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CALENDAR

Quarterly Meetings

The BCSEM Board continues to meet monthly and are watching the current situation and are so excited to announce the 2021 Quarterly Meeting will be September 16th at the Osius Municipal Park in Grosse Pointe Shores. More information will be sent to you .

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The 2021 Individual Service Awards Are a Go! BY JOHN DARIN

The BCSEM leadership, especially Pat Deck, has been working diligently to hold our first face-to-face Quarterly meeting since December, 2019. With the help of increasing population vaccination statistics, planning for a live, face-to-face event is now doable. Michigan recently reached the 55% vaccination threshold, which has resulted in the State easing its

COVID restrictions for public and private gatherings. This includes eliminating outdoor capacity limits as well as mask requirements for those persons who are fully vaccinated. Indoor and outdoor mask and social distancing requirements remain in place for those persons who are not fully vaccinated or who are unvaccinated, currently through July 1st. But, our bottom-line is that BCSEM can host a Quarterly Meeting this year that is safe for all attendees.

BCSEM has been working closely with a number of communities to co-host a Quarterly Meeting this year. The City of Northville was seriously considering hosting a meeting this June, but then the 4th wave of COVID hit, and that meeting was, regrettably but appropriately, tentatively re-scheduled to June, 2022. We sincerely appreciate Northville Beautification Commission Chairperson Diane Pittaway's on-going interest and commitment in the face of immense challenges, and really look forward to their re-scheduled hosted meeting.

BCSEM is thrilled to announce the confirmation of our first post-pandemic Quarterly Meeting! The Autumn Quarterly Meeting will be hosted by Grosse Pointe Shores Beautification Committee at the beautiful lakefront Osius Municipal Park on September 16th of this year. We want to thank Helen Bai, Grosse Pointe Shores Beautification Committee Chairperson, for her efforts in making this happen! Osius Municipal Park boasts a spacious and sheltered outdoor venue, close to restrooms and other amenities. The BCSEM Individual Service Award will be presented at this year's Autumn Quarterly Meeting, and BCSEM will again hold its very popular raffle! The general population should be well along in their COVID vaccinations, and this will be a very safe and fun event for all attendees!

Regarding the Individual Service Awards, the Terms and Conditions remain unchanged this year. The recipient of this award must be an individual from a BCSEM member community, and must be an unpaid volunteer. The ISA Evaluation Criteria include longevity as a volunteer, scope of volunteer activities, leadership demonstrated during volunteer activities, any recognitions, proclamations, and/or awards, and certifications and credentialing. The application deadline has been pushed back to July 31st of this year, to facilitate your nominations. The ISA Nomination Form can be downloaded and printed from the BCSEM website www.bcsem.org . Click on the "COMMUNITY" tab, then on "BCSEM Forms" to open the "ISA Nomination Form". Please include photos, articles, or any other items that would be helpful during review of the award nominations. Good luck to all nominees!! Take care and be safe. Happy Gardening!

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BRIAN COLTURE, AWARD WINNING ARBORIST

Brian Colture is a certified arborist who serves as the forester for Grosse Pointe City and Grosse Pointe Park. He spends his day monitoring, caring for and researching trees.

When not on the job, Brian keeps active by volunteering on several boards and commissions, writing articles, guiding tree tours, and educating the public about tree diseases and other tree topics.

In February, the International Society of Arboriculture Michigan presented Brian with its Honors Award. This acknowledges his dedicated, faithful, and honorable service to arboriculture and urban forestry.

Brian has been the Grosse Pointe Park forester for 27 years and has worked for Grosse Pointe City since January, 2017. Brian also is the Park's liaison to its Beautification Commission, board member of Keep Michigan Beautiful, and member of BCSEM and the Grosse Pointe Men's and Women's Garden Club of Grosse Pointe. Brian is a charter member of the Arboriculture Society of Michigan Foundation and chairs its Historical Society. As part of work in this organization, Brian and his fellow volunteers, are restoring the shuttered and battered sawmill on Belle Isle with the goal of turning it into a working mill and museum.

