

Gardening: The Great Escape



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It is my privilege to serve as your District 3 Director

Michele Armstrong



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The Conference theme is Gardening: The Great Escape. Based on this theme all the articles were written to let the reader know of all the gardens in District 2B that the 14 clubs maintain, the secret gardens in the Greater Lansing area for touring while attendees are at the conference or can return to for a Gallivanting Garden tour, and then we expand out to the Garden Gems Across The State. We hope this book is kept as a resource for day trips or when you are traveling around our great state of Michigan. 

Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.

President's Welcome



Welcome to the 91st Annual Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. (MGC) State Conference "*Gardening—the Great Escape*". I would also like to welcome Carol Yee, Central Region Director, and thank her for joining us at this conference!

Our gardens provided us a wonderful place to escape to over the past few years as we coped with the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic. Interest in gardening has grown rapidly and is at an all-time high. Gardens offer us peace, tranquility, satisfaction, and appreciation of beauty and a connection with nature. That connection with nature and wildlife gives us an opportunity to make a difference in the environment by utilizing smart gardening practices. Escaping into the garden improves our mood, decreases our stress and builds our self-esteem. Gardening gives us a chance to play outdoors.

This conference affords us the opportunity to *Explore* areas of interest, to *Grow* in our knowledge, to *Share* information with our gardening friends when we return home, and to *Connect* with our garden friends-new and old!

A special thank you to Conference Co-Chairs, Ann Schoals and Carol Grainger, District 2B Director, the Conference Planning committee, and all the District 2B clubs that participated in creating this event. *Gardening—the Great Escape* 91st Conference will provide educational opportunities, interesting speakers, fun vendor shopping, silent auction baskets, garden tours, an evening of cocktails/mocktails, time with friends and much more. All of this takes the efforts of many. Congratulations to the 2B team on a job well done!

Thanks to each of you for attending this Conference. Thanks for taking the time to Explore, Grow, Share and Connect with us and with each other. Take this enthusiasm and energy home with you to share with your gardening friends!

Monica Taylor, President 2021-2023

Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.

Theme: Plant America: Grow, Share and Connect

Project: Gardening with Nature

Michigan Garden Clubs' Mission

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Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. (MGC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with 136 Garden Clubs and over 4,700 gardeners from across the State of Michigan.

The mission of Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. (MGC), is to provide leadership in education, resources, and networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral design, landscape design, and civic and environmental responsibility. MGC members are also members of Central Region Garden Clubs, Inc., and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

The members of Michigan Garden Clubs provide services to our communities in a variety of ways. From planting and maintaining community gardens, to supporting programs and activities including partnering with Homegrown National Park, Michigan trail organizations, such as the Kal Haven Trail, Kalamazoo Nature Center Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy, Pierce Cedar Creek Institute, and other Michigan nature centers, conservatories, preserves, botanic gardens and arboretums. Every year our clubs provide thousands of volunteer hours and dollars. MGC donates over \$21,000 in scholarships to Michigan universities for students pursuing related studies and provides financial support for the Loda Lake Wildflower Sanctuary, maintained by the U.S. National Forest Service in Manistee National Forest (the only wildflower sanctuary in the U.S.). Michigan pollinators are at risk and of special interest to the MGC.

An all-volunteer organization, MGC provides many educational programs and courses in gardening, flower arranging, landscape design, and environmental studies throughout Michigan. Many members of Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. are Accredited Flower Show Judges, Consultants in horticulture, gardening, landscape design, the environment, and some are Extension Master Gardeners .

Website: <https://migardenclubs.org>

Newsletter: Thru the Garden Gate (can be found on the Michigan Garden Clubs website)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Migardenclubs>



Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. Annual Membership Meeting

June 9, 2022

Delegates and Alternates

STANDING RULES

Members, guests, and delegates shall register at the Registration table before entering the business meeting room. Delegates shall check in at the Credentials Desk and receive their delegate voting packet.

The Annual Membership Meeting shall be called promptly, and delegates are required to be in their seats promptly for voting.

Name badges are required for admission to the Annual Membership Meeting.

A person wishing to address the Presiding Chair shall rise, give his/her name, club, and city.

Each motion offered during the Annual Membership Meeting shall be written, signed by the motion maker and by the person seconding the motion, and handed to the MGC Recording Secretary. Both the motion maker and the person seconding the motion must be voting delegates to the Annual Membership Meeting.

No Delegate shall speak in debate more than twice on the same question or longer than two minutes unless a motion is made to suspend the rules to allow him/her to speak two more minutes, seconded and passed by a majority of the voting delegates.

Notices for announcements at the Annual Membership Meeting shall be in writing and signed. Assigned Pages will pass notes and messages to the Presiding Chair.

All cellular phones/electronic devices must remain turned OFF during ALL Conference functions.



