

REMINDER TO SHOP AT WOJO'S MAY 9TH AND MAY 16TH

Tell the cashier prior to checking out that you are with the Open Gate Garden Club. 10 percent of the charges will be donated to the club.

OPEN GATE GARDEN CLUB OF MICHIGAN

May 2024 Newsletter

MEETING: May 15, AT 6:15 PM

EVENT: Meeting and Presentation

LOCATION: Father Harvey Activity Center

SPEAKER: E Franchy and Elise Comer

TOPIC: Managing Cranbrook Gardens.

HOSPITALITY: Those who signed up for May hospitality will receive a reminder text/call.

MEMBERSHIP: Norm and Nancy will have extra membership applications at the meeting.
Accepting cash and checks!

GARDEN TOUR: Hello everyone! The Garden Tour is well under way. Please look for signup sheets at the May meeting to see where you can help. It is always a wonderful day, please be a part of it. God Bless, Amy Doyle

SPRING EXPRESSIONS: The Garden Club will be offering a hands on small pot planting activity from 10 until 4. Come by and see us!



First Place Spring Photo by Linda Rice

FENTON
ARTS
Arts Council

Spring Expressions
Festival of the Arts
MAY 11, 2024
10:00AM - 4:00PM

Creation Stations Demonstrations
Entertainment And More! Art Exhibits
Workshops Food as Art

Fenton Community & Cultural Center - Rackham Park
150 S. Leroy Street - Fenton, MI 48430

Have questions or need more information?
Please email us at info@FentonArtsCouncil.com

ST. JOHN PLANTING: Next planting day is May 18th at 9 AM. We will complete perennial planting and plant the annuals. Hopefully the weather will cooperate for this planting. The more volunteers, the quicker the job will be completed. Also, the tulip bulbs will be dug up from the front statue bed. Let Karen know if you want some or all of the bulbs. Thank you, Karen Poloski 248.983.7366

MAY MINI TOUR: All are invited to the May mini tour at Karen Poloski's home on May 29th at 6 PM.

Minutes Open Gate Garden Club Member Meeting April 17, 2024

6:20 p.m. St John Activity Center

Thanks to the hospitality group for potluck contributions: Carmi Murray, Ann Barth, Janice Cooley, Judy Lytle, Pat Laycock, Pat Donar, Lisa Rolls, Deb Scribner, Lynne Ronthi, Nicollette Ellinghausen, Pat Manion

Welcome to new members

Reminder to stay in touch with Larry Trevethan and Dick Johnson as long-time members currently suffering from health issues. Joan Runyon's brother is doing better.

6:55 p.m. Business Meeting

1. Amy Doyle again requested volunteers for this year's Garden Tour. Sign up forms were available.
2. Kim Alexander spoke about the OGGC donations program. \$3000 has been approved for the following donations:
 - a. \$1,400 – St John Church
 - b. \$400 – Fenton Historical Society
 - c. \$500 – Maryville Retreat Center
 - d. \$500 – Linden Beautification Committee
 - e. \$200 – edible Flint
3. Kim also spoke about the opportunity for members to highlight their own gardening prowess by hosting a mini-garden tour at their home. Karen Poloski has graciously volunteered her home (9045 Hickory Ridge Rd, Holly, MI) for a tour on May 29th at 6 p.m.
4. Norm Kilgour asked for volunteers for officers for the 2024-25 season. Current candidates, to be voted on in May : Ann Barth – President, Marnie Boehlke – Vice President, Nicolette Ellinghausen – Secretary, Leslie Ryan – Treasurer.

5. Reminder: May 9th and 16th Wojo's (Davison and Ortonville) will provide 10% of sales to OGGC ***IF*** you tell them ***before check out*** that you're with Open Gate Garden Club. **You need to tell the cashier that you would like OGGC to receive a rebate on you purchases. They need to start the purchase with the information.**
6. Bring your membership dues (Check or Cash) to the May meeting.
7. Pat Manion thanked those who brought pots to be given away at the Fenton Arts Council Event (Spring Expressions, Saturday, May 11, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.). More pots are needed, just contact Pat Manion.
8. The next adopt-a-garden date for St John will be May 18th. We will be doing annual and perennial plantings, cleaning up the Chapel Pond area, and working on the hydrangea bed. Everyone can look over the changes to the campus. Cracked cement will be gone and we had to move some plants in a hurry to prevent them from being encased in cement!
9. Ray Barth is accepting suggestions for future speakers.

7:15 p.m. Break

7:20 p.m. Speaker Presentation: George Papadelis from Telly's Greenhouse in Troy and Shelby Township. George spoke fluently about more than 100 new annuals and perennials for this growing season.

Door Prizes: Books and decorator item

Meeting adjourned at **8:20 p.m.**