

# BEAUTIFICATION COUNCIL OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

Area I of Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc.

## Quarterly Meetings 2017-2018

**December 14** Dearborn, see pg.4  
**March 22, 2018** BCSEM/KMB Joint Meeting (tentative)  
**June 2018** City Of Southfield  
**September 20, 2018** City of Inkster  
**December 2018** OPEN

## Famous Quotes to Ponder

“Though the word beautification makes the concept sound merely cosmetic, it involves much more: clean water, clean air, clean roadsides, safe waste disposal and preservation of valued old landmarks as well as great parks and wilderness areas. To me ... beautification means our total concern for the physical and human quality we pass on to our children and the future.”

**Lady Bird Johnson**

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

**Mahatma Gandhi**

“In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.”

**Martin Luther King Jr.**

“Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better.”

“A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.”

**Albert Einstein**

**I live to serve! :) John Darin**

## “Engaging your Community in Gardening and Beautification” by John Darin, President, BCSEM

As we all know, the art and practice of gardening can be a very personal experience - from planting those first seeds, to watching the cotyledons break through the ground, to cutting your flowers for display and harvesting your vegetables for the table. But, some of the most rewarding experiences from gardening and beautification activities are when you share your experiences with others, and expand those personal experiences into your communities.

The 2017 Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan Individual Service Awards recognized the achievements of two individuals who have devoted much time and energy in engaging their respective communities in their love of gardening and community beautification. They recognized that their love of gardening, beautification, and the wonders of nature can translate into remarkable experiences for others.



The BCSEM Individual Service Award nominees were judged by the following criteria: 1) longevity as a volunteer; 2) scope of their volunteer activities; 3) leadership demonstrated during their volunteer activities; 4) recognitions, proclamations, and awards received; and 5) certifications and credentialing. The BCSEM ISA Awards Committee decided again this year that two tiers of awards will be conferred: the Individual Service Award (ISA) for the one identified outstanding community beautification volunteer nominee, and the Distinguished Service Award for all other identified high-community-value beautification volunteer nominees. The ISA and DSA awards were presented at the BCSEM Autumn Quarterly Meeting hosted by the Detroit Garden Center on September 21, 2017.

The Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan is proud to recognize Mr. Douglas Deeds, City of Berkley, as the 2017 Individual Service Award recipient! Mr. Deeds has been a notable long-time volunteer and contributor at a very high level in his community, and his work is very highly regarded by his colleagues. His tireless work with the Berkley High School Garden Club, and the re-opening of the High School greenhouse, engaging young elementary and middle school students in gardening,

managing the Berkley High School Community Garden, which donates thousands of pounds of produce annually to local organizations, and his tenure on the Berkley Beautification Committee, are but a few of the high-level projects that make BCSEM proud to recognize Douglas Deeds as the 2017 benchmark beautification volunteer and Individual Service Award winner!

The Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan is also proud to recognize Mr. Jonathan Adams, City of Southfield, as the 2017 Distinguished Service Award recipient! Mr. Adams has also been a long-time volunteer and contributor at a very high level in his community, and his work is also very highly regarded by his colleagues. His initiative and vision led him to start-up the Southfield Parks and Garden Club, where he now serves as President, and obtain 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization status for the Club, and his management of the Southfield Community Pride beautification recognitions, the Southfield Garden Walk, and the Emmanuel Community Garden, which provides food to feed the hungry, are but a few of the high-level projects that make BCSEM proud to recognize



Jonathan Adams as the 2017 Distinguished Service Award winner!

It is the hope of The Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan that these high-level recognitions will engage more residents in all of our communities in beautification

volunteerism for the greater public good. BCSEM wants to thank all of our member communities for their partnership, for their collective efforts in beautifying their communities, and for their stewardship of our precious environment.

Congratulations, again, to Douglas Deeds, 2017 ISA Award recipient, and Jonathan Adams, 2017 DSA Award recipient, on your remarkable achievements!

