

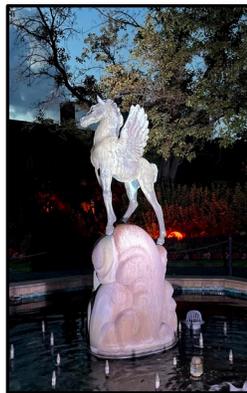
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WNF&GA National Meeting in southeast Michigan in early June – Can you identify the locations below?
 For help, see page 8. You'll find more images of the 2022 National Meeting venues on pages 5 & 6.



Many thanks to those who said “yes” when asked for their help with the 2022 National Meeting:

- Julie Beals – coordinator, Rebecca’s garden
- Kelly Brault – Oakland University representative at Matilda Wilson statue
- Onita Fitz – National Meeting registrar
- Jennifer Goldstein – sharing her own garden
- Vicki Guntenaar – coordinator, St. Sabbas Monastery
- Julia Hofley – coordinator, Judy’s garden
- Sheila Kneeshaw – coordinator, Ford House & Gardens
- Barb Lepri – Kay Rockwell role
- Mary Lynne Moellering – treasurer & payer of National Meeting bills
- Madelyn Rzadkowolski – Meadow Brook Hall curator & speaker
- Yolanda Tenorio-Thomas – coordinator, Detroit River cruise
- Charlotte D. Westbrook & Karin Bickle – Kay Rockwell presentation
- Bill Williams – picker-upper, Saturday lunch & dinner
- So many Troy Garden Club members! – Saturday dinner set-up & live auction

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Front cover photo by Mary Schwark: Forrester Garden – Birmingham, Michigan

Back cover photos by Carrie Sue Cempura and Patrick Hardy

NOTE: Magazine photos by Mary Schwark unless otherwise credited
Photo above of Sarah Bradley Tyson, from *A CHRONICLE*



President Patty Burnside

Greetings, fellow garden lovers and growers.

It is a great honor to represent you for the next two years as your president. I look forward to my role in such a long-lasting and important organization. It is my pleasure to serve you, so please feel free to contact me with your ideas, questions, concerns and suggestions. Some very talented, experienced, and capable women have stepped forward to make up your Executive Committee: Corresponding Secretary Phyllis Macke, A & O Treasurer Mary Lynne Moellering, E & C Treasurer Suzanne Smith-Oscilowski, Recording Secretary Jackie Wilson and Advisor Mary Schwark. The position of vice president, who usually plans the National Meeting, is not yet filled. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact me.

Speaking of the National Meeting, you missed a wonderful time if you were unable to attend. Following are just a few of the outings that I particularly enjoyed:

- The Nichols Arboretum Peony Garden in Ann Arbor, which was celebrating its 100th year, was gorgeous with the largest collection of herbaceous peonies in North America. Every plot was clearly labeled for those who wanted to take notes for future purchases.
- The Ford House, home of Eleanor and Edsel Ford in Grosse Pointe Shores, was charmingly designed after the Cotswold District in England. We toured the extensive gardens around the home on Lake St. Clair, and we saw the pool and lagoon restorations in progress.
- At St. Sabbas Monastery & Gardens, our group was treated to lunch with tea at the Royal Eagle Fine Dining Room, where the chef spoke briefly about our meal. The architecture and décor throughout the grounds reminded one of being in Moscow with its colorful onion domes. Within the chapel, the Russian iconography was ornate with rich colors.
- It was lovely to meet each of the three private homeowners who provided insight into the development of their unique gardens. We even met the Lithuanian-born landscape architect who works closely with one of the homeowners and who gave us tips on preferable mulch. One hostess treated us to an elegant continental breakfast on her serene, trellised patio.
- The optional Detroit Princess River Cruise with dinner had everyone enjoying views of Windsor and Detroit, accompanied by the glorious setting sun. For me, however, the real fun was inside listening to a Motown review and learning line dances. Walking back along the riverwalk, we passed attractive landscaping and a monument to the Underground Railroad.

We also visited Meadow Brook Hall Gardens, Cranbrook Gardens and the Oakland University statue honoring Matilda Dodge Wilson. We were on “gardening bliss” overload.

As we move into fall, it is now time to turn our attention to fulfilling WNF&GA’s purpose “as stated in the Articles of Incorporation, to enable our members to cooperate in furthering agricultural and horticultural interests through membership in Divisions and Branches.” I strongly believe we can carry out our mission through *INVOLVEMENT* and *INCLUSION*. Both words have many connotations. *INVOLVEMENT* can mean anything from your personally becoming more active, all the way up to starting a county or state-wide project for an area in which you are interested. For example, consider *BEES IN THE D*, the nonprofit founded by Brian Peterson with support from local Detroit businesses and community leaders. *INCLUSION*, likewise, can mean anything from promoting diversity within our membership to drawing in our more reserved members to help with projects. We also include community organizations and agencies. For example, in my Saginaw branch we initiated collaboration with *READ* and the Public Libraries of Saginaw to host author Wade Rouse (pen name Viola Shipman), who will speak at a luncheon about his book *The Heirloom Garden*. Think of the possibilities to accomplish our objectives through *INVOLVEMENT* and *INCLUSION*.

As I met many of you at the National Meeting, I welcomed your comments, suggestions and questions. Please keep them coming to me (pb@chartermi.net or 989-284-3455). Your National Executive Committee meets via Zoom on the 4th Tuesday of each month, and we can discuss your comments. Then, at the beginning of each new month, I will post responses on our website (www.wnfga.org - Password: Farm100garden). The Executive Committee will be responsive to our members.

Until the next issue, I wish you joyful gardening with nary a weed. - Patty Burnside, WNF&GA president 2022 – 2024

(photo provided)



Meet new WNF&GA Executive Committee member *Jackie Wilson . . .*

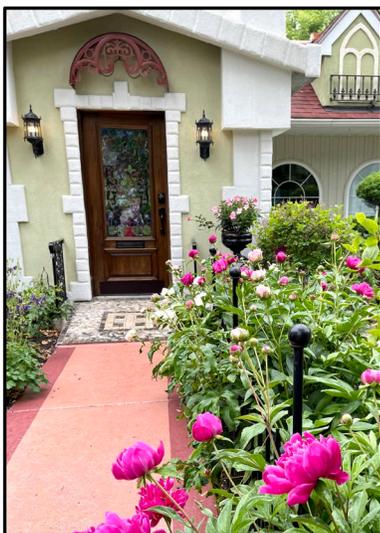
Jackie Wilson joined the Troy Garden Club in the fall of 2021, shortly after retiring from a large insurance agency, where she handled the company’s marketing. Not long after joining, she volunteered for the responsibility of hospitality chairperson at the garden club’s monthly meetings. Last spring, Jackie graciously accepted the position of WNF&GA 2022-2024 recording secretary.

