

MARK YOUR CALENDAR	SPEA WHEI	
Apr 12	Thurs	General Membership Meeting
Apr 19	Thurs	MGC Executive Board in December Greeters: Karol LaHaie & Teresa Silver Hospitality: Maggie Schodowski & Barb Brennan
Apr 25	Wed	Tea Time Group - Mary McFarland 248-684-2149 C 248-520-7186
Apr 25	Wed	Daffodil Day Luncheon on Belle Isle
Apr 28	Sat	Newsletter Deadline - Martha Klemmer 248-685-8204 Send articles to: MarthaKlemmer@comcast.net

### Milford Garden Club Est. 1948 A Member of the Michigan Division Woman's National Farm and Garden Association



### Signs of Spring, Michigan Style ---

It's everywhere. You can just feel it. That sudden warm breeze that tells you to unbutton your jacket and lose the neck scarf. The little flickers of color from the Danford iris and winter alconite you can just spot as you walk along. Clematis buds starting to swell. SPRING! The time of renewal.

Birders, in response to birdsong, look up and see the nests being built. The activity at feeders is near frenzy. Soon we'll hear the chirping of the nestlings. Gardeners, perusing paths and plantings, spot a bit more green growth in the turf and just a bit of elongation in the fern fiddles. We take the nice days to remove winter's damage and check plants under protective mulches. A new life cycle begins.

I've already spotted the first robin bobbing for worms on the south lawn (the north lawn still has patches of snow and frozen soil). I waken to the sounds of the swans, geese, and ducks noisily getting acquainted. I check the new hydrangeas planted in the south garden's microclimate for premature budding. Just don't want to lose the season's flowers to late-season frost. This time of year is like an early morning stretch upon waking up to a beautiful morning. Full of promise.

Soon these hints will reveal a full-blown spring season, complete with daffodils, tulips, and hyacinths in blazing colors and glorious scents under canopies of flowering trees and the sounds of tree frogs from the pond. Looking over the dwarf lilacs, it will be just a joy to watch the majestic mated swans swim past the dock followed by their cygnets. Time to get the garden going, but for now, the lake is theirs.

Spending some quality time with a 4-year old, I learned that all the garden flower fairies live in the fairy castle in grandma's living room for the winter. They come out and play in the fresh cut flower bouquets that appear on the living room table which is just the proper height for a 4-year old to join in the fun. The fairies know that spring is coming and soon they will return to the flowers in the garden. For now, they look longingly at the two small pots of pansies outside the kitchen door, dusted with a few last snowflakes.

I have learned at least a dozen new uses for flower petals. They look much much better as a bed for Fairy Almond Blossom than they do on the flower stem. And the red rose petals make her a wonderful blanket.

### MORAL OF STORY---

No matter what your age, never lose the magic of spring. Look through the eyes of a child.

Sandralynn Riss, President



Milford Garden Club 23rd Annual Garden Walk

L Market Place

(Market Place- Saturday only in Central Park)

Pre-Sale Tickets: \$10.00 Day of the Walk: \$12.00 Fri. June 15 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm & Sat. June 16 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

For more information visit our website: www.TheMilfordGardenClub.org or contact us at: <u>guestions@themilfordgardenclub.org</u>.



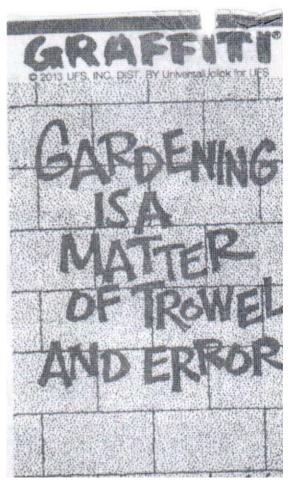
Do you know of a garden for our 2019 venue? Contact:

Janie Cryderman mjcryderman@comcast.net

Do you know of a individual who may want to be a vendor at this year's Market Place Sale in Central Park.

Contact: mlarsh47@yahoo.com

Would you like to volunteer to be a hostess at one of the Gardens or Central Park? Contact: Nancy Kay <u>nkay3058@comcast.net</u> or Diane Pearson <u>dgpear@comcast.net</u>



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## 23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL

### 2018 MILFORD GARDEN WALK AND MARKET PLACE

This year the Milford Garden Club will be presenting five beautiful gardens in the Milford and surrounding area. Our Market Place will be held in Central Park on Saturday Only.

On Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> visit our Market Place in Central Park which will be the home to vendors of various garden-related items ranging from perennials and garden accessories.