District 2B Welcomes You



Welcome to the 91st Annual State Conference of the Michigan Garden Clubs Inc. It has been a pleasure working with the conference planning team to bring you some very interesting programs and provide an evening networking event at the Michigan State University Horticulture Gardens.

As Garden Club members, it is the hope of the Planning Committee that you take this opportunity to connect with other Garden Club members and to learn from the professionals who are presenting the conference programs. The MGC Conference also gives us a venue to gather information about what other clubs are doing, to buy some wonderful products for ourselves and our gardens, and to enjoy delicious food together.

The annual Conference is where we vote on important issues that help leaders manage their club's activities and membership. We get to visit the various displays that are part of our educational experience.

With the last two years' conferences cancelled, this is a welcome back opportunity. Enjoy and go home with many new ideas and feel refreshed. I am thankful for those who have availed themselves of one of the benefits of being a Garden Club member!


Carol Grainger, District 2B Director
District 2B Conference Hosts



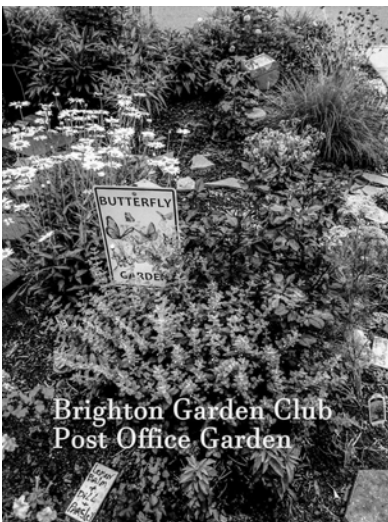


Visit the Gardens of 2B!

Welcome to 2B!


Our 2B district is the only district without direct access to a Great Lake. We are located in the middle bottom of the palm of the Lower Peninsula. Our district forms a giant C shape. The gardens of the 2B are a product of love, artistry, hard work and dedication from our members 


We partner with our towns and cities to multiply our efforts beautifying, inspiring and educating our citizens and visitors. We invite you to stop, visit and enjoy one or more of our gardens on your drive home or on another visit to our district. So remember to “Visit the Gardens of 2B!” A selection of our 2B club gardens are discussed by club alphabetically below.



Brighton Garden Club

The Brighton Garden Club maintains gardens surrounding the Brighton Community center and brick planter boxes in downtown Brighton. The Main Street Pocket park has several large contemporary metal sculptures amongst the raised garden beds. The Post Office garden is home to the Blue and Gold Star Memorial. This is a constantly evolving garden planted with native perennials, shrubs, herbs and annuals for local migratory birds and insects. This garden in 2019 received first place Pollinator and Civic Beautification awards. The award winning Memorial garden at the Mill pond in downtown Brighton honors area veterans and their families and features two Rosie the Riveter rose bushes to honor local women working on the home front in World War II. The Victory garden has been recently updated to create a peaceful and welcoming space and includes a pergola. The garden is filled with drought tolerant, full sun and low maintenance plants. The vegetables grown are donated to the food pantry. The Library gardens start with “Art the

Tiger” which is a large statue in one bed, a butterfly garden that is a certified Monarch Waystation, and a dedicated Hummingbird garden. A Peace Pole Bird House and a Commemorative pathway are also featured.  These seven gardens even have an area certified as Wildlife Habitat. Their purpose is to create a learning environment and enjoyable setting for programs and quiet contemplation.

At the Michigan Humane Society of Livingston County gardens are dotted with animal statuary accenting the beautiful plantings created for the purpose of decreasing stress for those that work or visit here. The Welcoming Garden starts with large flower pots and a beautiful array of planted annuals and perennials that continue on to the Serenity Path and Reflection Garden which is a place to remember pet family members that have passed on. By the pond, the Memorial garden has become a wonderful pollinator garden for bees and butterflies. 

DeWitt Millennium Garden Club

As you head north on DeWitt Road, you should park on the right before the bridge and tour Memorial park where the Dewitt Millennium Garden club maintains the colorful Memorial garden and lovely Gazebo gardens overlooking the Looking Glass River. If your group has children, they would enjoy the playground near the parking area with the cheery floral beds nearby. As you continue to drive north, you will pass the colorful planters lining the bridge and decorating the downtown. Proceed to the cemetery on your right. There you will find contemplative sites to explore within the Labryrith garden, Blue Star Memorial garden and by following the brick walkway through the Healing garden.

The Garden Club of Greater Lansing



Scott Sunken Garden sits just south of downtown surrounded by a factory, a river and a highway. Amid all of this concrete and noise, it is a quiet oasis offering tranquility and peace. This garden was recently relocated and underwent a transformation from a shaded serene little gem to a sunny, exuberant, colorful jewel. Scott Sunken garden received a Landscape Design Award In 2021! You will find parking in the lot at the end of Capitol street. Our Blue Star Memorial is in Frances Park across from the Pavilion.

