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BRIGHTON BLOOMER

Brighton Michigan Garden Club

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Board Meeting January 5th

BMGC Membership Meeting

January 12th @ 10:30am

Holly Luncheon





To the Annual

Brighton Mi. Garden Club Holly Day Luncheon

Thursday December 8th 2022

11:00am — 1:00pm

At the Community Center

Catered by Olive Garden Past \$15

\$5+ Donations can be given to the treasure to support Gleaners & Families in Crisis this holiday season

Instead of Gift Exchange please bring NEW mittens, hats, scarves or socks

Donations will stay in Livingston





Holiday Music

Photo Backdrop for those Selfie and Group pictures



Lunch Includes

Pastas: Fettuccine (V)

Spaghetti (V)

Marinara (V) Sauces:

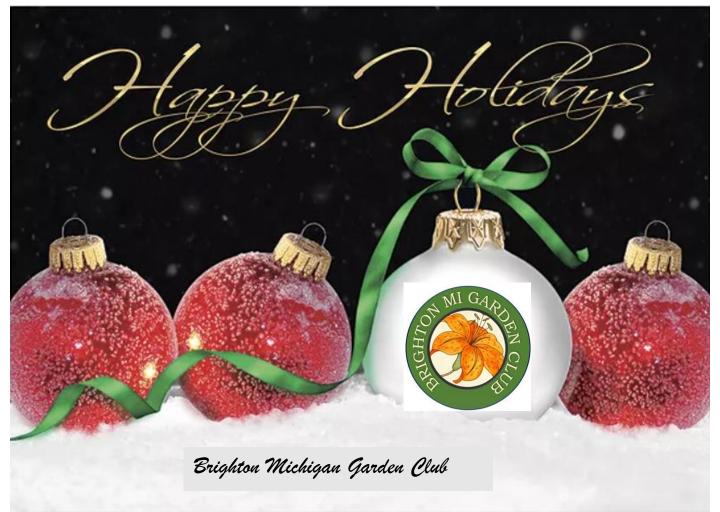
Meat Sauce ~ Alfredo (V)

Toppings: Grilled Chicken

Meatballs Italian Sausage

Sides: Famous House Salad

Breadsticks (V)





As you light the menorah

and trim up the tree,
hope these two special holidays
fill you with glee!

Merry Christmas 8 Happy Hanukkah

Your BMGC Co-Presidents Lynn O'Shaughnessy & Dionna Guy



Ingredients

3/4 c. (1 1/2 sticks) butter, softened

3/4 c. packed brown sugar

2/3 c. molasses

1 large egg

1 tsp. pure vanilla extract

3 1/4 c. all-purpose flour

1 tbsp. ground ginger

1 tsp. baking soda

1 tsp. ground cinnamon

1/2 tsp. ground cloves

1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg

1/2 tsp. kosher salt

2" piece fresh ginger, grated (optional)

Zest of 1 orange (optional)

1/2 tsp. finely ground black pepper

(optional)

Sugar cookie icing, for decorating

Sprinkles, for decorating

YIELDS: PREP TIME: TOTAL TIME:

25 15 mins 3 hrs 15 mins

1. In a large bowl using a hand mixer, beat butter, brown sugar, and molasses until fluffy, about 2 minutes. Add egg and vanilla and beat until combined.

2. In a medium bowl, whisk flour, spices, baking soda, and salt until combined. With the mixer on low, gradually add dry ingredients to wet ingredients, as well as fresh ginger, orange zest, and black pepper (if using), until dough just comes together. (Do not overmix!)

3. Divide dough in half and create two discs. Wrap each in plastic wrap and chill until firm, about 2 to 3 hours. (Alternatively, divide dough in half and roll each piece of dough between two pieces of parchment to 1/4" thick. Chill until firm.)

4. Preheat oven to 350° and line two large baking sheets with parchment paper. Place one disc of dough on a lightly floured surface and roll until 1/4" thick. (Alternatively, peel off both sheets of parchment from dough, then replace one sheet of parchment back underneath dough.) Cut out gingerbread men with a 3" wide cutter and transfer to baking sheets.