Dates To Remember:

(Rain or Shine)

Friday June 15, 2018 5:30pm - 8:30pm Saturday June 16, 2018 10:00am – 3:00pm (Market Place will be on Saturday Only)

### **Ticket Purchase:**

Thru 5:00 pm June 15th

(\$10.00 per ticket)

Acorn Farm Pond Place

367 N. Main St.

Blossoms on Main 245 N. Main St. The Clothing Cove 414 N. Main St. Milford Gardens 1666 S. Milford Rd. 3505 Highland Road

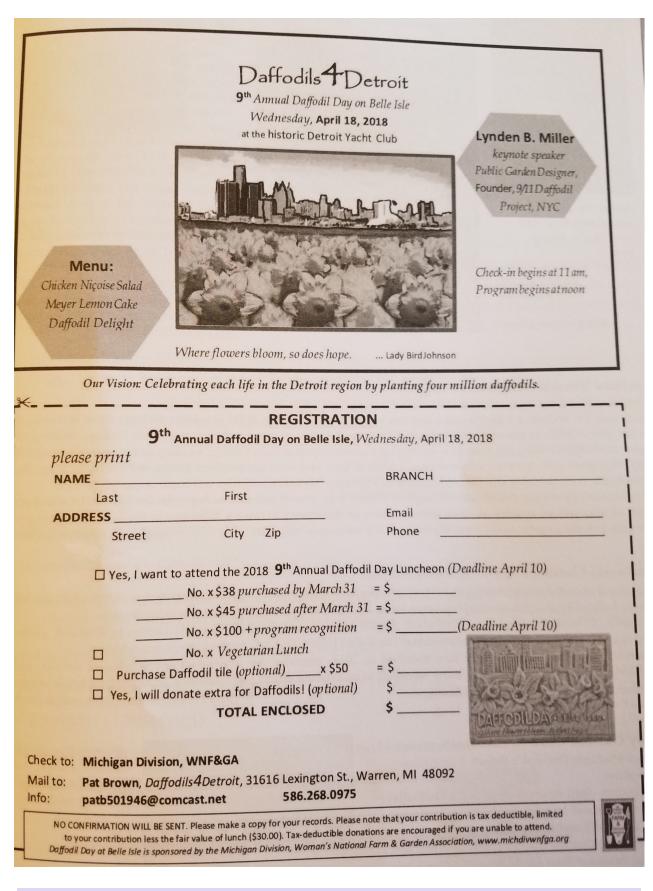
After 5:00 pm June 15th

(\$12.00 per ticket)\*

\*After 5:00 pm Friday June 15<sup>th</sup> tickets can be purchased in Central Park or at any of our featured garden

Do you have a special garden you would like to volunteer for a future Garden Walk? Please click here to email us about your garden. Questions@themilfordgardenclub.org

# This event is one of our major fund raisers for scholarships to local area seniors



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Email address for **Teresa McCarthy** has changed to:

meadowwoodgardens@gmail.com

Please correct your yearbook



1st Annual Milford Historical Society's

**Golf Outing** 

Thursday, July 19, at Mystic Creek Golf

Shot gun (scramble) following Chuck-A-Putt on practice green

Cost per player \$100 includes:

18 holes of golf with cart

Coffee (from Proving Grounds coffee shop) and light breakfast

Lunch at the turn

Buffet dinner and awards ceremony (50-50 raffle, prizes, goody bags)

see <u>The Milford Historical Society</u> for more details.

Great resource for plants

https://www.audubon.org/nativeplants/search

**Beth Sciberras** 

### Note from Martha

I never give my email address to commercial sites. I have a special 'spam" email address for just this reason. If a business requires and email address, I give them my junk email address. I go in every few months and delete all. Saves getting a lot of spam.



# EUCHRE FOR HOPE

If you like to play cards and you have a special place in your heart for Michigan cancer patients, please come to the April 21 "Euchre for Hope" tournament at 6 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Milford. Benefiting the Milford-based Five Points of Hope (non-profit 501c3) cancer care fund, the tournament features cash prizes, a pizza and salad dinner, a live dessert auction and raffles. Pre-register for \$25 at the charity's

website, <u>www.fivepointsofhope.com</u>, or pay \$35 at the door, based upon availability. Dinner only is \$10. Sponsored by 2 Moms and A Mop, Milford.

