



Taylor Garden Club



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From Your President



"Hat's Off to Taylor Garden Club!"

TGC has been a Federated Garden Club for 25 years and that is certainly a **feather in our cap**. I am not **talking through my hat** when I tell you our 2016 Awards Dinner on June 16 will be no exception. Toss your **hat in the ring** and get your reservation in early by mailing a check for **\$15 to Jan Foltin**, Treasurer or plan to pay at the May meeting.

If you miss the dinner you will be **mad as a hatter**. There will be a contest for the prettiest hat and funniest hat so **put your thinking cap on** and start looking for that special hat right now. The menu will be delicious and there will be great prizes and if you don't have a wonderful evening **I'll eat my hat!**

I am so amazed that it's May and our meetings will be coming to an end very soon. I hope everyone has enjoyed the field trips, monthly speakers and make & take workshops that the executive board planned for you. Soon we will be meeting to create our 2016-17 yearbook. **Please contact me** and share your thoughts on speaker topics, make & take projects, and budget items you would like to see added to our monthly meetings.

Mark your calendar for our In-House Garden Walk scheduled for Saturday, July 16. See **Lois Adams** if you would like to invite us for a visit to your yard. A potluck luncheon is planned at the end of the garden walk at my house. Everyone is welcome.

Your President,

Nancy Smith

Upcoming Events

May 7th, Saturday, The News-Herald Newspapers' Spring Plant Exchange The 12th annual event takes place from 9:00 to 11:00 am in the parking lot of One Heritage Place in Southgate. **Also TCF Plant Sale at the Conservatory 7th and 8th.**

May 14th, Saturday, TGC Plant Sale, St John's Lutheran Church Parking Lot 13115 Telegraph Rd. (at Northline) Set up at 8:00 am Sale from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Beth Ann Nowak Chairperson. Invite your friends to come by and get some bargains.

May 17th, Tuesday, Planting Day at Heritage Park. 5:00 pm Bring your knee pads and tools to help put in annuals and make our beds look great for the summer. hot dogs on the grill by Lois Adams for those who help put in the flowers at the Greenwald House and Log Cabin beds.

May 19th, Thursday, TGC Meeting. Ford Senior Center, 6750 Troy, 7:00 pm. "Kennedy Greenhouse Project" **Kyle Wright** Kennedy High School student will give the background on this student initiated project and its present status.

Hostesses: Marge Jones, Pat Gergel, Ellen Sciotte, Debbie Huston, Marilyn Silka, Betty Trombetta

May 20th, Friday, Trip to Historic Fort Wayne. Call **Lois Adams now** to register for this trip to see the historic site and gardens.

June 11th, Saturday, Memorial for Joan Teetzel Taylor Conservatory, 9 am —noon.

June 16th, Thursday, Annual June Dinner. Ford Senior Center, 6750 Troy, 6:00 pm Cost is \$15.



Happy Birthday !

May Birthday Greetings to:

Joe Beregszasy	Delores Chorkaluk
Louise Doute	Marge Jones
Mary Krz...	Debbie Stellini
Nancy Smith	Avelina Solis
Mikie Wilder	Julienne Winchel



Taylor Garden Club Awards Dinner

June 16, 2016

\$15 per person **Please pay Jan Foltin now!!**

Salad
Whiskey Chicken
Bourbon Kissed Brisket
Mostaccholi
Almond Rice
Crusty Rolls & Butter
Freshly brewed Coffee & Tea

Catered by Frank n' Deans of Wyandotte

Please bring something for the Desert Table.

Awards Given for most beautiful and funniest hat so get your thinking caps on and come up with an awarding winning topper.

FYI - (For your information):

Please send your 2016-17 dues of \$15 to **Jan Foltin** ASAP. Our club check to MGC is due May 31st.

Update your yearbook:
Stela Blair - Chelsea Park
99622 Camden Circle #104
Taylor, MI 48180



The TGC Plant Sale

Saturday

May 14th 9 am - 2 pm

St John's Church Parking Lot
Telegraph Rd at Northline

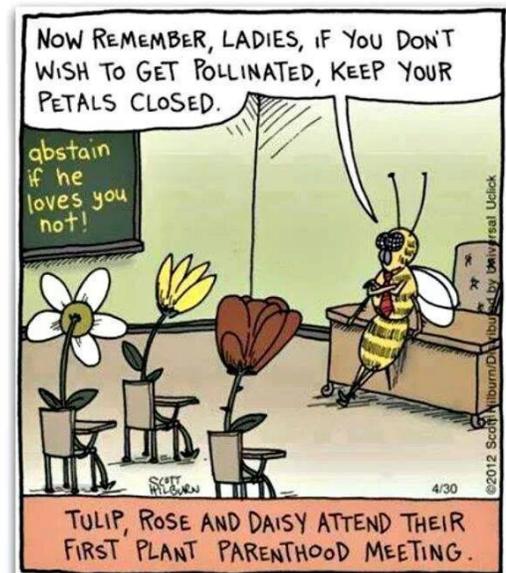
Donations from your yard are needed. Take a good look around, decide what needs thinning, drive that shovel in and pot them up in one gallon pots.