5. Bake until slightly puffed and set, 9 to 10 minutes, depending on the size of your cookie cutters. Let cool on baking sheets for 5 minutes before transferring to a cooling rack to cool completely.

6. Repeat with remaining disc of dough. Decorate with icing and sprinkles as desired.

Dear Members..

The Brighton Michigan Garden Club Board meetings Held every 1st Thursday of the Month

Any and All members are welcome to attend.

There will be detailed discussion about all current & upcoming events and issues. It is very informative.

The General Membership meetings cover limited information due to time restraints.

Next Board Meetings will be held

January 5, 2023 at 10:00 am

@ the Community Center.See Email for the agenda.



Brighton Michigan Garden Club Minutes

BMGC Club Meeting Notes at the Brighton Community Center November 10, 2022

10:00-10:30 - Arrival

10:30 – 11:00 - Formal Business Meeting and Zoom begins:

Members present: 38 and 1 on Zoom

Announcements:

Welcome: Lynn O'Shaughnessy, Co-President

Pledge of Allegiance: Lynn 50-50 was not held today.

Nov 10th was the last day to order MGC's Pollinator Calendar and Reference Guide.

The calendar's photos were taken by our Co-President Lynn O'Shaughnessy.

Dee Rataj had 2 more Meier Flowerland gift cards for sale. They are \$40 and the gift card allows recipient to receive flowers from Meier Flowerland once a month for a year. Contact Dee if

interested.

Vice President: Julie Cooper

Julie introduced club member Jeannine Haag who would show members how to make Holiday Snow Globes.

Secretary: Diane Schrock

Diane Valente and Betty Steele approved the minutes from the last club meeting.

Co-Treasurers: Carol McKeon and Debbie Miller

The treasurers collected money for:

The Holly Party (plus donations to Gleaners & Drisis),

the Christmas Greens Work Shop and Pop Up Sale.

Carol McKeon reported the current BMGC balance was \$12,814.37.

Ways and Means: Jennifer Peitz and Peggy Fukuda

The **Pop Up Sale** for the club members was held in the entrance area.

Lynn explained the Pop Up Sale to the new BMGC members who were present.

Jennifer clarified special member made items had prices and Pop Up items were donation only.

The following member made items for sale were::

Packs of 6 note cards for \$5

Phone holder \$5

Garbage holders for cars \$5

Cookies for \$4 and \$5.

They were displayed in the Pop Up area for members to buy.

Car Wash tokens:

There was interest expressed in continuing the sale of car wash tokens to club members.

Diane Valente volunteered to investigate the token program.

Judy Turnbull shared information that the new car wash advertises \$20 unlimited washes for a month. Diane Valente will check it out and see if there will be any value in having the tokens vs \$20 unlimited

washes and report back to the BMGC.

Jennifer Peitz wanted to talk to club members about holding a garage sale again next year.

Christmas Greens Project:

Chery Yelen talked to the club about the upcoming Saturday Dec 3 rd meeting at 9:30 a.m. at the Brighton Community Center. This will be the training session for the Christmas Green project.

Members attending should bring: scissors, garden shears and gloves.



Winter

Brighton Michigan Garden Club Minutes

BMGC Club Meeting Notes at the Brighton Community Center November 10, 2022.... Cont..

Public Garden Tour:

Lynn O'Shaughnessy shared there are 3 members who volunteered their gardens thus far. Jennifer Peitz will be asking for help in January for this project. Jennifer is looking to members for garden recommendations. Lynn and Jennifer prefer large gardens. The project leaders will try to keep them close geographically if possible.

Debbie Wagenmaker shared what her garden group did on the west side of the state. She shared ideas of passing out refreshments or selling garden made items at the sale.

Membership: Sue Diebol

New member: Lauren Fischer

2 nd visit: Deb Zajac and Corman Novak New visitors: Marcia Tyler, Bev Ferrara and Ivy

BMGC member's celebrating birthdays in November were recognized and they were

invited to lead the food line for luncheon.