Although Jackie grew up in the Cleveland area, she and her family became Michigan residents more than 37 years ago, when General Motors transferred her husband to the area. Family members, including their twin sons, are huge college football fans, and they enjoy watching games and cheering on their favorite teams. It should come as no surprise that they focus on The Ohio State University’s football games each fall. Jackie loves gardening – especially perennials – but she also enjoys chatting with other gardeners and learning new techniques.

(Other Executive Committee profiles & photos can be found in the fall 2020 Farm & Garden magazine on the WNF&GA website.)

-Jackie Wilson & her dahlias (photo provided)

Photos of the 2022 National Meeting in southeast Michigan



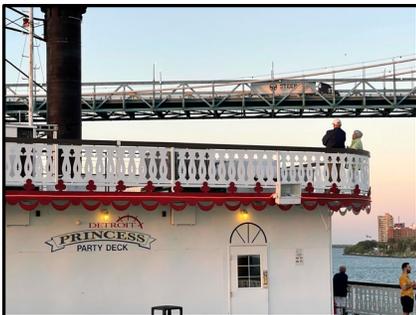
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Ford House & Gardens, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI: (1) The yellow rose of . . . the Ford House Gardens; (2) garden guide with tour-goers; (3) Edsel & Eleanor Ford with Carole Wiseman (Warren), Barb Lepri (Troy); (4) WNF&GA garden tour-goers show off their tote bags donated by Detroit's Q-LINE streetcar system.

St. Sabbas Monastery, Harper Woods, MI: (5) mother & daughter Colleen Parker & Carrie Sue Cempura, Sue Malone, Cheryl Malin (Waterford); (6) mother & daughter Raeann Krauss (Saginaw) and April Everett (Warren); (7) St. Sabbas dining room: Paula O'Brien (Warren), St. Sabbas visit coordinator Vicki Guntenaar (Troy), Carole Wiseman (Warren - back to camera), Barb Lepri (Troy) in foreground; (8) St. Sabbas peonies; (9) resident peacock & (10) St. Sabbas building & grounds



Row 1, L - R: Dequindre Cut, Detroit - (1) former rail line path; (2) meeting attendees viewing graffiti; Meadow Brook Hall Christopher Wren Dining Room - portrait of Matilda Dodge Wilson & WNF&GA members from Ohio, left, and Saginaw, right

Row 2, L - R: Meadow Brook Hall Christopher Wren Dining Room - Saginaw members; Oakland University campus - National Meeting participants surrounding Matilda Dodge Wilson's statue; Meadow Brook Hall Rose Garden - Phyllis Macke, Ohio Dooryard Branch (former WNF&GA recording secretary & current corresponding secretary)

Row 3, L - R: Detroit Princess River Cruise - on the Detroit River near the Ambassador Bridge (overhead); Judy's Garden; Jennifer's Garden

Row 4: Cranbrook Sunken Garden

WNF&GA Past National Presidents 1914 – 2022

(The list was updated September 2022. Please note several changes from previous magazine lists.)

Louisa (Mrs. Francis) King*	1914 – 21
Sarah B. (Mrs. Russell) Tyson*	1921 – 24
Miss Gertrude Copeland*	1924 – 27
Miss Marian Roby Case*	1927
Clara B. (Mrs. Henry) Ford*	1927 – 34
Mabel (Mrs. Howard W.) Lewis*	1934 – 37
Miriam (Mrs. Murray) Boocock*	1937 – 41
Martha L. (Mrs. F. Wayland) Ayer*	1941 – 44
Eva (Mrs. Paul) Burrage*	1944 – 46
Margaret (Mrs. Truman F.) Barbier*	1946 – 48
(later known as Mrs. Margaret B. Carey*)	
Edith (Mrs. Hubert) Carter*	1948 – 50
Elma (Mrs. Henry P.) Williams*	1950 – 52
Miss Gertrude Warren*	1952 – 54
Beatrice (Mrs. F. B.) Llewellyn*	1954 – 56
Elizabeth (Mrs. Homer N.) Sweet*	1956 – 58
Helen (Mrs. Ian) MacDonald*	1958 – 60
(later known as Mrs. Helen M. Sanders*)	
Miss Elizabeth C. Miller*	1960 – 62
Anne (Mrs. Benjamin D.) Holt*	1962 – 64
Matilda (Mrs. Alfred G.) Wilson*	1964 – 66
Elizabeth (Mrs. Nelson B.) Sackett*	1966 – 68
Anne (Mrs. David) Buerger*	1968 – 70
Anne (Mrs. Fred G.) Garrison*	1970 – 72
Carolyn (Mrs. Miles N.) Clair*	1972 – 74
Donalda (Mrs. Richard D.) Latham*	1974 – 76
Mae Louise (Mrs. Robert K.) Hanson*	1976 – 78
Kay (Mrs. Parker P.) Rockwell*	1978 – 80
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Hazel (Mrs. Jack H.) Herring*	1982 – 84
Susan (Mrs. Paul E.) Herbert*	1984 – 86
(later known as Mrs. Susan Celentano)	
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Martha (Mrs. William M.) Nolan*	1990 – 92
Phyllis (Mrs. William) Slattery*	1992 – 94
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Marla (Mrs. James) Diamond	2006 – 08
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Mary Bertolini	2010 – 12
Julia Siefker	2012 – 14
Molly Hammerle	2014 – 16
Rita Urbanski	2016 – 18
Mary Pat Ford	2018 – 20
Mary Schwark	2020 – 22

* deceased

Charitable Affairs 2022 Awards

Karol Carter, Charitable Affairs chairperson

The following scholarships, internships and sponsorships have been funded by the WNF&GA. Following are the announcements of 2022 funding.

