



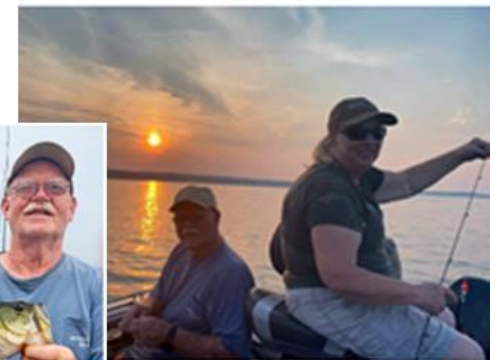
Growing Our Minds and Gardens

Michigan Garden Clubs District IIB



A Letter from Your District Director

I usually don't claim to be a fearless leader. Today, I will. I took a family vacation that required packing household essentials and food for 13 people (and 4 dogs) accommodating a week at a rustic fish camp. I did this knowing that my garden was growing great guns and would need a lot of attention when I returned home. I also knew that there was a District Fall meeting to plan, 14 club rosters to wrangle in, a District 2B newsletter to publish, a club membership yearbook to publish, club membership renewals to collect, and the MGC Annual Conference to begin planning. All that to happen before September! Needless to say, I am paying for that week of "rest".



While staying at Jack's Landing, I did fish my heart out...at least when I could get a spot in a boat. We take two boats to accommodate the group. The object of doing this trip is that there are grandsons and one granddaughter in our family who love to fish, not to mention that my two daughters do a pretty good job of catching fish too. Laura (yes, the Laura Grainger you know) caught a 19" bass!



The fish we catch provides us with a couple of great fish fry dinners there. The rest is clean, packaged, and frozen to provide many more family fish fry dinners this winter.

When we returned from our trip, my garden was really growing tall and no one needed to tend to watering while we were gone. The veggies all looked healthy and we have lots of radishes, lettuce, beets, tomatoes and cucumbers coming on. I fear going into the garden with the horde of mosquitos that lurk out there. They love me!



Take care everyone, have a wonderful rest of your summer and make sure to save the dates for the special events planned for the District and your own clubs. You know, our club members do great work beautifying local communities. We help educate others and proclaim to be great stewards of the land. There are many dates to pay attention to in the next few pages. Please take time to read the news we share and mark your calendars. Share your joy of gardening and help our clubs' membership grow. We are part of the oldest and largest horticulture organization in the world.

We all can make a difference!
Carol Grainger

Aunt Bee is Back... and She's on a Mission!

Our sweet aunt Bee is using her abilities to nag, cajole, or browbeat District Clubs into doing what needs to be done. Sometimes I have that shocked look that Aunt Bee has...as if I we're asking, "are you kidding me? How am I going to do all this?"

Here is what we are asked to get done:

1. Get Presidents to attend monthly meetings.
2. Get Presidents to submit quarterly updates for the website and newsletter.
3. Get each Club to submit their updated membership rosters and payments before August 25th.
4. Find volunteers to help fill MGC "Chair" positions.
5. Find volunteers to help with District 2B Meetings, Steering Committee.
6. Find volunteers to support Flower and Symposiums and Displays, and volunteers to support MGC's 2022 Annual Conference.

That explains the worried look.

If you want to see us smile. Please meet the deadlines and put forth your volunteers. Let's get things done. We have a great District with wonderful clubs, doing stupendous work in our communities. Share, love and laugh!

Your friendly District Director,

- Carol and (Aunt Bee)

Aunt Bee is also helping us learn how to use our electronic garden tools to connect with other clubs and members through this newsletter and on our District 2B website.

1. Follow our 2B bee below by clicking where indicated. This opens our secure website that has all sorts of information beyond this newsletter. As you read through the newsletter click on graphics, logos and underlined text.
2. Ask a garden club or other friend to assist you. No computer? Ask your club president or other member to print it for you.

Click bee-low and enter password.



You only need to check-in once for access to the entire newsletter!



The Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club celebrated its 95th year in 2020. A group of 9 Williamston women formed the club back in 1925 because of their common interest in gardening and houseplants. Thus, the Red Cedar Garden Club was formed. The ladies met wearing their white gloves and fancy hats for a conversation and lesson with tea and sweet treats in member's homes. There were no dues at first. Later, members paid ten cents per meeting. The money was used for a sunshine fund. Their mission was based on the same principles that guide us today, to stimulate the love and knowledge of nature among amateurs, in protecting native trees, plants and birds; encourage home gardening; promote civic beautification; and aid one another in gardening.



The very first garden club in America was founded in January 1891. Formalized garden clubs began in the early 1900s. Horticultural societies and botany groups, some dating back to colonial times, restricted women's membership. In response to that restriction, women formed their own clubs within their own communities. In 1929, thirteen federated states became charter members of the National Garden Clubs.



WRCGC is the second oldest civic organization in Williamston, Michigan and the 5th oldest garden club in Michigan. In the beginning, WRCGC members participated in flower shows and increased their activities to include community garden projects, planting trees, school gardens, and helping residents with front yard appeal. Larger missions helped to shaped the American landscape. The Williamston women were pioneers in garden club standards.



Youth gardening has been a large part of WRCGC's mission, giving instruction to youth gardening groups. During World War II, that the Red Cedar Garden Club encouraged others to plant their own "Victory Gardens". Over the years, the Club has helped teachers attend the Conservation Camp at Higgins Lake, started the Arboretum and Garden Project at the Ingham County Medical Care Facility in Okemos, which is still part of ICMCF today.



Despite the 2020 COVID-19 restrictions, WRCGC continued to meet monthly with the aid of internet-based ZOOM Meetings. They provided educational programs, a garden tour, conducted fundraisers, and continued projects to the benefit of the community. The WRCGC Beautification Teams are the Club's most recognized community program planting and caring for eight gardens in Williamston.



On June 14th, 2021, the WRCGC members celebrated with 95th Birthday cupcakes in McCormick Park. President, Jolanta Piecuch and other Board members handed out 35 awards to members who remained active only during 2020. The number of Certificates of Recognition is a testimony to the Club's success.

This year, the City of Williamston will receive a WRCGC anniversary gift of \$18,000. A new gazebo (\$8,000) has been gifted to the city and the Phyllis Chirico Memorial Fund (\$10,000) will be applied to grant for city park improvements. The Memorial Dedication Ceremony date will be set when the city is close to completing its work.

Currently, WRCGC consists of 62 active members, as of 2020/21, and has eight National Life Members and forty-four current members registered as State Life Members of Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. Among the current membership (individual and family), there are master gardeners, advanced master gardeners, flower show judges, garden consultants, floral designers, Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. officers and national board members. This is an example of a vibrant garden club.



OUR CLUBS



District IIB of Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. is 14 clubs and 659 members strong. We share a love of gardening, respect for our environment, a thirst for knowledge, and a willingness to share our expertise. We beautify our communities, tend our gardens, make awesome floral arrangements, nurture pollinators, attend and present educational programs, and come together to learn and enjoy fellowship.

FOR CLUB INFO CLICK HERE
(if not already checked-in)



MGC District IIB

PASSWORD - 2bgardeners

Meeting Days and Times

Brighton Michigan Garden Club- 2nd Thursday

DeWitt Millennium Garden Club - 2nd Thursday

Eaton Rapids Home & Garden Club

The Garden Club of Greater Lansing- 2nd Monday

Grand Ledge Garden Club- 4th Tuesday

Hartland Home & Garden Club - 2nd Wednesday

Howell Garden Club- 4th Wednesday

Looking Glass Garden Club, Wacousta, Ionia County - 1st Monday

Marshall Area Garden Club- 3rd Tuesday

Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club - 2nd Tuesday

Meridian Garden Club - 3rd Monday

Sherwood Garden Club-

Webberville Garden Club- 1st Wednesday

Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club - 2nd Monday



Upcoming Events

Fall 2021

August

- 10-11 NGC Flower Show Symposium - Okemos Conference Center ([Brochure and Register](#))
- 20 Friday Morning Member Meeting via Zoom - Lynn O'Shaughnessy re: Circle Garden 2021
- 21 "A Home Town, Home Grown Island Fair" - Grosse Isle Garden Club ([information](#))

