

OPEN GATE GARDEN CLUB OF MICHIGAN

January 2025

Newsletter

NEXT MEETING: January 15, 2025

LOCATION: Father Harvey Activity Center

TOPIC: Trees and Shrubs

Speaker: Gary Eichen: Certified Arborist and Assistant. Service Line Director for Plant Health Care and Lawn Care for SavATree LLC



HOSPITALITY: Carla Goll is the Leader for January Hospitality Potluck. Debbie Wasylyshyn, Doug Spaulding, Sandie Wender, Jerry Loviska, Sandee Shoemaker, Patti O'Keefe, Norm and Nancy Kilgour have signed up to bring food along with helping to set up or cleanup, and or greet. Please text or call Carla at 810.449.4781 with any questions.

GARDEN TOUR: Pat Manion and Kay Baxter will co- chair the Garden Tour next summer. Communications will begin with the committee chairs in mid- January.

MESSAGE FROM SANDEE SHOEMAKER: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Just wanted to send you all a heartfelt **THANK YOU** for all the cards and notes I have received from OGGC members! Each and every card was truly appreciated. I feel so blessed to have received such kindness. Many hugs!

SUMMARY FROM QUESTIONNAIRE: I summed up the responses from the questionnaires that I gave out at the silent auction. We had 27 sheets returned. We had enough responses to be a good representation of the group's opinion. The results show the majority of the group are interested in doing trips \$30-\$50 was the amount selected to be spent on travel costs for a trip and not one garden location was a definitive choice. The one

item we need to better define is the inclusion of outside members on field trips. The other group activities section did not get much of a response but enough to encourage smaller groups that could be set up to focus on those specialized interests. In 2025, we will continue to pursue this topic.

FOLLOW THE QR CODE to our website. We will be using this on all our advertising materials for the Garden Tour this year.



VALENTINE'S DAY FIELD TRIP: Loose Center of Linden has a wonderful trip planned to the Flint Institute of Art on February 14th centering around a glass blowing experience. They are welcoming our members to join them on this adventure. Currently, there are 25 spaces available. The trip will be offered to the entire Loose Center membership next week, so if you want to be included on the bus, you need to sign up this week. Loose Center does not require that you live in Genesee County or the city of Linden to participate on field trips