About 25 years ago, Brian began a wood recycling program in the Park that turned removed trees into free mulch for residents to pick up and use in their landscapes. When the Park had to cut down most of its ash trees during the height of the emerald ash tree borer invasion, Brian milled the ash wood to create park benches and hardwood floors. He also helped Grosse Pointe City achieve a rare milestone this year by being named Sterling Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. Grosse Pointe Park reached this in 2008, and now the City joins the Park as one of only seven communities in Michigan to earn this honor. This is given for 10 years or more of growth awards from the Arbor Day Foundation. Information comes from The Grosse Pointe Times.



Oudolf Garden Update

For an ariel view of the garden to see the progress made go to: info@oudolfgardendetroit.org. Unmanned Ariel Solutions have made it easy to see the amount of work invested into the garden. Lately, an overlay of rye and straw have been added around the Carillon area. Sod has been laid between the beds. Bulbs and perennials care coming up. June is the soft opening with August 28th as the Grand Opening. Hopefully, Piet Oudolf will be in attendance.



STUDENTS HAVE FUN WITH ARBOR DAY

POSTER CONTEST

Recently, the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission continued their tradition of a poster contest to mark the Arbor Day Holiday. Pat Deck, a member of the commission, spear-headed and organized this effort. From past experience, she knew who to contact and work with to get a big task like this done.

Celebrated on the last Friday in April, Arbor Day was founded by J. Sterling Morton, a native of Michigan. He was an editor of a Nebraskan newspaper when he developed the idea of Arbor Day. So on April 10th 1872, he proposed that a tree planting holiday for the benefit of the public which would look forward to the future. And to the hope that trees bring to us. The idea grew, and 149 years later, we continue to celebrate Arbor Day.

This year's Arbor Week Poster Contest marked the 35th anniversary of the event in Grosse Pointe Park. Elementary teachers and students worked hard on posters. For the 2021 competition, the posters were displayed at city hall and businesses in the city. Posters were judged by the beautification commission, and a winner and runners-up were announced.

The winner of the 2021 competition was Anthony, a student at Maire Elementary. His poster was titled, "Why Should You Plant a Tree?" and featured a large tree with leaves that had benefits of trees listed on them.

A runner-up, Emerson, a student at Defer, made a three dimensional poster with a large red heart that contained tree stories and benefits. It's title is "Plant a Tree. It All Starts With You." Another runner-up, Sonia from Maire, holds her poster, "Help Trees, Help Us."

Ninety students participated in the 2021 contest and winners were recognized at the city council meeting on May 10. Congratulations to all the students who worked so hard on this. Information comes from Grosse Pointe News.



Emerson

Sonia

Anthony

MORE GARDEN TOURS AND UPDATES!

JUNE

Rochester Garden Walk June 17th
Contact: www.RochesterGardenClub.org

Grosse Pointe Garden Center June 18th & 19th
Contact: www.gpgardencenter.org

CANCELLED Milford Garden Walk June 18th

Crocker House Garden Walk June 26th
Contact: www.crockerhousemuseum.org

Cranbrook & Friends Garden Walk
June 26th <https://housegardens.cranbrook.edu>

CORRECTION: Southfield Parks and Garden Club
Garden Walk Date and neighborhood were incorrect
in last newsletter. Correction is June 20th in the
Cranbrook neighborhood. Sorry, Southfield!
248-569-4286

JULY

Northville Garden Walk July 14th www.cgenv.org

Trenton Garden Walk July 17th 734-281-6504

Harrison Township Garden Tour July 24th
keehns@wowway.com

Garden City Walk July 24th Tickets available at

Barson's Garden Center

AUGUST

Yardeners of St. Clair Shores Garden Tour August 7
Contact: scsyardeners@gmail.com

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