

Ann Arbor Garden Club

March/April/May 2017

“Looking to the Future”
April 5th, 7p.m.
Matthaei Auditorium

Karen Sikkenga, Associate Director for Matthaei Botanical Gardens, will speak to the Ann Arbor Garden Club about new opportunities in the future, including membership growth, program opportunities, and ways to connect with the community at large. The Ann Arbor Garden Club engages in volunteer efforts with Matthaei and has a long history with the Botanical Gardens and with Nichols Arboretum.



“A Greenhouse Of My Own” – Bonnie Ion
March 1st, 7p.m. Matthaei Room 125

“Annual Potluck and
End of the Year
Celebration”
May 3rd, 7p.m. Room 125

This evening includes the annual business meeting and election of officers. Entree and beverage will be provided. Bring a dessert or light salad to pass. Members are also encouraged to bring some clippings to share from their garden.

OFFICERS – 2017/2018
Kathy Stroud – President
Candie Sorensen – Treasurer
Mary Fowler – Secretary

*The Club is also looking for nominations for a vice-president. If you would like to serve in this capacity, please contact President Kathy Stroud at 734.761.8281.

After years and years of overwintering plants in the house and in other people’s greenhouses, the Ions decided to build a recycled materials greenhouse three years ago. The talk will outline the steps we took to assemble the materials, build the greenhouse and then prepare it for its first winter (and second and now third). It is a work in progress but as gardeners, it is heaven. A greenhouse isn’t for everyone and after hearing what goes into building and maintaining one, you can decide whether you want one in your life.

Greens Workshop Recap

The Annual Greens Workshop on December 10th proved to be a wonderful success due to the planning arrangements by Nancy Hart and the expert demonstration by Denise Looker. Members and visitors made various holiday decorations from traditional wreaths to mantelpiece designs, and table decorations. The event was well attended (breaking past workshop records) and gave many of the visitors in attendance an opportunity to join the club. **Welcome to new members Kathy Friedrichs, Linda Green, and Noel Winkler.** Thank you to club members Susan Beecher, who provided an evergreen from her property, Robert Carter for cutting wire, Kathy Stroud for transporting greens, and for all the individuals who brought refreshments for the brunch.



Internet Resources

AAGC member Susan Beecher encourages members to check out the following web resources to help with gardening tips and information. The sites include videos, articles and much more.

Gardenrant.com

Awaytogarden.com

Nativeplantpodcast.com