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**THE NEWSLETTER FOR FRIENDS HAVING FUN IN THE DIRT!**

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## "FIREWORKS" IN THE GARDEN!

You can keep the spirit of Independence Day blooming in your garden with these beautiful flowers that are excellent at attracting pollinators and are deer resistant!



Allium Nevskanum



Fireworks Gomphrena



# Upcoming Events in July



**JULY 17, 2021 9-10:30AM**  
Join us as Master Gardener  
Cheryl Pytlarz  
walks through our garden and  
provides tips, ideas, &  
answers your questions.







## DUCK LAKE GARDEN WALK

**Saturday, July 24th**

**Meet at the garden at 9:15 for a 9:30am departure.**

**Bring a brown bag lunch, your beverage, and a collapsible lawn chair.**

**Join us as *friend-of-GROW!* and Master Gardener Cheryl Pytlarz takes us on a walking tour of her amazing home gardens.**

**Conversation will be casual and informative.**



We will be carpooling to Cheryl's (just under an hour's drive from our garden). Meet at Cheryl's at 10:30am.

For those of you wishing to drive yourselves, a map is provided. Her driveway is exactly 2 miles north on 6320 from Duck Lake Rd. Then look for 3 amber reflectors at a right turn. Take that 1/2 mile and you will see her garden. GPS DOES NOT WORK.

Weather permitting, we will be eating outside of Cheryl's garden. Bathrooms will be available.

**Please kindly RSVP to Karen at [mwgarden18@gmail.com](mailto:mwgarden18@gmail.com) by Thursday, July 22.** Let us know if you'd like to carpool or will meet us there. Any questions? Shoot us an email.

We hope many of you will join us for this unique opportunity.

**2862 Forest Road 6320, Watersmeet, MI**

The walk will take place on relatively level, uncovered garden terrain. Please bring a portable seat if you believe you will need to sit at times during the walk.



GROW! COMMUNITY GARDEN

OUR NEXT

July 31st, 4:30-6:00pm

MONTHLY

It was fun getting together at our first Social event on June 23rd. Don't miss this one! Meet your fellow gardeners and share stories!

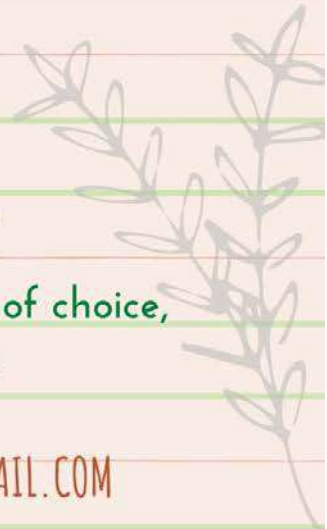
GARDEN

SEE YOU IN THE GARDEN

SOCIAL

Please bring a chair, your beverage of choice, and an appetizer to share.

QUESTIONS? EMAIL: [MWGARDEN18@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MWGARDEN18@GMAIL.COM)



# your questions answered

BY CHERYL PYTLARZ



## EDIBLE STAGES OF BROCCOLI



**Sprouts**  
1-7 days

**Microgreens**  
7-14 days

**Baby greens**  
30-50 days

*Jane Paris asked:*

I have giant healthy leaves on my broccoli plants but no sign of anything that looks like the broccoli we eat. Do I need to do something?



**Maturity**  
50-100+ days



**Flowers**  
60-100+ days

*Cheryl responds:*

I noticed I have the same case. I have *never* seen such large broccoli leaves in my whole 61 years. However I am not worried (hopefully also *never*). This heat we have had at this stage of grow would drive leaf grow over broccoli head development which are the flower buds of the plant. A plant makes a flower bud (broccoli head) when it feels it's time to retire. So when the temps cool, which is the normal condition here in the Northwoods, the plants will get the message to make flower buds.