Fellowships / Scholarships / Internships

Francis Plate Bequest: Chairperson – Cindy Nuss. Funded: \$2,000.00 awarded to Student Conservation Association

Sarah Bradley Tyson Fellowship: Chairperson – Karol Carter substituting for Cindy Nuss; Co-Trustees – Mary Schwark & Suzanne Smith-Oscilowski. Funded: \$4,000.00 awarded to Chelsie Rodriguez Hernandez, MS student at The Ohio State University.

Burlingame/Gerrity Horticultural Therapy Scholarship: Chairperson – JoAnn Preston. Funded: \$2,500.00. Scholarships awarded to University of Florida students enrolled in Undergraduate Certificate Programs in Horticultural Therapy: \$1,560.00 to Yadira M. Rivera Rosado; \$470.00 to Kenneth Harvey; \$470.00 to Ilesia M. Ortiz Lara.

Renaud-Peterson U.S. National Arboretum Internship: Chairperson – Natasha Cunningham Funded: \$7,500.00.

WNF&GA Temple University Ambler Campus Internship: Chairperson – Mary Pat Ford. Funded: \$2,000.00. The 2022 recipient has not yet been identified to the WNF&GA.

NEW: WNF&GA Scholarship for the Study of Conservation and Natural Resource Management: Chairperson – Suzanne Smith-Oscilowski. The scholarship will first be awarded in academic year 2023-2024.

DISCONTINUED: The Warren Sanders McNaughton Oceanographic Scholarship was permanently discontinued by a vote of attending members at the virtual 2022 National Meeting, Part 1 (business meeting), May 14, 2022.

Sponsorships

Bess Mueller Fund: Chairperson – Nancy Matthews. Funded: \$1,000.00. No applicants for 2022 project funding.

Frysyng International Project Fund: Chairperson – Kay Engelhart. Funded - \$2,000.00. National Meeting virtual attendees voted once again to fund the ***Sustainable Water, Sanitation & Energy*** project.

Hazel Herring Civic Improvement Grant: Chairperson – Gerry Howard Funded: \$3,000.00. \$700.00 awarded to Warren Garden Club Branch, MI, for Warren Community Center beautification.

Schlesinger Library: Liaison – Carole Jackson Dilley (Mrs. James E.) \$500.00 for storage of WNF&GA documents.

Cover Story – Linda Forrester’s Garden “Door” (aka, “Turning a Sow’s Ear into a Silk Purse”)



EDITOR’S NOTE: Linda Forrester, a member of the Troy Garden Club, is its current (2021 & 2022) president. The TGC used to host informal August garden walks for members to attend, and those walks featured members’ gardens. Well before the pandemic, the tradition somehow disappeared. At the club’s June 2022 board meeting, Linda first learned about those members-only walks, which were already a thing of the past by the time she joined the club. With the agreement of board meeting attendees, Linda began to plan the activity’s return. Her own garden was one of nine members’ gardens included on the August 10, 2022, walk. While standing in her garden on that day, I mentioned that I would like her glass project to be featured in the fall 2022 WNF&GA magazine. Below is an inspiring story about how Linda came to create such a magnificent and meaningful piece of garden art.

Linda Forrester’s Garden “Door” Project in her own words

When we were cleaning out my parents' home to sell, I did one last look through. I left the attic for last, and way in the corner on the floor I saw a storm door insert. I told my husband that I wanted it, and I could see he was thinking . . . another piece of junk to store in our garage. At the time I had no idea what I was going to do with it, but I liked the fact that it had eight panels.

So, after a few years and many ideas rolling around in my head, I decided I was going to do a glass mosaic. I had made many glass & concrete steppingstones for my garden and had a lot of leftover glass. My idea was to put all my pieces together without specifically cutting anything – just using leftover pieces to fit together. (I accomplished that except for one place – the brown squares.) Then came the hard part. What to do? What was my focus? Did I want to tell a story or just put squares of glass together without a cohesive theme?

So, I thought of my garden. I didn't draw out any of my ideas. I sat there, staring at the glass, trying to get inspiration and then I just started placing the pieces. When I was satisfied with the design I was working on, I started adhering the colored pieces to the original glass. After one square was finished, I'd move on to the next one, still not knowing what that square would look like. I have my flowers, the hummingbird that comes to our garden, the birds that I feed. One of my AHA! moments came when I decided to do the life cycle of the monarch butterfly. The leaf with an egg, the caterpillar and chrysalis on one side and the finished product – the monarch butterfly – on the other. The gold line that is on the chrysalis is a piece of my mom's old costume jewelry. My home garden is a designated Monarch Waystation, and I also raise butterflies from the eggs found in my garden. Last year I released 102 monarchs. This year, sadly, there are far fewer. Then at the top left corner is a pair of cardinals to represent my mom and dad, so it all ties together. When the eight panels were complete, I grouted the piece and now it sits in a prominent place in my garden, adding even more color.

My husband built a sturdy wooden frame so I could hang the panel in our garden where the afternoon sun could shine through. It was a long project but, when I view it every day, I know that the result was worth the time and effort.

The project took me about two and a half summers to complete. I didn't work on it full-time. When I started, I put the door on workhorses in the garage where it would remain all summer and into fall. Then I would wrap it up and put all my supplies away until the next year. When I was "in the zone," I could sit there all day, fitting pieces together. But most of the time, I would work on it for a while and then walk away for a few days, . . . or sometimes even for weeks at a time.

So, there you have it. I have one more door I found somewhere else. It has four horizontal panels, so who knows what that will bring? I'm thinking the four seasons.

EDITOR’S FINAL NOTE: And wouldn't it be fun to see the *four seasons* glass mosaic project when Linda finishes?

Identification of page 2 photos:

Row 1: Judy’s Garden; Ford House & Gardens Visitor Center; Nichols Arboretum peonies (their website photo)
Row 2: Dequindre Cut graffiti; Rebecca’s Garden with Barb Sturtz, Linda & Jim Pratt; St. Sabbas Monastery
Row 3: Booth Manor-Cranbrook; Meadow Brook Hall Pegasus Fountain; Detroit skyline from the river cruise; celebration cake at farewell dinner under a tent at the Troy Historic Village (above); Meadow Brook Hall ceiling (below)
Row 4: Jennifer’s Garden

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION & FRYSINGER INTERNATIONAL PROJECT FUND

Kay Engelhart & Sylvia Anderson

Following is an excerpt from the WNF&GA International Cooperation Committee Report, June 2016–May 2017:

“International Cooperation took an interesting step in a new direction at the 2016 Annual Meeting when the membership approved changing the scope of the Grace E. Frysinger International Fellowship to the Frysinger International Project, to provide funding for ACWW-vetted international projects, rather than sponsoring an international exchange fellowship as in the past. This new scope and direction is in keeping with Grace Frysinger’s original intent of building relationships with women internationally. The agreement deemed that current and future donated funds to the Grace E Frysinger Fellowship now be held in the Frysinger International Project Fund.”

