

Ahh, Spring!

Are you as impressed as I am watching the blooming of this springtime? A few weeks ago the purple sprouts of Hosta were poking through the ground, now they are a foot tall, showing graceful leaves. My Dogwood tree bloomed abundantly through May. Next, will come the Irises and Rhododendron.

Along with the coming of June, comes our Club's **Annual Meeting**, scheduled for Wednesday, June 21 at the Dearborn Country Club. Please come at 11 am for the business portion and installation of officers, then enjoy a lovely lunch with friends to close out the season. I would appreciate receiving a brief summary of the activity of each committee, so that the Annual Report can be compiled, as a reference for future committee leaders, and for decision-making.

Over the summer, our members will continue to be active, especially with the **Enabling Garden**. Another highlight for the summer will be our **Club Flower Show and Garden Walk**. I hope everyone has marked their calendars for **July 29** to participate either by submitting an entry or visiting the display. Did you plant the Zinnia seeds? What other annuals or perennials will be at their peak by the end of July? Be sure to trim and coax several flowers to be sure one of them will be show caliber. You can grow in a container too!

In addition to the **Horticulture Division**, there will be a **Design Division**. Four creative designs depicting "*Up, Up away - Fly Your kite*" will be done by experienced designers. But, amateurs can have fun participating in other sections such as: "*Picnic on a Beach Towel*" with a simple arrangement, a table setting for two called "*Summer Romance*", a petite design (less than 8 inches) called "*Memories of the Beach*", a miniature design (less than 5 inches) called "*Sweet Memories*". We need four entries in each category to be judged according to MGC rules.

For those who need a little encouragement creating a design, Betty King and I will be holding a workshop at my home later in June.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the **Annual Meeting**. And, in the months ahead, I look forward to working with our new and blended Administrative Board and Board of Directors.

Mary Bugeia, President

Key Meeting Dates

86th Annual MGC Convention

June 7-8, 2017
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Annual GCD Meeting

June 21, 2017
11:00 a.m.
Dearborn Country Club

Horticulture Therapy:

June 14, 2017
Oakwood Common
Design by Judy Henn

July 12, 2017
Oakwood Common
Pat Knoop

August 9, 2017
Oakwood Common
Helen Petricko

GCD Flower Show & Garden Walk

July 29, 2017
1st Presbyterian Church-
Brady

3rd Annual GCD Enabling Garden Tea

August 8, 2017
UM-Dearborn

In With the New - GCD Leaders to be Inducted at Annual Meeting

On Wednesday, June 21, the Garden Club of Dearborn will formally announce the new slate officers and directors who will lead the GCD during its next term. To be inducted: *Mary Bugeia, President; 1st Vice President, Mindy Delano; 2nd Vice President, Carol McGarvey; 3rd Vice President, Carmen Gudan; Secretary, Judy Chandler; Treasurer, Laurine Griffin; and Directors for a 4-year term: Elena Lovelace and Suzanne Singleton.*



New Members Receive Warm Welcome

A reception was held on May 2 at the home of *Elena Lovelace, Vice President of Membership*, honoring new members who joined GCD this year: **Julia Casey, Elaine Trocino**, (who attended the event) as well as **Otto Baumgart, and Debra Cox**, who were absent. Presentations were made by *Mary Bugeia; Pat Knoop, Elena Lovelace, and Mary Lou Herrst.*

Happy Birthday!

Mary Bugeia - June 7
 Judy Henn - June 14
 Pat Long - June 20
 Ann Lockwood - June 25
 Linda Stevens - June 25
 Paulette Baumgard - July 6
 Mary Lane - July 10
 Mindy Delano - July 13
 Mary Ellen Zell - July 16
 Marsha Movsesian - July 18
 Dolores Savchetz - July 25
 Cindy Jackson - July 30
 Verdella Faitel - August 14
 Elena Lovelace - August 19
 Carmen Gudan - August 26
 Helen Ross - August 24
 Mazel Heermann - August 28

86th Annual MGC Convention

The **MGC 2017 Convention** will be held **June 7-8, 2017** at the Holiday Inn, 3600 Plymouth Road. The luncheon on Wednesday, June 7 at Noon will honor Local Club Presidents.

