

OPEN GATE GARDEN CLUB OF MICHIGAN

November 2023 Newsletter

MEETING: November 15th AT 6:15 PM

EVENT: Silent Auction Fund Raiser

LOCATION: Father Harvey Activity Center



Hospitality: Signed up for November hospitality are Chris Webster, Suzanne Kelly, Tina Imesen, Karen Poloski, Kay Baxter, Pat O'Keefe, Pam and Larry Trevethan, and Nicolette Ellinghausen.

Will need 5 more people to bring food, only 3 people are bringing a main dish.

Phil Cave is recovering at home from triple bypass heart surgery last month. He has been a very active member of our club for many years. We send our very best wishes for his rapid recovery. Phil, we hope that you will soon be back to doing all the things you love.

Membership: Nicolette had the idea to put a sticker on the back of the certification/discount cards to show a list of vendors who give discounts to the OGGC. We agreed and will have stickers ready to pick up at the next meeting.

A printed list of corrections and additions to the yearbook **will be available** at the November meeting. The list includes: The changes to the yearbook are in bolded script.

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Silent Auction:

Hope you are ready! This is going to be fun! FYI: Several members have mentioned bringing a guest to introduce them to our club and to have them take part in our auction. Thank you, thank you!

Remember item drop off starts at 4:00. Please fill out a Bid Sheet for each item.

Please see the chart below for people who have signed up to set up and clean up for this event. Your help and support will make this a fun event for all!

Questions-contact Lynn Behr or Linda VanCamp.

Auction set up: please arrive at 4:00. You will help cover tables with tablecloths, help members fill in bid sheets for their items and set up items on bid tables.

Clean up: remove coverings and push in chairs, wipe tables as needed.

Cashiers: tally sales and take money at close of bidding.

Auction Set Up-4:00	Auction CleanUp-to follow	Cashiers:
Sherry Lahey: make reminder calls	Melody Miller: end of meeting reminder	Amy Doyle: organizer
Kim Fischer	Cara Wahl	Tina Imesen
Leslie Ryan	Janice Cooley	Linda VanCamp
Karen Maxon	Christine Webster	Vic Wasylyshyn
Ray Barth	Suzanne Kelly	
Kathy Girgen	Debbie Wasylyshyn	

Thanks to all OGGC members who have signed up to help with this event. You are appreciated!

Message from Kim Alexander, Donations Chair

Hello Gardeners,

Are you interested in the next MSU Extension Foundations of Gardening (FOG) program? FOG is a horticulture course for both those wanting to apply for the MSU Master Gardeners course and those seeking horticulture training for personal enrichment.

Registration for FOG does not open until December 7, 2023, but MSU Extension is currently accepting scholarship applications. Scholarships cover \$150 of the tuition cost. Applications are available on the FOG website (<https://www.canr.msu.edu/courses/foundations-of-gardening>) now through November 30, 2023 or until all scholarships have been awarded.

Registration for the FOG Winter 2024 course begins December 7, 2023 through January 24, 2024. FOG Winter 2024 classes begin February 1, 2024.

Attached is a flyer with a few more details on the FOG class.

Questions about the Master Gardener program through MSU may be directed to Open Gate Garden Club Donations Chair Kim Alexander an Advanced Master Gardener.

What to do in the garden in November

The following information is excerpted from <https://www.midwestliving.com/garden/midwest-calendar/garden-calendar-november/>

In November, garden tasks in the Midwest shift towards preparing for the upcoming winter months. As the temperatures drop, it's crucial to clean up the garden by removing any remaining plant debris, fallen leaves and weeds. This helps prevent the buildup of pests and diseases. It's also an ideal time to apply a layer of mulch around perennials to protect them from frost and maintain soil moisture. You can continue to plant

spring-blooming bulbs such as tulips and daffodils, ensuring a vibrant display in spring. Finally, remember to drain and store garden hoses, clean and sharpen garden tools, and protect sensitive plants from freezing temperatures to ensure a successful transition into winter.

Minutes Open Gate Garden Club Member Meeting October 18, 2023

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6:19 p.m. St John Activity Center

Thanks to all those who provided food and hospitality tonight: Kim Alexander, Dave and Julie Buttigieg, Ann Barth, Marnie Boehlke, Amy Doyle, Geno and Patsy Essenmacher, Melody Miller, Maisie Nikola, Pat O'Keefe, Linda Rice, Linda Rolls, Lynne Ronthi, Linda Van Camp, Kathy Wright

No new members or visitors were acknowledged so refreshments were served

6:56 p.m. Business Meeting

Lynn Behr provided handouts for the Silent Auction (Nov 15) including: Information Sheets; Bid sheets to accompany each donated item (start bidding at approx. 30% of value); Letters to provide to local merchants for their donations; and Guest Attendance Questionnaire (so we'll know how many to plan for items for bidding and for hospitality).

Lynn Behr also reminded members that volunteers are still needed for clean up after the Christmas Party, December 13.

Karen Poloski spoke about the great response to clean up and maintain the garden at Adopt-a-Pet. Additional attention will be required for maintenance, probably next Spring, 2024

Ann Barth reported that the Finance Committee met on Oct 16 and approved funds as requested.

Ann Barth will pursue the Club's continued participation in the Chamber of Commerce. She is looking for people to attend the Meet and Greet (free) luncheons, the third Thursday of each month (11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.). Involvement in the Chamber provides excellent opportunities for networking and spreading word of the Club's involvement in the community. Patsy and Geno Essenmacher volunteered to Chair the Fenton Expo event (March 2-3, 2024).

Still need location for Summer Picnic, 2024.

Still need Hospitality Chairperson beginning Sept 2024. Lynn Ronthi will work with this person to transition responsibilities.

7:20 p.m. Break

7:26 p.m. Presenter: Margaret Sullivan, Yoga for Gardeners www.yoga-michigan.com

Margaret listed multiple similarities between Yoga and Gardening (cardio, exercise, creativity, experimentation, healing, stress relief, meditation, and sense of connecting with the Divine). She also talked about both the benefits (tones muscles, reduces fat, fresher foods, increases the "happiness" hormone [serotonin], etc.) and

risks (back pain, sunburn, insects, cuts, scrapes, repetitive strain, over exertion, acute and sustained injuries, etc.) of Gardening. Margaret provided many tips on how to stay safe and healthy, including OSHA findings, etc.

Margaret's "10 Commandments for Gardening" include:

1. Dress properly (long sleeves & pants, gloves, hats, covered shoes, sunscreen)
2. Do warm-up exercises
3. Rotate activities every 10-15 minutes (to minimize repetitive injuries)
4. Alternate right and left hands
5. Drink plenty of water
6. Read and follow instructions
7. Be aware of where your tools are; put them away properly
8. Don't overdo it
9. Eat plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables
10. Keep active throughout the year (not just during gardening season)

All meeting attendees participated in exercises to complete as warm up before engaging in gardening activities. Answers to Trivia Questions were rewarded with seed packets.

Door Prizes:

Book, won by Lisa Rolls

Solar Spotlight won by Debbie Tegard-Haroun

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.