

Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan

Spring, 2023

CALENDAR

Quarterly Meetings

April 12, 2023
BCSEM & KMB
Celebrate Spring
at The Gazebo

June 15, 2023
Summer Quarterly
Meeting Celebrating
our 69th Anniversary
at the Bayview Yacht
Club in Detroit

September, 2023
Fall Quarterly Meeting
We have a tentative
host.

December, 2023
Winter Quarterly
Meeting

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“2023 SHOULD PROVE TO BE A VERY GOOD YEAR”

By John Darin

Warm 2023 greetings to all of our wonderful members! These unseasonably warm and mild winter days we are experiencing in Southeastern Michigan this season are very welcome, but also unsettling. What is welcome is seeing the buffering effects of our beautiful great lakes on the ambient temperatures in our area of the world. High 50 degrees in February? Seriously? What is unsettling is that this phenomenon may also be reflective, in part, of global warming, as we are witnessing horrific weather this season in other parts of this country. Whatever we, as members of BCSEM, can do to help mitigate global warming and its disastrous consequences should be a top priority for us as individuals, organizations, municipalities, and businesses as we go forward.

On a very happy note, the 2023 BCSEM membership drive is fully underway. The 2023 Membership Application and Renewal Form is available on our web site, bcsem.org. In addition, our individual membership mailings and e-mailings are underway! I have some wonderful news for our members. **If your municipality, organization, or business needs to request an IRS Form W-9 from BCSEM, please note instructions at the top of the Membership Application to receive an emailed copy of the W-9 Form!** This process is new this year, and is intended to fully assist current or interested municipalities in maintaining their membership in our non-profit organization.

In addition, I am very excited to report that the Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan has filed formal Articles of Incorporation with the State of Michigan Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Department. This is a necessary first step in BCSEM filing for formal Federal 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status of our organization. BCSEM is District 1 of Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc., and, as such, has deemed tax-exempt status. However, BCSEM desires to be granted its own tax-exempt status to permit increased membership and organizational growth. We should hear back from the State of Michigan soon, and we will communicate this organizational advancement to all of our members!

Lastly, I want to talk briefly about the BCSEM 2023 Quarterly Meetings. **Our “Celebrate Spring!” Quarterly Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 12th at The Gazebo in Warren.** We are very excited to once again partner with Keep Michigan Beautiful for this excellent event! **BCSEM is excited to announce our location for the 60th Anniversary at the Bayview Yacht Club in Detroit.** It is a lovely location and has been newly refurbished. More details will follow. We also have a tentative host for the September meeting and will have more information soon.

Thank you all again for your partnerships, for your collective efforts in beautifying your communities, and for your stewardship of our precious environment. Take care and be safe! Happy gardening!

Officers

President and ISA Award

John Darin

1st Vice President/ Treasurer

Kip Smith

2nd Vice President/ Membership

Michelle Hayden

Recording Secretary

John Darin

Corresponding Secretary

Position Open

Directors for 2023-2024

Lois Adams

Sandie Fischer

Kathie Brown

Directors For 2022-2023

Henrietta Baczewski

Jerald Stone

Pat Deck

Committees

Historian Lois Adams

ISA Award John Darin

Nominations & Parliamentarian

Pat Deck

Travel Trophy Lois Adams

Raffle Henrietta Baczewski

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IN MEMORY

Sadly one of our former members has passed away. We have only heard of this recently. Darlene Biondo was a former president of BCSEM from 2001 – 2002. She worked for the city of Warren.



MANY GREAT GARDEN TOURS AND FUN TO BE HAD IN OUR BEAUTIFUL MICHIGAN!

MONDAY, APRIL 10th-7pm Yardeners of St. Clair Shores. “Ferns, Grasses and Sedges-Their Role in the Garden” by Michelle Serreyn. Yardeners at Facebook or email at scsyardeners@gmail.com

SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND City of Wyandotte’s Spring Clean-up and Community Garden Opening. For more information, go to city’s website.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND City of St. Clair Shores Blossom Heath Pier Clean Up 10-noon.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND Harrison Township’s Earth Day Community Litter Clean Up 9-12 at 25900 Crocker. Go to website for more information

FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH Arbor Day Event in Mt. Clemens at Carnes Community Center at 58 Orchard St. Open House, the train station, the Crocker House, a raffle, and more good things. Go to website for more information.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH City of Farmington’s Carol Posby Litter Walk. Go to website for more information.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MAY 5TH AND 6TH 9AM-3PM BOTH DAYS Herb Plant Sale by the Herb Society at the Cook School House For details go to: <https://www.hsagrossepointeunit.org> or <https://facebook.com/HSAGPU>

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH City of Farmington’s Spring Plant Swap @Heritage Park . Look at website for more information.