This garden is a reminder to all of us of the service members, their families and friends who have sacrificed for the safety of our freedoms. The garden is planted in reds, whites and blues to further emphasize the importance of those families who have lost loved ones during war times. This garden will be redesigned in 2022.

Grand Ledge Garden Club

When you visit the island in Grand Ledge, you will find the Blue Star memorial garden located near the entrance and garden beds at the entrance to the island bridge maintained by the Grand Ledge Garden Club. Their well maintained gardens around the Grand Ledge museum are magical. Referred to as the "Magic garden", this garden specializes in herbs that were popular in gardens during the Victorian era from 1837 to 1901. On rare moonlit nights, tours are offered to visit the garden and see how some of the herb plants are luminous! There are tales of fairies seen among these plants making this a very special garden.

Hartland Home and Garden Club



Flowers maintained by the Hartland Home and Garden Club will greet you as you enter downtown. The Blue Star memorial is found in the Hartland Cemetery and is a peaceful place. Just north of town is the Cromaine Library where most of the club's efforts are centered. The library grounds were recently transformed from a shade garden to vibrant and sunny garden space and rededicated in 2021. The garden focuses on native plants to promote our native pollinators. Memorial bricks dedicated by community members form a meandering walkway through the upper garden. So be sure to come by and see how their garden grows!

Howell Garden Club



Our Blue Star Memorial Garden started as an island in the middle of city hall parking lot with a large boulder for the plaque and big empty containers approaching the building. It's evolved to include many types of colorful perennial and annual flowers with native plants, too. It is now a beautiful pollinator garden with benches for viewing and contemplation. The containers now hold hosta and hydrangea adding to the garden dedicated to the veterans who gave their lives for America's freedom.

Looking Glass Garden Club


Driving near Wacousta, you will find four bridges with flowering planters under the care of the Looking Glass Garden Club. Come back in winter and the planters hold garlands with red bows! In spring, daffodil blooms abound through the township as daffodil bulbs have been planted for years by club members. Notice the trees surrounding the Looking Glass river and nearby lands as the club has partnered with many other volunteer groups of all ages to reforest the nearby Looking Glass watershed. Our War Memorial garden in Wacousta cemetery has a Blue Star Memorial By-Way plaque that was dedicated in 2021.



Marshall Area Garden Club




Entering from the east end of Marshall, you will find Carver Park. The Marshall Area Garden club (MAGC) designed the Carver Park gardens to be accessible to everyone. The park sidewalk leads to a curving walkway that has stunning beds on either side filled with perennials, annuals, shrubs and trees. This beautification project by the MAGC has resulted in the increased use of this city park! While in in park, you may visit the the garden surrounding the Blue Star By-Way marker that was dedicated recently. Driving through the downtown area it's hard not to notice

the flowering urns that are updated seasonally. Approaching the city from the west, there are six median gardens that were redesigned in 2017. They create a beautiful welcome to this historic town. Recently, over 700 daffodil bulbs were planted throughout these gardens and their bright splash of color this spring was much enjoyed. 

US Post office garden is unusual as it's design features large ledge rocks. The many American Liberty Elms planted in the city reflect this club's collaboration with other volunteer groups and the city.

Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club



As you enter downtown Mason, large flower pots are spilling with bright flowers that are maintained by the Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club (MSCGC). The flower beds at the Historical museum  and the Blue Star Memorial downtown along with Maple Grove Cemetery's Veteran and Gold Star Memorial all showcase the club's efforts. However, the centerpiece is the historic Pink Schoolhouse (1854) located on Ash Street. (Yes, it really is pink!) The gardens surrounding the schoolhouse are tended by MSCGC. Behind the Pink Schoolhouse, is the Sunflower House Learning Center. Here club members have a community outreach garden program for youths in 2nd through 6th grade . Seed-to-table gardening is taught along with lessons in horticulture, environmental conservation and community beautification.

There are vegetable, native plants, herbs and edible flowers and cutting flower gardens to enjoy!

Meridian Garden Club



Central Park Drive is the road that unifies the gardens of the Meridian Garden Club (MGC). Starting on the west end are the plantings of the Firehouse, US Post Office, and the Administration buildings with the Blue Star Memorial; all enhanced with seasonal flowers. Near the Administration buildings is picturesque Central Park, home to the Meridian Historical Village where MGC maintains the gardens. The Grettenberger Farm House with its picket fence has a lovely front perennial area along with a vegetable, fruit and herb garden in back. Harvested produce is given to local food pantries. These gardens are used as

teaching tools for school children in four nearby districts, as well as hosting summer campers and a Civil War enactment. Wander and enjoy the gardens around the Chapel, Gazebo, and the General store. Don't miss the newly redone Twohy pollinator garden and the nationally recognized Plant It Pink garden overlooking the pond!