In 2022, we are fortunate that WNF&GA has once again added the Frysinger International Project Fund to the list of donations funded by our investments. As laid out in the original change of scope, members agreed to continue donations to support the fund, but donations from individuals and branches are few and far between. At the June 2022 annual meeting, members voted to allocate \$2,000.00 to ACWW’s project support. I’m happy to report that funds have been sent to ACWW for that purpose.

We encourage every Branch and Division to **select one month each year** as International Cooperation Month:

- (1) to present International Cooperation as your program for members and guests AND
- (2) to collect donations to help fund the Frysinger International Project Fund

Education is key to involvement. If you don’t understand something, you tend to ignore its scope and purpose. The spring issue of *Farm & Garden* included a list of dates specific to topics important not only to the United Nations, but to ACWW and WNF&GA. Take another look and choose a topic. Do a little research and you have your program! Please feel free to contact us for more information and material to present to your members.

Are you looking for topics for your branch meetings? In line with the 17 SDG’s (Sustainable Development Goals), and the resolutions and recommendations proposed and approved by members at the ACWW Triennial conferences, the dates listed below may help with topics for your meetings.



- January 24 – International Day of Education
- February 6 – International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation; 11 – International Day of Women and Girls in Science; 20 – World Day of Social Justice
- March 8 – International Woman’s Day; 22 – World Water Day
- April 7 – World Health Day; 29 – ACWW DAY
- May 15 – International Day of Families; 20 – World Bee Day; 29 – International Day of UN Peacekeepers
- June 5 – World Environment Day; 8 – World Oceans Day; 19 – International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict; 20 – World Refugee Day
- July 30 – world Day Against Trafficking in Persons; 30 - International Day of Friendship
- August 9 – International Day of the World’s Indigenous People; 12 – International Youth Day
- September 29 – World Rabies Day
- October 11 – International Day of the Girl Child; 15 - International Day of Rural Women; 16 – World Food Day (FAO); 17 – International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
- November 19 – World Toilet Day; 20 – World Children’s Day; 25-December 11 – 16 Days of Activism to End Violence Against Women & Girls

Check the ACWW website www.acww.org.uk and the United Nations site www.un.org for details.



Changes to Associated Country Women of the World! If you have received Issue 1 – 2022 of *The Countrywoman*, you are already aware of the movement to strengthen and broaden the work of ACWW. Watch for more information soon. We welcome your questions and comments:

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ACWW Triennial World Conference, May 18-25, 2023 Registration is now open to those interested in attending the 30th Triennial World Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. All details are located on the ACWW website under *Conferences*.



Yours in International Cooperation, Kay and Sylvia

CONNECTING CHILDREN WITH NATURE - by Suzanne Smith-Oscilowski, WNF&GA Environmental Director

Are there tigers in these woods? Will deer hurt me? Can I get poison ivy by looking at it? As absurd as those questions may seem, they are, in fact, real questions asked by real children trying to understand what to expect as they exit their school buses and embark on their first adventures in one of the local preserves.

Many of us agree that the well-being of children and the natural places we love are intimately linked. Research tells us that regular time outdoors is essential for children's healthy development, but many children today are less connected to nature than ever before.

Since 2008, when Richard Louv published *Last Child in the Woods - Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*, children have become even more removed from nature. As the educator at our local environmental organization, Wissahickon Trails in Pennsylvania, I see many children of various backgrounds. Some have families that encourage outdoor play and exploration of natural areas; others do not. MANY...others do not.

A 2021 University of Michigan poll found that half of children aged 10-12, and a third of children aged 7-9, use their devices to engage with others and the world, through social media apps like PopJam, Instagram and YouTube. But ask yourself if the children in your family will remember their best days on Instagram. It's not likely. There is no app for experiencing nature firsthand. Seeing, feeling, tasting, smelling and hearing nature for ourselves - not through a screen - is an amazing experience.

A vast amount of data supports how important it is for children to experience nature directly. Positive outcomes include:

- Improving creativity and problem-solving
- Increasing physical activity
- Enhancing ability to focus and reducing the symptoms of attention deficit disorder
- Promoting social and emotional skill development
- Reducing stress and encouraging calmness

For children living with disabilities, accessing the benefits of nature can be particularly challenging. Thankfully there are many opportunities to introduce children to nature including:

- Visiting or volunteering at accessible community gardens, which often have raised garden beds
- Taking accessible farm tours
- Reading outdoors
- Enjoying bike rides using adaptive bikes or rear trailers

On their first visit to a natural area or local preserve, many kids are tentative...unsure of what to expect. There are many modalities to experience nature which afford the opportunity for all children to be included and to benefit from their experiences with the natural world. Once kids experience the wonders of nature, many of them are hooked! In fact, adults are often equally engaged. Nature does that. A video screen does not.



“Seeing, feeling, tasting, smelling and hearing nature for ourselves - not through a screen - is an amazing experience.”

-photo by
Suzanne Smith-
Oscilowski

Backyard Nature Activities for Children

Create an eco-fun environment at home. Look around and explore the places you *think* you know. Try these activities with the children in your family:

- ❖ Camp out in the backyard, or have a picnic.
- ❖ Play with the world's oldest toys - a pile of sticks! Build with them; walk with them.
- ❖ Search for hidden creatures by placing a scrap board on top of bare soil. Come back in a few days to see what moved in!
- ❖ Use dolls and action figures outdoors, where a log may become a house, rocks may become furniture, and garden flowers may become a jungle.
- ❖ Make a backyard sun oven by lining a large bowl with aluminum foil and skewering a few marshmallows. Leave the marshmallows in the sun for 15 minutes and come back with graham crackers and chocolate for **Sun Oven S'mores**.
- ❖ Spread gooey moth broth on some tree trunks after first blending overripe fruit, old fruit juice and honey. Come back after dark to see what night creatures you find.

