

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 NCG



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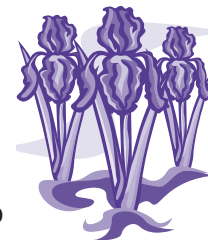
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Living our Mission ... Beautify Gaylord



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 vision is to build an exceptional community spirit by developing a stunning main street and community scape using a common color theme. This theme would be carried out in hanging baskets, EGC gardens, city gardens, businesses with window boxes, and private homes. In discussing this project with club and community members, we believe this will impact our entire community in an extraordinary way. The following are the steps we have established, to date, in our journey to fulfill our vision:

Set Goals: In her book, Designing Your Gardens and Landscapes, Janet Macunovich says to feel your landscape project is a success; you must begin by setting goals. To accomplish this, Janet recommends that you first answer these questions: Why do this? What do we want from these gardens? The answers to these questions become our goals and guide us through the project. The reasons also, can be used to decide whether we have been successful at the end of the project.

Our reasons:

1. To actively engage in beautifying our community which fulfills a commitment to our Mission Statement. To beautify and unify our Alpine Village, we would want to engage the following community partners:
Otsego County – John Burt- Executive Director.....supportive
City of Gaylord – Joe Doss, Ed....supportive
All Gaylord Businesses with existing window boxes: Hogan's Jewelry....supportive, Historical Museum...contact Roseann Kujawa, G. Willikers, Art Design, Council of Arts, Chamber of Commerce.....supportive
Businesses without window boxes – Pam Greve has packet and samples
Other collaborative partners: Spud Warehouse, Big Bear Deli...supportive, Library, Churches. Master Gardeners, Gaylord Schools (2014), Girl and Boy Scouts, local Greenhouses, Lowe's, Home Depot for advertisement and present a Demonstration Window Box Workshop.
2. To create interest in a specific location in order to attract visitors to our town. Inspired by pictures of Vail, Colorado and the visitors' comments posted on their website. Design method of recording comments.
3. To have gardens that feature borders of plants that are purple, yellow, with pops of red. As well, to have these colorful flowers blooming from June through September.
4. To learn new gardening ideas and principles of landscape design, including: making site assessments considering sun, shade, water, and soil (Dairy Doo and sphagnum). Suzanne Stock , Advanced Master Gardener, will present information on choosing a focal point and how to create create 'drifts'. We will be using Janet's Spacing Plants Chart to determine how many flats of plants to purchase. Please bring Janet's book to our April meeting, along with the length and width of your border.

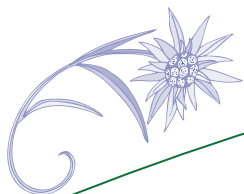
- **Set Budget** with consideration for extra plants, soil enhancement, printing
- **Vote** on Project at the April Meeting
- **Establish** a committee identifying who is responsible for carrying out all parts of the Plan.
- **Implement** Project
- **Monitor** goals
- **Develop** next steps based upon review of goals



Growing Spring Membership..... Help Our Membership Bloom

Ideas for Attracting New garden Club Members from Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. that Edelweiss Garden Club, Inc. is implementing: **PLEASE....**

- Take our new Club Brochure and give out at our Garden Walk, Fundraisers, Plant Exchanges, Social Events, while standing in line at the Grocery Store, in a Doctor's Office, when buying flowers at our local Garden Shops, Nurseries, Stores, Library, Golf Leagues, Church, and Work Out Centers.
- Place in our gardens signs saying "Planted and Maintained by Edelweiss Garden Club."
- Provide flowers to the Library with signage "Courtesy of Edelweiss Garden Club (summer 2013), Deck the Halls '(winter).
- Assign a Big Sister to any prospective Member who may attend a Club Meeting.
*****Each member bring a friend, relative, or neighbor to our Membership Luncheon.*****



Membership Dues



Payable until May 24, 2013 to "Edelweiss Garden Club, Inc." Active and Life Members - \$15.00. Associate Members - \$25.00. New Members - \$15.00 plus a new membership one-time fee of \$10.00. Dues may be paid at the April Meeting or mailed to **Denise Matteini (Membership Chair) P.O. Box 185, Waters, MI 49797-0185**. Thank You.

Membership Luncheon

Theme: Keepers of the Earth
Place: Treetops Resort
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Cost: Will be announced at the April Meeting
Program: Spectacular Fashion Show

For Information call or email Denise Matteini at djm290@netzero.net or Linda Reinhardt at ljreine@aol.com.

Two Scholarships

High School Seniors and those in college who graduated from Otsego County Public and Parochial Schools and are attending a Michigan based collage are welcomed to apply for one of our two Scholarships. The criteria can be found on our website at: www.edelweissgardenclub.com. Information is available at the schools and in local newspapers.

In Memorium

Maureen Ballenger

April 25, 1940 - February 14, 2013
Member 2004 - 2009

Jane Ide

December 5, 1931 - February 14, 2013
Member 1986 - 2006



April / May / June 2013 Calendar

- **Mark your calendars!** There are 2 exciting upcoming events. First, the 2013 MGC State Convention... **May 29-31** in Holland
- **The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club** has planned a most impressive District V Spring Meeting on Thursday, **June 6**

April 10 – Annual Business Meeting, Sportsplex, 10:00 Social Hour- Brunch. Meeting begins 10:30 a.m.

April 25 – School- Environmental Studies I, Pleasant Ridge, contact Stacey Strutcher, 248.546.6538.

April 27 – Hickory Corners-Garden Education Day, The Rose and Thistle Garden Club and Kellogg Biological Station holding a fund raiser for the W.K. Kellogg Manor House. 9-3. For information contact: Manor House at 269.671.2160 or www.kbs.msu/manorhouse.

May 8 – Spring membership Luncheon, Treetops Resort, 11:30. Cost; TBD Bring a new Member

May 15 – American Waste Field Trip, Recycling Facility Tour, meet at Peace Lutheran Church 10:00. a.m.

May 24 – Membership Dues Deadline

May 25- Charlevoix Annual Plant Sale, corner of E. Dixon and Mercer Ave., 8:30-noon. Loads of robust perennials.

May 29 –31 - MGC Convention, Double Tree Convention Center, Holland. Contact: Lynn Miller, lmiller.garden@yahoo.org.

June 5 – EGC Plant Day

June 5 – District V President's Meeting, Board members, interested Club Members. Robt. Rules, Leadership Development, Guided Tours. Contact: Janine Warner, jainew@cityofcharlevoix.org.

June 6 – District V Spring 2013 Meeting, Castle Farms, contact Peggy Brennan. Charlevoix Area President- terrypeggy@charter.net

June 12 – EGC Business Meeting, 10:30, Library

June ? – Plant Exchange

