



# Pathways & Gardens

Fall 2014

<http://www.edelweissgardenclub.com>

## 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



## Club Officers

(Two-year Terms)

### PRESIDENT

Susan Hegarty  
989-731-2513  
[ptrckhgtrty@charter.net](mailto:ptrckhgtrty@charter.net)

### FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

(MEMBERSHIP)  
Denise Matteini  
989-705-7909  
[djm290@netzero.net](mailto:djm290@netzero.net)

### SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

(PROGRAMS & FIELD TRIPS)  
Merrily Sterrett  
989-370-9344  
[merrily.sterrett@gmail.com](mailto:merrily.sterrett@gmail.com)

### RECORDING & CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Caryl Irrer  
989-493-3805  
[irreronov@charter.net](mailto:irreronov@charter.net)

### TREASURER

Linda Reinhardt  
231-546-4147  
[ljreine@aol.com](mailto:ljreine@aol.com)

### DIRECTORS

Karen Gurchiek  
989-732-7891  
[gurchik@lcc.edu](mailto:gurchik@lcc.edu)

Linda Kirkpatrick  
989-732-7475  
[kirkpat4@yahoo.com](mailto:kirkpat4@yahoo.com)

Pam Greve  
989-939-8999  
[rpgreve@alphacomm.net](mailto:rpgreve@alphacomm.net)

## Gardening with Children

by Sue Hegarty

Since talking with Kathleen Johnson, MGC District V Director, I have adopted her enthusiasm for gardening with children. My first experience came while I was planting marigolds in the Lilac Garden and a mother came over with her 2 year old and asked if her little girl could plant a flower with me. The little girl was too shy to ask herself, but with mom's help she planted a flower. I don't know how much she enjoyed the experience, but it became a family event when Daddy took a picture of her, and a joy for me.

A few weeks later I was weeding in the Lilac Garden when a couple little girls came over to me and asked if they could help. I said, "Sure just don't step on the flowers." I got a laugh watching them dance over the marigolds to get to the weeds. We must have looked like we were having fun because several other kids came over and wanted to weed also. Finally I had about 8 kids pulling weeds. I had to give my approval of each weed before it was discarded. It turned out to be a great deal because these short people could get under the low hanging lilac bushes to pull weeds that I couldn't get at. Finally the best part was the questions these 5 and 6 year olds asked, "Are you a grandma?" and "Why do only old ladies go to garden club?" By the way did you know that, "Green bugs eat green leaves."? This is a bit of wisdom I got from one of my new gardening friends.

## New Members

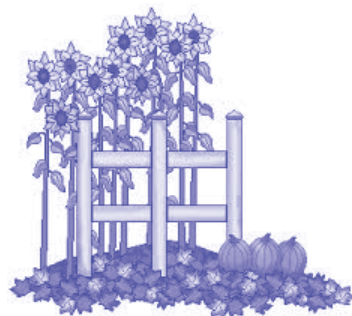
Welcome to three new members:

**Denise Young** who is retired and enjoys tending her rose garden with her husband, Ken. **Jeanne Freymuth** who has gardening in her blood and is a Master Gardener. **Betsey Mitchell** who joined garden club to become more active in the community.

It's a pleasure to have you join us.

## Garden Walk Thank You

Thanks Karen Gurchiek for this summer's successful Garden Walk raising \$1290! A good time was had by all. An additional thank you goes to Betty Hartmann, who with Karen's assistance will head up the 2015 Garden Walk. To Karen's committee and all those who helped thank you.



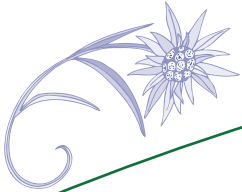
## October Meeting Election of officers

- **1st VP Membership-** Denise Matteini will continue.
- **Recording Secretary-** Carol Brown
- **Directors-** Marge Williamson and continuing, Linda Kirkpatrick



## Upcoming Meetings

- **Oct. 8th**—There has been a program change. Judy Wagley will speak on herb gardening.
- **Nov. 12th**—Pine cone wiring at the Sportsplex. Note early time 9:30 a.m.
- **Dec. 10th**—Christmas Luncheon. Details upcoming.



## Blooming in the Garden State Convention

The State Convention will be held in Petoskey at the casino June 13, 2015. Our club will be responsible for individual table favors for 300-400 people. We also have a very large basket to fill with items that represent Gaylord that I believe will be raffled off. Much more on this to come.

### From Michigan Gardener article by Jan Coppola & excerpt Wrong Plant, Wrong Place

... Many, many years ago when I stated gardening at my home, I was certain a full-sun plant would thrive in full shade. Or, a 15-foot shrub could easily be managed and controlled to retain a petite 3 feet. So I ask: Who wants to spend the summer hedging an enormous shrub? More importantly, it is not a sustainable practice.

Two things we want to avoid: working hard in our gardens and creating more waste. Remember, I am a lazy, cheap gardener who does not like to waste money. I am, however, a huge advocate of professional landscape designs; they are worth their weight in gold. When I first discovered the joy of gardening, I spent oodles of money trying to figure out what works, and what does not. A plan in hand would have been a wise investment. Remember you can implement the project in phases as your budget allows. In the end, you will have a cohesive landscape design to enjoy for years to come.....



## Next Fundraiser—Green Sales

All hands on deck Green Sales are rapidly approaching. Here are the dates to remember:

- **Wed. Nov. 12, 9:30a.m.** Sportsplex—**Bring your 75 pine cones to wire.**
- **Sat. Nov. 22, 7a.m. to 3 p.m.**—Greens pick up at the Sportsplex

## Upcoming Events of Interest

**Sat. Sept. 20th**—Plant exchange on the Court House lawn 8:00 to 11:00a.m.

**Thurs. Sept. 25th**— District V meeting in Manistee. Contact Sue Hegarty to see about extended registration.

**Tues. Oct. 7th**—Gaylord Area Counsel of the Arts is hosting an art and music luncheon at Sojourn on Dixon Lake. Cost \$10. RSVP 732-3242.

## Michigan Garden Club Courses

**Check your membership book for details:**

- **Oct. 1 and 2** Landscape Design Course III
- **Oct. 23-24** Environmental Studies IV