

# Chassell Gardens Newsletter

A Volunteer Project in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan

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## **Thanks!**

Thank you to the Volunteers who have worked so hard, once again, on the Chassell Gardens. Visitors to the Strawberry Festival commented that the flowers looked the best ever. Despite the flooding, the volunteers came through, even if some of the gardens had to be re-worked to take care of the damage of the flash floods of early spring in 2018.

The Volunteers are your neighbors and friends, who help "create a sense of place" in our town, both for residents and for visitors. Our village is special, and we want it to be as beautiful as possible. We hope that all residents in the community will contribute by helping to pick up the any trash you find on the sidewalk and around the gardens. Please clean up anything that you think that is just tossed away. Especially, please clean up after your dog! Your efforts will not only be appreciated by everyone in Chassell, but make our true gateway to the Copper Country a special and beautiful place for residents and visitors alike.

## **Name Signs**

Many new name signs for the gardens were painted on wooden signs made by the Chassell School Woodworking class taught by Michael Randell. Thanks to all of the students for your hard work and contribution to our project!



*Photograph by Phyllis Johnson*

## **Poppies**

The Flanders poppies (*Papaver rhoeas*), grown from seeds donated by Chassell native Patricia Mackrain, are planted in two pots in front of the museum and the sides of the 1914 memorial in the Chassell Cemetery. The plants at the cemetery didn't fare well, but the ones at the museum are blooming wonderfully. They are very hardy plants, which is why they continued to grow in war-torn Flanders throughout the war and can still be found on the old battlefields to this day. Stop by to see them and to visit the Chassell Historical Museum while you're there.

## **Volunteers**

We would love to have additional volunteers join us to care for the 41 gardens in Chassell. If you are interested in helping out, please contact me!

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*photograph by Nick Evert*

### **Volunteers in the Strawberry Festival Parade!**

We proudly took our place in the annual Chassell Strawberry Festival Parade on July 7<sup>th</sup>, drawing great attention from residents and visitors. The volunteers carried a banner donated by Elite Signs, here in Chassell. We had a wonderful time and hope for even more volunteers to take part in next year's parade.