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| **The Open Gate Garden Club**  **Information Sheet** |

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of Open Gate Garden Club! The objectives of the Open Gate Garden Club of Michigan are to encourage interest in all phases of home gardening, to promote community projects utilizing environmental responsibility, and to inspire a love of nature and beauty.

Each Club year is from September through August. We meet at the St. John the Evangelist Activity Center. Membership entitles you to attend all meetings, speaker events and social activities.

Membership dues is $40 a year. A member of the member’s household can join for $20.

Please note that Open Gate Garden Club is also a philanthropic organization. We support with donations and labor many local charities and organizations. While most of your time spent in the Club includes educational, fun, and social opportunities, the following is expected of each member and will enhance your club membership

* Ten volunteer hours per year to support club activities and fundraisers.
* Examples of these activities are gardening at St. John, helping during the Garden Tour, or serving on club committees.
* Signing up to assist at providing hospitality services for one Club meeting per year. This may include refreshments and helping to setup and tear down the meeting room (very short, light work.)

We are happy to welcome new members into our group. Please complete the attached application and return it, along with a check made out to **Open Gate Garden Club.** Your application needs to be received no later than July 31st for your information to be included in the yearbook. See membership application for address.

Kind Regards,

Nancy and Norm Kilgour

Open Gate Garden Club, Membership Chairs

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