



Pathways & Gardens

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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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Thank You!



A big Thank You (*cheesy, I know but sincere*) to each of you for your contributions to our exceptional 2013 Garden Walk. Indeed, this event requires a great deal of teamwork to present a polished, worthwhile walk for our community. And all of you, working together made this happen.

My thanks to the Leadership Team who orchestrated this Walk: Tammy Fairchild, Karen Gurchiek, Kathleen Normand, Caryl Irrer, Denise Matteini, Mirja Hoeft, and Pat Sitz.

We never would have accomplished what we did without the hard working Committee: Roseann Kujawa, Shirley Tankersley, Doris Pidd, Pam Greve, Betty Hartmann, Jane Mead, Marge Williamson, Pam Karbowsky, Linda Reinhardt, Linda Kirkpatrick, Board Members.

Also, the dedicated Energy Outlet Team gave their all to present an outstanding Community Garden. I greatly appreciate all of their hard work. The Garden looked so impressive.

As well, a BIG thank you to our membership for working in the various capacities the day of the warm walk. Your warm welcomes make all the difference in the world.

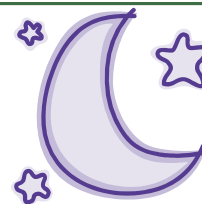
I feel that, what sets us apart from many other Garden Walks is the Artist involvement. This adds such another dimension to our Walk. My thanks to these VERY talented folks.

The Homeowners and their Gardens were incredibly wonderful and so gracious. I was so pleased that 2 couples had lunch with us at the Big Bear Deli following the Pre-Walk. The variety of the Gardens were a stand-out this year: Our Community Garden, Country Estate Garden, City Home Garden, Lake Garden, and Lakeside Garden. They all were stunning.

QUALITY TEAMWORK ----- QUALITY WALK

And so we close the chapter on the 2013 Garden Walk, only to know that the work begins in August...the hunt for the 2014 Gardens. However, Tammy tells me there are 3, possibly 4 Homeowners that contacted her that are interested in being on the next Walk. That is marvelous!

Plant by the Moon



Gardening by the Moon is an interesting technique that claims that you can speed up the germination of your seeds by working with the forces of nature. Available at the site are resources that provide information such as the best day for planting based upon the phase and sign of the moon.

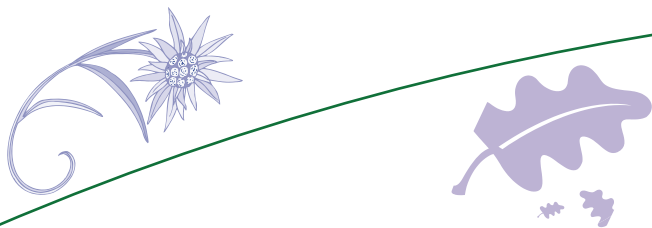
Each month in the Planting Guide, describes garden activities based upon our growing season and tells you when it is a fertile time to plant. The lunar gravitational pull increases the moisture in the soil at the time of the new and full moon, encouraging germination and growth. The claim is, by working with the forces of nature you can have a more abundant harvest.

To explore more go to: gardeningbythemoon.com

Keepers of the Earth

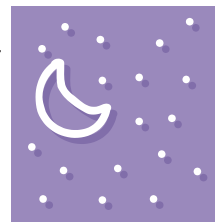
Headwaters Land Conservancy

Headwaters Land Conservancy is a Michigan based 501c3 non-profit land trust comprised of a staff, Board of Directors, Volunteers, and Members. And like us, share in the mission of protecting and preserving the remaining undisturbed natural resources of northeast Michigan. These natural resources include regionally important agricultural lands, undeveloped tracts of forests for both timber and wildlife habitat, scenic landscapes, and perhaps the most important, the protection of our fresh water resources. The largest natural lands left in all of Lower Michigan are right here in our backyard. During the last century, this landscape has dramatically begun to change, and at a faster rate than it has been conserved. Headwaters Land Conservancy was established in response to such unprecedented growth. Since its beginnings in 1994, the Conservancy has been serving people— those here today, who have the foresight to preserve such special places – and those of future generations, who will benefit from our endeavors. Today, thousands of acres have been permanently protected with the help of dedicated supporters. We can help in two ways: as a Supporter which will allow the Conservancy to continue protecting our lands and rivers. As a Conservation Easement or Land Donor which include outright gifts, discounted sales, bequests and many other innovated forms of giving which can give great benefits for land conservation while offering significant tax savings and estate planning benefits.



Sturgeon Moon Hike

Plan on joining us on Tuesday, August 20th, for the Headwaters Land Conservancy's Sturgeon Moon Hike and Moon Viewing. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the natural light of the Sturgeon Moon while spending time with club members, family or friends. Conservancy Members will be on hand to help us learn about constellations and how to identify them. Telescopes will be available for viewing stars. Directions to the Sturgeon River Preserve are: From main street in downtown Gaylord, go north on US 27. Turn right onto Whitmarsh Rd. Time: 8:30-10:30. More fun information to follow.



Club Invites Community to Exchange Plants

In these economic times, a gift we can give to our community is sharing our plants with others. The Plant Exchange is the perfect place to donate extra plants perhaps destined for the compost pile. While performing this year's clean-up or reviewing your garden to make preparations for Spring, consider Plant Exchange donations.

Please label your plant and provide helpful information for growing such as sun, shade or partial shade. The exchange is not only for perennials, but, shrubs, seeds, tubers, houseplants, and gently used garden implements.

The public is invited by way of our Publicity. Also, this is an opportunity to have questions answered by seasoned Garden Members and Master Gardeners on hand. This is a good time to invite your neighbors to share as well.... Our Community Exchange keeps our town beautiful and spreads healthy living through gardening.

**Saturday, September 21 (tentative), 8:30-11:00,
Courthouse lawn by Pavillion.**

Recycled Art in the PlexPark Show

On Wednesday, August 14th, please plan on meeting at the Energy Outlet Pavillion. On this day we would like to showcase all your artistic talents. Last year it was delightful seeing our very talented members' recycled treasures on display which included: Handmade Quilts, Paintings, Corks on Sticks creations, and wonderfully decorated Treasure Boxes, (boxes purchased at garage sales), Rock paintings, and old Pane Window art. We would love to see what each of you have done this year! If you are like me, who, has not created but purchased a piece of recycled art, please share. It would be fantastic to get ideas of treasures to make. For example, Rose Gleason's Garden Glass Art. BROWSING will start at 11:00 a.m. Business Meeting will follow. THEN...Caryl's Cork Creation Time! Please bring your lunch. If rain, plan on meeting inside.

Calendar

August

- 7 ----- Janet Woityra's View My Garden, 11:00 a.m.
- 14 ---- Business Meeting and Recycled Art in the PlexPark, 11:00 a.m.
- 20-----Sturgeon River Field Trip, Moon Viewing, 8:30 p.m.
- 20-21—GACA Art and Antique Appraisals, \$15 per item, 10-4:00
- 27 --- Traverse City Garden Club's 90th Anniversary Luncheon and Celebration, Hegarty Center

September

- 11 --- Fall Business Meeting and 'View My Garden' in a Vase, Sportsplex, Social 10:00, Meeting 10:30
- 21 --- Fall Plant Exchange, 8:30-11:00, Downtown Pavillion
- 24----Fall District V Meeting, 'Moon Blooms'. More information to follow

