

Grass Roots Column

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Hello Gardeners!

Here we are nearly in the middle of our growing season already and my enthusiasm for gardening is not waning. I see new growth, budding flowers and vegetables getting plump everyday and wonder what I would do without gardening? It is my hobby. The thing that piques my interest and draws me into online seminars, gardening shows and any nursery or garden center I happen to pass by.

Gardening is of course therapy; we all know that. But gardening may be what saves us from hasty poor decisions because gardening has taught us patience. Gardening gives us a great excuse to create space from the people we love dearly when necessary. Gardening gives us time to reflect, think, pray, plan and dream about whatever is in our hearts and minds that needs our undivided attention.

So why are there not more of us? With these positive attributes and so many more, why have we not invited our friends, neighbors and acquaintances to join us in this therapeutic endeavor that makes us all so happy?

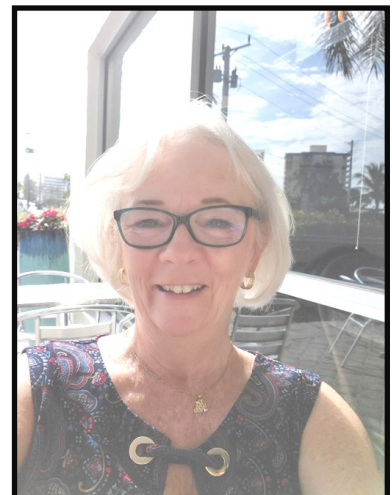
I think it is time to stop and stretch our minds and consider this opportunity. There are many people that envy our hobby, our talent and the fun we are having. They may be shy about asking to join you as you garden to learn, they may think it is so much harder than it really is, they may think its too expensive to "get involved in another craft project".

So, I am going to challenge myself to focus on who I will invite to our next meeting, or a future meeting and begin that conversation and I want each of you to do the same! Share this joy with someone and be "that person" that opened the door to growing real food or flowers for someone you know.

This is the year that so much more interest is on the horizon in being self-sustaining, doing things as a family, and taking time to enjoy nature. This is the year that Lakeshore Garden Masters is set to grow in membership and bring new people to our harvest tables.

Get growing together!

Susan Thorpe
President, Lakeshore Garden Masters



LGM Purpose

The purpose of the Lakeshore Garden Masters is to bring together gardeners for fellowship, plant exchange, educational programs, and support for volunteer garden projects.

2021 Monet Garden Volunteer Schedule (Linda Hecksel-chairperson)

Hello gardeners!

I love spring! New life begins in the gardens with plants coming up after a long nap. The leaves on the trees come out, making the woods green and beautiful. Little critters are born; sometimes they can be seen sleeping in the leaves. And then comes the heat! I am not complaining, we waited long enough for it. But now the weeds are growing, and they always grow faster than the flowers, I swear. The garden is looking good, annuals are planted, and leaves are cleaned up. Come down and look, the pond is open and will soon have fish in it. We can always use help maintaining garden, but if you aren't able to do that, just come down and visit. I think it is a little oasis, a place to unwind and relax. Hope to see you at the garden!

Thursday June 10, 10-1

Tuesday June 22, 5-8

Thursday July 8, 10-1

Tuesday July 20, 5-8

Thursday August 5, 10-1

Tuesday August 17, 5-8

Thursday September 2, 10-1

Tuesday October 12, 5-8

Thursday October 21, 10-1

Plant Sharing Rules

1. Bring a plant; take a plant
2. Bring healthy plants with no disease or insects attached!
3. Label everything
4. Put seeds/bulbs in a zip-lock or envelope
5. Bring plants in a sturdy container; plus a container to take home
6. New LGM members are especially encouraged to participate.

2020 Leadership Council Officers

President: Susan Thorpe
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Plant /Seed Sharing All members

Education Programs-Leadership/Trustees

Don't forget to check FACEBOOK for both the Lakeshore Garden Masters page and also the Monet Garden page. Feel free to post on these pages and share with interested friends.



LAKESHORE GARDEN MASTERS 2021 CALENDAR

Dues \$25/year; Guests \$5/meeting lakeshoregardenmasters.org and Facebook

Meetings for 2021 will be creative and fun! Join us this summer as we travel to residential gardens hosted by the homeowner/gardener. See how each gardener planned and planted their flower and vegetable gardens and share ideas while strolling the property!



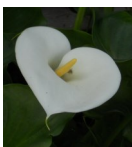
June 28, 2021 – Jean Baker will host the meeting in her garden at: 4090 Eastlake Road, Muskegon. Please bring a chair and your beverage of choice to stay hydrated! Jean has an expansive garden and is a beekeeper as well so we will learn something new! Plan to arrive no later than 6:30 PM.

July 26, 2021 – Marsha Green will host the meeting in her garden at: 2270 Corinne Avenue, Fruitport Township. Please bring a chair and your beverage of choice to stay hydrated! Marsha has been a gardener for many years and has a great deal of ideas to share. Plan to arrive no later than 6:30PM

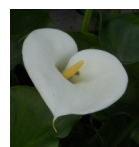
August 23, 2021 – David Mellema will host the meeting in his garden at: 927 Airport Road, Norton Shores, MI. Please bring a chair and your beverage of choice to stay hydrated! David has been gardening and growing many types of flowers and vegetables and has great tips to share. Plan to arrive no later than 6:30 PM.