New Business:

Karen Rebigger:

Holly Day Christmas Party information:

Cost is \$15. Members may also donate \$5 for the two charities the club is supporting this year.

The head count with members present today was 33. Emails and texts will be sent to other members.

Food is coming from Olive Garden.

It will be held at the Brighton Community Center.

Carol McKeon and/or Debbie Miller collected money and updated Karen Rebigger.

A professional singer will be coming to the event.

Brighton City Hall Garden:

Lynn O'Shaughnessy will chair this garden. She will work on getting a team together. A lot of garden opportunity there. She will look into getting raised beds.

Mill Pond Garde: Karen Rebigger

Karen shared some of the Mill Pond Garden history with the club. The city is renovating the area and the planter boxes will be permanently removed. If anyone wants any of the plants from the Mill Pond Planters they may help themselves. Jen Peitz and Lynn O'Shaughnessy offered to winter them if needed for a member.

District 2B Flower Show:

Lynn O'Shaughnessy announced the District 2B Flower Show will be coming up December 10 th in Okemos. Check MGC District 2B for info.

11:05 break for luncheon and shopping.

Lunch and Learn: Kim Ray

Kim talked about the lack of black walnuts and hickory nuts this year and the bumper crop the year prior. Club members shared similar experiences about these tree and nut production this year.

Lynn O'Shaughnessy talked about Big Leaf Asters.

12:00 Holiday Snow Globe:

Julie Cooper introduced Jeannine Haag who proceeded to lead club members in creating snow globes.

1:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Schrock Recording Secretary





December

Box Tree Moth

Months ago, I did a Lunch and Learn on Boxwood. I did not mention a pest called the box tree moth because it is not a problem here in Michigan. Unfortunately, 2 cases have been found in our state. This almost brings me to tears, as I have over 400 boxwood and feel they give my garden a little magic that it would not have without them. The following is a piece from the Detroit Free Press, I think it is important for all our

members to read and be aware. Let's be part of the solution!

Invasive box tree moth species found in Michigan

Detroit Free Press

Boxwood bushes are all the rage this year, with homeowners across metro Detroit planting them along walkways and property lines.

But there's a new insect pest that's threatening to suck the life out of the normally hardy plants.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service confirmed Monday in a news release that the invasive box tree moth has turned up at two homes in the city of Clinton in Lenawee County.

The bugs can result in defoliation and death of ornamental boxwoods.

What is a box tree moth?

The moth's larvae look like a green and yellow caterpillar with white, yellow, and black stripes plus black spots. The box tree moth only feeds on boxwoods, which makes them easy to spot. Adult box tree moths have two color forms, the most common form has white wings with dark brown borders. While the dark form has solid brown wings with a white streak or spot on each forewing. Both forms have a distinctive white mark dot in the middle of each

When larvae are young and hiding among twigs and leaves, it may be difficult to recognize an infestation.

Why is it here?

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development said that in May 2021, there possibly were infested boxwood plants shipped to retail locations in multiple states, including Michigan.

The pest was discovered in three of six Michigan facilities. At the moment, it's unknown if the box tree moth populations found in Clinton are linked or if the pest entered the state another way.

Why it's harmful

During the beginning of an infestation due to the young larvae hiding among twigs and leaves, it may be difficult to recognize the moth.

Frequent signs of infestation include chewed, cut, or missing leaves, yellowing or brown leaves, white webbing and green-black excrement on or around the plant. The larvae typically skeletonize the leaves and feed on the back causing defoliation plus dryness which actually leads to the plant's death.

DNR specialists express the seriousness of this infestation.

"Box tree moth poses a serious threat to our boxwood industry," said Mike Philip, Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division Director with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in a written response. "We are in the assessment stage of this response, and we are asking Michiganders to look closely at their boxwood plants and report any signs of this pest so we can determine the scope of this infestation and work to reduce the spread."

What to do

The DNR is releasing a survey to help combat the spread.