September

- 1 Deadline for filing applications for the Marilyn J. Lee award
- 3 Friday Morning Member Meeting - Sue Soderberg re: Awards Process
- 8-9 NGC Environmental School Course 3- Midland ([information](#); [brochure](#))
- 11-12 "Color Me Fall" - District IV Flower Show - Frederick Meijer Gardens
- 15-16 NGC Gardening School, Course 3
- 17 Friday Morning Member Meeting via Zoom: Lynn O'Shaughnessy re: Growing Orchids
- 20 Monday Member Meeting via Zoom - Lynn O'Shaughnessy re: Native Plant Pollinators
- 28-29 Flower Show School Course 1 - Petoskey ([information](#))
- 30 IIB District Fall Meeting – Marshall (see next page flyer)**

October

- 1 Friday Member Meeting via Zoom - Lynn O'Shaughnessy re: Leaf Peeping
- 13-14 NGC Environmental School Course 4 - Midland ([information](#))
- 18-19 NGC Landscape Design School, Course 3 - Grand Haven ([information](#))

November

- 1-2 Central Region Convention
- 5 Friday Member Meeting via Zoom - Karen Maupin re: MGC Scholarship Programs
- 10-11 NGC Gardening School, Course IV -
- 19 Friday Member Meeting via Zoom - Lynn O'Shaughnessy re: Evolution of a Gardener

December

- 3 Friday Member Meeting via Zoom - Mary Pulick re: Holiday Decor - Trees, Topiaries, Swags
- 8 Holiday Flower Show - Okemos Conference Center
- 20 **Friday Member Meeting via Zoom** - Lynn O'Shaughnessy re: Using Grasses in the Garden

2022

March

- 17-20 District 2B Flower Show "Destination: National Parks."

June

- 8-9 Clubs are asked to **save the date** for the 2022 MGC Annual Conference. the theme is Theme: "Plant America: Grow, Share and Connect". The conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Lansing. Details to follow.



District IIB Fall Meeting




It's All Natural

September 30, 2021

1:00 – 4:00 PM

Marshall United Methodist Church
721 Old US 27 North, Marshall, MI

Remote/Zoom participation is an option

-  Come to socialize with old and new friends, District club members.
-  Stay informed about current district and state activities.
-  Learn more about the importance of herbs and pollinators.

People, Plants & Pollinators: the Herbal Connection

As gardeners, we are often reminded of the vital role that pollinators and beneficial insects play in our landscapes and food supply. There is much information about pollinator-friendly flowers, but what about herbs? Herbs are multi-tasking plants in and out of the garden. Their flowers and fragrant foliage have something of value to offer both people and pollinators. Blending herbs into your yard and garden will increase biodiversity and ecological function. In this presentation, Susan discusses herbs to grow that will support and nourish people and wildlife in your backyard and beyond.



Presenter: Susan Betz

Susan Betz is an author, garden communicator, lecturer, and conservationist specializing in herbs and native plants for more than 35 years. She is a charter member and past president of the Michigan Herb Associates and lives in Jonesville, Michigan.

Registration Fee- \$20 in person and \$10 Zoom attendance. Registration link and more detailed information to follow in the confirmation.



Hosted by the Marshall Area Garden Club



Gardening School Course 3 September 15 & 16

Our on-line registration form will allow you to use a debit or credit card to pay the registration



Flower Show School Course 1, September 28 – 29

Our on-line registration form will allow you to use a debit or credit card to pay the registration



58th Flower School Symposium August 10-11

Our on-line registration form will allow you to use a debit or credit card to pay the registration



Environmental School Course 3, September 8 – 9

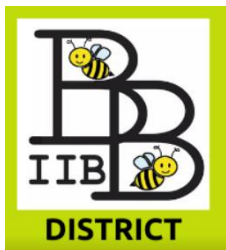
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Landscape Design School Course 3, October 18 -19, 2021

Our on-line registration form will allow you to use a debit or credit card to pay the registration

[Read more](#)



Social Media Connect – How-to

A page is public, a group is private and you will need to ask to join. You need a personal Facebook account to like and share.



