

Muskegon County Garden Club



Dear Gardeners,

Last month Mary Sue got us all moving & ready to get out in the garden without hurting ourselves. I hope that worked for you – I managed to hurt myself anyway. [Jean too – oops, maybe I wasn't supposed to blab that]. This month we have a visit from Melissa Eikenberry and will learn more about butterflies and how best to invite them into our garden.

Things to bring:

- BYO lunch
- Your wallet – you might love one of Melissa' must haves
- Your calendar – summertime is BUSY time
- Ideas about where to hold our July Picnic Potluck
- Ideas for future meetings
- Garden gloves, a shovel or rake & willingness to participate in some shade garden planting at the Hope Project House [approx. 2-hour commitment - more detailed info to come at our meeting]

Needs Looking Forward:

At the Horticulture Show:

- Help setting up tables & risers the evening before
- 2 greeters to welcome the judges
- Continental breakfast goodies for the judges
- 2 hosts each for 2 or 3 shifts during the Show
- The evening before or early the day of – cuttings from your gardens with entry cards [filled out as best as you can]



Upcoming Events

June 10 - 11

Michigan Garden Clubs
Annual Meeting &
Conference, Bay City

June 11 @ 9am

Weed-a-Rama at the Depot

June 14

Flag Day

June 16

Father's Day

June 18

**Monthly Meeting @ First
Lutheran Church**

June 21

First Day of Summer

June 22

Tri-Cities Garden Club Garden
Walk

June 24 @ 10am

Board Meeting @ Jean
Keene's home

Continuing Education, Lite

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GC's Friday Morning Member Meetings are on vacation until September

June in the Garden

- Edge your garden beds for a clean and structured look.
- Apply a thin layer of mulch around the base of your perennials and shrubs to lock in soil moisture before the summer heat sets in.
- Decorate your patio with potted annuals, perennials, or shrubs.
- Check for water needs in your containers to keep them happy.
- Continually deadhead spent flowers, especially on roses, for more blooms.
- Insects are returning – good and bad! Inspect your plants for signs of pest damage and treat accordingly.
- Plant perennial herbs like rosemary, lavender, or sage to use in summer cocktails and other recipes. 😊
- Remember to pinch back warm-season annuals for fuller growth and more flowers.
- Japanese beetles may be starting to return. Knock those rascals into a cup of soapy water!
- Keep in weeding! It feels like a never-ending task, but it keeps your garden tidy & healthy.
- Most of all - take a minute and just relax & enjoy what you've done – and maybe invite a friend or two. Ahhhh 😊

A dirty hoe is a happy hoe

"Gardening is the art that uses flowers & plants as paint, and the soil and sky as canvas" - Cathy Allen



More Upcoming Events

June 25

Weed-a-Rama @ the Depot

July 4

Independence Day

July 9

Weed-a-Rama @ the Depot

July 13

Muskegon County Garden Club's Specialty Horticulture Show @ Muskegon Farmers' Market

July 13

Dahlia Show, Meijer Gardens

October 7

We host the District 4 Fall Conference

Stay safe & well, call each other often, & send notes.