GARDENS OF MEADOW BROOK HALL

- by Mary Schwark, interim WNF&GA gardening writer

The Hall, as it is also known, is a magnificent historical building. It was constructed in Oakland County, Michigan in the 1920s by Alfred G. Wilson and his wife Matilda Dodge Wilson. In 1964, Matilda began a two-year term as president of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association. If you didn't attend the WNF&GA's 2022 National Meeting, but you knew that it was held in southeast Michigan, you might guess that one of the meeting's venues was Meadow Brook Hall. You would be correct! In fact, on June 3, attendees met for brunch in The Hall's Christopher Wren Dining Room. Following a presentation by MBH curator Madelyn Rzadkowski, guests explored the lower level and first-floor rooms, before touring The Hall's gardens under the guidance of Meadow Brook Garden Club members.

In the mid-1950s, the Wilsons donated The Hall, a second residence called Sunset Terrace, their nearly 1500-acre property and two million dollars for the purpose of establishing a new university. Initially, the school was affiliated with Michigan State University (not with the University of Michigan, as was stated in the 2014 soft-cover book *One Hundred Years of Growing and Giving: WNF&GA 1914 – 2014*). Michigan State University Oakland (MSUO) opened to students in 1957. The name was changed to Oakland University (OU) in the early 1960s before the first class graduated in '63. OU owns The Hall and, exactly 30 years ago, MBGC was founded to care for the gardens. Since then, gardens have been planned, planted, funded, and maintained on a weekly basis, from April through November, by dedicated members of MBGC. As gardeners, they nurture plants. As fundraisers, they nurture relationships in the community.

When asked what she considers the "essence" of MBH gardens, current MBGC President Margaret Jelsma spoke proudly of the members "who not only love and understand the importance of beautiful gardens, but who also have a reverence for the history of The Hall and the family that built it. The only reward those volunteers receive is the self-satisfaction of being part of a bigger picture of preserving the beautiful parts of history." MBH volunteer Director of Gardens Mary Ellen Van Slembrouck adds, "Every week that I'm out there, I learn something new from the other gardeners!"

Pictured on the grounds of Meadow Brook Hall are a few of the many MBGC volunteers in their signature eye-catching scarlet shirts. They lovingly tend their exquisite gardens in spring, summer and fall.



See photo identifications, p. 13, top.

Page 12 photo identifications:

- ❖ Center: MBGC's certified **Monarch Waystation** (photo of sign on right) led by MBGC member Sandy Niks. Mary Ellen VanSlembrouck holds a monarch caterpillar found on a Waystation milkweed plant.

Surrounding photos, **clockwise**, beginning upper left:

- ❖ **English Garden** and open gate
- ❖ **Chimney of non-identical triplets** at Meadow Brook Hall
- ❖ **Woodland Garden**, L-R: Ruthann Bajorek, captain Susan Martin, Mary Ellen Van Slembrouck
- ❖ **Rock Garden**: Nancy Collins with euphorbia, her favorite Rock Garden plant
- ❖ **Rose Garden**: Plant "jewelry" among the roses
- ❖ **Rose Garden, L-R**: Dorothy McLaren, WNF&GA member Bev Hydo, Co-Captain Nancy Morey



SARAH BRADLEY TYSON MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP REPORT

The 2022 Sarah Bradley Tyson Memorial Fellowship (SBTMF) has been awarded to Chelsie Rodriguez Hernandez, a second year MS student in the Department of Horticulture and Crop Science at The Ohio State University. Chelsie obtained her BS in Agronomy from the University of Puerto Rico. Her master's thesis is "Native Warm Season Grasses (NWSG) – Implementation protocols and relationships with arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi." She is studying native warm season grasses as an alternative for grazing and hay production practices, hoping to improve yield of feed for ruminants. According to Chelsie, using "NWSG rather than cool-season grasses results in less nutrient leaching and therefore higher outstanding production." She is also exploring the relationship between arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi (AMF) and NWSG roots. She hopes to show that the interaction between the two will improve the production and quality of NWSG species. The four species of grasses included in her study are big bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*), Indiangrass (*Sorghastrum nutans*), eastern gammagrass (*Tripsacum dactyloides*), and switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*). Chelsie received letters of recommendation from her mentors. The SBTMF selection committee is looking forward to her 2022-2023 second-year progress report.

- submitted by Karol Carter, Charitable Affairs chairperson

GOOD NEWS ABOUT BURLINGAME-GERRITY HORTICULTURAL THERAPY !

What do the following have in common: a high-security prison; vocational therapy for students with functional diversity and developmental disabilities; trauma; substance use disorders; holistic healing in underserved and under-supported populations; severe mental illness; and transition through uncertain times? Those are the fields of the 2022 applicants for the Burlingame-Gerrity Horticultural Therapy Scholarship. Some of them have worked in the field for as long as 12- 14 years. They have experienced the miracles that can occur through the use of horticultural therapy.

The 2022 \$1,500.00 budget allocated by WNF&GA was expanded to \$2,500.00 as the result of donations from two individuals familiar with the program. Each year, individuals and WNF&GA branches can also choose to donate, and they should specify that the additional funds are meant to increase the scholarship amount to be distributed in a given year. This year the Executive Committee requested that funding be limited to no more than three students so that the amounts awarded would be more substantial.

Recipients of this year's awards are all students in the University of Florida Horticultural Therapy Certificate Program. Applicants live in Puerto Rico, Washington DC, Indiana and Gainesville, Florida. Yadira Rivera Rosado received \$1,560.00. She is a licensed psychologist who works for the Department of Education of Puerto Rico, and she is also pursuing a doctorate with a specialty in consulting, teaching and research. Kenneth Harvey and Ilesia M. Ortiz Lara received \$470.00 each. Kenneth is preparing for his AHTA Horticultural Therapy license while working as director of experiential learning at an Indiana residential treatment facility for youth. As a teacher, Ilesia plans to increase infrastructure, strengthen relationships with the surrounding community, and help increase the visibility of individuals who have developmental disabilities.

Selecting the winners was difficult for the Burlingame-Gerrity committee because all six applicants have a passion, a need and a vision. Congratulations to the awardees for their leadership efforts and for improving the quality of life for so many through horticultural therapy.