September 27, 2021 – Pamela Stevens will host the meeting in her garden at 17211 Timber Dunes Drive, Grand Haven. Please bring a chair and your beverage of choice to stay hydrated! Pamela has been gardening for many years and loves to show off her flowers and vegetables. Plan to arrive no later than 6:30 PM.

October 25, 2021 – Our final meeting of the year always includes voting in new officers so please plan to be here! Meeting will be at Hackley Library, 316 W. Webster, Muskegon on the lower level. Please plan to arrive no later than 6:30 PM.



Carol Wolfe, member, past officer and friend of Lakeshore Garden Masters, has passed away. Please keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.



Lakeshore Garden Masters, Secretary's Update

Winter 2020-2021

During these last months:

- A get-well card was sent to Susan Thorpe (Dec. 2020)
- Newkirk Electric donated \$1500.00 to our organization. A thank-you note was sent in January 2021 to the corporate office on Roberts Street, Muskegon. This local company has supported us in the past.
- Carol Wolfe, a former garden trustee, passed away. A sympathy card was sent in March 2021, to her family in Montague, MI.
- Two gardening days have occurred this year (April 29 and May 13).
- The next meeting and gardening is scheduled for Monday, May 24, 2021

Respectfully,

Sharon M. Schafer, Secretary, Lakeshore Garden Masters

LGM General Meeting

Monday, May 24, 2021

Annual Planting Day at the Monet Garden

President Susan Thorpe reviewed the October, 2021 meeting minutes and current treasure's report.

One new member, Sheryl Skelton, attended. Members introduced themselves and welcomed Sheryl to the club. We now have eighteen paid members.

The plan this season is to visit members' outdoor gardens. Five members have graciously offered to host meetings at their homes.

In October, a meeting with the election of new officers, is scheduled for Hackley Public Library.

Annuals were planted today. Renewal of the garden area near the pond is on the to do list. Currently the pond needs to be cleaned and opened for the summer. New waterlilies and fish are also needed. Installation of a heater and an aerator is planned for fall.

An event with a plein-aire artist is being investigated as a fundraiser at the Monet Garden. The garden may also host a September wedding. No fee is charged for usage as the city owns the lot where the garden is located.

Potential day trips to area of garden interest were discussed. Members were asked to let the President know of interest.

We have an active Face Book page with several hundred followers.

The next LGM meeting is June 28, at 6:30 PM to view Jean Baker's gardens and bees.

Respectfully ,

Sharon M. Schafer, Secretary, LGM

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MEETINGS



Dues and LGM Membership Information

Lakeshore Garden Master Dues

Dues for the Lakeshore Garden Masters organization are due yearly from January 1-December 31. They may be prepaid at the October meeting or paid at the March meeting. Cost of the dues is \$25.00. Late dues should be mailed to:

Sharon Rubelman
1599 N. Peterson Rd
North Muskegon, MI 49445

Lakeshore Garden Master Membership

Lakeshore Garden Masters' organization is open to anyone who enjoys gardening. Meetings are once a month and open to members and guests. The get-togethers usually include a potluck, a short business meeting, and a speaker with timely information that pertains to gardens and gardening. Lakeshore Garden Master members also maintain the Monet Garden in downtown Muskegon.

Membership Information

Please Print Clearly

New Member _____ Renewing Member _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Tele. # _____ Cell Phone # _____

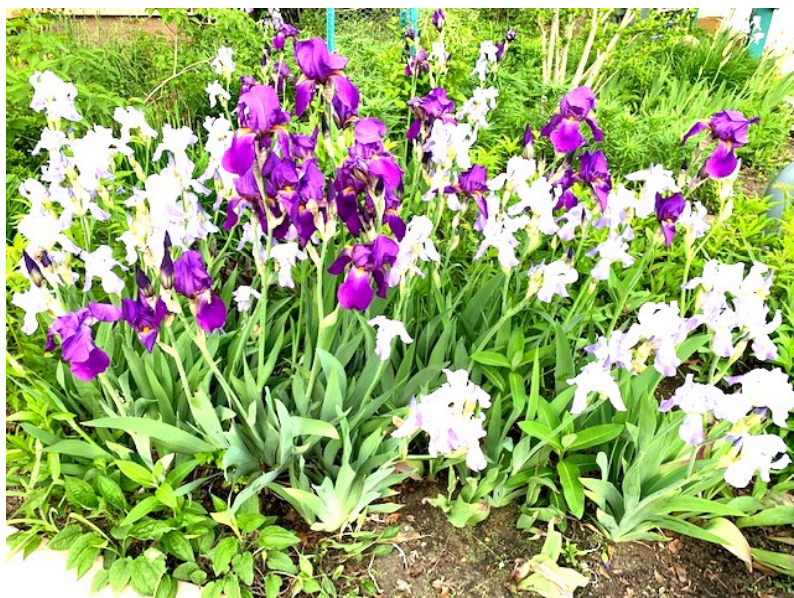
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Date Paid _____ Dues Received By _____

Can also mailed to:

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MONET GARDEN, MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN PAVER PROJECT

Yes, I want to be an enduring part of this historic endeavor. Here is my pledge:

Just print this page and mail it with your pledge to the address below. If you are unable to visit the garden, you will soon be able to view the installed and inscribed pavers on this web site.

_____ Number of standard 4" X 8" paver(s) @ \$ 50.00 each

Inscription for paver

(3 lines of 12 spaces ea. paver)

Paver one

Paver two

Please make checks payable to:

LAKESHORE GARDEN MASTERS.

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