

TWIGS

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I am so happy that we got together after a summer of business in garden visits and our tea. Thanks to ALL who brought flowers that filled our centerpieces. The team of people getting us ready for our meeting moved quickly and smoothly. Thanks hospitality and designer teams.



(Coming soon to local farmer markets)

Shane Perdue from Vets Ace Hardware was our presenter. His enthusiasm, dynamic presentation and humor created a fun atmosphere. Shane showed us how they clean and sharpen tools. He provided a variety of tools and techniques for care. In addition, he provided gloves and coupons with a

secret attached to the redeemable coupon. Just bring **COOKIES** and you will be golden. While Shane shared stories of his grandparents opening this store some of our members were able to share stories with Shane about his grandparents. A very special exchange.

Vets is located in north Lansing not far from Otto or Gier Community Center. This store is a treasure trove of goodies. They also provide a variety of services from screening, window/glass repair and personal professional help. Joan Lenhard

HORTICULTURE

This year we had a storm . . . and suddenly it's fall. Even as we continue to clean up debris, the air has become cooler, and our plants are reacting to the change of seasons. While we continue to wait for leaves to turn, there are many colorful blooms to enjoy.

I have always included foliage in planning my gardens. All summer my coleus, hostas, heuchera and grasses add texture and color to gardenscapes. Although the foliage lasts and provides a backdrop throughout the growing season, the garden appearance changes from spring through fall with the help of many perennials and annuals. In September, summer blooms are being replaced

with the flowers of fall. Following are a few of my fall favorites.

Chrysanthemums bloom from September until frost. Most of the colors echo the fall leaves. Many mums are perennials and add attractive foliage throughout the growing season. They are easy to grow and become covered with blooms which vary from the more traditional rounded shapes to the twisted petals of spider mums. Annual mums are also beautiful but since they are adapted to warmer climates, they do not survive our winter weather.



(Asters, mums and grasses)

Asters have much the same growth patterns as mums, but the blossoms are daisy shaped. Their colors are usually shades of purple and blue. Asters are native plants that provide a late season source of nectar for pollinators.

Autumn Joy Sedum (Stonecrop) is an example of a late blooming sedum. There are many choices. Autumn Joy is a cultivar of a native stonecrop which attracts pollinators until frost. The flowers form

toward the end of summer and turn a dark mauve as they mature.

Joe Pye Weed can be invasive and needs to be contained within the area where it has been planted. It is very tall (6-8 feet), with spectacular pink flower heads. I also have a Chocolate Joe Pye, which is only about 3 feet tall. Chocolate Joe Pye has dark burgundy leaves and white blossoms and does not appear to spread.

Many Sunflowers (*Helianthus*) have spectacular large flower heads and strong stalks. They are native to North America and there are both perennial and annual plants currently available. The birds love the seeds, and everyone likes the show.

Dahlias bloom from mid-summer until frost. Many have spectacular blooms with a variety of sizes and configurations. They have tuberous roots that can be successfully dug up each fall and stored over the winter in cool, dry, frost-free conditions.

Of course, these flowers are supplemented with the blossoms of late flowering shrubs and so much more. I'm sure that each of you could add more fall favorite flowers to this list. Even as the growing season winds down, I suggest that you take pictures and make notes so that you can record successes and problem areas as you plan ahead for next year.
Barb Amundsen

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BOARD MTG

Monday Oct 2 @ 9:30 @ the church.

CLUB MTG

Mon Oct 9th @ 9:30 @ the church.
9:30-10:30 meeting. 10:30-12 Greens review, orientation. Soup and Sandwich Luncheon @ noon.

MEMBER UPDATES

Kay Cunningham is recovering from a fall.

A GARDENER'S AFFLICTION

CHAD. The Chronic Horticulture Acquisition Disease. This is something we all have.....

Greens Market

Update of the schedule is as follows @ the church:

Sun 11/12 is set-up 4-6 pm

Mon-Fri 11/13-17 Swags and Wreaths 8:30-3:30 with clean-up on the 17th.

Fri/Sat 11/24-25 Boxwood collect and wash at MSU

Mon-Fri 11/27-12/1 Boxwood Trees and Fresh Arrangements. Clean-up and set-up for sales in the PM of Dec 1.

Sat Dec 2 8:00 am set-up and ready for sales at 9-12. Clean-up 12-2 pm.



SCOTT SUNKEN GARDEN

Final days of separating plants and cleaning the garden preparing for the fall season. Getting the beds ready for winter.

BLUE STAR MEMORIAL

Ellen has been going over to tend the garden recently. Construction is still ongoing. Next year the Park and Recreation Department will rededicate the Rose Gardens. I have asked that our Garden Club be a part of this process as it was June Knostman's substantial donation that have resulted in the changes to the Rose Garden.

BASKETS FOR MGC D2B FALL MTG

Ann Lenhard is collecting for this basket. It is close to being filled. Contact her immediately if you have something for the basket. It must be complete and ready by the end of the month. I will be collecting it from her and taking to the D2B Fall Program.

EDUCATION & CONFERENCE

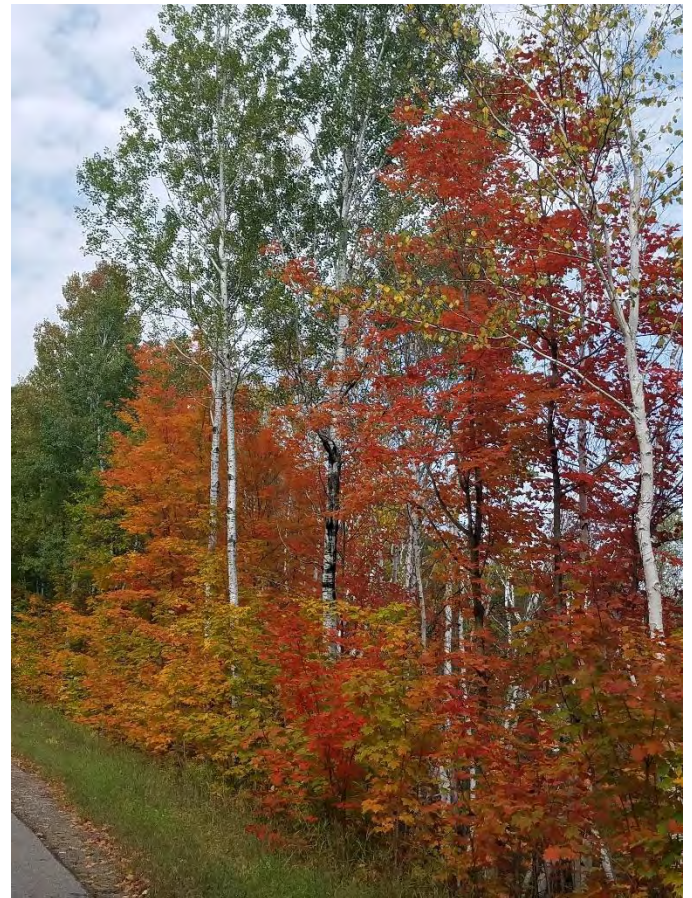
Remember the Fall D2B meeting is Wed Oct 4th 8:30-3:30 in DeWitt at St Jude's. This should be lots of fun. It is time to ROCK.

Flower Show School is Th/Fri Oct 5/6 in Ann Arbor.

Landscape Design School is scheduled for Wed/Th April 17/18/2024 and Wed/Th Sept 25/26/2024 at Trinity Church in Lansing.

UPCOMING FLOWER SHOWS

December in Okemos. More information to follow.



(Gaylord -color is coming)