A name tag should be attached with a description of growing needs (sun, water, when it flowers, color of flower, etc.) This info helps the new owner get off to a good start.

Set up at St John's is 8:00 am

Sale starts at 9:00 am but often folks come earlier.

Questions, donations call Beth Ann Nowak 313-729-9536



In-House Garden Walk

Saturday July 16th

If you are interested on being part of the club garden walk please contact **Lois Adams** the chair.

After a visit to members gardens we will meet at **Nancy Smith's** home for a pot luck lunch.

Heritage Park Clean Up Day



Volunteers with TGC members guidance edged flower beds and removed broken barrels by the Greenwald House.



Sandra Thompson and Maria Burt work in the Butterfly Garden by the Knope House



Volunteers and Garden Club Members work together at the Perennial Bed by the Log Cabin

April 16th was the 3rd Annual Heritage Park Clean Up Day. Over 200 people showed up to clean up our city jewel.

Some removed trash, some cleaned up Coan Lake, and some with the direction of TGC members helped prepare the flower beds for spring planting.

It was a perfect day, cool but sunny and everyone had a great time “Growing Together to Enrich Our Community”

Mary FitzPatrick, Shirley Williams, Mary Krzeczowski and President Nancy Smith take a break with the hard working men who volunteered and edged and pulled weeds from this flower bed.



Blue Star Memorial Wreath

Here is the beautiful wreath **Barbara Kotarsky** made to highlight the Blue Star Memorial at Prebie Plaza near City Hall.

Thank you Barbara for the great job you did. It certainly makes the area look wonderful.



Featured speakers at this years MGC June convention.

Janea Little a professional naturalist for 30 years, earned a B.S. degree from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in journalism and ecology. Did her graduate work in biology at Western Michigan University, worked two years as a bird bander at Kalamazoo Nature Center, and was a naturalist at Chippewa Nature Center in Midland for 25 years. Now as a private natural history consultant, her specialties are birds and insects. Janea has lectured at NGC Gardening Study School and brings her sense of nature and interesting experience that will make you laugh with Mother Nature.

Andrea Foster is the Conservation Outreach Coordinator with The Little Forks Conservancy in Midland, MI. She is a Michigan Natural Shoreline Educator. A Michigan native, Andrea enjoys hiking and spending time outdoors in addition to volunteering within the community. She visits various native properties and home gardens to evaluate and endorse the efforts of ways for gardeners to enhance the conservation practices at home.

From the New York Times: April 19, 2016

A Growing Sign of Longer Life

Living near greenery may help you live longer.

Researchers monitored 108,630 women who completed biannual questionnaires on their health and lifestyle from 2000 to 2008. During that time, 8,604 died. Using satellite imagery, the researchers tracked the extent of seasonal variation where the women lived. The study controlled for socio-economical status, age, race, body mass index, physical activity, smoking, education, and other factors.



Compared with those living in the lowest one-fifth for greenness in the 250 square meter area surrounding their homes, those living in the highest one-fifth had a mortality rate that was 12 percent lower. The study is in *Environmental Health Perspectives*.

Those living near greenery had a rate of death from respiratory illness that was 34 percent lower and a rate of dying from cancer that was 13 percent lower. But greenness did not affect mortality related to coronary heart disease, diabetes, stroke, or infections.

The lead author, Peter James, a research associate at Harvard, said there were four factors in greener areas that helped account for the effects; less air pollution, more physical activity, more social engagement and, most significant, better mental health, as measured by lower prevalence of depression.

“This doesn’t mean you need to move to the country,” Mr. James said. “We found the associations within urban areas as well as rural areas. Any increased vegetation - more street trees, for example—seems to decrease mortality rates.”

Thanks to Phyllis Green for submitting this article.

Charles W. Martin is a professional horticulturist at Dow Gardens with a Master’s Degree in ornamental horticulture and over 25 years of experience in both public and private gardens. He has acquired specialized expertise in plant culture and maintenance, native plants and roses. Chuck also worked at the Arnold Arboretum, the nation’s oldest arboretum owned and managed by Harvard University. You won’t want to miss his down to earth personality as he talks about the “Principle of Art in Landscape Design”.