(Pictured left Douglas Deeds & Jim Keehn, pictured right Jonathan Adams & Jim Keehn)

**ART, you will be missed....**



Arthur F. Koester, Age 87. October 22, 2017 of Portage and formerly of Grosse Ile. Loving husband of 63 years to Clare. Beloved

father of William Charles "Bill" and Ann Phyllis (Gerardo) Rincon. Proud grandfather of Alicia (Kyle) Wright and Michael Rincon. Also survived by his brother-in-law James Piet of Charleston, SC as well as other loving family and friends.

Arthur graduated from Wayne State University with a masters degree in Industrial Engineering. He was a dedicated employee and management leader of Pennwalt/Elf ATO-Chem Corporation at their Wyandotte, Philadelphia and Chicago facilities. His many activities include being the past President of Grosse Ile Kiwanis, past President of Kiwanis Division 5; having Committee Chairmanships with Kiwanis of Michigan and Kiwanis International; past Chairmanships of National Management Association State and International Committees. He was the Grosse Ile Rotary Citizen of the Year 1994; past President of Downriver Republican Grassroots Organization, Grosse Ile Historical Society and Midwest Canary Club. He was a member of Sacred Heart Usher's Club, the founder of Sacred Heart Giving Garden and past Grand Knight of Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council 13475; past President of the Island Beautification Committee and Keep Michigan Beautiful Local and State Committees. Arthur was instrumental in many Grosse Ile beautification initiatives including: Island Clean Up, Service Club Sign and Flag Pole, Township Memorial Garden, planting and caring for Four Corners, for which the Northwest corner is dedicated and named after him.

Interment Michigan Memorial Park Cemetery. Donations may be made to: Sacred Heart Parish, 21599 Parke Lane, Grosse Ile, MI 48138 or to Hospice Care of Southwest, MI 222 North Kalamazoo Mall, Suite 100, Kalamazoo, MI 49007.

**2018 Proposed Slate of Officers and Directors Nominations Committee Proposed**

**Slate of Officers and Directors for 2018**

- President:** John Darin  
**Imm. Past President:** Pat Deck  
**1st Vice President:** Betty Stone  
**2nd Vice President position vacant**  
**Recording/Corresponding Secretary:** Flo Jagielski  
**Treasurer / Membership:** Dorothy Wood  
**Directors of 2018/2019:**  
 1. Henrietta Baczewski  
 2. Jerald Stone  
**Directors for 2017/2018: (no vote required, term expires 12/18)**  
 1. Lois Adams  
 2. James Keehn

**Committees appointments (i.e. WebSite, Historian, Newsletter, ISA Award, Parliamentarian, and others as deemed necessary) are made by the President as stated in Article X Section 2 of the By-laws.**

**Those eligible to vote are: each delegate or alternate representing municipalities, each delegate or alternate representing associate business members, individual members-at-large and each member of the Board of Directors.**



**Donate Your Vehicles: The Keep America Beautiful Vehicle Donation Program, through Insurance Auto Auctions' Donation Division, provides an alternate opportunity for you to donate to Keep America Beautiful. It offers a tax-deductible way to dispose of unwanted vehicles in almost any condition, including cars, trucks, boats, tractors, motorcycles, ATVs, snowmobiles, jet skis, RVs as well as construction, farm and other heavy equipment. The program is available in all 50 states. Mention Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc. and we receive half of the donation! Learn more and donate at <https://1car1difference.com/donate/#/vtype//charity/00259>**

**Detroit Garden Center is AWESOME, thank you for a FABULOUS BCSEM September Meeting! Join at <https://detroitgardencenter.org/membership.php>**



**Thank you Ronald J. Smith, President of DGC and all it's giving, wonderful members!! A terrific time was had by all at the historic and beautiful Detroit Yacht Club. Pictured above: Carol Romano, Ronald J. Smith, Janice Ellison, Marcia Diebold, and all the attendees enjoying a scrumptious lunch!! Raffle items extraordinaire!**

**Traveller's Corner**  
**Destination Belle Isle Park,**  
**Detroit, Michigan**

Thank you Detroit Garden Center for highlighting this wonderful Jewel at the September Quarterly Meeting, please take time to explore the Island, it is well worth it!!