[Michigan Garden Clubs District IIB](#)
This is a public page

[Michigan Garden Clubs District IIB Group](#)
This is a private group – you must request to join



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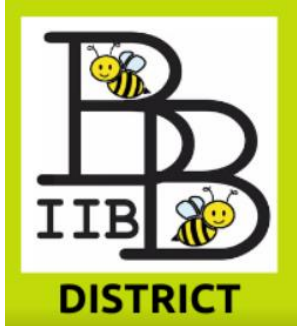
Michigan Garden Clubs District IIB Group

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Gardeners
Crafters
Designers
Photographers
Quilters

Special Interest Opportunities



Belonging to District IIB offers opportunities to participate in many activities. These include Quilting, Photography, Youth Gardening and Crafting along with IIB Designers.

Each interest will be able to plan their own schedules, activities and interactions. There are no requirements for participation and no cost (except perhaps for materials for a specific project). You can participate as much or little as you desire— but without signing up, you won't know what's happening! See the contact information below.

- IIB Crafters — Contact - Open Position.
- IIB Designers -- Contact Kathi Dominguez, dominguezk@comcast.net, 517-927-4665.
- IIB Photographers -- Contact Melinda Pope, melindapope56@me.com.
- IIB Quilters -- Contact Linda Mogyoros, turtlehatch@att.net, 517-712-2622.
- IIB Youth Gardening — Contact Sharon Rodgers, sharonr@wolveng.com, 517-676-5051

MGC Private Facebook Groups -

These are private groups - request to join

Private - Only members can see who's in the group and what they post.

This is a place for Michigan Garden Club members to connect with members across the state who share an interest in garden related arts and crafts. Share a picture of your favorite garden art ... that's great! Share ideas and 'how to', even better! Let's see how creative we all can be!

If you would like to be a part of this group, answer the membership questions.



[Michigan Garden Clubs Artistic Crafts Group](#)
[Michigan Garden Clubs Floral Design Group](#)
[Michigan Garden Clubs Photography Group](#)
[Michigan Garden Clubs Edibles Group](#)

Social Media Club News-

Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club



The Sunflower Youth Garden Club met last Wednesday evening and learned about arranging flowers cut from their gardens into beautiful bouquets! A big thank you to Club member LouAnn Shaw for sharing her floral expertise! Lots of harvesting as well! Radishes, lettuce, yellow beans, carrots, onions and some zucchini!

Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club has been completing the Sunflower House Learning center for four years. It is done and it is another spectacular year. Thank you to our community support and Youth families.



The Looking Glass Garden Club

Field trip tonight to [Uncle Mike's Family Farm](#) in DeWitt. Mike & Julie were perfect hosts and nice to show us their different farm areas plus a taste of roasted chicken, a wet beverage and nice fellowship. Think of Uncle Mike's for fresh eggs, organic frozen chicken, including organ pieces. Fresh turkey ready for Thanksgiving.

Lynn O'Shaughnessy's Circle Garden Tour - A Club Destination

The Brighton Michigan Garden Club came to visit Lynn O'Shaughnessy's Circle Garden and other gardens. It was a great day for a tour after being rained out the day before.



Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club members enjoyed an evening tour of Lynn O'Shaughnessy's circle garden and new shade gardens. Most of her native Michigan plants were grown from seed in her greenhouse.



Lynn loves sharing her passion and knowledge of gardening.

Request a Tour!

frespirit@pleurothallids.com

810-599-3115

Watch Lynn's zoom presentations in the Michigan Garden Clubs Friday Morning Members Meetings at 10am
Meeting ID: 912 729 4983 Passcode: mgcmeets

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| August 20 | A Dream Come Full Circle, My Circle Garden One Year Later |
| September 17 | Growing Orchids |
| October 1 | Leaf Peeping |
| November 19 | Evolution of a Gardener: Knowledge Gained Through Experience |
| December 17 | Using Grasses in the Garden |



Meridian Garden Club



Saturday was a beautiful day for fourteen of the club's Gallivanting Gardeners to venture out to the 2021 Marshall Garden tour. We saw amazing gardens (and oohed and aahed over many that we passed by as we walked to and from the official tour gardens), admired homeowners' artwork and use of reclaimed brick, got

lots of ideas for our own gardens, and explored the accompanying market's crafts, plants and collectibles. And what would a visit to Marshall be without lunch at Schuler's restaurant?

