

# FARMINGTON GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Editor-

“Grow a garden for your body, mind and spirit”

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Hi! I hope that everyone has been enjoying this beautiful summer. We, as a club had a lovely picnic in July with good friends & delicious food. In August, the Garden Walk was a great success thanks to the perfect weather, lots of work by Betti Pool and her committee and the generous sponsorship of Steinkopf's Nursery.

**Starting this month, we're going to try an every other month newsletter.** If it works, we'll save paper and stamps. Since we're not going to have Holiday Tables this year, we're exploring other possible fund raising projects. Suggested so far for consideration are a calendar (no, not pin-up), cookbook, ice-cream social, or a jumble sale. If you have any other ideas PLEASE tell a board member. We need to raise some money, but always want to do it in as fun a way as possible. If you have other ideas PLEASE tell a board member

Our speaker for **September will be Walter "Dr. Chip" Hickey** who will tell us how to create a friendly environment for attracting feathered friends to our gardens.

On Monday, **October 6**, the **DIA** will present the program "**Monet to Dali, Impressionist and Modern Masters.**"

There will be a sign-up sheet and details at the September meeting for the District I Fall Meeting "A Harvest Happening" on Tuesday October 7, at Crystal Gardens in Southgate.

There will be a Board meeting on September 8 at 10:30 prior to the meeting. See you in September.

*Chris*

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**Hostess Committee: September Chairman Joann Jenkins, Mary Lou Seaman and Joan Hinkle – October Chairman Lenore Detizio, Joyce Green and Florence Lotts**

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**GARDEN TIP:** This may be the best time of the year to buy and plant perennials. The prices are plummeting, and the plants have plenty of time to spread their roots before the cold comes.

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## GARDEN WALK – FINAL REPORT

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compliments for all the private gardens, the Warner Mansion gardens and the actual garden walk in total. We had a perfect day for it and it went smoothly except for the last minute detour because of Farmington Road being worked on. All of the gardeners enjoyed themselves also. Steinkopf did a good job of selling a lot of shrubs, perennials and garden items. Beth told me that they needed to send for more plants twice. I know she was real pleased with our turnout. From a conversation I had with her, they will be sponsoring us again in the future. Nice to know. Adrienne Goldbaum was selected for the 1<sup>st</sup> place prize but didn't feel the armillary would fit into her garden so she passed on that and took home 3 perennials – 2 coral bells and 1 clematis, she was pleased. I then called the second place winner, Leslie Jumisko of Livonia, and informed her that she had won the armillary and she was just thrilled. She must have told me "thank you" 10 times and gave me a big hug. It was great making someone that happy. The 3<sup>rd</sup> prizewinner, Cyndie Bloor of Waterford, contacted me and will be picking up her 2 perennials – 1 autumn joy and 1 bushy Shasta daisy (unusual). I know she will be pleased. All in all I am happy with how everything went and I want to thank all of our garden club members for all their hard work to make this come together seemingly easy.

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***Betti Pool***

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Garden Club Meeting

Spicer House – Heritage Park  
**Monday, September 8, 2008**  
**Board Meeting 10:30 am**  
General Meeting Noon

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