

Artist's Gathering

All gatherings start at 8:30a

1. Shook's Brothers' Farms

5833 Shooks Rd, Central Lake

Babs Young, hostess

June 18th

Beautiful vistas of farmlands, Grand Traverse Bay, rolling terrain, white and green farm buildings, cows, cherry orchards with twelve varieties of trees, rows of poplar and catalpa trees, and old farm equipment. You may drive your vehicle through the orchards to several different viewpoints.

Directions to Shook's Brother's: Take 31 south to the intersection of Highway 88. Turn east (or left if coming from Atwood/Charlevoix area.) Continue for 2 miles to a point where the road curves to the right. On this curve, you will turn left onto Shooks Rd. Go to the end of Shooks Rd. The farm office is on the right. Restrooms are in the office area.

2. Nel Vickers Llama Farm/Maplewood Farms-

05770 Stephens Rd, Charlevoix

Pat Tinney, hostess

June 25th

Rolling terrain with some views of Lake Charlevoix. Llamas, horses, woods, fencerows and farm buildings. You may walk into the llama area to work up close and personal if you wish.

Directions to Nel Vicker's: Take the Boyne City-Charleviox Rd to Stephens Rd. (Stephens Rd is approximately 2 miles west of the Boyne City/Charlevoix Rd. and Horton Bay Rd. intersection.) Turn North on Stephens Rd. The house is the second driveway on the right. There is a dark green wooden gate and 2 green mailboxes at the entry.

***Please note: Nel Vickers sold her former property on the Boyne City/Charlevoix Rd, but has built a home just behind the original llama farm. ***

July 2nd-No Program

3. The House on the Hill

9661 Lake Street, Ellsworth

Cindy Tomalka, Innkeeper and our hostess

July 9th

Panoramic views of St. Clair Lake and the surrounding hills are accessed from both the Inn's wicker-filled wraparound porch or boat dock. Walking trails along an artesian spring and thorough wildflower meadows,

cedar wetlands, and piney woods are available as the property continues to rise above “the hill,” with views of the renovated farmhouse, the carriage house and original fieldstone walls. There are also many beautiful perennial gardens (Cindy is a Master Gardener), some featuring rustic farm implements.

Directions to the House on the Hill: From the traffic light in East Jordan (M-66 and M-32 intersection) continue west on C-48 (M32) towards Ellsworth for 6 mile. The House on the Hill is on the right just before the village limits.

4. Lavender Hill Farms

07354 Horton Bay Rd.

Karen Kimmell, hostess

July 16th

Rolling fields of several different varieties of lavender. Views can be accessed from the house, barn and drying shed. The farm store is open on Thursday so there will be some traffic.

Directions to the Lavender Farm: Take the Boyne City/Charlevoix Rd. to Horton Bay Rd. and follow this road north towards the Little Traverse Bay. The farm is located on the right, 07354 Horton Bay Rd.

5. Kiteley’s Farm Market

3805 Brock Rd, Charlevoix

Jane Diller, hostess

July 23rd

Picturesque farm setting that overlooks vistas and view of Lake Charlevoix. Rows of beautiful flowers in cutting garden, grape arbor, and raspberry bushes. Barn, market building, farm equipment and animals complete this setting.

Directions to Kiteley’s: Take M-66 to Ironton, turn west on Ferry Rd (left if coming from East Jordan.) Turn right on Brock Rd. The farm will be on the left.

6. Rex Beach Rd./ Antrim Natural Area, Public beach, and Nature Preserve

Babs Young, hostess

July 30th

Beautiful vistas of Grand Traverse Bay with the Leelanau and Old Mission Peninsulas; also beach grasses, rocks, interesting shoreline, wooded paths, and Antrim Creek views.

Directions to the Antrim Natural Area: Take 31 to Atwood. The first road south of Royal Farms is Rex Beach Rd. Turn west (right if coming from the Charlevoix direction). Continue on as this becomes a dirt road to the North entrance of the park.

7. The Vistas of Lake Bellaire

Nancy Carey, hostess

August 6th

A terrific vista encompassing a panoramic view of Lake Bellaire with a variety of buildings, barns, and trees.

Directions to the Vistas: In Bellaire, at the flashing light (corner of M-88 and Cayuga St- Moka's Coffee Shop is on one corner) take Cayuga St. heading west. This becomes Bellaire Highway. Go less than 2 miles and you will see a sign on the right, which says, "The Vistas." Turn right on this road and it will take you to the top of a hill where a housing development is being planned. Sherry Marshall's camper will provide our restrooms for this site (or a short trip back to Moka's).

8. Fred Vemeersch's Orchard View

1344 Vermeersch Rd, Central Lake

Karen Kimmell, hostess

August 13th

Gorgeous views of rolling farmlands, cherry orchards, Shook's Farm and a magnificent panorama of Grand Traverse Bay from an elevated ridge near the orchard.

Directions to Vermeersch's: Turn east on M-88 from the intersection of M-31 and M-88 in Eastport. Continue 2 miles to where the road curves to the right. Before you reach the next orchard to the right (less than 0.2 miles) and before you reach the top of the hill, pull off the road to the right on the gravel and grass area to park. The first cars should pull in as much as possible and CARPOOLING would be best. This orchard is before King's Orchard on M-88. Crossroads are Shadynook and Robert's Rd. Rest room will be Sherry Marshall's camper trailer.

9. Bellaire Bed and Breakfast

212 Park Street, Bellaire

Babs Young, hostess

August 20th

A tree-lined street is the entry to this charming yellow B&B. The grounds include 2 ½ acres of perennial beds, a rock garden, a carriage house, a hidden garden, courtyard gardens, hedgerows, and a borrowed view of an open meadow seen through pine trees.

Directions to Bellaire B&B: At the intersection of M-88 and Cayuga St. in Bellaire (the flashing yellow light), turn north on M-88 (also known as Bridge St.). Drive two blocks through downtown Bellaire and over the bridge. Turn west on the next street, which is Antrim St (United Methodist Church is on the NW corner.) Go one block on Antrim to the

intersection of Park St, which is also a flashing yellow light. Turn south. The first driveway on the right is the entry to the B&B.

10. Jordan River Watershed Center

101 Union St. East Jordan

Nancy Carey, hostess

August 27th

From 11:30 there will be a potluck picnic to end the series and to brainstorm ideas for next year. Do feel free to bring your set-up to work earlier as well.

From this renovated country store building and its nature trails, there are views of the Jordan River estuary. The purple loosestrife will be in bloom; and the eagles, ospreys and other waterfowl may be present. It's also market day at the nearby Sportsman's Park. The bridge, the town of E. Jordan and Lake Charlevoix complete the panorama.

Directions to the Jordan River Watershed Center: At the intersection of M66 and M32 in E. Jordan, turn east on M-32. at the curve just before the bridge turn right on to Bridge St. The next street is Union Street. You can only turn left here. The center is at the end of this street.

Questions about any of the above sites/directions?

Contact: Nancy Carey: 536-7812, Karen Kimmell,

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES:

May –As I send this out Shooks Cherry Orchard is in bloom! Call Karen Kimmell, or Sherry Marshall 533-9321 for carpooling information

June 11th- the CL Forman workshop still has space for two more participants.

Sept 24, or Oct 1st or 8th - Landslide scenic overlook

Oct.4-Nov. 6th Exhibit your work at JRAC