- submitted by JoAnn Preston, BGHT committee chairperson

PREVIEW: Dooryard Branch, OHIO's mystery daytrip. See details in the spring '23 magazine.

On July 8, 2022, a group of six women from the Dooryard Garden Club enjoyed a **mystery daytrip**. It was planned by Phyllis Macke, our outgoing president. The six of us fit nicely into one vehicle, and we anticipated a fun day together. We began by heading, per Phyllis' directions, to ??? It took us about an hour to get there . . . – submitted by Mary Jo Bockrath

Watch for an intriguing story that may encourage YOUR branch to plan its own mystery trip in 2023!

Ambler-Keystone Branch, PA – *There's no place like Ambler!*

Temple Ambler in Bloom was the Arboretum's annual garden party fundraiser which took place on Saturday afternoon, September 10, 2022. The theme was "There's no place like Ambler!"

On Wednesday, September 1, 2021, an EF2 tornado, spawned by the remnants of hurricane Ida, directly impacted the Ambler Campus and Arboretum. While ruby slippers may come to mind when thinking about the *Wizard of Oz*, our theme acknowledged the tornado, the significant damage it caused and the journey of reimagining and rebuilding our spaces.

We are still reeling from the losses of our tree canopy, our horticultural displays and our botanical collections. Most of the funding for new plants, trees and the development of new garden spaces came from individuals with a love of gardens and gardening. Their continued support has been invaluable! New event proceeds have gone toward Arboretum rebuilding and replanting.

Each year, the annual fundraiser supports initiatives throughout the Arboretum, such as planning and installing new gardens, maintaining existing gardens, and purchasing tools, supplies and equipment. In some years, we have chosen a specific initiative to accomplish, but this year, due to the tornado, we continued efforts to reimagine, rebuild and recover our existing garden spaces, and to create new spaces for education, exploration, inspiration, contemplation and recreation.

Held in the "Emerald City" of the Colibraro Conifer Garden, we highlighted the journey to find heart, courage and knowledge, as we worked through our ordeal, just as Dorothy, the Tin Man, the Cowardly Lion and the Scarecrow found their heart, courage and knowledge as they followed the yellow brick road.

Visitors explored the gardens, enjoyed a signature cocktail, sampled delicious hors d'oeuvres, participated in our raffle, listened to live music and shared our stories. They also tried their luck in the 2022 *Temple Ambler in Bloom Raffle*! Prizes included guest passes to Philadelphia-area public gardens, a variety of live plants, gift cards, tickets to sports events, handmade jewelry, fine wine, locally made art and a timeshare at a house in the mountains.

– submitted by Suzanne Smith-Oscilowski



Rebuilding the heavily damaged Teahouses in the Louise Bush-Brown Formal Garden at the Temple Ambler Arboretum

– photo by Kathy Salisbury

Editor's note: Nearly \$900.00 for tornado damage repair were raised during a live auction at the National Meeting in SE Michigan on June 4.

Bloomfield Hills Garden Club, MI – *Piet Oudolf Leads Tour of his Belle Isle Garden.*



Left: Oudolf Garden on Belle Isle – photo by Ryan Southen

Right, L-R: Kathy Martin, Julie Beals, Maureen D'Avanzo, Piet Oudolf – photo by Kirk Martin



The Oudolf Garden sits adjacent to the Nancy Brown Peace Carillon Tower on a three-acre site on Belle Isle in Detroit. The garden was designed by world-renowned Dutch naturalist, Piet Oudolf. It delights its visitors with ever-changing textures and colors of perennials, grasses, shrubs and trees in all four seasons!

The Bloomfield Hills Branch made an early donation to support the planting of the garden. Piet Oudolf had never seen his garden planted due to the delays caused by the pandemic. Mr. Oudolf's August visit was his first one to Detroit in three years! On August 18, major donors were invited to join in a garden tour which he led. Three Bloomfield Hills members attended the tour and reception: Maureen D'Avanzo, the branch's president when our donation was made to support the garden; immediate past president Julie Beals; and new board member Kathy Martin.

– submitted by Bobbi Polk, president

Bucks County Branch, PA – *A Year in Review*

Throughout the 2021-2022 year, our Bucks County Branch continued to hold our meetings via Zoom due to the pandemic. Although members miss the social interaction of in-person meetings, Zoom enabled us to host speakers from a variety of locations outside of our area. Speakers included Sarah Dohle, Delaware Valley University faculty member in Plant Science and Director of Participatory Plant Breeding Program. She described the seed-collecting process. Dania Otero-Perez presented *A Five-Year Native Garden Journey*. She described her five-year process of transforming a small garden in Miami from mostly lawn and exotics to a beautiful garden of native plants that brought wildlife back to the neighborhood. Next, Leah Blanton of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) presented *Connecting People with Plants: Revitalizing Urban Spaces Through Horticulture*. Leah described several gardens developed and maintained by PHS in the Philadelphia area. Lastly, Owen Wormser, horticultural designer and author, presented *Turning Lawns into Meadows*. At our November meeting, members discussed the books *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer and *Wilding* by Isabella Tree. Both books were quite inspiring.

We continued to support a scholarship for a student in environmental studies at Delaware Valley University, along with the summer intern program at Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve. In June we held our sixth annual *Designed for Nature Garden Tour*, which featured five home gardens transitioning to the use of native plants. The topic of water management was also a great success. The tour allowed us the opportunity to meet in person, as the committee first views the gardens for the tour, and then has smaller planning meetings for more than 30 volunteers on the day of the event. The garden tour also promotes our branch, which now has 65 members.

- text and photos submitted by Barbara Shaeffer, communications



Above, L-R: Barbara Ford, Missy White, MJ Kirkpatrick, Nancy Wasch

Below, L-R: Wendy Margolis, Beverley Rhinesmith Pape, Kelly Joslin



Clarkston Farm & Garden Club Branch, MI – *Nurturing beloved downtown planters*

The small village of Clarkston Michigan is dotted with downtown planters filled with colorful plantings at this time of the year. This summer's planting combinations are trailing silver dichondra, yellow calibrachoa and petunias, along with pink mandevilla on the trellis in each planter. How did the planters come to be and how did the Clarkston Farm & Garden Club develop the idea of the planters? After searching through old scrapbooks and asking longtime members, here is the story.