"MDARD is developing a survey plan to further determine the extent of the infestation," added Philip in a written response. "But Michiganders can be a tremendous help by being on the lookout for box tree moth and reporting it." They provided a list of prevention tips for homeowners:

- 1. Check boxwood plants for signs of the box tree moth.
- 2.If one sees signs of the box tree moth it's recommended to take a picture and report it online.
- 3. Allow state and federal agricultural officials to inspect your boxwood plants for the signs.
- 4.Residents may be directed to remove infested branches if a new population is confirmed. For heavy infestations, it's recommended that residents cut the boxwood from its base. Then discard all boxwood debris by double bagging it in plastic and putting it with household trash.

For information on the species including photos, the DNR recommends checking their website.

November Meeting Pics





easy corn casserole recipe ingredients

Chances are you already have all of the ingredients for this creamed corn casserole recipe in your pantry right now!

It's comprised of just 6 staple ingredients: canned whole kernel corn, canned creamed corn, sugar, flour, eggs, and butter, plus a touch of salt and pepper.

yield: 8 SERVINGS SIZE: 1/2 cup

prep time: 5 MINUTES cook time: 1 HOUR 15 MINUTES

total time: 1 HOUR 20 MINUTES

Total Calories: 235

Fat:14.3g Saturated Fat:8.2G Cholesterol:81.9mg Sodium:457.7mg Carbohydrates:23.5g Fiber:1.3g

Sugar:12.3g Protein:4.5g

ingredients

- •1/2 cup unsalted butter
- •1/4 cup all purpose flour
- •1/4 cup granulated sugar
- •2 eggs, well beaten
- •1 cup whole milk
- •1 (15.25-oz.) can whole kernel sweet corn, drained
- •1 (14.75-oz.) can creamed-style sweet corn
- •1/2 teaspoon salt
- •1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

2.In a sauce pan, heat the butter slowly over medium-low heat, swirling the pan until it's just melted. Set it aside while you measure out the rest of the ingredients.

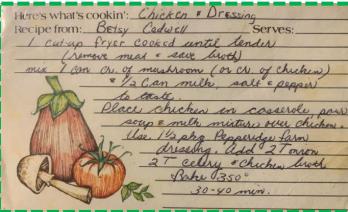
3. Whisk the flour into the melted and cooled butter until well incorporated. Then whisk in the sugar, eggs and milk.

4.Stir the creamed corn into the butter mixture, along with the drained whole kernel corn. Season with salt and pepper.

5. Pour into a shallow 8x8" baking dish.

6.Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes, until the center is set and the corn casserole is brown and caramelized appearance on top. If it seems set but isn't caramelizing, you can just pop it under the broiler for a couple minutes to finish it off.

Let stand for 5 minutes, serve warm.



Have you wondered why you can't find Barley in any store?

2021 was an undeniably bad year for much of North America's barley crop. Heat and drought dealt an uncommonly poor hand to growers in Idaho, Montana, and North Dakota, as well as in Canada's Prairie Provinces. With both average yields and stocks much lower than they have been in years, industry experts looked anxiously to the immediate future, raising fears about pricing, quality, and availability.

Barley is mainly used in Beer Production, cattle feed not to mention some of our favorite fall recipes. Here is a suggestion for a substitute.... Farro.

So, what's the difference between barley and farro? The differences between barley and farro are minimal, with farro being slightly larger and more oblong than barley. Farro also has more protein, but otherwise, these grains can be used interchangeably in almost any recipe.



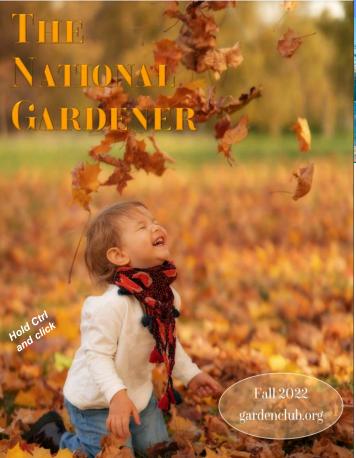
Dear Brighton Mi Garden Club Members,

We will be accepting donations to the Gleaners food bank of Livingston county.

You can donate cash, check or unexpired good food items. They are grateful for anything at this time of the year.