Belle Isle is a recreational island park located in the Detroit River between Detroit, Michigan and Canada. The island was originally settled by French explorers in the 1700s, who referred to the area as Hog Island. More recently, the island is a product of Parisian inspiration, born out of the late 19th century movement to foster urban parks. Belle Isle is the country's largest city island park; at approximately 900 acres, it is larger than New York City's Central Park. Interestingly, both were designed by famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead. The island officially opened in 1845, when it became known as Belle Isle.

This lush oasis, connected to Detroit by the MacArthur Bridge, is rich with unique architecture, fountains, statues and manmade lagoons. It is home to a Coast Guard post, as well as the William Livingston Memorial Light, the only marble lighthouse in the nation. Today, Belle Isle boasts a nature

baseball field, tennis and basketball courts and small golf course. The elegant and historic Detroit Yacht Club, as well as the nation's oldest rowing club, the Detroit Boat Club, are also located on the island. Belle Isle played host to the Detroit Grand Prix over the years.

One of the island's most famous structures is the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory, the oldest conservatory in the country. Designed by Albert Kahn, the building opened August 18, 1904, was reconstructed in the 1950s and has since received various renovations.



boasts the world's largest known collection of model ships, as well as the high speed racing hydroplane Miss Pepsi. Museum exhibits include the bow anchor of the legendary S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald and the pilot house of the S.S. William Clay Ford.

Detroit city's fiscal problems over the last few decades necessitated cutbacks at the park, which caused much of this heralded oasis to fall into disrepair. In 2013, the State of Michigan signed a 30-year lease to care for the park, saving Detroit millions of dollars annually and improving upkeep. Michigan's Department of Natural Resources now operates the park, and as of February 2015, an \$11 annual Recreation Passport (providing access to all Michigan parks and campgrounds) is required to enter the park by car. DNR improvements are underway as this gem is being restored to its former beauty, aided by the Belle Isle Conservancy, a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to promoting the preservation and restoration of the island as a beautiful and unique urban resource.



center and trail, including a large wooded area inhabited by fallow deer. There are picnic pavilions, beach access and a playground. Sports fans enjoy the island's

The conservatory currently maintains a vast array of succulents, perennials, ferns, palms and a lily pond garden. The gardens also include one of America's largest city-owned orchid collections. This free botanical garden and greenhouse is open every day of the year. The Belle Isle Nature Zoo, operated by the Detroit Zoological Society, is also on the island. Belle Isle is also home to the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, which preserves and celebrates the maritime history of the Great Lakes, the Detroit River and the surrounding region. The Museum



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A. Pat Deck

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Dorothy Wood

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Lois Adams

James Keehn

**COMMITEES:**

**ISA Award(s):**

John Darin

**Travel Trophy:**

Lois Adams

**Raffle:**

Henrietta Baczewski

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**THE CITY OF DEARBORN: CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION  
PROUDLY PRESENTS**



**THE BEAUTIFICATION COUNCIL OF  
SOUTHEASTERN  
MICHIGAN  
WINTER QUARTERLY MEETING  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017**

**ARAB AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM  
13624 MICHIGAN AVE. DEARBORN MI, 48126**

**REGISTRATION AND HOSPITALITY BEGIN AT 9:00AM  
PROGRAM WILL BEGIN AT 9:30AM**

**GUEST SPEAKER: ANNIE RUBEL  
TOPIC: RESTORATION & PRESERVATION OF THE HENRY FORD ESTATE  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: MIKE BEWICK  
TOPIC: DEARBORN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, ART SPACE LOFTS  
\*A LUNCHEON WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE ARAB AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**PLEASE RETURN REGISTRATION FORM ALONG WITH CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO: CITY OF DEARBORN  
BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 2017 TO:  
CITY OF DEARBORN: CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION  
ATTN: JAWAD CHAUDHRY, PROGRAM COORDINATOR  
16901 MICHIGAN AVE. DEARBORN MI. 48126**

NAME OF COMMUNITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAILADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
PLEASE RESERVE: \_\_\_\_\_ AT \$15.00 PER PERSON FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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FOR QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE CITY OF DEARBORN: CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION AT (313) 943-2415  
\*RESERVATIONS WHICH ARE MADE AND NOT CANCELLED WITHIN 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL MAKING THE RESERVATION

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