



GETTING TO KNOW "THE VILLAGE PEOPLE"

by Barb De Longchamp

This month's Villager is someone that needs no introduction. I refer to her as "Wonder Woman" because she does everything, and with her trusted companion Madonna by her side. Maybe she is actually the Lone Ranger. Yes, we are speaking of KAT IRVIN!

An Ohioan! Who knew? She's so nice! LOL. She is always helping others. She's resided at the corner of Parkwood and Fernwood with Madonna in the Village for over a decade, and refers to it as an Oasis in Ann Arbor; Peaceful, friendly and filled with beautiful individual gardens. She was on the Board of Directors for 4 years; on the Landscape Committee; helped start our Annual Pooch Plunge 7 years ago, and has the only "Flamingo Garden", (which are all donations) without ever having seen a real one.

Yes, she is loved for her kindness, dry humor and generosity. For these self-contained attributes is probably why she became a Social Worker in 1989. She attended The College of Wooster and gained her degree in Social Work from the University of Michigan. Kat is a Mental Health Therapist for a private clinic and works from home with Teletherapy. Her goal is bringing curiosity to her patients. Helping them focus on their problems differently by asking themselves, "What can Lchange?"

Kat's life has been an interesting one, filled with adventure and unique experiences. At one time she was an Off-Shore Sailor from Maine to Florida to the Bahamas. She sailed a 50' Yawl with 2 masts, transporting boats to and from. During a winter in the White Mountains of New Hampshire she did an Outward Bound, which is a 10-day winter survival, and she survived!

Kat taught camping and canoeing to inner-city teenagers from NYC and Newark. She has ushered at the U of M Musical Society. To gain a free tee shirt she volunteered for many years at the Art Fair Information Booth. Wow she has done it all!

This brings us to her trusted companion Madonna. Rightly named after the Blessed Virgin Mary, due to her giving birth to puppies on Christmas Day; as the true Madonna gave birth to Christ. Madonna is a rescued flat-coated retriever of 15-1/2 years. She is just as sweet and gentle as Kat. However, she does refuse to wear a swimsuit for the Pooch Plunge, even though my dogs are dressed appropriately.

Ah yes, this was totally a joy to interview someone as interesting as Kat Irvin.

Thank you Kat, for letting us Get To Know You!



In the Garden

August 2023

By: Kristan LaFleur



Pictures provided by Katy



To Everyone

We have truly been blessed this summer with rain. Even with that being true, new plantings still need to be watered until winter. This is because the new roots have not extended enough to receive moisture found deeper in the soil levels. So, please make sure to water all the new plants.

For all our Garden Marker Program Participants

Things to do in Early August

- Cut back tired plants that have finished blooming for the year.
- Pull weeds before they go to seed.
- Fertilize your plants for the last time this year. Do not use a high nitrogen fertilizer since
 you are not trying to promote new foliage growth. Instead, use fertilizer with a higher
 component of phosphorus or potassium.
- Deadheading spent blossoms
- Remove any plants badly affected by insects or disease.

Things to do in Mid-August

- Again, deadhead spent flowers.
- Continue weeding and watering

Things to do in Late August

- Most perennials can be transplanted and divided at this time if the temperatures have cooled down somewhat. If the weather is still hot, wait until next month. Fall planting is not recommended for ferns, ornamental grasses, or woody perennials such as Buddleia (Butterfly Bush). Water always transplants thoroughly after planting.
- Weed and water

Flowering perennials for August





Sedum

Rudbeckia



Phlox paniculata



Plumbago

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2023 Pool Party











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and Friends!



Face Painting Fun









Board Member being such a good sport!



August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 M&M Committee - 6:00pm	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Landscape Committee - 6:00pm	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 BOD meeting 6:00pm	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



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Upcoming Meeting links (copy & paste)

Landscape: Aug 8, 2023, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

https://meet.goto.com/622367845 Access Code: 622-367-845

Board: Aug 16, 2023, 6:00 – 9:00 PM https://meet.goto.com/783265365

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