Lake City Garden Club Julie Schwarz, President October 2022 District meeting

Good afternoon, everyone!

The Lake City Garden Club is back in full swing!

Over the summer, our groups of volunteers continued caring for our downtown beautification project. The 47 self-watering planters that line Marion Street (also known as Hwy 441/47) boast beautiful thrillers, fillers, and spillers. Some of the plants we have found that survived the hot and humid summer include pink bubblegum supertunias, Mexican heather, Blue Daze, canna lilies, coleus, and purslane. Those plants that succumbed to the heat were replaced and we lost two planters to a car accident. The city continues to fill the reservoirs for us. We will continue to rotate out the plants as the weather changes and cover with plankets when frost is forecast.

At our first meeting last month we welcomed four new members for a total membership of 84.

Upcoming meetings will include a Funny Granny Tea Party, our annual Christmas Brunch, Community Arbor Day celebration, and sharing garden tips & tricks.

Our club is also preparing for a Scrabble Tournament fundraiser in February or March. This is an event we hosted several years pre-Covid. We are hoping to receive a good response from the Lake City community for this club fund raiser.

In April, we will have the installation of officers for 2023-2025.

We are also planning the District V Spring Meeting to be held in May 2023.