

## District 2B Presidents Meeting

Wednesday, February 17, 2021-6:30 – 8:00pm

### Invited:

Ronnie Dush, DeWitt Millenium Garden Club  
Julie Hath, Webberville Garden Club  
Jolanta Piecuch, Williamston Red Center Garden Club  
Nola Hogge, Brighton Garden Club  
Sue Kesti, The Garden Club of Greater Lansing  
Judy Knitter, Hartland Garden Club  
Stella Jay, Brighton Garden Club  
Michael Love, Marshall Garden Club  
Donna Musloff, Coldwater Garden Club  
Julie Partee, Laingsburg Garden Club  
Georgia Styka, Meridian Garden Club  
Cindy Langenberg, Garden Club of Lansing  
Debra Plichta, Looking Glass Garden Club, Grand Ledge  
Diann Jackman, Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club  
Debora Logsdon, Dewitt Millenium Garden Club  
Wendy Turner, Howell Garden Club  
Brenda Wineman, Eaton Rapids Home & Garden Club  
Monica Taylor, MGC  
Janet Hickman, MGC, The Friendly Garden Club of Traverse City  
Laura Grainger, MGC  
Rose Houk, MGC & DeWitt Millennium Garden Club  
Ronnie Polad, District IIB Treasurer & Garden Club of Greater Lansing  
Joan Lehnard, Garden Club of Greater Lansing  
Terry Such, Howell Garden Club  
Debbie Richards, Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club  
Noreen Weitkamp, Brighton Garden Club

### Minutes:

Welcome & Introductions.

- Roll Call
- Upcoming Events

All Together Now – Statewide District Meeting happening this week.

### Statewide Events

- Monday Morning Member Meetings
  - March 22, 2021 Gail Taggart –Grow and Share Grants
  - March 29, 2021 Mary Pulick-Techniques for Preserving Flowers and Ways to Use Them
  - April 5, 2021 Diann Jackman –Sunflower House Learning Center & Youth Garden Club
  - April 12, 2021 Lynn O’Shaughnessy –Photography Tips for Better Horticulture Photos Part 5: Horizontal vs Vertical; Bees and Butterflies; Spring Peeper Photos
  - Schedule & Past Recordings on 'Member' side of [www.migardenclubs.org](http://www.migardenclubs.org)
- June 1-3 MGC 90th Annual Conference (Zoom)
  - Program Highlights:
    - Doug Talley “Natures Best Hope” and Stacy Hirvela, Marketing Manager with Spring Meadow Nursery (a Proven Winners Flowering Shrubs - the largest and best-known woody plant liner providers in North America)

- Janet Macunovich – Planting Well (Trees)
- Kay Charter – Backyard Birds
- Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. is strong because we have members willing to devote their time, talents and energy to its growth and development. At the November 5, 2020 Board meeting twelve MGC members graciously volunteered to have their names placed in nomination for the MGC elected positions. Now it is time to begin to fill the many President-appointed positions. We invite YOU to consider serving on the MGC Board for the 2021-2023 term. Find form to apply at <https://migardencubs.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/MGC-Board-Volunteer-Form-2021.pdf>
- There is a big push to put Youth Gardening programs into the report and keep adding Pollinator Gardens to the National Registry. This counts on the Presidents Report.
- We need names of the delegates for MGC Conference in June. Each club needs to turn in their list before the Annual Conference in June.

Club Rosters - Updates will be due for this year's membership enrollments. Please send to me and copy Monica Taylor.

#### District Updates

- Newsletter, Facebook, District Weebly, District ZOOM
  - Need each clubs FB and website addresses for our listing on Weebly.
  - Share events with Peggy Bryson Weebly page manager.
  - ZOOM training – Clubs getting on board. If you need help in using Zoom to meet with your club members, please contact me or Laura Grainger. We want you to use the District's Zoom account.
  - Newsletter distribution. Are you distributing news from the District? We need your help to get information out to your members. We have not had a newsletter since July 2020. We hope to have one out this spring. You can help us by providing club information to be included in the next publication.

#### Club Updates

- Each Participant give a quick update on what your club has done in January and is doing in February.
  - Sue Kesti shared that she is seeing members more dis-engaged, and recruiting is more difficult.
  - Meridian Garden Club and Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club are doing a Christians Gift Certificate sale.
  - Dewitt conducted a Floral Arrangement Kit for holiday cheer cups. The kits were assembled for members to pick up and assemble their own arrangements for area residents and homes.
  - Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club conducted the usual Cups of Love for Christmas. Eighty-five holiday cups were made for senior shut-ins and group foster care homes. Garden Club members worked in teams of six (as apposed to the usual big group workshop). Safe distancing and wearing masks mandates were followed.
  - There was a discussion on fundraising and member recruitment using COVID-19 safety measures. Activities can be safely managed and be successful.

#### Open-Mic

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#### Next Meetings

3rd Wednesday of the Month

- Mar 17, 2021 06:30 PM (postponed to Mar 24, 2021)
- Apr 21, 2021 06:30 PM
- May 19, 2021 06:30 PM