

Pittsfield Village Condominium's

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Pooch Plunge**

**BRING LINUS, ROCKY, OR DAISY  
FOR A DIP IN THE POOL!...**  
AFTER SEASON, OF COURSE



**Thursday,  
September 4<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

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## NIFTY IDEA!

Here is a suggestion for units without bathroom fans. For ventilation without bugs and still have privacy, push the screen to the top and open the window from the top only. Easy! Even in winter the window can be opened a crack.

Your neighbor, Susan Wyman



## EXPLORE LACE

All you have ever wanted to know about lace. Ever wonder how it is made? How many kinds are there? What exactly is this that I have from my grandmother?

Join Ann Arbor's Embroidery Guild for their September meeting down at the Community Building. We will have a wonderful "study

box" from the national office to explore with the help of a local lace expert. Snacks and friendship included.

Monday, September 15, 7:00 pm-9:00 p.m. If you have questions, please call or email Jan at [janfrank@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janfrank@sbcglobal.net) or (734) 477-5802.

## More Buzz About Bees

We apologize that last month's link to an MSU bee information page didn't work. Here's a link that works (at least it worked when we tested it) and brings you to a slide talk about honey bees and other bees here in Michigan. It's called "[The Buzz About Pollinators](#)".

If you are reading this newsletter on your computer, [Click Here](#) to visit the link.

We have also included links to two MSU publications about bees. Click on the titles or copy and paste the links below to view the PDFs online:

"[Conserving Native Bees on Farmland](#)"

"[Protecting Pollinators in the Yard and Garden](#)"

You may also copy and paste these links into your browser:

<https://connect.msu.edu/p7igptsquba/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal>

<http://nativeplants.msu.edu/uploads/files/E2985ConservingNativeBees.pdf>

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## In the Garden

Lisa Joseph, Master Gardener  
Pittsfield Village Staff Horticulturist

I'm writing this month's article while up visiting my parents. Yesterday, my mom and I took our beach chairs and cooler and headed over to Pentwater for the day. Sitting on the beach at Lake Michigan, people-watching, talking about family members, and taking the occasional dip in the surprisingly warm water of the lake... that was my perfect ending to the summer of 2014.

My featured plant for September is an annual, a Zinnia called

### ZINNIA 'ZOWIE! YELLOW FLAME'

I adore tall zinnias, especially this time of year. They still look fabulous and are blooming their hearts out when many other plants have thrown in the towel for the season. Another great attribute is that the butterflies flock to these nectar-rich beauties. 'Zowie! Yellow Flame' stands at 3' tall and has petals that are fuchsia pink in the center and tipped with bright orange. It is stunning combined with Verbena bonariensis, magenta Phlox, Purple Cone Flower, Joe-Pye Weed, and other varieties of Zinnias. I have a fuchsia pink Benary Zinnia planted with it, and the fuchsia of the Benary brings out the ring of matching pink in the Zowie variety. Awwesome!

I have a client who recently asked me to design a Feng Shui garden for her. "Oh boy," was my initial reaction, "I am out of my comfort zone." However, as I began to research the concept, I found myself completely immersed in the idea and totally taken with the philosophy of this calming and optimistic principle of harmonious life.



Feng Shui, a Chinese design philosophy, means the flow of wind and water. Wind and water are the source of all life energy called Chi. Achieving Chi brings abundance and blessings into your environment and your life. A feng shui garden design attracts and maximizes the flow of positive energy or positive chi. Provide an unobstructed pathway and avoid clutter in the garden that will hinder the flow of chi.

The goal of feng shui is to achieve balance in the five natural elements or forces: metal, wood, earth, water, and fire.

**METAL:** brings clarity into your life. Metal elements in the garden can be metal statues, garden art, or wind chimes. Metal should be placed in the west, northwest, or north areas.

**WOOD:** the wood element represents the energy of health, vitality, and growth. It can be an arbor, a planting box, a bench, or an Adirondack chair and should be placed in the east, southeast or south areas.

**EARTH:** the earth element represents stability and nourishment. Represent earth with calming flowers or plants in colors of purple, white, blue, and black, rock formations or groupings, and clay pots. Include relaxing, flowing walkways with curving lines. Earth elements should be placed in the northeast area.

**WATER:** the water element represents calmness, purity, freshness, and abundance. It can be a fountain, water feature, or a birdbath. It should be placed in the southeast, east, or north areas.

**FIRE:** represents passion and energy in life. To incorporate the fire element, install a fire pit, use tiki torches or outdoor candles. If you'd rather not have a flame, use plants with the colors of fire- red, orange, purple, pink, and yellow. The fire element should be placed in the south, southwest, or northeast areas.

A home surrounded by a beautiful, lush garden is said to bring great fortune to the inhabitants—happiness, prosperity, good relationships, success in careers, and vitality. A feng shui garden is a peaceful haven where the chi flows easily and naturally, free of clutter and debris.



Pittsfield Village  
Communications  
Committee

## Bulletin

### CONDO OWNERS: STILL WRITING CHECKS?

If you are still writing checks each and every month, worrying about getting the payment in on time, using ever-increasing postage stamps, well, we have a solution for you! Perhaps you are interested in safe, easy, convenient and reliable method for paying your monthly Association Fees. If so, we urge you to consider signing up for Direct Debit from your checking or savings account! All you have to do is complete the short form and return it with a voided check to Wanda Buster at the Pittsfield Village office. The monthly fee will be automatically withdrawn at the beginning of the month and you'll NEVER have a late fee!

**"We shape our environment  
and thereafter, our  
environment shapes us"**

*- Winston Churchill*

Autumn is closing in. I keep up with fertilizing my annual planters and watering the garden as needed. Oftentimes, the months of September and October are quite warm and dry. Be sure that your woody shrubs and trees and evergreens stay well-watered until the ground freezes.

### Get out and play.



Lisa Joseph, Staff Horticulturist and Louie

	<b>1</b> Labor Day PV Office Closed	<b>2</b> <b>6pm</b> M&M Committee meeting Pool Closes for the Season	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>5-7pm</b> Pooch Plunge	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>7-9pm</b> Ann Arbor Embroidery Guild	<b>16</b> <b>6pm</b> Landscape Committee meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>6pm</b> Finance Committee meeting	<b>19</b> Newsletter articles due	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>6pm</b> Communication Committee Meeting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Board of Directors Meeting	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	 <b>September 2014</b>			

*All meetings to be held in Pittsfield Village  
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