

NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE
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**FANTASTIC FOOD, FABULOUS CARS, FINE WINE & BREW TO RAISE FUNDS
FOR NORTH CENTRAL STUDENTS**

Fantastic food, fabulous cars, fine wine and beer will be served up at the Garden Party to be held on Sunday, August 14, 2016 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Harris Gardens at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey. The event will benefit scholarships for North Central's CNC (Computer Numerical Controls) Machining program.

This 300-guest wine and food gala will feature exceptional regional cuisine prepared by the area's finest restaurants, paired with extraordinary wine and beer featured and distributed by Great Lakes Wine and Spirits. Guests are encouraged to wear their best garden party chic (including hats for the ladies). In addition, there will be a display of classic cars.

The Garden Party event was initiated by the J. Lewis Cooper Family and Elizabeth and Sydney L. Ross Foundation (owners of Great Lakes Wine and Spirits) eight years ago to benefit trade and occupational programs at southeast Michigan community colleges. Now, in 2016, they are sponsoring an additional event in Northern Michigan to benefit North Central. You may learn more about this lovely event by visiting www.thegardenpartymichigan.org.

Tickets for The Garden Party are \$150 per person. Attire is traditional Garden Party chic. The hosts request that ladies wear hats. Guests must be 18 to attend. Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.thegardenpartymichigan.org.

Participating restaurants include Stafford's Hospitality, City Park Grill, Twisted Olive, Barrel Back, Esperance, Walloon Lake Inn and Vintage Chop House, Chandler's and Mustang Wendy's.

The Garden Party is presented by Great Lakes Wine and Spirits, MPS Foundation, Charity Motors, MP Tool and Engineering, Bay Harbor Foundation, Renee and Pier Borra, Frey Foundation, Meijer, Beverly Paisley, Melissa and Paul Keiswetter and Petoskey Plastics, plus many others.

North Central Michigan College is an open-door community college based in Petoskey, with additional locations offering classes and services in Cheboygan and Gaylord. North Central's mission is to provide educational, economic and cultural opportunities for student learning, personal growth and community improvement. North Central is an Achieving the Dream Leader College and a Military-Friendly School®.

The Garden Party Foundation was founded by Elizabeth and Sydney L. Ross. The Garden Party event was initiated and is maintained by The J. Lewis Cooper family and Elizabeth and Sydney L. Ross Foundation. The purpose of The Garden Party is to create a pleasant Sunday afternoon that is pleasing to the eye, the palate, and for its charitable aspect – pleasing to the soul. The Garden Party Foundation's mission is to support multiple local charities and use money raised to support Michigan causes. The foundation also aims to make The Garden Party the finest and most prominent food and wine event in the state.

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