



# 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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## Living our Mission ... Beautify Gaylord



We are so excited to be in the process of developing a Strategic Plan that will serve as our guide in defining our beautification project. Our goal is to build an exceptional community spirit by developing a stunning main street and community scape using a common color theme and flower. This theme would be carried out in hanging baskets, EGC gardens, city gardens, window boxes and private homes. In discussing this project with the members and the Board we believe this will impact our entire community on an extraordinary way. The following are the steps we have established , to date, to accomplish this goal:

- Identify the goal within our mission statement : Community beautification
- Establish objectives: Decide on a color theme and appropriate plants  
The Board is recommending yellow and purple plants to be determined by membership with consideration to sun/shade issues, hardiness, and availability
- Identify collaborative partners and begin conversations:
  - \* Otsego County – John Burt...supportive
  - \* City of Gaylord – Joe Doss, Ed...supportive
  - \* Gaylord Businesses:
    - Hogan’s, Historical Museum, G Willikers, Art Design, Chamber of Commerce, Arts Council, Spud Warehouse, Big Bear Deli, Churches, Library
  - \* Master Gardeners
  - \* Gaylord Schools
  - \* Girl and Boy Scouts
  - \* Local greenhouses, Window box builder
- Identify who is responsible for carrying out the plan
- Implement plan
- Monitor results
- Develop next steps based on monitoring results

**We will continue to work on our plan at the February 13th Meeting.**

## Congratulations!

Linda Reinhardt applied and received a \$100.00 grant from Michigan Garden Club for our Habitat for Humanity Project. Way to go!

## Bon Appetite

February.....Dianna's for lunch at 12:30  
March.....Box Lunch at the Sportsplex  
April.....Brunch at the Sportsplex



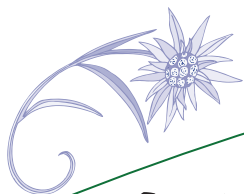
# *Keepers of the Earth*

Help Headwaters Land Conservancy maintain trails at the Sturgeon River Preserve, assist in organizing conservation files, provide a work area for their new AmeriCorps volunteer, and help thank volunteers that work on the Preserves. You can do this by DONATING one or more of the following:

- 5 3' ringed binders
- office desk
- 10 white poster boards
- paper plates, paper cups, plastic silverware
- paper towels
- hot cocoa
- outdoor garbage bags
- 10 garden gloves
- chainsaw
- weed wacker
- gas can
- pole saw
- 2 pruners
- snow shovel



**HWLC thanks you for your support!**



**Coming in February ...  
Email Sign Up  
for the 2013 -2014 Garden  
Committees.**



Also, we will be signing up for Garden Committees at the February Meeting!

## ***TENDING TO YOUR ROSES***

Rose cones and other winter protection are designed to keep the plants frozen, not warm. Premature warming may cause the plants to break dormancy, only to be injured when the weather returns to winter. If the weather becomes warm and sunny, vent the rose cones to let the heat out. Some cones are made with removable covers,; others are not. Cut a few holes in the sides near the tops to let the heat out. The greatest damage to roses occurs in late winter when the weather is unusually warm and suddenly turns very cold. The native plants seem to tolerate it, but introduced or marginally hardy plants can be severely hurt.

...from James A. Fizzell, [Gardening in Michigan](#).

## ***A Look at the February/March Presentations***



Coming in February...

Our first in a series of "LEARN FROM THE MASTER" Series

Our Advanced Master Gardener, Suzanne Stock will be presenting garden tip information. We always learn from Suzanne! Donna Quandt, Executive Director, Otsego County Habitat for Humanity, shares that "we are the only nonprofit organization whose mission is to build decent and affordable homes solely in our county". Since their beginnings in 1994, OCHFH has helped 19 low income families in our community become proud homeowners. House # 20 is under way! OCHFH has been selected as 1 of only 125 affiliates in the United States to partner with Home Depot in sustainable building!

Coming in March.....

Georgia Maxwell presents "Creating Dried Flower Wreaths." We are so delighted to have Georgia Maxwell share her knowledge of the process she uses to create lovely dried flower wreaths. She has her own 'greenhouse' in her home!

## ***February/March 2013 Calendar***

**February 13-  
March 13-  
March 17-19-  
May 9-10-**

EGC Business Meeting, 10:00 a.m. Social Time, Meeting begins at 10:30 a.m.  
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Flower Show Symposium, Melbourne, FL., 321.264.2477  
Landscape Design School, Ludington, 1.800.550.6007