

ANN ARBOR GARDEN CLUB FALL NEWSLETTER 2012

FLOWER SHOW A WONDERFUL SUCCESS

The AAGC annual Flower Show “Celebrating Our Republic” was held at the Ann Arbor Public Library, Pittsfield Branch, on Saturday, September 8th. Although the dry summer challenged all of our gardens, members brought 66 pieces of horticulture to exhibit.

Glenda Perry won the Alfa Colley Challenge with her Heuchera 'Caramel'. Alfa Colley was a long time AAGC member, a Master Flower Show Judge, and a very creative, artistic person, who shared her talents with everyone. She amazed people at Matthaei with her knowledge of chocolate and her ability to make delicious and beautiful chocolate articles. She was always in the background supporting the cause of the AAGC, and gardening in general. Those who knew her will always miss her. The Alfa Colley Award, was created in her memory, by her daughters, following her demise 6 years ago. The prize is meant to exemplify Alfa's creativity and challenge to do new things. Congratulations Glenda!

Other winners included Robert Carter for Horticulture - Best of Show with his Haemanthua 'alhaflos' Jacq. First place winners in the design category included Chris Rochman, Design Class 1 - 'Land of Plenty', Nancy Hart, Class 2 – ‘A Taste of Home’, and student judge Lynda Foster from Williamson, Class 3 - 'Fireside Chat'. Lynda Foster also won the Best of Show for Design.

Thank you to our judges, Angie Wilkie, Ruth Moline, and Della Haydon, and our clerks, Christine Alexander and Sharon Terry. Lunch was provided by our club members (including a birthday cake to celebrate Robert Carter's birthday). Lois Foyle worked in the kitchen with Christine Alexander and Sharon Terry.

Thank you to everyone who participated and special thanks to Marie Smith and husband Ron, who did a spectacular job organizing the show!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

The AAGC will host a variety of events in the next few months. Please RSVP Pat McLaughlin (tricialin@hotmail.com) if you are participating in the scarecrow contest in October. Don't forget to register with Denise Looker (dlooker444@hotmail.com) if you are planning to attend the Greens Workshop in December. Cost \$15.

Next year, the AAGC will join with the Loch Alpine Garden Club at the Dexter District Library – 3255 Alpine. The library is just 1 block north of Main St. Talks will be in the lower level and refreshments will be served.

March 13, 2013 (Wednesday) 1p.m. Faye Stoner, Washtenaw County Naturalist Presentation. Faye has been with Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation since 1999. She has a degree in biology and is certified in Environmental Studies.

April 10, 2013 (Wednesday) 1p.m. Jacquelyn Warwick "Bluebirds in the Backyard, Others in the Front". Jacquelyn is the Michigan Garden Club's state bird chairman. She will drive here from Berrien Springs to present this enthusiastic program.

If you would like to submit information to the AAGC Newsletter, please contact club President Pat McLaughlin (tricialin@hotmail.com).