



Charlevoix Area Garden Club

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President's Message



SUMMER IS HERE and Charlevoix is bustling. It is so exciting to see. I love Charlevoix at this time of year, it is so picturesque. Our civic gardens are planted and they look great. Thanks to everyone who has been working so diligently to get these planted and beautiful. Many of the merchants have also planted flowers outside their stores to add to the beauty of the city. Isn't Mother Nature grand?

Our garden here at home is also flourishing with beautiful poppies and iris. Even the plants that we got from Mary's garden are getting ready to have a bloom or two. I have seen a monarch butterfly and a black one (that could be the black swallowtail, but I am not sure). Anyway, they are here and welcome. June membership meeting was such fun at Ferry Beach and everyone was glad to see one another. We were able to wear masks and maintain social distancing with this venue. We are planning to have our July meeting there also on July 14th. So bring your chair and see your friends.

The Library opened on Monday June 22 and I have obtained the rules for future meetings.

- Strongly encouraged to wear masks and maintain social distancing
- Community rooms A+B= 30 persons with chairs only and 20 with tables and chairs
- Community room A or B=15 with chairs only and 10 with tables and chairs
- Trustees Conference Room = 8

So it appears as if we can resume our normal meetings in August in the Library and perhaps use chairs only; more information to follow. I also checked and we will be able to resume refreshments.

Enjoy your summer and thank the Lord for all the beauty that surrounds us. We are all so blessed

See you all in July
Martha

Adopt A Highway

Midsummer pickup Friday, July 17th (rainy option Friday, July 24) meeting at the Reformed Church parking lot to avoid the drawbridge.

Fall pickup Friday, September 25 (rainy option Monday, September 28)

Conservation



If you provide nectar and other basic needs for hummingbirds, you can have a ringside seat to their aerial acrobatics as well as contribute in a small way to their survival.

Hummingbirds have one of the highest metabolic rates in the animal kingdom, with the fastest heartbeat of any bird species—nearly 500 beats per minute while resting and up to 1,200 beats per minute when in action. Their wings beat 50 times or more per second, propelling them as fast as 30 miles per hour which means they must consume as much as one and a half times their body weight in nectar every day. Their remarkable memories allow them to recall how much time has passed since they fed on a specific flower so they know when to return for a refill after a plant generates new nectar.

Scientists believe hummingbirds and tubular flowers evolved together, the long beaks and long blossoms working well together. Native flowers such as bee balm, cardinal flowers, salvia, scarlet sage and trumpet vine deliver more nectar than hybrid blooms. So go native?

To help hummers, position nectar feeders (with bright red trim) more than 30 feet from your house in the open or fewer than 3 feet from a window. Fill with a solution of four parts water to one part sugar—white sugar is the closest simulation to flower nectar. Never use honey; it promotes dangerous fungal growth. Shade placement avoids fermentation from 90* heat, but water needs daily changing.

During breeding season, leave some spider webs as the birds use the webbing to hold their cup nests and to probe for insects. By the way, did you know one hummingbird eats hundreds of insects a day. Also hummers need to bathe frequently and are especially attracted to moving water, dripping fountains or misting devices.

Hummers have a way of getting their little claws into you and before you know it, you're hooked!

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Submitted by Carrie Minch



July Meeting

July 14, 2020 1:00 p.m.
Ferry Beach Pavilion



August Meeting

August 11, 2020 1:00 p.m.
Charlevoix Public Library

Community Garden Teams at Work

Triangle Garden Team.



Meditation Garden Munson Healthcare Team.

