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# Applefest Annual Bulb Sale

The annual fall bulb sale will be held during Applefest, October 12-14. The co-chairs, Susan Thurow and Ellen Kendall, would like you to know that all but one of the bulbs for this year are deer-resistant. A list of all bulbs for sale will be available at the next meeting, and they are all available presale to the members.

Volunteers are always needed for set-up, clean-up, or working one or more of the shifts. Contact Ellen Kendall if you would like to help out.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to set up, work a shift and help clean up. This fundraiser could not happen without your assistance. Please plan to arrive a few minutes early for your designated time. We have the same location as always, near the Ways and Means Committee, who will be selling their garden tools. We will have our pink swooper marking our booth.





#### November Newsletter Deadline

Submission deadline for the November issue of the CAGC newsletter is October 26th.

Send your information and articles to: <a href="mailto:nkrupiarz17@gmail.com">nkrupiarz17@gmail.com</a>; <a href="mailto:bnds@att.net">bnds@att.net</a>



# Sign Up Sheets

The deadline for turning in your sign-up sheet for your coming year's volunteer commitments <u>was</u>
September 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have turned yours in, we thank you very much. If you haven't turned one in yet, please bring it to the October 9 meeting, or send to Kathy Tepper. If you need a form, please contact Charlotte Koger for a printed copy.

We can't print the member book without all the information. Please don't delay.



# Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Launched!

The Youth Education Committee has been hard at work this week at Charlevoix Elementary School and at St. Mary School getting kids excited to begin their art posters. Ruth Augustine, Janet Gilbert, Kathleen Quinn, Nancy Krupiarz, and Joyce Herbert have been presenting the 3 choices for the students to work on:

- The nation-wide Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl poster contest or
- The Charlevoix Area Garden Club Create a Colorful Garden poster contest

The children immediately set to work practicing their ideas for the artwork after the presentations. The posters should be done and ready for judging around Thanksgiving.



## Blue Star Memorial

Come join us on November 11th, Veterans Day, for the dedication of the Blue Star Memorial. To be held at East Park, time TBD. This is a joint project with the Evening Garden Club. The Monument has been ordered and we are excited about delivery.

# A Tool Tip for Fall Gardening

From Mary Watson Chavez



This is my favorite tool for dividing lots of perennials. It works GREAT on hostas. Easier yet is dividing irises; this IS THE TIME to extract them and pull them apart burying each one.

# **HOW CAN YOU HELP??**

2019 Garden Walk Luncheon July 10, 2019 Please help us by:

#### Being A table Designer

 Designing a table from the white tablecloth up with place setting, floral arrangement, etc.

#### Being A Helper during the Luncheon

- Serving food to our guests between 11:30-12:30
- Serving food to our guests between 12:30-1:30
- Helping with clean up and tear down after 2:00

Contact Dorothy Sandoval or Celia Sinclair Sign-up sheets will be available at meetings.

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# October Meeting

October 9, 2018 12:00 p.m.
Charlevoix Public Library
Gardening/Potluck/ Annual
Meeting and Elect Officers

Polly Chaney, author of <u>Sip, Pick and Pack</u>, a young person's book on pollinators, will discuss the importance of bees in pollination.

Bring an enticing potluck item from your garden or an autumn favorite dish to pass. ALSO, remember to bring your own place setting.

## From our President...

-Submitted by Mary Lynn Heid

Is it really October already?! Where did September go? My favorite time of year in Michigan and I missed a lot of it.

First, I have to say a big "Thank You" to Diane McMahon who not only had a full plate of her own responsibilities, but she covered for me while I gallivanted around. She is amazing! Thank you, Diane!

Carolyn Navarre and Nancy Cleland and their Spring Plant Sale committee have been busy digging and potting plants. Diane, Carolyn and Kathie Libert have been very busy putting together the next yearbook. Thanks to everyone who turned in their Sign-up sheet and dues for next year in a timely manner.

We still need a Publicity Chairperson. Any volunteers??

Fall is also the time to put our gardens to bed. The civic gardens that we work on were beautiful this year, despite the late start. Who needs snow in April? Certainly not hydrangeas! Thank you, gardeners!!

Looking forward to our October meeting, potluck and elections!



# November Meeting

November 13, 2018, 1:00 pm Charlevoix Public Library Garden Enhancements

Listen while Maria Dibble shows us how to look at rocks in new ways to enhance our garden spaces.



# Adopt-a-Highway

We had a sunny, comfortable day for our fall event on Monday, September 24. Nine participants filled nine bags in one and a half hours.

A sad but sweet moment was the gentle burial Dorothy and Cindy gave a little gold finch which may have been hit by a car.

At the end of our trek there was a bit of a mystery: Strange, pale puffs of stringy lichen or fungus on an open stretch of very poor sandy soil were spotted.

# Conservation

Submitted by Carrie Minch

Please remain calm, but right now it's likely hordes of insects and their ilk from roughly 100 different species are living inside your house and there's not much you can do about it. Tidiness doesn't seem to affect the diversity of species. The vast majority do no harm and may even do some good. Many of our chronic modern diseases are associated with our failure to be exposed to biological diversity, particularly by microbes vectored by insects. So, rooms with more kinds of arthropods may well be healthier rooms.

Some preventative measures include: vacuuming, airtight food containers, vacuum-sealed clothing bags, pheromone traps, and freezing before storage. Unless hazardous to home or health, a new attitude toward bugs is due.