Sherwood Garden Club



The Sherwood Garden Club members beautify Union City's north and south entrances along with its downtown area by planting and maintaining colorful flower pots. Be sure to slow down and appreciate their efforts or even take a stroll through town.

Webberville Garden Club



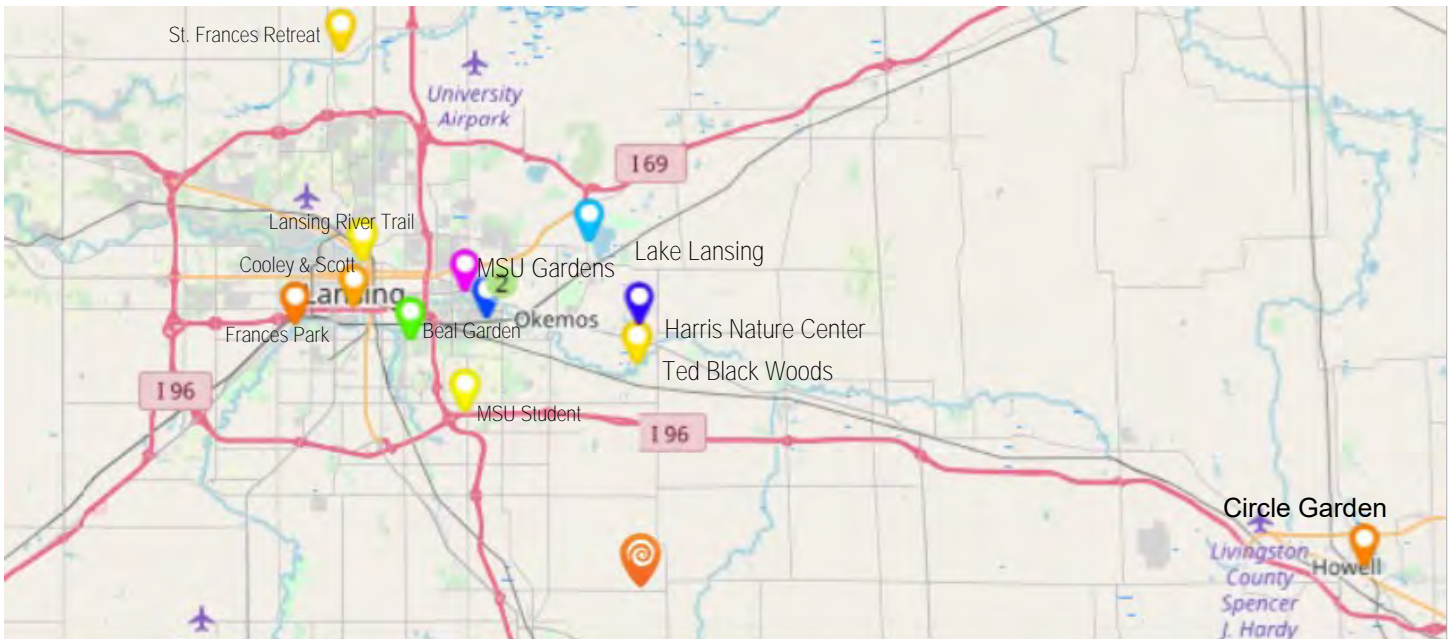
Traveling along Grand River through downtown Webberville, you will find beautiful flower boxes placed by the Webberville Garden Club. You don't want to miss the Blue Star Garden and Gazebo area just before you get to the stop light in town!

Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club



The city of Williamston is well known for its antique stores, restaurants, friendly atmosphere, and beautiful flowers all over the city. For 97 years Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club (WRCGC) plays the most important role in beautifying this historic town. From the City Hall, downtown planters, and gazebo to the Post Office gardens, all eight beautification projects have been the work of love for WRCGC members. The WRCGC latest installation is 1,500 daffodil bulbs planted in a drift in the city park – a sight to behold. The gazebo and educational Butterfly Garden are the community's favorite places to visit and to take photos. When club members are out maintaining a garden and community members often stop by to express their appreciation for the club. This is the best reward for any gardener!

Secret Gardens of Greater Lansing



The **Circle Garden** in Howell was created by Lynn O'Shaughnessy following a 100-foot diameter geometric design. It is composed of native Michigan plants for pollinators and is available for tours by appointment only (Lynn, freespirit@pleurothallids.com or 810-599-3115). Be sure to bring your camera!

Frances Park - Stroll through the formal rose garden, the woodland trail or view the Grand River. 5 varieties of roses are in this garden, which is regularly recognized by the All-American Rose Selections organization for outstanding rose garden maintenance. The Frances Park loop trail is 1.4 miles and is great for birding, hiking and trail running. It features a river and is good for all skill levels. It is located at 2701 Moores River Drive, Lansing, MI 48911. (517) 483-4277.

