

Muskegon County Garden Club

Dear Gardeners,

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED TO HOST THE DISTRICT 4 FALL CONFERENCE – you know who you are, and whether your contribution was big or small, it made a huge difference. YOU'RE APPRECIATED !!!



Our October meeting will be a make & take project – herbal vinegars. Bring some fresh herbs from your garden – washed & wrapped in damp paper towel to keep them perky. 😊 We'll share & use them in our project – parsley, sage, rosemary, thyme, marjoram... whatever. Other ingredients will be provided

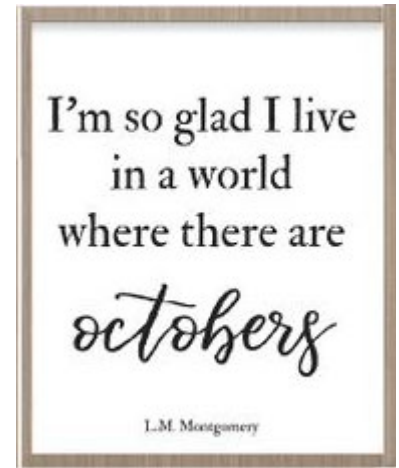
& Laura will lead us again. Maybe you'll feel brave enough to make some at home to share with friends.

The Depot is gifting us with pizza for lunch as a thank you for our work in their gardens. If pizza isn't your thing, feel free to BYO.



If you haven't been able to treat yourself to the Depot to Depot Fall Color Tour yet, click the link below for a map & businesses offering specials along the trail. What a great way to 'leaf peep'.

<https://www.visitmuskegon.org/event/20th-annual-depot-to-depot-self-guided-fall-color-tour/5439/>



Upcoming Events

October 1 - 31

Depot to Depot Fall Color Tour [self-guided]

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Hay Bale Decorating Competition – downtown Muskegon – go for a walk & vote for your favorite

October 12 & 13

City of the Dead – Walking Tours @ Evergreen Cemetery

October 14

Columbus Day, Indigenous People's Day

October 15 @ 11:30am

Monthly Meeting @ First Lutheran Church

October 17

Sweetest Day

October 22 @ 9am

Weed-a-Rama @ the Depot – last of the season

October 24

United Nations Day

October 31

Halloween

Continuing Education, Lite

MGC's Friday Morning Member Meetings are on vacation until January

October in the Garden

Q: How do you know when seed is ready for harvesting?

A: Knowing when seed is ready for harvest comes with careful observation and little bit of experience.

In general, you'll want to look for seeds, seed heads, and pods that are drying out. The petals will have fallen away and the seed, seed heads, and pods will lose their moisture, turning tan, grey or brown. Ripe seed may release in the following ways:

- from crumbling seed heads (Black-eyed Susan, Grey Coneflower)
- pods pop or split open releasing wind carried seeds (Milkweeds)
- develop a puff ball of seed with small hairs or bristles attached (Asters, Goldenrods)
- drop from the stem (Prairie grasses)

Now is a great time to wander your garden and landscape to gather seeds! [And their seed heads & pods too. Think of the ways you can use them – not just with hot glue & pumpkins]



More Upcoming Events

November 1

All Saints Day

November 2

All Souls Day

November 2 @ 9 - 3

Holiday Craft Show @ Mona Shores High School

November 3

Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 5

VOTE

November 9

Hoffmaster Turkey Trail 5K Run

November 10

Marine Corps Birthday

November 11

Veterans Day

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