To register visit: michigangardenclubs.org

How Bad Times Can Push You Into A Great Future

One day back in 1958 my husband came home and announced that his General Motors plant was moving to Indiana. Workers could relocate to work in the new plant or stay in Michigan where GM would give them a similar job when one opened up. He voted to stay. So, we waited and waited. Six months later still no word from GM. I said, "We're going to lose the house if we don't do something to bring in money." Next day I took a bus downtown to an employment agency and took a typing test, actually I failed the typing test. I reported this to my husband and said "I've got another idea. Let's put the kids (ages 8, 6, 5, and 3) in the car and go to the Taylor School's Office, they might need bus drivers." I sat with the kids while he went inside. Short time later he opened the door and said, "They don't need any more drivers."

While waiting I had thought of another idea, and told him, "You stay here with the kids, I'm going in." I walked right into that office and said "I'm a substitute school teacher." The woman handed me a form to fill out and pointed me to a seat. When I got my art degree from MSU they tool us all to take the extra classes and get a teaching certificate, *just in case*. This certainly was the case they were talking about. Next thing you know I was walking back to the car with a job. Three days later at 6 am the phone rang, would I teach a first grade class that day? Yes, I would. By 8 am I was in the classroom. Because of my children at home I knew what little ones liked and understood them; we got along fine.

Two weeks later GM called and my husband was back to work. He got an afternoon shift so he was with our littles ones during the day and I had them after school. Life went on like this for about a year and a half.

One Sunday at mass, the priest announced that the school desperately needed a third grade teacher. I felt he was talking to me. I went home and told my husband. He said, "Go for it." I did and was hired then spent fifteen years teaching at the school only 205 steps from home. They agreed to take all my children into the school so we had a little parade from our door to the school each morning for years.

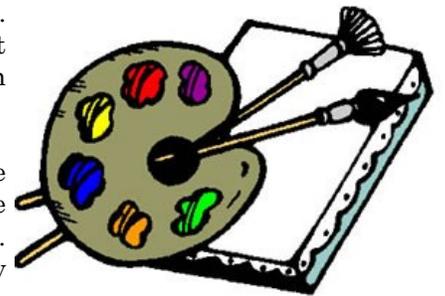
At the time I began teaching all 30 of the mothers on my block were full time homemakers. After three years there were 12 "working mothers" on the block. The doors were opening. I went on to teach art in the Taylor Schools Adult Education and finally oil painting for senior at the Ford Senior Center. I even did some classes in calligraphy at WCCCD.

There has to be a group of guardian angels to get everything straight so one event follows the other just at the right time. It's like a heavenly chess game or checkers each move leads to another which leads to the winning outcome. All I can say to my angels is, "Thanks for a great life... so far. I'm happily looking forward to the rest of it."

Ah, spring, the rain makes the new growth so bright and green.

Be well,

Betty Trombetta



Heritage Park Flower Beds

Thanks to all those who helped clean up the beds.

Hope you can help us plant on May 17th and enjoy a hot dog grilled to perfection by Lois Adams. If you were at the meeting you know we are contracting to have a sprinkler system put in at the Greenwald House. But, we still need workers to sign up to turn on the water at the Perennial Bed and do some weeding and deadheading at the gardens during the summer. Sign up with a friend for a week of maintenance this summer. Call **Beth Ann Nowak** to volunteer or sign up at the May meeting.



Next deadline is May 25th send items to
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“ The Artful Garden”

85th Annual MGC Convention June 7-8, 2016
 Bavarian Inn Lodge Frankenmuth MI
 Get details and registration form from
 at michigangardenclubs.org



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Lentil Salad

Servings: 4 Size: cup

Skinnytaste.com

Ingredients:

- 1 cup dry brown lentils
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1 cup finely diced carrots
- 1/3 cup finely diced celery
- 1/4 cup finely diced red bell pepper
- 1/4 cup finely diced red onion
- 1/4 cup minced parsley
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 5 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1 Tablespoon olive oil
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- fresh ground black pepper



Directions:

In a medium saucepan combine lentils, bay leaf, and thyme. Add enough water to cover by 1 inch.

Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer uncovered until lentils are tender but not mushy, about 16 to 20 minutes

Drain lentils and discard bay leaf.

Place in a large work bowl with carrots, celery, red pepper, red onion, parsley, garlic, lemon juice, olive oil, salt and pepper.

Toss to combine, serve at room temperature or chilled.