Kudos to the Marshall Area Garden Club for orchestrating a delightful day!

Hartland Home and Garden Club



Congratulations to our own Kathy Mikuska whose garden is featured in this month's Michigan Gardener Magazine!

The DeWitt Millennium Garden Club

(DMGC), along with the DeWitt Area Chamber of Commerce and City of DeWitt, dedicated a new stone monument to



Gold Star Families during a beautiful Sunday afternoon on Sunday, June 13th at the DeWitt, Michigan cemetery.

The new monument sits alongside a Blue Star Monument that was dedicated on October 10, 2010.

The family brought a photo of John and his framed medals. It was very heartfelt and touching to see the family together. The impact of their loss is still very substantial and emotional today.



More than 50 people attended the ceremony, including DMGC members, Michigan Garden Club, Inc. (MGC) Representatives, DeWitt VFW Post 671 Honor Guard, Scouts BSA Troop 77, and numerous family members of John Ruiz - a fallen Vietnam hero.

Retired U.S. Air Force Colonel Stephen Mussleman spoke about the military impact on families. Dave Hunsaker, City of DeWitt's Mayor Pro Tem, was in attendance to accept the recognition of sponsorship on behalf of the City of DeWitt.

Following the Honor Guard's ten-gun salute, "Taps" was played on the bugle and Pipe Major Bill Collins played "Going Home" on the bagpipes.

Family members of John Ruiz (a Gold Star Family) were very gracious and appreciative of the dedication and acknowledgement of fallen service men and women.

While their hero paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, survivors live daily with the pain of this sacrifice. Gold Star families endeavor to provide an atmosphere of emotional and psychological conduit for healing.

For more comprehensive information about various benefits and resources for Gold Star Families please visit



The Gold Star Families Marker honors the families of U.S. Armed Forces members who died in battle or in support of certain military activities.

www.goldstarfamilyregistry.com.



District Resources



<https://gardenclub.org/>
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<https://migardenclubs.org/>
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PW: MGCGROW

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RESOURCE & CONTACT INFORMATION

mgcdistrict2b.weebly.com/
PW: 2bgardeners

This site is under continuous construction and we need your help to fill the information gaps. Please send us information about club location, contact information, website, Facebook page, membership, leadership, projects, meeting times and locations. And because there are a lot of interesting things happening and planned in the district, we'd appreciate your sharing your program information, special events, flower shows, garden tours, and so on. Take the opportunity to showcase your logo, your membership and projects by sharing images (send to plbryso@gmail.com). Thanks for your help in making this a fun, informative resource.

Free Zoom Training Sessions

The Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. (MGC) is hosting a free Lunch & Learn Tech Series for any MGC and NGC member interested in learning more about holding virtual 'Meetings' on Zoom and preparing for MGC and NGC opportunities.

For more info - <https://migardenclubs.org/>

Note From the 2019-2021 Outgoing President...Janet Hickman **Note From** the 2021-2023 Incoming President...Monica Taylor

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Michigan Garden Clubs
Grow and Share

Friday Morning Member Meetings

See upcoming Meeting ID: 912 729 4983
Passcode: mgcmeets 10:00 am



Rose chafer management for northwest vineyards

June 15 | Rufus Isaacs and Esmail Nasrollahiazar

Grape, blueberry, raspberry, blackberry and strawberry plants can have their leaves, flowers or buds damaged by feeding rose chafers (Photo 1). The rose chafer beetle is potentially damaging to Michigan's small fruit crops because adults can eat large amounts of plant tissue.

[Read More](#)



What can you do to manage gypsy moths in your landscape?

June 10 | Bindu Bhakta and Lori Imboden

Much of Michigan's Lower Peninsula is experiencing an outbreak of gypsy moth (*Lymantria dispar* L.), an exotic pest. Gypsy moth caterpillars feed on the leaves of oaks, aspen and many other kinds of trees.

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MSU Extension
Invasive Species

Invasive plant and animal species pose an enormous threat to Michigan's biodiversity and economic well-being.

MSU Extension provides educational resources to identify, assess and control invasive species throughout the state.

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