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Detroit Garden Center Bulletin

The Detroit Garden Center is a 501c3 non-profit educational institution serving metropolitan Detroit since 1932 in areas of gardening, beautification, and horticulture through lectures, tours, workshops, outreach programs, and an extensive horticulture library.

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From the President, Ronald J. Smith

Spring weather, along with budding flowers, will be a welcomed site this year after our long, harsh winter! To help brighten your spirits, the DGC Annual Meeting will take place on **Saturday, April 27, 2019** at **The Corner Ballpark** (former site of Tiger Stadium). The Detroit Police Athletic League has constructed a beautiful facility to house their offices, meeting rooms, and community events. The Annual Meeting will begin at 10:30 am, followed by a lunch at 11:30 am, and ending with an informational program and tour of the facility at 12:30 pm. During the meeting DGC Members will be electing officers for 2019 - 2021 and voting on By-Laws revisions. Nominations will be taken from the floor. (Your membership must be current in order to vote.) Complete information and registration for the meeting can be found in this newsletter. Please note the RVSP date is April 19, 2019.

On February 2nd, 84 gardeners attended the 28th Winter Gardening Seminar at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church. This year, pruning was the focus of the workshops presented by Janet Macunovich. The date for the 29th Winter Gardening Seminar is February 8, 2020.

For our annual DGC trip, we are traveling to Portland, Oregon. At this time we have 29 travelers registered. Our tour has been organized by Lois Moss, from Green Dot Tours located in Portland. Lois has organized 7 exciting days of touring events for Detroit Garden Center.

The DGC website has a new look, so check it out at www.detroitgardencenter.org and email us with your feedback. On the website, you will notice that The Detroit Garden Center can now take credit card payments through PayPal for memberships, donations and all DGC events. So, when you're checking out the website, register for the Annual Meeting at the same time.

The DGC Board is in need of an individual(s) to help revamp our Newsletter. (I've been reviewing newsletter formats and working towards an email as well as hardcopy version.) If you are interested or know of someone with these newsletter composing talents and interests, please let me know.

In February, John Hartig, PH.D., (member of the Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research along with the International Association for Great Lakes Research and a Great Lakes Science-Policy Advisor), interviewed me for Blog that he composes. The Blog focuses on the Native Planting on the Dequindre Cut. The following is the link to view the interview on the blog:

<https://www.greatlakesnow.org/2019/03/great-lakes-moment-detroit-garden-center-leading-by-example/>.

You will discover in this Bulletin many exciting events sponsored by the DGC. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Spring Wildflower Walk

Sunday, May 5, 2019
10:00 am - Noon
Balduck Park Detroit

Join us for a two hour **Wildflower Walk in Balduck Park, 18101 Chandler Park Dr., Detroit.**
The walk will start at the corner of Canyon & Chandler Park Dr. in Chandler Park. Dress for the weather and boots are highly recommended. Cost: **Donation** \$10.00 cash, or check. The walk is limited to 30 participants, so reservations are required. The tour will be guided by Cheryl English, Advanced Master Gardener.

Elmwood Cemetery Tree and History Tour

Sunday, May 12, 2019
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Detroit Garden Center will host a guided tree and history tour of Elmwood Cemetery. This popular event is always a highlight for DGC participants. **Chancey Miller**, Elmwood historian, and **Cheryl English**, Advanced Master Gardener, team up to share the history of Michigan's leading citizens interred in the cemetery and discuss some of the over 80 species of trees. The second oldest of Detroit's cemeteries, Elmwood retains the settlement's original rolling terrain and waterways.

The Elmwood Cemetery is located at 1200 Elmwood, an extension of McDougall Ave., just north of E. Lafayette and two blocks north of East Jefferson Ave. The orange roofed church on the northern corner of E. Lafayette and Elmwood is a good landmark. (Church is located across the street from Detroit's Martin Luther King Jr. High School). The driveway north of the church leads into the cemetery. (Do not Google for directions because it will not lead you to the cemetery. It is best to just follow the above directions.) Please note there are **NO** rest room facilities available.
Cost: **\$10.00 Members \$15.00 Non-Members**

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Bird Nest Building HQ Workshop

Saturday, March 30, 2019
10:00 am - 12:00 Noon
Belle Isle Nature Center

Join Detroit Garden Center and Cheryl English to create a hanging resource where birds can find what they need to build their nest.

Materials will be provided!

Cost **\$25.00**

Pre-Registration is required at www.detroitgardencenter.org

or mail payment to Detroit Garden Center.

(No walk-ins will be permitted)

In Memoriam

Loraine Lieder - Loraine was a past president of Detroit Garden Center and a Life Member. She enjoyed visiting with fellow members at many DGC events.

Joan Noyes - Joan loved being a member and cherished her many friends at the Detroit Garden Center. Joan was a Life Member.

