

OPEN GATE GARDEN CLUB OF MICHIGAN

December 2024

Newsletter

NEXT MEETING: December 11th, 2024

LOCATION: Father Harvey Activity Center

TOPIC: Christmas Party

HOSPITALITY: All attendees bring a dish for potluck

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.

HOLIDAY GATHERING ON DECEMBER 11TH:

Holiday Gathering: help needed

Four people are needed to help guide members with food dishes when they arrive. Food will be organized by tables: Appetizer, Salads, Sides and Desserts.

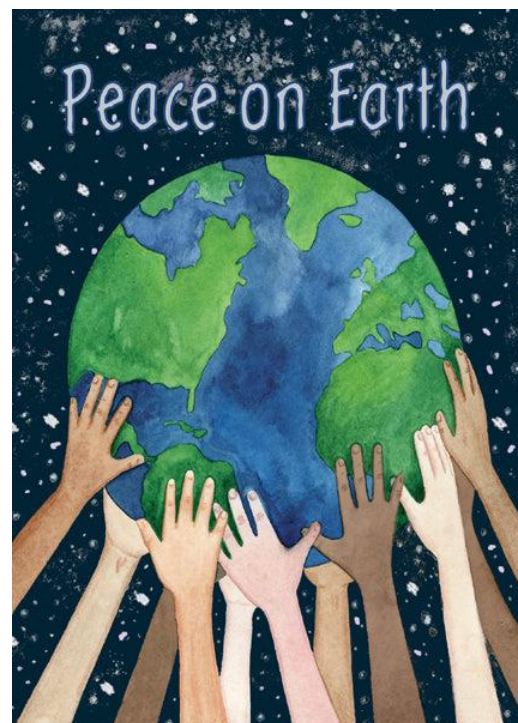
Please, please, please...If you have not yet signed up for a dish to pass at the Holiday Party, please contact Kathy Girgen, as soon as possible to help her organize the food sign up.

Additionally, if you ARE NOT attending the Holiday party, please let Kathy know as well. A text or a voice message will be appreciated.

Kathy Girgen: 810-252-4072

SILENT AUCTION

"A great big heartfelt Thank You! to all who helped, donated, brought a friend and/or made purchases at our Silent Auction! It was an enormous success. **Profit from this year's fundraiser was \$2,152.** So many clever items. I personally cannot wait for the Girls Night Out Italian dinner! Please start thinking about next year. What could you donate to enhance



this fun event? As always, if you have ideas/suggestions about improving this event, Lynn and Linda are always happy to listen:)

Lynn Behr

**Open Gate Garden Club Member Meeting November 20, 2024
Silent Auction Fundraiser**

6:25 p.m. St John Activity Center

Introduction of visitors

50/50 raffle - \$1/each or \$5/6 tickets

Thanks to hospitality

Dinner

7:00 p.m. Business Meeting

1. Please consider volunteering for the following open positions:
 - a. Election Chair
 - b. March 1 Expo
2. Garden Tour Co Chairs are Kay Baxter and Pat Manion
3. Lynn Behr pointed out the signup sheets for help at Christmas Dinner

7:45 p.m. Silent Bidding closed

50/50 winner (\$80) was Nicolette Ellinghausen

7:55 p.m. Live Auction commenced

1. Nicolette Ellinghausen won Pontoon Boat ride for six, and barbeque at Skip Getz-Walsh home on Lobdell Lake on August 9, 2025
2. Pat Laycock won Dinner for six at Pat Manion's home on December 19, 2024
3. Patsy Essenmacher won Pontoon Boat ride for six on Runyon Lake.

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