SATURDAY, MAY 20TH City of Wyandotte’s Spring Dig In. For more information, go to the city’s website.

SUNDAY, MAY 21ST 11 AM-9PM, THURSDAY, JUNE 8TH 5PM-9PM AND SUNDAY, JUNE 25 8AM-2PM City of St. Clair Shores Farmer’s Market Season Opening with Food Truck Rally and Beer Area. Go to website for more information.

FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY, JUNE 2nd and 3rd St. Clair Shores’s Yardeners Native Plants Sale. Use Facebook for more information or email them at: scsyardeners@gmail.com

SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD 12-2 Harrison Township’s “Trunk” Plant and Garden Exchange 27100 Ballard. Go to website for more information.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JUNE 23rd and 24th 10 am-4pm Grosse Pointe 31st Annual Garden Grosse Pointe Garden Center. <https://gpgardencenter.org> or Facebook for more information.

CRANBROOK GARDEN TOURS CHECK FOR DATES FOR THE SUMMER For more information visit houseandgardens.cranbrook.edu

TUESDAY JUNE 27th Plymouth ‘s Flowers Are Forever Garden Walk Go to website for more information. Visit www.trailwoodgardenclub.com

IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE **SPRING**

KEEP MICHIGAN BEAUTIFUL, INC., AND THE
BEAUTIFICATION COUNCIL OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO ATTEND OUR

ANNUAL CELEBRATE SPRING LUNCHEON AND KICK-OFF TO MICHIGAN CLEAN-UP DAYS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023

**GAZEBO BANQUET CENTER,
31104 MOUND RD. IN WARREN, MI, 48092**

DON'T MISS THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR FROM THESE DYNAMIC SPEAKERS:
ELYSE WOLF AND MONIQUE BECKER, CO-FOUNDERS OF MONA LISA LIVING AND
KEYNOTE SPEAKER, NANCY EDWARDS, DIRECTOR OF KEEP GENESEE COUNTY BEAUTIFUL

ENJOY A BUFFET LUNCH, KMB'S PAPER BAG RAFFLE AND
MIX AND MINGLE WITH THE MEMBERS OF BOTH KMB AND BCSEM.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: 10:00 AM REGISTRATION & HOSPITALITY
10:30 AM SPEAKERS
12:30 PM INVOCATION & LUNCHEON
1:30 PM ANNOUNCEMENT OF RAFFLE WINNERS**

REGISTRATION

NAME(S) _____

REGISTRATION FEE: \$17.50 PER PERSON- NUMBER OF ATTENDEES _____

CHECK ENCLOSED CREDIT CARD

NAME ON CREDIT CARD _____

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ AMOUNT \$ _____

EXP. DATE _____ 3-DIGIT SECURITY CODE _____ ZIP CODE _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO KEEP MICHIGAN BEAUTIFUL, INC.
PLEASE FORWARD PAYMENT FOR ALL LISTED ATTENDEES WITH REGISTRATION INFO TO
JOANNE WELIHAN - 9085 CORDWOOD TRAIL - CHEBOYGAN, MI 49721
BY MARCH 31, 2023.



BCSEM UPDATES ON THE WEB

At our website, <https://bcsem.org> you will find lots of information about our organization. It was best to go into Google and enter the site. When you enter the site, look at the left side of the page and scroll down to BCSEM.org to find a clipboard on the right side of the page. Under this, you will find links to BCSEM forms on:

BCSEM Application

Individual Service Award

Purchasing a Newsletter Subscription

Membership Renewal-follow direction

You can also see Quarterly Meeting dates and locations, the 2023 calendar and are able to contact the web administrator at webadmin@bcsem.org. BCSEM information is here at the website for you to use and share with others. Thanks to Jim Keehn for all of his work on this.

BCSEM NEWSLETTER

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