The **St Francis Retreat Center** is located just north of Lansing at 703 E Main St, DeWitt. It is a peaceful 95 acre property that houses not only the retreat buildings but 17 beautiful gardens of various compositions and complexities. Tours are available by appointment only. Call 517-669-8321. Also see stfrancis.ws.

The **MSU Student Organic Farm** is located on 15 acres at 3291 College Road, Holt, Mi (contact: msufarm@msu.edu or 517-230-7987). Passive solar greenhouses are complemented by fields and gardens. Additional resources at the farm include an edible forest garden, cut flower garden, bee hives, and a small mushroom production area.

The **MSU Horticulture Gardens** located at **1066 Bogue Street, East Lansing**, are open daily from sunrise to sundown, but keep in mind that parking is free after 6 pm or on the weekends and holidays. Much pleasure can be gained from simply strolling through the gardens on your own, but a self-guided tour app is available: msu.stqry.app. **For Group Tours**, call 517-355-5191 ext 1327 or email garden4h@msu.edu. Group tour prices are \$5 per person with a 10 person minimum.

4-H Children's Garden has sections with a variety of themes, including an alphabet of flowers, plants that provide foods to the world, "dinosaur" plants, a child-size maze, and a singing sidewalk.

The perennial garden features the colors, textures and forms of flowering and nonflowering herbaceous perennials, bulbs and ornamental grasses. Ten island beds totaling 6,500 square feet informally display a multitude of diverse perennials, providing color and interest in all seasons.

The trial gardens occupy the northern third of the 14 acres, adjacent to the Plant & Soil Science Building and the Plant Biology Building. In this area, hundreds of new varieties are grown side by side each year, including annuals, perennials, and vegetables, in beautiful decorative sweeps of color. The varieties are well labeled; in mid- to late-summer, they are evaluated for their performance in mid-Michigan.

The **MSU Radiology Healing Gardens** began in 2000 with the placement of a large copper beech tree and now include waterfalls and greenhouse. The flowers, birds, and waterfalls open the senses of sight, smell, touch, hearing, and even taste. They soothe the senses. Stop by anytime to stroll through the gardens, or contact Beth Clarke, Educational Coordinator for the Department of Radiology, to schedule a visit or arrange a tour (clarkem@msu.edu or 517-884-3233). The gardens are located on the MSU campus at 846 Service Road, East Lansing MI.


The **MSU Beal Botanical Garden** was established in 1873 by Professor William James Beal and is the oldest continuously operated university botanical garden of its kind in the US. It includes more than 2000 different taxa, with a focus on natural plant diversity, economic botany, ecology, and plant conservation, especially in the Great Lakes region. It is an outdoor laboratory for students and warmly welcomes the public to learn about and enjoy plants in a beautiful setting. Located on the MSU campus on West Circle Dr, it is open at all times throughout the year. Parking on campus is free after 6 pm or on the weekends and holidays. To arrange a tour, contact Carolyn Miller, Beal Plant Recorder, 517-884-8486. Her specialty is native plants.

Lake Lansing Park North offers 10 miles of trails for cross-country skiing in the winter, morel hunting in the spring, and hiking at all times. A 2.4 mile loop of the trail system is marked with interpretive signs. The trails and boardwalks provide access to evergreen forests, swamp, marsh, deciduous forest and fields in various stages of succession. Dogs must be kept on a leash. The park opens one half hour before sunrise for pedestrian access and 8:00 am for vehicle access (there is a small fee for parking) at 6260 E. Lake Drive, Haslett, MI 48840. The park closes one half hour after sunset, unless otherwise posted.

Ted Black Woods is filled with beautiful hardwoods, an abundance of spring wildflowers and a large diversity of songbirds. You can access this Okemos park from two different points with small parking lots; one is at 4714 Van Atta Road and the other is at 540 Grand River Avenue, Okemos. The trails are favorites for local dog walkers and for observing wetlands wildlife.

The **Lansing River Trail** rolls through waterfront parks on the Grand River from Moores Park in the west to Dietrich Park in the north. It follows the Red Cedar River from Elm Park to Michigan State University in the east. A branch along the woody Sycamore Creek tributary goes south to Maguire Park, where it joins the Sycamore Trail. Another trail branch from Maguire Park heads west on a utility right-of-way to South Waverly Road. An orphaned trail section heads north along Waverly Road back to the Grand River and Frances Park. **Altogether, over 20 miles of paved trail pass through numerous parks and natural areas, as well as Downtown Lansing.** Many sites are available to park; the paved trail is used by many for bicycling or dog-walking.

