



One of the gardens showcased this year belongs to the Schon family. The century-old home utilizes the “respect and renew” approach – respect for the environment guides the project.

“It is an example of transitioning from a classic, formal garden to one of native plants that supports wildlife and requires lower maintenance and resources,” said Lisa Schon. “The landscape features two native flowering rain gardens that manage water run-off from the house, a 200-foot-long butterfly garden of native plants, no-water buffalo grass and a vegetable garden. Bird protection glass on the house protects birds from window collisions.”

While the Garden Walk is its biggest fundraiser, it is just one of many ways the club promotes gardening.

The Country Garden Club welcomes new members, from the novice to the master gardener. The goal – to promote horticultural interests and education through fellowship and community service – is shared by all members, whether they are patio gardeners or farmers.

The club meets the first Wednesday of each month, with COVID necessitating the switch to Zoom meetings. In addition to club business, meetings often include speakers, information on local environmental issues and occasional field trips.

The Country Garden Club of Northville lives out its mission by helping maintain garden areas at the Northville Public Library, the Living and Learning Center, the Northville Post Office and the Friendship Garden at the Northville Township Office. They also assist at various festivals, help the residents at Oakmont make flower arrangements and donate to local causes.

Tickets will be available for the Garden Walk on June 14 in downtown Northville. They can also be purchased online.

“Attendees of the Garden Walk will grab a friend or two, or their spouse, and make an adventure out of finding/exploring the gardens, grabbing lunch and just enjoying beautiful Northville in the summer,” Signorelli said.

For more information on the Country Garden Club of Northville, go to <https://cgcnv.org/> or Facebook at Country Garden Club of Northville.

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Northville garden walk benefits high school scholarship fund By Julie Poisson

After a COVID-induced break in 2020, the Country Garden Club of Northville returns on July 14 with its 27th annual Garden Walk. The Garden Walk features several gardens for attendees to view, and music and vendors set up in the town square. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 the day of, and will benefit a scholarship fund for Northville students.

“We give two scholarships each year to Northville High School senior students to use toward their post-high-school education,” said Sheryl Signorelli, 2nd vice president and chair of the Scholarship Committee. “We are excited to be able to offer the scholarships to students we feel could really use the help.”

This event is the main fundraiser for the scholarships, which have been awarded since 1994. The walk will feature five home gardens and six condo gardens, Signorelli said. The patio gardens demonstrate maximizing available spaces, and all gardens are easily accessible on foot. The 2021 focus is home gardens that create beauty on city lots, subdivisions and acreage.

“The selection of the gardens for the walk took some good old-fashioned hard work, with a few members driving all around Northville to identify noteworthy gardens, as well as word of mouth,” Signorelli said. “Attendees of our previous garden walks often have ideas as well.”