



# ? Newsletter

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<http://www.edelweissgardenclub.com>

## What's in a Name?

Michigan garden Club has "Thru the Garden Gate". First United Methodist Church's publication is titled "The Messenger". Our newsletter needs a name.

President, Joan Collick, is inviting you to create a title for our newsletter. So tap those creative juices and submit a suggestion.

Let's do it this way:

Create a name/title.

Submit the name and your name to [jms1231@charter.net](mailto:jms1231@charter.net).

Deadline is March 14, 2012.

Myrna Naile, educator, and Jackie Skinner, Public Services Librarian, will be our judges. A volunteer is needed to represent the club on the panel of judges. The first person to respond will join Myrna and Jackie in making the final choice.

The winner will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to the restaurant, The Bearded Dog.

### 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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## Garden Tool Workshop

We are delighted to have Mr. Richard DeLonge, owner of his own tool sharpening business, join us for our Wednesday, February 8th meeting.

Mr. DeLonge worked for Ford Motor Company as a professional photographer. His family spent summers in Lewiston. He moved to Gaylord in 1986. He got into the tool sharpening business after going to a garage sale where he met a gentleman who had been in the business for thirty years. Mr. DeLonge liked it so much he purchased his own equipment and learned the trade. He opened his business in his pole barn behind his home located at 3300 Hayes Tower Road. (989-732-3560)

Please bring your pruning shears and a sharpening file, if you have one, to the meeting. Mr. DeLonge will be demonstrating how to sharpen our tools. The meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. at BJ's restaurant.

## Recycle Chicken

RecycleChicken is a quick and easy directory that tells you where to take anything and everything for recycling or reuse in our area.

RecycleChicken also has a farm and garden section. The web site is:

<http://www.RecycleChicken.org>



# In Memoriam

## Pearl Peurach

Member of Edelweiss Garden Club  
2000-2012

Garden side Remembrance—Wednesday, July 11, 2012  
With EGC members and Basket Weaving Friends

### Tool Shelf

Reuse those old kitchen tools!

Attach a soap dish with soap to a nail brush to the side of your potting bench. Dig your fingernails into the soap before you begin working in the garden.

Old serving pieces—ladles, knives, spoons and forks—to use as digging and transplanting tools.

Wire wisks or an old egg beater to whip up your home-brewed bug potions and fertilizers.

A paper-towel dispenser mounted near your work area means you'll always have towels for quick and easy cleanups.

An apple corer makes a miniature dibber for tiny bulbs like muscari, galanthus, and leucojum.

Kitchen and barbecue tongs for picking up offensive things like slugs and pulling up stinking nettles.

Long handed wooden-spoons or spatulas for bouncing bugs off plants and for mixing batches of compost tea, potting soils, and fertilizers.

Old colanders or laundry baskets for harvesting fruits and vegetables.

### Plant a Row for the Hungry

According to the President of the Michigan Garden Club, Nancy Stark, many communities are now planting gardens for the hungry or “planting a row for the hungry”. It is the resurrection of the former “Victory Gardens” seen during WWII. President Stark proposes that since we have already planned and planted our gardens, there is still room to fit some vegetable plants with our flowers. She recommends that at some point taking a former flower garden and develop a plan to grow vegetables for a nearby shelter or organization.

President Joan would like to support President Stark's recommendation and invite the club to participate in this worthwhile cause. To continue in this effort, Mr. Jerry Coger, board member and coordinator of Gaylord's Food Pantry, will be joining our meeting Wednesday, February 8th. Mr. Coger will be sharing with us the need for this action as well as the kinds of vegetables that most desired.

Judi Doan, Food Pantry Vice-Chair, shared that in 2011, there were 6,092 people who came to the food pantry for assistance. The number of families that participated were 1,834 of which 695 were children between 0 to 5 years old.

### Calendar

February 7, 2012 Board Meeting 9:00 a.m. at the Airport—“By-Law Review”  
February 8, 2012 Members Meeting 10:30 a.m. at BJ's—“Garden Tools Workshop”