

Ann Arbor Garden Club

April 2010 Newsletter

From Nancy Hart, AAGC President:

This has been the spring of a lifetime. What utter joy and bliss in our part of the country. I can't imagine many things sweeter than waking to the sounds of birds and the sight of that particular green of spring. This is the time of year that lifts the hearts of all gardeners, and we've been truly lucky.

The April board meeting brought two energetic members to talk about ways to bring the club along in the coming years. Pat Laughlin has agreed to become Vice President for Membership, and Rose Marie Varga has agreed to become Vice President for Programming. Together they will be working on bringing more working hands along to keep the club alive and well.

I will be serving my last year as president in '10-'11, and you need to be thinking about who would like to take over the job next year; could it be you? The club has to have a president and Bonnie Ion and I wish to step down from the position. At the May board meeting we will settle on a final slate of officers to be voted on at the June dinner meeting. Joanne Warner Handelsman is thinking about retiring as refreshment chair, so unless someone else volunteers we may need to stop having beverages available at the meetings.

Please let us know your wishes on everything, and do come to the board meetings. It was hopeful to see the energy and vision that Pat and Rose Marie brought with them.

WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!

For 2010-'11 we need someone to chair the following committees: Garden Tours, Ways and Means and Workshops (and, possibly, Hospitality). Next year we'll need at least a new president and a new person to chair Publicity. The offices are for two years.

Programs for 2010

April 14th – 7:30pm Matthaei: “Our Dining Table’s International and Native Guests”: Native & Foreign Vegetables by Carol Broadbeck.

June 4th – 6:00pm Annual Dinner at Sharon Terry’s: a potluck with the club providing a turkey. (*N.B.*, the date was mistakenly given as June 6th in the October newsletter.

District IIA Spring Meeting: Saturday, April 24th in Hillsdale, MI. Good news re: controversy over raising state dues to cover publication problems. There will not be an increase for next year and the amount being considered for the year following is just \$2, not \$10! Many thanks to Marie Smith and Margaret Jahnke for staying on top of this. Their active, lively advocacy has made a difference. (Did I say tough? Nah, never!)

Board meeting: Monday, May 10th at Marie Smith’s: come join us at 5:30pm for dinner. Marie sent these directions:

Our home is 7 miles west of Saline, pass thru the little community of Bridgewater and turn right on the dirt road, Schellenberger Rd. This dirt road is on a curve, a horse farm is on the west side of the dirt road and vacant 10 acres is on the east side of the dirt road. Our driveway is the 4th driveway on the left side, east side. The house is gray and sets back from the road, there are fenced pastures with the driveway between the two pastures. Across the road from us is a large cement block barn and several pasture, another horse farm. Any questions just call me. 734-223-0596 and I look forward to seeing you all so we can finish a rather productive discussion from the last meeting.

Electronic news in the 21st century.

Our state organization, Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. has gone to an electronic format. You can keep up with the state activities either by going directly to their web site: *Michigangardenclubs.org*, or by using the link from our site: **annarborgardenclub.org**.