The Clarkston Farm & Garden Club has planted the downtown planters for more than 40 years. Originally in the 1970s, the planters were half whisky barrels, which teams of garden club members planted and tended. Two or three times a week they watered early planters by bringing to town a few gallons of water per planter. The old barrels sometimes broke and needed replacement.

In 2003, longtime member Mary Himburg was in Birmingham, Michigan, and saw waist-high stone planters that inspired the club to consider a more modern planter design. The Birmingham planters had a "B" for Birmingham on each one.

A committee was formed to discuss the idea. It was a time when the branch had more funds available, and four planters with varied inscriptions were purchased from the Davisburg Stone Company. They were placed at the four corners of the intersection of Clarkston's only downtown stoplight.

Townpeople, businesses and garden club members loved the planters and, before long, 26 stone planters adorned the sidewalks of Clarkston. They were purchased by businesses, by families in honor of loved ones, and also in *memory* of loved ones.

Elena Forbes, a member for many years, was on the original committee. She said of the planters, "Everyone loved them. They made people happy. The whole club was there when they arrived and were placed." Today, 18 years later, the planters continue to beautify the streets, and shopkeepers are so appreciative of having them in front of their stores. The planters are admired by the community and, while watering their planters, Clarkston Garden Club members often receive compliments from drivers or from those walking by.

From late February through December, branch members provide water on a regular basis, and they fertilize about every two weeks. . . . *continued on p. 17*

Barb Trueman, a more than 35-year member of the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, stands beside a downtown planter in memory of her late husband Al.



Rochester Garden Club Branch, MI – *Keeping active all summer long*

Rochester Garden Club's official year begins with our September meeting and runs through the annual meeting when officers are installed at our May luncheon, but we keep active all summer long, and the summer of 2022 was no exception.

In June, we enjoyed our annual **June Picnic**. Mostly a social event, it was hosted by our newest members. They provided drinks and desserts, and other members contributed their favorite salads. The event was a great reward for a successful year.

Next came our garden walk, a joint fundraiser for our club and the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm. Our **Children's Garden** is on the museum property, and the museum provides meeting space and other support for our club. The garden walk is staffed by members and is enjoyed by hundreds of residents who tour private and public gardens in the greater Rochester area. Also associated with our garden walk is a native plant sale fundraiser.



Above: Guests enjoy herb mocktails
Right: Mike & Carol Delaere at a **Working Thursday**



In July, it was **Garden Party** time! The Van Hoosen Farm Committee hosted an open house for the **Children's Garden**. We greeted dozens of community members, answered gardening questions and served refreshments. Some of our 2022 visitors inquired about joining the club. It was a fun and productive morning.

Our August **Summer Meeting** is planned and executed by a special committee, and it is always an educational and entertaining gathering. This year we had presentations by club members about their favorite native plants, and we brought in Brian Peterson-Roest, the founder of *Bees in the D*. He talked about his organization and how he developed an urban beekeeping model in Detroit. Check it out: beesinthed.com. ...continued on p.17

Romeo & Juliet Garden Club Branch, MI – *Hosting the branch's first-ever garden walk!*



Above: Shirley Gizinski & Kathy Bruggeman
Below: A welcoming garden

Our collaborative garden walk was a resounding success! Thank you to our participating garden owners, and to our helpers, workers and all the visitors who attended our debut event. We are so proud of our efforts and our first garden walk, and there definitely will be others. The next one will be on July 15, 2023. Three gardens are already lined up!

It was daunting to be chairperson of the garden walk, as well as having my own home garden on display. Details, details, details. All six venues were interesting and show-worthy! The owners of five of the six stunning gardens were members of our garden club branch, and two of them were even new members!

An artist painted in one garden and a violinist played in another. One of our country gardens was a working orchard with a quaint bakery, where both bakery goods and honey were available for purchase. The owner is also a beekeeper! All details made for a very pleasant experience.

Event proceeds have been split with the Romeo Historical Society. In that way, both organizations will be able to further their community involvement and assist with area beautification.

-submitted by Kathy Bruggeman, president



Left: Garden walk venue's She-Shed
Below: Al fresco dining



Clarkston Farm & Garden Club Branch, MI . . . continued from p.15

The planters have pansies in early spring, summer plantings in late May, fall displays in September and then winter greenery or a holiday display. They are battery- lighted for Christmas. Two chairpersons lead members who wish to help with choosing plant material. In 2022, Tina Lewis and Beth Kudla are chairpersons for the planter project. Soil is also amended annually. Mayor Eric Haven recently sent a note to the branch about the beauty of the planters.

Clarkston is just one community with an active Farm and Garden Branch that works to create beauty in their community. We know that many residents don't really know how Clarkston's planters came to be part of the landscape or how they are taken care of, but that doesn't matter if they enjoy the flowers and the beauty of their community.

-submitted by Joette Kunse, public relations chairperson

Rochester Garden Club Branch, MI . . . continued from p.16

On the first and third Thursdays of each month, club members volunteer in the *Children's Garden* to help keep it beautiful. Those *Working Thursdays* are a perfect way to learn gardening tips and techniques, to see how plants really grow and to share interesting stories.

The grand finale of the summer was a ticketed event which was open to the public. The Van Hoosen Farm Committee brought in Rebecca Culley-Healy, a renowned naturopathic doctor who presented *Spice Rack Herbalism*, which featured her vast knowledge of our most commonly used culinary herbs. The presentation was followed by a demonstration by the Herb Committee of their favorite salad dressings, shrubs and herbed butters. There was even a demonstration of how to create delicious mocktails. With more than 70 in attendance, the event turned into a successful fundraiser as well. The Rochester Garden Club is a vital, fun and important presence in our community, and we had a terrific summer!

-photos & text provided by Jenny VanDusen, president

Tri-County Garden Club Branch, NY – *Romancing the Stone*

The Tri-County Branch in upstate New York held a floral arts show on August 6, 2022, at the Slate Valley Museum in Granville, New York. The theme was *Romancing the Stone* to honor the history and culture of the slate industry in our community, which is known as the *Colored Slate Capital of the World*.

Design categories included the following: creative underwater design called *Quarry Depths, Tools of the Trade*, an assemblage using actual slate working tools; *Sticks and Stones*, a creative linear design, and *Rock Stars*, a creative design. Club members were encouraged to participate in a group challenge using red geraniums which were supplied to them, as well as herb window boxes and terrariums which featured at least three plants. The group challenge was part of the horticulture section entitled *Gems from the Earth*.

