

## BCSEM

Our next quarterly meeting will be hosted

June 20, 2019

ed by the city of Novi

## CALENDAR

### Quarterly Meetings

September 19, 2019 is the date for our Fall Quarterly Meeting in City of Trenton.

Winter Quarterly Meeting will be in Redford Township on December 12, 2019.

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# Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan

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## “GOOD THINGS ARE GROWING IN SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN!”

By John Darin, President of BCSEM



It's a bit hard to imagine that summer is almost here, when we were so concerned not that long ago about the persistent cold and wet springtime! But, did you notice that your bulbs and your lawn exploded with vibrancy and strength? They loved it! There are also a number of recent events that make all of us in the Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan very happy and vibrant, and are making our organization stronger.

Our membership is growing. BCSEM is steadily increasing its municipal and individual memberships. We are reaching out to all communities in the SEMCOG region to partner with BCSEM, and join our organization as a municipal member. The annual municipal

membership dues remain ONLY \$20.00! If your Beautification Commission or Committee colleagues in a neighboring community are not yet members of BCSEM, talk to them and encourage them to join. This is a great way to network with other like-minded persons and organizations for the betterment and beautification of municipalities throughout southeastern Michigan!

BCSEM recently co-hosted another fabulously-successful 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Celebrate Spring!” program with our parent organization, Keep Michigan Beautiful! It was a wonderful event, well-attended with over 85 attendees and 15 communities participating. I would like to thank our co-hosts from KMB, in particular KMB President Bill Strong, and Co-Executive Directors Joanne Welihan and James Keehn, for a well-organized program with excellent presenters. I'm looking forward

to our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual “Celebrate Spring!” program in 2020.

We are all looking forward to a delightful Summer Quarterly Meeting hosted by the City of Novi on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. If the wonderful program conducted by the City of Novi back in March of 2017 is any indication, all attendees will be in for a real treat as they reprise their roles as hosts for BCSEM members this June! Can't wait!

And I also want to extend a special THANK YOU!! to the City of Trenton, which stepped up to the plate and offered to host the BCSEM Autumn Quarterly Meeting this coming September 19th! You all saved the day, and all of us in BCSEM are very grateful to you! I can't share the secrets of their planned meeting venue, and environmental opportunities, but you'll love it! See you there!

Lastly, we invite all

## LOUDOLF GARDEN DETROIT UPDATE

Fund raising continues. The Wilson Foundation Grant brings the fund within \$350,000 of the \$4 million goal. The new grant will support the endowment held by the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan for the perpetual maintenance of the garden. Once the remaining funds are raised, construction will begin this summer. The grand opening is expected early in the fall of 2020. You can volunteer/donate by going to their website: <https://oudolfgardendetroit.org/> Credit for this information is Sherri Welch at Crain's Detroit, May 23th, 2019.

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**SUMMER QUARTERLY MEETING  
OF THE  
BEAUTIFICATION COUNCIL OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN**

**JUNE 20, 2019**

**NOVI CIVIC CENTER**

**9:30 AM REGISTRATION**

**10 AM PROGRAM BEGINS**

**ROY PRENTIS-50TH ANNIVERSARY HISTORY**

**RICK MEADER-NATIVE PANTS**

**LUNCH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT WENDY DUVALL AT**

**248-735-5628 OR [wDuvall@cityofnovi.org](mailto:wDuvall@cityofnovi.org)**

**President's Message Continued...**

Awards (ISA)! The BCSEM Individual Service Awards recognize the achievements of volunteers who devote their time and energy in engaging their respective communities in their love of gardening and community beautification. This year, the ISA awards will be presented at the BCSEM Autumn Quarterly Meeting hosted by the City of Trenton on September 19, 2019. It is our hope as an organization 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! To obtain a 2019 ISA Nomination Form to nominate an outstanding individual volunteer in your community, please visit the BCSEM web site at: <http://bcsem.org>. All nomination forms and background supporting documentation must be received by July 31, 2019 to be considered. Happy Gardening!!