Fenner Nature Center is an environmental education center encompassing 134 acres of publicly accessible green space, located at 2020 E. Mount Hope Avenue in Lansing. The property includes over four miles of trails, rolling glacial eskers, towering maple groves and more. Inside the Visitor Center, you will find collections of live native reptiles and amphibians; a viewing area to watch songbirds, deer and wild turkeys. The Visitor Center (517-483-4224) is open Tues-Fri noon-6 pm and Sat-Sun 9 am – 3 pm. The Fenner Nature Center sponsors an apple butter festival in the fall, featuring demonstrations of heritage arts and crafts.

The Harris Nature Center (3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos) has multiuse trails that can be enjoyed on foot, bike, snowshoes or cross-country skis. You can even experience the trails with your dog or on horseback. The trails near the Red Cedar River may occasionally be flooded, so use caution when exploring the park. Trails are open every day from dawn until dusk. 

Snowshoe rentals (\$10/hour/person) are available at the Harris Nature Center Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Rentals are dependent on snow cover, so call ahead at 517.349.3866 to check trail conditions and to reserve snowshoes.

2022 BAILEY CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE "SEEDS OF HOPE"

Heather Holm, Keynote Speaker, Heather is a biologist, pollinator conservationist, and award winning author. In addition to assisting with native bee research projects, she informs and educates audiences nationwide, through her writing and many presentations, about the fascinating world of native pollinators and beneficial insects, and the native plant communities that support them.

2022 Conference Speakers

Tyler Bassett, Botanist, Michigan Natural Features Inventory, MSU.

Dr. Cybelle Shattuck, Assistant Professor of Environment and Sustainability and Comparative Religion, WMU.

Christopher Imler, Horticulture and Veterans Liaison Extension educator, Kalamazoo County Extension, MSU Extension.

Dr. Sarah Tanis, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, program director  for the SSHAUL program.

New for 2022 - Speakers from several Agricultural Career tracks

The purpose of the Bailey Conference is to celebrate Bailey's life, work, philosophy & legacy.

www.libertyhydebailey.org
For more information call 269-637-3251

2022 Bailey Conference "Seeds of Hope"

Conference - September 30
Agri-Farm Tour - October 1
Lake Michigan College
South Haven, Michigan



Garden Gems Across The State

By Nancy J. Ryan

First Vice President

Michigan offers a treasure trove of wonderful places for gardening enthusiasts to visit. Here are just a few.



Sunny Fields Botanical Park
5444 Welch Rd., Emmett, MI 48022

A private Botanical Park encouraging horticultural and environmental education, Sunny Fields has trails that are open to the public without a guide, they recommend scheduling a tour for first time visitors.

Over 1,400 different plants from rare exotics to native species. It

features one of the region's most diverse collections of crabapple trees as well as lilac bushes the most diverse in Michigan.

Currently, tours at Sunny Fields are conducted at no charge. Donations are encouraged to help defray costs and are tax deductible. Their season runs from April 1 - October 31. A tour may be arranged by calling 810-387-2765. It is possible to arrange for other days and times or tailored for particular horticulture interest. www.visitsunnyfields.org



Westcroft Gardens
21803 West River Road, Grosse Ile, MI 48138

Westcroft is the oldest family owned and operated farm in the state established on July 6, 1776 and currently owned by the 7th generation. It is a plant nursery specializing in azaleas and rhododendrons. Take a walk through the beautiful

four-acre botanical garden featuring their many varieties of azaleas and rhododendrons including hybrids created at Westcroft by former owner Ernest Stanton. An additional 13 acres of woods are decorated for Halloween Hayrides. www.westcroftgardens.com



Matthaei Botanical Gardens
1800 N. Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105

This elegant 350 acre botanical garden featured the "Cut Flower in Bloom Flower Show" celebrating the 100 year anniversary of the American Peony Society. Michigan Garden Clubs showcased eleven designs participating in An Invitational Exhibit of Designs held in early June of this year.

<https://mbgna.umich.edu/>

Grand Oak Herb Farm
2877 Miller Rd., Bancroft, MI 48414

Considered one of the oldest herb farms in Michigan this 40-acre herb farm features over 20 theme gardens with two gift shops featuring a variety of Victorian and herbal items. <https://www.grandoakherbfarm.com>





Slayton Arboretum of Hillsdale College
33 East College St. Hillsdale, MI 49242

Begun in 1892 and planted and nurtured by students and professors, this 40 acre arboretum on the north end of campus with 1,100 plant species features pools, a cascading waterfall through a rock garden, two new gardens, a water garden, and special collections of lilacs, magnolias and crabapples. The Barber House and Children's Garden are nearby. www.hillsdale.edu



Leila Arboretum Society
928 W. MI. Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49037

This 72-acre public park exhibits gardens and more than 3,000 species of trees. Its Annual Garden Tour is scheduled for July 17-18, 2022 from 10:00AM-4:00pm (rain or shine) www.LASgarden.org



Monet Garden
470 W. Clay Ave, Muskegon, MI 49442

Converting a vacant city lot into a beautiful pocket park fashioned after a portion of Monet's gardens in Giverny France. It features a pond with fish, water plants, bridge and an informational talk board. The garden is open to the public and illuminated at night. <https://www.michigan.org/property/monet-garden>