Detroit Garden Center Membership and Event Registration Form

Memberships: \$25 Active____ \$20 Senior____ \$45 Family____ \$50 Contributing ____

HQ Workshop- March 30, 2019 Members \$25.00 _____

Annual Meeting and Luncheon - April 27, 2019 \$25.00 _____

Wildflower Walk - May 5, 2019 Donation \$10.00 _____

Elmwood Cemetery Tour - May 12, 2019 Members \$10.00_____ Non-Members \$15.00_____

Name(s)_____

Street Address_____

City/State/Zip Code_____

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Memberships and Registrations can be made on-line at www.detroitgardencenter.org

Detroit Garden Center
Invites you to the
Annual Luncheon Meeting and Program
Saturday, April 27, 2019
at
The Corner Ballpark (former Tiger Stadium site)
1680 Michigan Ave, Detroit
10:00 am - 1:15 pm

10:00 am Registration Begins
10:30 am Annual Business Meeting,
Election of Officers, By-laws Revisions

Slate of Officers
Co-President: Elizabeth Cheslock, Ronald J Smith
Recording Secretary: Royanne Johnson
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11:30 am Lunch

Soup and Salad Buffet - Two soup selections; Salad - assorted greens, Julienned grilled chicken topping, selection of fruit and vegetable toppings, variety of dressings, bakery basket and butter.
Beverages: Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea, Fresh Squeezed Lemonade. Lunch catered by Kosch Catering.
Desserts provided by Detroit Garden Center Board and Advisors.

12:30 pm

A presentation by a Detroit Police Athletic League representative and tour of the facility.

Mail Registration and Check to:

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To pay with credit card go to www.detroitgardencenter.org

\$25.00 per person

Name(s) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Registration due April 19, 2019

Street parking only.

Native Planting

The gardening season will soon be here and volunteers are welcomed to help in the **Native Planting** on the **Dequindre Cut Walking, Jogging, and Biking Trail**. At the Native Planting you can learn about native plants, receive some great exercise and fulfill your New Year's Resolution of getting more actively involved with the Detroit Garden Center. If you know of a group or organization that would like to volunteer for a community workday, please contact the Detroit Garden Center to schedule a specific date and time (weekday, weekend or evening).

Starting in May, we will be meeting on the **first and thrid Wednesdays** for the months of May - September. Volunteer hours are **9:00 am - 11:00 am**. The first workday is May 8th. Parking is available in the gated parking lot next to the planting. Entrance to the parking lot is on Woodbridge just east of Orleans St. If possible, notify the Garden Center the day before you plan on volunteering. (Monetary donations are always needed to purchase plants to complete the site.)

Our Sincerest Thank You for Your Contributions!

**The following individuals made monetary contributions to
Detroit Garden Center since November 2018**

Alternatives For Girls: Lambro Niforos, Troy Garden Club

Detroit Garden Center: Cynthia Jankowski, Gioconda C. McMillan, Marie Tront, Marcy Wroble

Native Planting: Cheryl English, Suzanne Karpus, Garden Club of Michigan, Troy Garden Club

DGC In Memory of Loraine Lieder: Sue Auch, Elizabeth Hardwick, James C Lieder, Joan Wright

**The following individuals made contributions of their time and talents
to Detroit Garden Center since November 2018**

By-Laws: Royanne Johnson, Lambro Niforos

Holiday Wreath Workshop: Donna McCosh

Mailing: Liz Cheslock, Marcia Geibel, Liz Hardwick, Wendy Jennings, Royanne Johnson, Karen A Shea,
Ronald J Smith, Patty Trombley, Carol Whitehead

Newsletter: Ronald J Smith, Eric VanPoucker

Planning Committee: Cheryl English, Marcia Geibel, Liz Hardwick, Royanne Johnson,
Karen A Shea

Tech Support: Christine Chubenko, Tony D'Onofino

Tool Cleaning Workshop: Marcia Geibel, Royanne Johnson

Winter Gardening Seminar: Liz Cheslock, Marcia Geibel, Liz Hardwick, Wendy Jennings,
Royanne Johnson, Lambro Niforos

Volunteers for Alternatives For Girls Summer Program

Detroit Garden Center will continue its garden-centered educational outreach program with young girls who attend the special summer program "Rise N Shine" at AFG. Volunteers are always needed for this fun summer time activity. The gardening program is on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for five weeks. We are seeking help with planting vegetables and herbs in the raised beds in May and June, along with garden maintenance and assisting with the girls during the program. Please contact DGC if you're interested or have questions.

The scheduled dates and times of the program are:

Tuesdays 9:50 am - 11:30 am

Ages 7 - 9

July 16th, 23rd, 30th, August 6th

Ages 9 -11

Wednesdays 9:50 am - 11:30 am

July 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, August 7th

Mark Your Calendar

March 30, 2019 Bird Nest HQ Workshop

10:00 am Belle Isle Nature Center

April 24, 2019 Detroit Garden Center Board Meeting*

10:00 am Garden Center Office

April 27, 2019 Annual Meeting and Luncheon

10:30 am The Corner Ballpark, Michigan/Trumbull, Detroit

May 5, 2019 Wildflower Walk

10:00 am Balduck Park, Detroit

May 12, 2019 Elmwood Cemetery Tree and History Tour

1:00 pm Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit

May 29, 2019 Detroit Garden Center Board Meeting*

10:00 am Garden Center Office

June 26, 2019 Detroit Garden Center Board Meeting*

10:00 am Garden Center Office

July 10, 2019 AFG Summer Gardening Program Begins

9:30 am - 11:45 am Alternatives for Girls

July 24th Detroit Garden Center Board Meeting*

12:00 pm Garden Center Office

*Members and guests are invited to all Detroit Garden Center Board Meetings.

Contact Garden Center Office for parking details.