Remember all of these donations are tax deductible. Please let me know if you need a receipt. Also all items that are donated to the Brighton Mi Garden Club are also tax deductible as

we are a non profit organization. 501C3





MGC YOUTH CONTESTS

"WE CANOT ALWAYS BUILD THE FUTURE FOR OUR YOUTH, BUT WE CAN BUILD OUR YOUTH FOR THE FUTURE" Franklin D. Roosevelt

Youth Contest are a perfect way for Garden Clubs to connect with their communities and are teachable moments to champion our environment with kids! Please check MGC's website for how your club can sponsor these contests. It only takes a couple of club members to make this happen!

The Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Contest entries are due January 20, 2023. Contact Martha Rohr: martharohr75@gmail.com, H: 317-442-5297 C:231-536-7172

The Youth Sculpture Contest entries are due January 15, 2023. Contact Kathy Sauber: ksauber@migardenclub.org, H: 989-673-7691 C: 989-325-0034

The High School Essay Contact entries are due Mare

The High School Essay Contest entries are due March 8, 2023. Contact Kathy Sauber: ksauber@migardenclubs.org, H: 989-673-7691 C: 989-325-0034

YOU WILL BE AMAZED AT HOW FUN THESE

CONTESTS ARE! Carol Grainger

Michigan Garden Club, District 2B Director 2nd VP, Membership

Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club



Zoom Meeting ID: 912-729-4983 Passcode: mgcmeets

Michigan Garden Clubs

Friday Morning Member Meetings on Zoom*

Beginning in September: 1st and 3rd Fridays, 10 - 11 AM

Find the username and password at www.migardenclubs.org website located on the Member side; topics found in calendar on page 4.

*All Zoom sessions produced and delivered in a secure environment and are only available to MGC club members through use of the Passcode and Meeting ID.

Member Side Username and password available from Club President or District Director.

December 2, 2022	Holiday Gift- Terrariums-History, Creating & MaintenanceCarol Brodbeck
December 16, 2022	Why Go Native in Michigan—Nancy Smith



Member Area

Missed a topic or would just like to explore what has been shared so far?

Visit MGC website in the member's section of the model of the member's section of the member's section.

(see yearbook pg11 for Username and password)

Hours of Videos to inspire, educate and enjoy.





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Virtual
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Cherie Lejeune

The National Garden Clubs Virtual Team invites all members to attend our upcoming seminars. Sit back, relax and learn from experts in their fields from the comfort of your home. All weblinars are free and open to all. Space is limited so register today or subscribe to The National Gardener for early notification of upcoming events.

Team for neip with your virtual events.

- October 19, 2022, 2:00pm ET- Plants and Medicine: Aurelie Rose De Rus Jaquet
- November 16, 2022, 1:00pm ET- Faithlands Agricultural Program: Josie Walker
- December 7, 2022, 2:00pm ET ECHO: Sustainable Global Agriculture: Danielle Flood
- ★ January 23, 2023, 2:00pm ET- Bees- An Ancient Story: Dr. Gene Kritsky
- ★ February 15, 2023, 2:00pm ET- Flower Trials: Krystal Snyder
- March 2023 (Date and Time TBA)- Farm Camp: Alex Yost
- * April 5, 2023 (Time TBA)- Entertainment Application of Floral Design: Brad Austin





Winter Greens







December

Narcissus flower signifies achievement, good wishes, character, festivity and wealth. You like to achieve all your dreams in life as you are too focused on your goals. You believe in true love and you are loyal in love. Love of your Family plays an important part in your life.

December Birthdays

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- 18 Cindy Impellizzeri
- 25 Laura Carr
- 26 Carole Scott
- 27 Sue Rusnik
- 31 Peggy Fukuda

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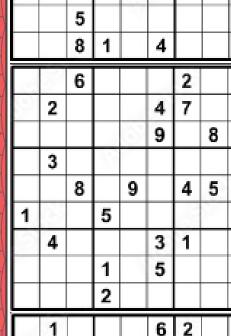
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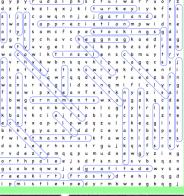
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