Speaker Trish Hubbell, Director of The Greening of Detroit, Community and Public Relations, will discuss how the City of Detroit is promoting transforming its (24 square miles of vacant land into green healthy spaces.

The first seminar, to be held at 2:15 and repeated at 3:30 on June 7th, will focus on **connecting club finances to mission**, with featured speaker, **Bunny LaDuke, MGC Treasurer**. Cindy Nemon, MGC Garden Therapy and Plant It Pink Chair, will present tips for staying fit and safe in the garden. The seminar begins at 2:15 pm, and will be repeated at 3:30 pm.

Rose Wiggle, VP of External Affairs, and **Mary Bugeia, GCD President**, as well as **Jo West** and **Kathy Gapa** will attend the MGC Convention.

For more information, go to [MGC Convention](#).

This Summer, Try Adding Herbs to Your Garden

Many restaurants boast their use of fresh grown herbs to create savory dishes. If you have some extra space in your yard or garden, why not try adding a fresh and simple herb garden only steps away from the kitchen. Popular herbs include: basil, sage, oregano, common thyme, sweet marjoram, lavender, rosemary, parsley, chives, or cilantro, but there are many more from which to choose.

An ideal location would be a few steps from your kitchen, but any spot that gets about six hours of sun a day is good. If you have space in front of a kitchen window, plant the herbs in small containers for an indoor garden. Prepare the area for planting by loosening the soil. If the soil is compacted or consists of heavy clay, improve drainage by adding some compost, peat moss or coarse sand. Work the material into the top foot of soil before you plant. Herbs grouped in a container or multiple containers on your patio make a vibrant statement when planted at a height that's easy to reach. - Suzanne Singleton, Contributor



Tips for growing herbs:

- Plant early in the morning or late in the afternoon
- For herbs started from bedding plants, dig holes twice the width of root ball;
- Place taller herbs toward the back of the garden
- Label Herbs
- Surround with Flowering Plants
- Water Regularly
- Harvest mature hers, but take only a little bit each time you harvest
- Fresh herbs taste best when harvested in the morning.

What is that plant in my garden, Marjoram or Oregano?

Years ago I bought one oregano plant and one marjoram plant, at least that is what the labels said. I planted them at each end of my kitchen garden. There is still one at each end of the garden, but the tags are gone. Also there are many smaller plants that have appeared and I don't know which plant they came from. They taste so similar and look similar that I never know which herb I am using. One thing that should have helped me decide is the information that marjoram usually does not survive cold temperatures because it is native to the Mediterranean region. But, as I said, one plant is still growing at each end of the garden. So, do I have two different herbs or were my plants mis-marked and I only have oregano. I guess it doesn't really matter since "wiseGEEK" on the internet suggested that in cooking they can be used interchangeably. - Laurine Griffin, Contributor



Garden Club of Dearborn
Annual Meeting & Luncheon

Dearborn Country Club
 Wednesday, June 21, 2017
Business Meeting: 11:00 am
Luncheon: 12:00 noon

Checks to *Garden Club of Dearborn* (\$25) or Cash
 Please respond to *Laurine Griffin* by *June 1, 2017*

Questions: *Mary Lou Herrst* (313) 336-3184



L to R: Fatima Mustapha; Timothy Burke, Lina Lupinno, Ali Ozeir, were proud to show their awards for the Woodsy Owl Poster Contest, presented by GCD President Mary Bugeia.

Woodsy Owl Awards 2017

GCD President **Mary Bugeia** presented awards to Sacred Heart students: **Fatima Mustapha** (4th place); **Timothy Burke** (3rd place); **Lina Lupinno** (2nd place); and **Ali Ozeir** (1st place) following the Woodsy Owl Poster Contest sponsored by National Garden Club, Inc. (NGC). Students responded to the theme "*Lend a Hand, Care for the Land*" as part of their environmental studies and all were eager to draw posters depicting "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle." The winning students received monetary gifts from the Garden Club of Dearborn. All classroom students were given certificates of participation and frisbees from NGC.