

## Local Garden Club Visits

The Farmington Garden Club will visit the Finnish Center on Monday, Aug. 16 to tour Finlandia Gardens. The FCA Garden Club joined Michigan Garden Clubs Inc. this year and this has helped to bring our gardens into greater prominence locally and in the state. Since 2003, Finlandia Gardens have gained increasing recognition and have won numerous awards including the Keep Michigan Beautiful Presidents Award and the Rouge River Advisory Committee environmental award. We are looking forward to conducting, this, our first official tour by a garden club. Next February we will present our program, The Evolution of Finlandia Gardens to the Farmington Garden Club.

## Japanese Beetle Study



This year the FCA Garden Club will begin participating in a Japanese Beetle study conducted by Michigan State University Extension. Dead Japanese beetles that have been infected with a pathogen will be introduced into our gardens to infect beetle grubs which often are found in suburban lawns. Although the process takes a few years to be effective, we are beginning the process in order to eventually eliminate this beautiful, but destructive insect. This biocontrol measure is probably the only way that we are going to keep Japanese Beetles in check in our gardens.

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