

## Levels of Giving



**\$25 - \$99**

**\$100 - \$249**

**\$250 - \$499**

**\$500 - \$999**

**\$1000 & Up**

**Commemorative Engraved Pavers** to honor your veteran are available for a separate donation of \$250 per paver. Order forms are available for download from the Veterans Garden section of our website at [www.gpgardencenter.org/donate](http://www.gpgardencenter.org/donate).

*For all Donations please include:*

Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Make Checks Payable to:  
Grosse Pointe Garden Center, Inc.**

Attn: Veterans Garden  
32 Lakeshore Road  
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*Grosse Pointe Garden Center, Inc. is a 501(c) (3)  
Non-profit organization.*

## Veterans Tribute



*Les Braves by Anilore Banon*

*The Wings of Hope- So that the spirit which carried these men on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1944 continues to inspire us, reminding us that together it is always possible to change the future*

*Rise, Freedom!- So that the example of those who rose against barbarity, helps us remain standing strong against all forms of inhumanity.*

*The Wings of Fraternity- So that this surge of brotherhood always reminds us of our responsibility towards others as well as ourselves.*

### Location

The Veterans Garden is located on the lakeside grounds of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

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## Grosse Pointe Garden Center, Inc. Veterans Garden

On the Grounds of the  
Grosse Pointe War Memorial



### Veterans Garden Dedication

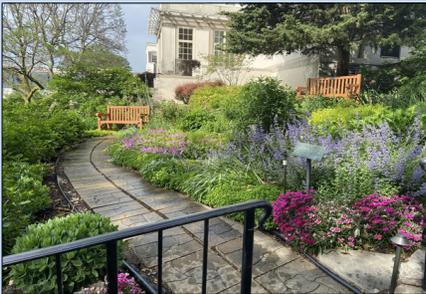
*"A place of solemn beauty, the garden allows peaceful reflection and serves as a permanent reminder of the sacrifices veterans have made to preserve our freedom."*

## Veterans Garden

Dedicated on Veterans Day ★ November 11, 2012

**Garden concept developed in 2007** to create a place to honor our local veterans. Lynn Lutomski Kiley and Mary Northcutt realized the former Hillside Garden would make a perfect venue for a Veterans Garden. An exploratory committee was formed headed by Garden Center President, Mary Northcutt and War Memorial President, Dr. Mark Weber to discuss possible ideas for the garden.

**Garden clean-up work began in 2009.** Volunteer Master Gardeners were recruited to help with the project. Two Advanced Master Gardeners, Debbie Graffius and Alaine Bush, took on the project in earnest, volunteering their time, commitment, and expertise in transforming the tiered garden into the peaceful design that exists today.



**Veterans Garden Committee formed in 2011** by Garden Center President, Marieke Allen, to manage and oversee the design and maintenance of the Veterans Garden. In 2012, a commemorative engraved paver pathway was added offering families the opportunity to honor their veterans and provide crucial funding for the garden.

**Keep Michigan Beautiful Award** was received in October 2015 for the garden's *Outstanding Contribution to Beautification*.

**Monarch Way Station Certification** was awarded in 2018 for meeting the required criteria of sustaining pollinators with nectar and larva host plants. The garden is listed on the National Monarch Way Station Registry.

**Financial support for Veterans Garden** is provided entirely by donations and engraved paver purchases, safeguarding this lasting tribute to our U.S. military service men and women.



**Grosse Pointe Garden Center, Inc.** founded in 1950, is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization to *promote educations, beautification, horticulture, and conservation in our community*. The Garden Center is a gardening resource for our community, offering lectures, workshops, annual garden tours, college and Master Gardener scholarships, Trial Gardens and Veterans Garden, and other activities. The Garden Center funds its many events through fundraisers, donations, and memberships.

## The Grosse Pointe War Memorial



The Grosse Pointe War Memorial also known as the Russell A. Alger, Jr. House of "The Moorings" serves as a living memorial in honor of veterans. Its objective is to foster growth through learning and enrichment with programs and services.

Built in 1910, designed by Charles Platt in the Italian Renaissance style, it served as the family home of Russell A. Alger, Jr. In 1949 it was donated to the community with a dual purpose, as a perpetual memorial to the veterans of WWII and to serve as a contributing center for educational and charitable activities for local communities.

In honoring those in the U.S. military who have served or are serving our country the War Memorial provides educational, cultural, civic, and patriotic programs and services to enrich our community. The most recent tribute is the installation of a replica of the Omaha Beach Memorial sculpture *Les Braves* by Anilore Banon at the lakeside of the War Memorial.

The beautifully landscaped grounds include the Grosse Pointe Garden Center's lovely Veterans Garden, Trial Gardens, and Arbor Gardens making the War Memorial a truly unique and treasured facility in our community.