Five Points of Hope raises money exclusively for Michigan cancer patients in financial crisis. Grants from the charity help pay for necessary but unaffordable life essentials such as insurance deductibles, medical equipment, prescriptions and utility bills. Five Points of Hope began raising money for a cancer care fund in 2001 as a memorial to founder Erin Welsh's father Michael McCusker, who died of cancer in 1999, and in celebration of life for a family friend Beth, who is a cancer survivor. The organization achieved non-profit status in 2007 and continues to be operated entirely by volunteers with no paid staff. In 2017 the charity granted \$51,371 in financial assistance to 118 deserving Michigan cancer patients. Milford Garden Club member **Teresa Silver** is the publicity coordinator for the charity and would be happy to answer any questions you might have about the tournament or the goals and objectives of the charity. She can be reached at

248-329-1313 or tsilver@fivepointsofhope.com.

# Save the Date

Milford Garden Club's 70th

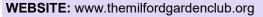
Anniversary Party.

June 21, 2018

A slide presentation is being created with photos of past and present events.

Search your cameras, phones and computers of such photos and send them to **Beth Sciberras** by May 1st.

If you have hard copies (prints), take a picture of them with your phone camera and send to Beth, along with other



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Plant & Bake

### MILFORD GARDEN CLUB MEETING MINUTES March 2018 Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President **Sandy Riss** at 7:04 p.m.

Sandy welcomed all members as well as evenings guest **Valerie Zawinsky** to the second meeting of our Milford Garden Clubs 70th. anniversary year.

Sandy thanked tonights greeters **Beth Sciberras** and **Barb Brennan** as well as hostesses **Ellen Collins** and **Ronna Freeland** who displayed tonights treats with a St. Patty's Day flair.

Karol LaHaie volunteered to be a greeter at April's meeting

Sandy thanked **Brook Qualman** for presiding over February meeting in her absence.

Minutes for February meeting were approved by **Lisa Willard** and seconded by **Brook Qualman.** 

Sandy announced a yearbook change for June 2018 meeting. Planting of annual pots at Bogie Lake will be rescheduled for April 2019. Instead a 70th. Anniversary party is being planned by **Karol LaHaie, Lisa Willard** and **Beth Scibberas.** Karol asked for members to send pictures of club activities collected over the years to committee to help celebrate this occasion. Deceased members of Club will be remembered. Accomplishments of Club will be noted. Members who no longer come will be invited to this celebration serving cake, punch, champagne and of course white tablecloths with flower centerpieces. June meeting and celebration will be June 21st.

**Ellen Collins** reported on status of Monarch Migration stating population is down 15% this year. Sandy encouraged members to make our gardens welcoming habitats for this magnificent, important butterfly.

**Tom Riss** and **Barb Brennan** reported on Plant and Bake Sale. This year we will not be able to access Johnson School for set up on Friday until 6 p.m. on Friday evening and need to be out by 9 p.m. Members were asked to notify committee of any plant digs they are aware of. Lisa Willard and Millie Hulewicz requested gently used garden items for Boutique. Tom Riss reported signs will be repaired by Mark Cryderman and placed in Village by Tom. Teresa Silver volunteered to direct plants to appropriate tables the night of set up. Michele Peltier will again be asked to distribute flyers to shops in Town. Karol LaHaie and Gail Cooper volunteered to visit local nurseries requesting plant donations for Clubs sale.

No report on Garden Walk available. **Janie Cryderman** not present **Cindy Bauman** agreed to distribute flyers for Garden Walk.

**Sandy Riss** reports planting annuals in Arthurs Park will May 30 or 31st. depending on weather. **Kathy Blackburn** will then schedule dates for maintenance. Sandy also asked if any members were interested in designing finishing touches for Arthurs Park?

**Barb Brennan** spoke to Community Sharing about best month for Club to collect goods for CS. May was decided.

**Sandy Riss** announced Daffodil Day April 25th on Belle Isle. Further info in current issue of WNFGA.

No further new business; no old business.

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Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 by **Sandy Riss** and seconded by **Ellen Collins** and **Beth Scibberas**.

**Emily Kirshner** was lucky winner of \$36.00 from the 50/50 drawing held by **Teresa McCarthy and Sheila Myers** to benefit Scholarship fund.

**Sue Griffor** enthusiastically shared story behind painted rocks now found decorating many areas of the Country. Sue then introduced tonights Speaker Andrea Perry from SHAC (Milford's Fine Arts Association ) who along with Sue tutored our own efforts at painting rocks. So many rocks, so little time. Thank you Sue.

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Speaker Andrea Perry with Sue Grifor

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Cooper, Recording Secretary MGC

**Rock painting** 



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# **Milford Garden Club Officers & Committees**

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# **Committees**

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