Island Park
Long Rapids Road & Gilchrist Ave. Alpena, Mi 49707

A true hidden treasure, Island Park is surrounded by a 500-acre wildlife sanctuary in the middle of the city of Alpena, Michigan. Each time you cross over the walking bridge and step foot on the island, you feel as though you are miles away from your concerns; finding refuge deep in nature's wonderland. This watery wildlife sanctuary, a home for waterfowl and other aquatic animals, includes a wildflower meadow. <https://www.visitalpena.com/find-refuge-island-park/>



Dahlia Hill
2809 Orchard Dr, Midland, MI 48640

Dahlia Hill is unlike any other garden. 3,000 dahlias are planted yearly on the eight-level terraced hillside. Showcasing over 250 labeled varieties along the gravel paths, there are examples of all 19 dahlia petal types. The dahlias are in bloom from August through October. The garden is free to view from dawn to dusk and is maintained entirely by volunteers including members of Michigan Garden Clubs. Extra tubers from Dahlia Hill are sold each spring on the last two Saturdays in May. www.dahliahill.org

2022 Speaker Profiles

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Cocktails in the Garden

Wednesday Evening, June 8, 2022



Jessica Wright

Received her BS at Michigan State University in Horticulture in 2006 and her Masters of Education from MSU in 2010.

She has worked as Education Coordinator for the Michigan 4-H Children's Garden for the last 15 years. She loves to explore the wonder of plants and find exciting ways to use them. She has been a speaker at both

local and national conferences and loves to share her wonder of plants with both the young and the young at heart.

Presentation

"Cocktails in the Garden" Herbs can be used for so many things in the kitchen but one of the most exciting things has to be herbal cocktails! Learn some interesting ways to use your herbal bounty in mocktails and cocktails.

Thursday, June 9, 2022 Keynote Speaker



Vince Ste. Marie

Vince and his family practice chemical-free beekeeping and farming at their home, Windy Rock Farm, in Manchester, MI. In 2016 they opened an on-farm

retail specialty nursery - *Plants with Purpose* - offering primarily Michigan native flowering trees, flowering shrubs, and perennial wildflowers of benefit to pollinators. They have hosted numerous Master Gardener and Garden Club meetings, field trips, and educational days at their farm/nursery and Vince has been an invited speaker on pollinators and the plants they need at various gardening and beekeeping related

conferences, club meetings, and community educational events. Vince is a Michigan native and earned a BBA in Management from Eastern Michigan University.

Presentation

"The Pollinators—Who They Are and How to Help Them" Beyond the well-known honeybee, just who are the pollinators and what do they need to succeed? What is the relationship between pollinators and plants and how are we dependent upon them? What contribution do pollinators make to agricultural production nationally and in Michigan?

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These questions and more are answered in this visually rich and information packed presentation.

Plants with Purpose will be available for sale at the conference. Pre-orders/inquiries are encouraged by e-mail at windyrocknurse-ry@outlook.com or phone/text to 734.358.8260. A current catalog is available by request.

new backyard oasis or create peaceful pockets in your already established garden spaces.



Paige Filice

Paige is a Natural Resources Educator at Michigan State University Extension. The majority of her work focuses on promoting the wise use and protection

of Michigan's freshwater ecosystems through outreach and engagement to various audiences. Her current responsibilities include coordinating two statewide aquatic invasive species education programs and co-leading the Introduction to Lakes Online course. Paige has a master's degree in Fisheries and Wildlife from Michigan State University and a bachelor's degree in Conservation Leadership from Lake Superior State University.

Breakout Speakers



Natalie Carmolli

Is the Marketing and Public Relations Specialist for Spring Meadow Nursery/ Proven Winners® ColorChoice® shrubs.

Natalie grew up in the floral industry, has a bachelor's degree in the theatrical arts, has earned a Certificate of Mastery in tree and shrub identification from Longwood Gardens, and of course, is an avid gardener. And she LOVES talking about shrubs.

Presentation:

"Creating a Great Escape in Your Own Backyard". In this fun and informative program, you'll learn just how easy it is to create and maintain a private escape in your own backyard using Proven Winners® ColorChoice® shrubs and a few low-maintenance companion plants. Whether you garden in shade, sun, or a little of both, you'll leave with ideas and inspiration to build a

Presentation

"Gardening to Protect and Beautify Lakes, Rivers and Ponds" will highlight practical landscaping options and gardening techniques that can improve the quality of your favorite waterway. Join Paige to learn more about Michigan's water resources and get tips on landscaping practices that collect and slow stormwater allowing nutrients, pollutants and pathogens to be filtered and absorbed into the soil.

