

Grass Roots Column

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Hello Gardeners!

I am so honored to again be your President of the Lakeshore Garden Masters. Sharing news about the joy of gardening with all of you gives me such a deep appreciation of all your knowledge and experience. This is what we will focus on this year in our monthly meetings as a change of pace.

With all the ups and downs of 2020 our leadership team felt it would be a great idea to get back to basics from the beginning years of this club. In the beginning we met in each other's backyards to proudly show the fruits of our hard labors and to share ideas. Our calendar this year has accomplished just that! I am excited to visit four different gardens hosted by our members from June to September. Check out our calendar for the dates and locations and join us! We are ready to get together again after a long hiatus.

Our first meeting on May 24, will be at the Monet Garden where we will be planting the many flats of annuals that are the final piece of the Monet performance for the summer! So much has been done on the Monet last year with moving, pulling, rearranging and planting the perennials and shrubs.

2020 was also a beneficial year as our Marsha Green continued to do her best work as our grant writer and again, we have been awarded a \$500 donation! Our endowment fund that is held at the Community Foundation of Muskegon continues to grow and provide the Monet Garden a solid foundation for future plantings and structural work. Our membership dues provide the revenue needed for field trips and speakers when we get back to that type of agenda. So overall our club has survived the pandemic in good standing and we look forward to more opportunities to learn new ways to care for our flowers and vegetables.



So, let's get out and garden!
Susan Thorpe,

President, Lakeshore Garden Masters

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

Please come and help with weeding, cleaning, transplanting and all the things gardeners love to do. If you have questions please contact Linda Hecksel, Monet Garden Chairperson.

Tuesday April 20, 5-8
Thursday May 13, 10-1
Monday May 24, 4-8 Planting of
 annuals (See page 3)
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

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.

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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!



May 24, 2021 – Meeting will be at the Monet Garden, at Fifth and Clay Streets in Muskegon. We will be planting many flats of annuals and need your help! We will start at 4 PM and end by 8 PM. You may join us anytime and stay as long as you want! Bring tools and a snack for yourself and beverage to stay hydrated!

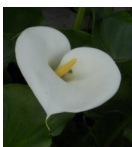
June 28, 2021 – Jean Baker will host the meeting in her garden at: 4090 Eastlake Road, Muskegon. Please bring a chair and your beverage of choice to stay hydrated! Jean has an expansive garden and is a beekeeper as well so we will learn something new! Plan to arrive no later than 6:30 PM.

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 6:30 PM.

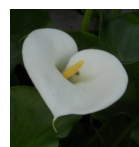
August 23, 2021 – David Mellema will host the meeting in his garden at: 927 Airport Road, Norton Shores, MI. Please bring a chair and your beverage of choice to stay hydrated! David has been gardening and growing many types of flowers and vegetables and has great tips to share. Plan to arrive no later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

Monday, October 26, 2020

Fricano's in Muskegon

Present: Susan Thorpe, Linda Hecksel, Monica Smith, Pam Stevens, Dave Mellema and Sharon M. Schafer

The meeting was called to order by Susan Thorpe at 6:00 PM

The main purpose of the meeting was election of officers. All candidates were running unopposed. Results: President-Susan Thorpe, Trustee-Dave Mellema, Trustee-Pam Stevens. The position of Vice President is currently open.

Active membership is about 34 members. Those who paid their 2020 membership will have them carried over to 2021. Membership dues have not been increased for at least twenty years and will be \$25.00 for 2021.

With the year 2021 still uncertain, a possible calendar of meeting topic/events was discussed:

- March, April, and May could include field trips or an educational program
- June, July and August and September could be held at members' home gardens
- October is season end, and includes elections and a meal

Linda Hecksel reported on the continuing renovation of the Monet Garden plantings with the aid of Vicki, a professional garden designer. This work will continue into 2021. Kudos to Marsha Green for researching, applying and procuring garden grants.

In September, a thank-you note was sent to Ted Fricano for his support of our activities, and another will be sent after this meeting.

The meeting ended at 7:00 PM.

Hope to see you all next spring!

Sharon M. Schafer, Secretary of Lakeshore Garden Masters



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

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New Member _____ Renewing Member _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Tele. # _____ Cell Phone # _____

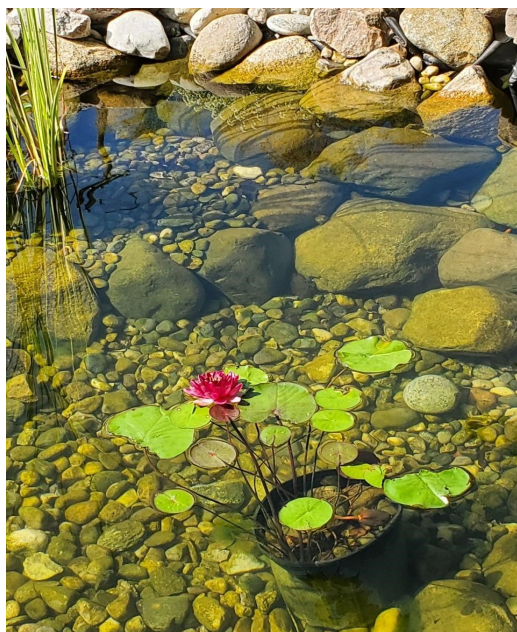
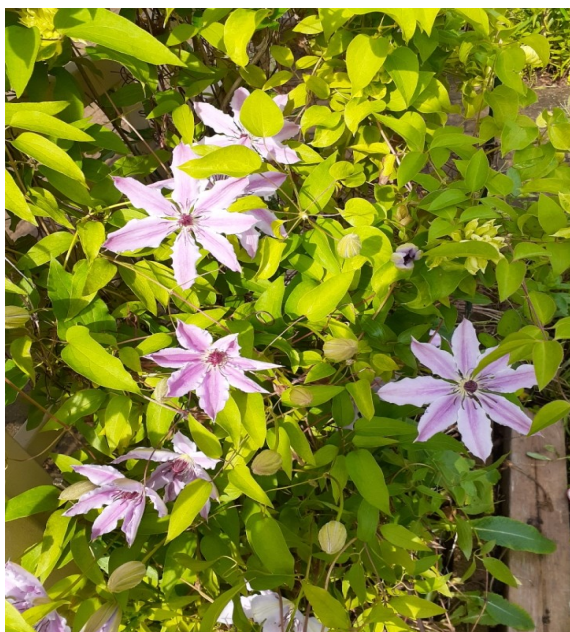
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