



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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Ikebana, The Art of Japanese Flower Arranging

The Detroit Chapter of Ikebana International is holding meetings via Zoom for the next several months. Guests are invited to attend up to 2 meetings without a membership. Each meeting includes an hour long demonstration of Ikebana by National and International instructors. For more information contact Liz Cheslock at detroitgardenctr.org to obtain a list of topics.

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From the Co-President, Ronald J Smith

What wonderful weather we experienced this past fall with an amazing display of autumn colors! I even enjoyed bike riding into late November! These experiences certainly helped to ease the stress and anxiety of the Covid 19 pandemic. Thereto, the Detroit Garden Center has found it challenging working through this crisis. The DGC officers have met virtually, via Zoom, which has been pleasant, but does not replace our lively in- person meetings. At our November board meeting, we voted to extend the 2020 paid membership dues into the 2021 membership year. Therefore, no membership renewal dues will be collected in 2021.

Our DGC Annual General Membership Meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2021 via Zoom, for 2020 annual reports and the election of Officers for 2021-2023. The positions that need to be filled with candidates are: Co-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Correspondence Secretary, Vice President of Programs and Vice President of Membership. Many on the present board have served in various positions over the years and are in need of a reprieve and therefore, will not be candidates.

For the past year, the board has had many various discussions regarding the viable future of the Detroit Garden Center. We are finding that the Detroit Garden Center is at a very crucial point as a worthwhile organization. We need to ask ourselves: Where does Detroit Garden Center fit into the existing horticultural groups and organizations in the Metro Detroit area? Unfortunately, the DGC is competing with these groups for members, participation and active involvement in programs, and volunteering opportunities. Finally, a pertinent question needs to be answered: How should the Detroit Garden Center proceed from here?

It's imperative that members participate in the January 9, 2021 Zoom meeting to express ideas, concerns, possible candidates for office, and any other thoughts about the future of the DGC. There is no fee for the meeting and program however, you must register for participation.

The Detroit Garden Center Board and Advisors would like to extend Holiday Wishes to all and for a Happy and Healthy 2021!

Upcoming Events

Annual Winter Gardening Seminar: February 6, 2021, featuring Janet Macunovich. Details and registration are in this Newsletter.

March 2021: Cyndi Ross from the Friends of the Rouge will present a program on RAIN GARDENS.

April 2021: A presentation on the OUDOLF GARDEN ON BELLE ISLE, hosted by Duncan Campbell. The program will focus on the immense planning and planting of the garden.

All the above programs are free of charge and will be held via Zoom. Please watch for future emails regarding presentation dates and additional information.

In Recognition

The Detroit Garden Center would like to recognize Sue Auch for her many years of volunteer service to the Detroit Garden Center. Recently looking back through past Board Minutes, Sue's name appeared for the first time in February 18, 1988. Sue has served on a variety of committee and board assignments during her tenure: Head of House Keeping at Moross House, President, Recording Secretary, Advertising for Bulletin, Vice President of Programs, and the Trip Committee. Sue was also the Correspondence Secretary up until last December. I myself and others would like to thank Sue for all her years of dedication, support, and volunteerism for the Detroit Garden Center.

Our Sincerest Thank You for your Contributions

The following made monetary donations since late December 2019

Alternatives for Girls: Lambro Niforos, Troy Garden Club

Detroit Garden Center: Cheryl English, Garden Club of MI, Barbara Hayes, Carol Irvine, Junior League of Gardeners, Kate Kerr, Jane Quick, Julie Peterson in honor of her mother Betty Spencer, Ms. Bliss Clark in honor of Mary McHale, Bethine S. Whitney III

The following made contributions of their time and talents since December 2019

2020 Winter Gardening Seminar: Liz Cheslock, Marcia Geibel, Liz Hardwick, Royanne Johnson, Wendy Jennings, Kate Kerr

Newsletter: Liz Cheslock, Cheryl English, Janet McAuliffe, Ronald J Smith, Eric VanPoucker

Sew Great Detroit: Alternatives For Girls and Sew Great Detroit are happy to participate again this year as a vendor during the weekend of the Detroit Garden Center's Annual Winter Gardening Seminar. Beginning at 9:00 am on Friday, February 5th to 4:00 pm on Monday, February 8th the website: <https://sewgreatdetroit.ggo.bid/bidding/package-browse> will be available for you to order sewn items including greeting cards and aprons, and hand knitted items including baby sets and hats. Please allow 5-7 days to receive your purchase. AFG's Sew Great Detroit is a social enterprise program that provides women employment training, personal growth, and empowerment in a respectful team environment that teach technical and behavioral skills supported by individual coaching and counseling. Women in the program learn valuable skills and master sewing and knitting skills while producing beautifully designed, high-quality finished products.

Detroit Garden Center Annual Meeting

Saturday, January 9, 2021 10:00 am - 11:30 am via Zoom

The Detroit Garden Center Annual Meeting and Program will take place via Zoom on January 9th. The agenda will include: Annual Reports for 2020, Election of Officers, and open discussion. A program will follow the meeting. Registration is by email. To register, please email the Garden Center Office. Once you have registered by email, the meeting agenda, reports and Zoom login link will be sent to you January 6th. **Registration must be completed by January 5, 2021.**

Program: "All Things Lavender", a presentation by Susan Keehn. Susan will include a little history and review of the different types of lavender. She will talk about how to grow, prune, harvest and what pests effect lavender. Culinary and medicinal uses and why you should include it in your landscape will also be shared. She will also share an overview of lavender farms in Michigan.

Susan is an Master Gardener and a member of the Harrison Township Beautification Commission. She has concentrated on installing and maintaining 17 gardens in Harrison Township that include 5 unique sculptures reflecting the story of the township. Through her fundraising efforts, the township has benefitted from various beautification projects. Susan, and her husband Jim, hosted a volunteer program at the Mt. Clemens Library for 25 years called The Gourmet Garden Hour. The program featured a variety of garden topics and included guest speakers during the winter and spring months.

I look forward to seeing you on January 9th! Email: detroitgardenctr@yahoo.com

29th Annual Detroit Garden Center Winter Gardening Seminar

Saturday, February 6, 2021 11:00 am - 12:30 pm Via Zoom

Presenter: Janet Macunovich

Visualizing Changes in a Garden or Landscape

Professional gardener and author, Janet Macunovich, says it isn't lack of ideas that causes gardeners to put needed landscape and garden plans "on hold". Rather, people are reluctant to commit when they are unsure how changes will play out on that stage we see out our windows. In this webinar, Janet will show you her process for visualizing changes so you can use this simple, step by step way to see into the future of your garden or landscape. You'll see how to project what's in your mind onto paper or the site itself, and be empowered to do great things this season.

Seminar is free, but you must register by email before February 4, 2021. You will receive an acknowledgement of your registration and the Zoom link will be emailed to you on February 4, 2021.

A note from Cheryl English of Black Cat Pottery Although we won't see you during the Winter Gardening Seminar, Black Cat Pottery would like to honor our yearly commitment to the DGC. When you visit our website at www.blackcatpottery.com and place an order mentioning the DGC's Winter Seminar in special instructions/notes, your purchase will be counted towards a 10% donation in support of the DGC programs.