# GARDEN TOURS IN OUR AREA

Spring and summer bring an abundance of living things. Our yards and parks just sing with trees, plants. A number of communities and groups celebrate all of this with garden tours. If you have not yet gone to one, give it a try. Be prepared to be amazed. Each garden mirrors the creativity and frankly brilliance of its creators. Here are some to consider:

**SOUTHFIELD GARDEN WALK 2019** showcases home gardens and garden art. Date is Sunday, June 23 from 2 to 5 PM. Tickets are \$10. Contact Gloria Hardy at 248-354 -4120 or [hardygb.HOSTA@comcast.net](mailto:hardygb.HOSTA@comcast.net)

**“INSPIRATIONS” GARDEN TOUR 2019 IN HARRISON TOWNSHIP** Rain or Shine! Date is Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> 9to 4 pm. Tickets are \$10 pre-purchased or \$15 on the day of the tour. VIP tickets are \$20 with a guided bus tour and lunch stop. Call 586-242-3868 for more information.

**GROSSE POINTE GARDEN TOUR 2019** Rain or shine! Dates are Friday and Saturday. June 21 and 22, 10 to 4 pm. Tickets are \$15 pre-tour and \$20 on tour days. Tour is seven private gardens with Master Gardeners and artists at each of the gardens. This is the first year for the Family Enrichment Series featuring pollinators, plants, and ponds. Call 313-499- 0743 or go online at: <http://www.gpgardencenter.org/annual/garden/tour/> for more information.

**CORKTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY’S ANNUAL HOME AND GARDEN TOUR**  
Date is June 7 from 12 to 5 pm. Tickets are \$15. For more information go to: <http://www.facebook.com/CorktownHomeAndGardenTour>.

**WESTLAND GARDEN CLUB WALK** features seven gardens and Brenda’s Butterfly Garden on Thursday, July 20th from 10 to 3 pm. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 on tour day. For information call 731-722-966 or [http://www.michigangardenclubs.org/public/state\\_calendar](http://www.michigangardenclubs.org/public/state_calendar).

**ROCHESTER HILLS GARDEN TOUR** hosted by the Rochester Hills Museum at the Van Hoosen Farms and the Rochester Garden Club on Thursday. June 20th from 10 to 6 pm. Tickets are \$14 in advance or \$16 at the door. Call 248-656-4663 or contact <http://www.rochestergardenclub.org/gardentour/> for more information.

**THE LIVONIA GARDEN WALK** hosted by the Friends for the Development of Greenmead is Saturday, June 22nd from 10 to 4 pm. Tickets are \$9 in advance or \$10 on the day of the tour. Call 248-477-7375 for tickets. Five or six homes are on the walk.

**TOUR OF THE CULTURAL CENTER GARDENS AND TRENTON GARDEN WALK** is on Saturday, June 22 at 10 to 4 pm. It showcases seven gardens. Presale tickets are \$8 or \$10 the day of the tour. Call 734-675-7300 for more information. Tickets can be purchased at the Rec Department.

**INDIAN VILLAGE HOME AND GARDEN TOUR** is the 46<sup>th</sup> annual tour. Dates are Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. It features six homes, one garden, three churches and one school. Tickets start at \$20. Call 313-922-1736 for more information.



Grandiflorum Trillium  
grown in John Darin's  
garden

## TRILLIUMS, A NATIVE PLANT

According to Prairie Nursery, there are 39 native trilliums in the US. All trilliums belong to the Liliaceae (lily) family. They are long-lived and rather easy to grow from their rhizome type root. But they are slow to develop and spread. The main plant needs warmth from the early spring sun. The flower can either sit directly on top of its whorled leaves (sessile) or are raised on the short stalk (pedicellate).

Trilliums can die-back over summer but don't cut them back. Cutting a flower will not kill the plant but damage can result if the leaves are taken as well. For best results, mulch trilliums with leaf litter. Trilliums love a leaf covering like its forest home.

There are either different species in Michigan. Four are rare and assigned threatened or endangered in our state. The snow, the red prairie, and the toad shade are threatened species. The grandiflorum, the nodding, the red upright (wake-robin), and the drooping trillium are not on this list. The painted trillium is endangered. The green trillium is extirpated or now has disappeared completely from the state. According to Wikipedia, it is illegal to pick trilliums in the states of Michigan and Minnesota.

You can grow these. Obtain them legally. You can buy them at garden shops, catalogs, and even online. Always ask if they are nursery-grown or wild-collected. Do not patronize sellers who take plants from the wild. As you can see from John's picture, they are beautiful and a worthy addition to a garden.

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