The show was a wonderful tribute to the talents of Tri-County members, and it was an honor to have Bea Peterson of the Cambridge, New York Branch participate as one of the judges.

In other Tri-County news, funds were raised to award four college scholarships in June 2022 to graduating high school seniors who plan to study in fields related to the goals of our organization. In June we traveled with the Cambridge Branch to Rogerland Gardens in nearby Vermont to view beautiful gardens. A winery field trip is planned for late September.

-submitted by Joanna Prouty, president



Left & left center: Floral arts displays at the Slate Valley Museum are shown with trucks used in the slate industry. -both photos by Christine Parth

Right center & right: Floral arts displays at the Slate Valley Museum & Rogerland Gardens in Vermont -both photos by Joanna Prouty

SINGLE BRANCH MEMBERSHIP

Members-at-Large + Comp + Emeritae 9
7 Single-Branch Garden Clubs
(NY, OH, PA) 184

SINGLE BRANCH TOTAL 193

WNF&GA TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 1304

MICHIGAN DIVISION MEMBERSHIP

Members-at-Large 14
24 Single-Branch Garden Clubs
(Michigan) 1097

MICHIGAN DIVISION TOTAL 1111

- submitted by Cheryl Malin, WNF&GA registrar

Hazel Herring Civic Improvement Grant Application

Application made by (branch name) _____

Number of branch members _____ Michigan Division? YES ___ NO ___

Project title _____

Total cost of project \$ _____ ✓one: Estimate? ___ OR Exact? ___ Amount requested \$ _____

Name of Person submitting application _____

Address (#, street name, city, state, zip) _____

Phone number(s) HOME _____ CELL _____

Email address (Write neatly to assure accuracy.) _____

The application process must include the materials listed below, which should all be sent together, if possible.

1. Send the completed application form via regular mail or via email.
2. Send a written description – 3 *typed* pages maximum – describing the project, the goal, the sweat equity (who will be involved in the project) and the total cost of the completed project.

3. Provide copies of the completed application to the submitting member's branch &, if applicable, to the division president.

4. Send four digital photos in a .jpg format **WITH THE APPLICATION**. If the applicant is unable to send photos via email, provide the name of the person who will send or has sent the digital photos separately.

Mail completed application
& photos to:

Gerry Howard
12735 Scott Road
Davisburg, MI 48350

Phone: 248-634-3766
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May 1, 2023*

Requirements of 2023 Grant Recipients

1. Submit a **final report** to Gerry Howard at the above address **no later than May 1, 2024**.

2. Include in the report:

- a. a brief description of the completed project
- b. four digital photos of the completed project (with identification of branch/division name, title of project and date of project completion)
- c. name of person who submitted the application, along with phone number, email address and mailing address

BESS MUELLER FLORAL ARTS FUND APPLICATION INFORMATION

Nancy Matthews, National Floral Arts Chairperson, fancynancy25@verizon.net, 215-542-6932

Following a change which was proposed, discussed and formally approved at the 2018 National Meeting, branches may use the Bess Mueller Fund in support of events as listed in paragraph 2 below. THE EVENTS MUST BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. The Fund will provide a monetary incentive to stimulate an active interest in the floral arts.

Specifically, the Bess Mueller Fund may be used to support judges' schools, flower shows, floral arts programs, workshops and guest speakers. The fund also provides podium flowers at each annual National Meeting.

Applications for funding are received by the Floral Arts Chairperson listed above. The funds are disbursed by the E & C Treasurer.

BESS MUELLER FLORAL ARTS EDUCATION FUND APPLICATION

Applications must be received by the National Floral Arts Chairperson by March 1, 2023.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The amount awarded may not fund your entire project.

Branch _____ Michigan Division YES ___ NO ___

Project Title _____

Brief Description of Project _____

Event Date _____ Event Location _____

Estimate of Total Expenses \$ _____ Amount Requested \$ _____

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WNF&GA Membership Application for Members-at-Large 2023

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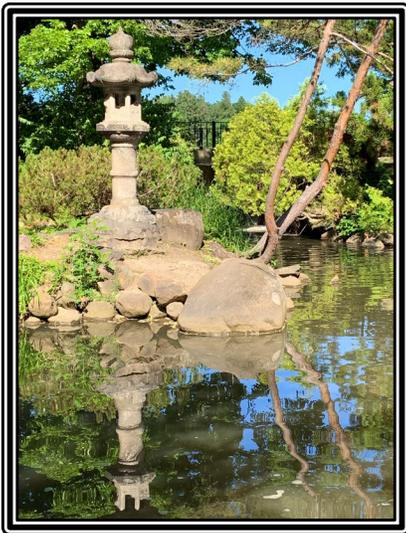
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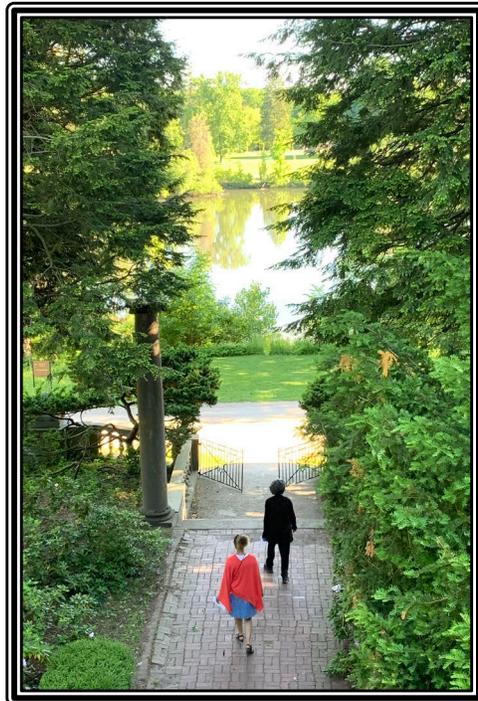
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2022 National Meeting in
Southeast Michigan



Above: National Meeting Reflections

*Right: Shirley and Arnetta – both photos
by Patrick Hardy, Troy Garden Club*



*Below: Meadow Brook
Rose Garden Colonnade
– photo by Carrie Sue Cempura,
Waterford Garden Club*

