noon, Carol Brown,Chair- 989-705-7337