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Pooh Stevenson

Pooh is a photographer specializing in fine art photography, portrait work and other natural light styled images. She lives on an organic farm in Owos-

so with her husband, dogs, cats and flock of chickens. She is also a long-time member of the folk music community in mid-Michigan. She has two grown daughters.

Pooh began taking photos as a way to document the seasons on her small family farm when her children were young and she was keenly aware the fleeting days of childhood would soon be gone.

She uses her camera to observe the world around her, to see what is often unseen, bringing attention to forgotten moments. In her work she communicates visual beauty, chases beautiful light and makes extraordinary the every day.

Presentation

“Gardening through Photography: A Natural Light Photographer’s Story”. With her farm as a backdrop, Pooh will show her simple techniques to create beautiful images of your garden and share her love of photography.



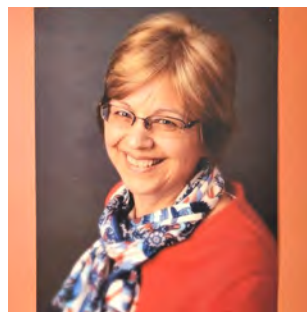
Suzannah M. Barrie

Has studied herbal beauty, herbal health and nutrition for over 25 years. She is a master gardener, award-winning cook, certified market manager, certified Health and

Wellness coach, instructor of herbal science, and owner of BarrieBeau Herb Farm creating her own line of spa and licensed food products.

Presentation:

“Harvesting, Preserving and Using Herbs” Since the beginning of recorded history, mankind has been growing and using herbs to improve the flavor of food, for use as medicine, to ward off insects, for use as dietary supplements, used for scent and therapeutic qualities and for use as a preservative as well. We'll delve into the best methods to get the greatest measure of success in using your own herbs as well as the greatest delight in using what you have grown.



Merry Kim Meyers

Holds a Bachelors of Landscape Architecture from Michigan State University, a Masters in Educational Leadership from Western Michigan University, and CGIP

(Certified Green Industry Professional) certification. She recently retired from her position as Program Coordinator for the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology at Montcalm Community College and as an adjunct instructor for MSU Landscape Plant Identification courses. Merry

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Kim also served as FFA advisor and longtime Agrisciences teacher at the Montcalm Area Career Center. She and her husband David's passion for plants and adventure has taken them to Tanzania, Nepal, Turkey, America's National Parks...and beyond!

Presentation

"Speaking Scientific". Merry Kim will share horticulture secrets and practical skills to confidently get to the root of those pesky scientific plant names. You'll become charter members of the Carl Linneaus Fan Club, cheering for his wisdom behind the binomial nomenclature system and fearlessly learning how to pronounce even the scariest scientific names. *Metasequoia glyptostroboides*, anyone?



Daedre McGrath

Completed her Master's Degree in Horticulture at Michigan State University, where she researched the use of light-emitting diodes as an energy-efficient alternative to standard greenhouse lighting.

For the last nine years, she has been the Trial Garden Manager at the MSU Horticulture Gardens where she is responsible for growing and evaluating new varieties of flowers, foliage plants, herbs, and vegetables for their garden performance in the mid-Michigan climate. She also designs the ever-changing display beds in the annual garden, where she likes to incorporate unusual varieties such as houseplants, succulents, and old-fashioned varieties that have fallen out of regular use. In her personal life, she greatly enjoys keeping houseplants, cooking,

and exploring nature with her husband and their three-year-old daughter.

Presentation

"Breeding Breakthroughs—Game Changers in the Annual Garden". Hundreds of new varieties of annuals are released onto the horticulture market each year. New varieties generally have a short lifespan and are either forgotten about or replaced by improved varieties within a couple years. However, every so often a variety is developed that is truly game-changing. Join Daedre and explore what makes a new variety stand out from the pack and also stand the test of time.

Thank You

To our excellent

Wednesday Evening

Keynote Speaker

Jessica Wright

Thursday Keynote Speaker

Vincent Ste. Marie

Breakout Speakers

Natalie Carmolli

Paige Filice

Pooh Stevenson

Suzannah M. Barrie

Merry Kim Meyers

Daedre McGrath

Conference Agenda

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- 7:30 - 8:30 Credentials Table Open
- 8:00-1:00 MGC Registration
- 8:00-9:00 Continental Breakfast (Ballroom)
- 8:00-5:00 Vendor and Exhibits Open (Ballroom)
- 8:00-3:00 Silent Auction Bidding Period
- 9:00-11:15 **Annual Meeting** (Ballroom) (See Meeting Agenda page 24)
- 11:15-12:00 **State Awards**
- 12:00 **Luncheon Honoring Club Presidents** and Former MGC Presidents
Invocation by Marjan Saenen, MGC Chaplain
- 1:00-1:45 **Keynote Speaker**
Introduction of Speaker: Nita Campbell
Speaker: Vince Ste. Marie
Presentation: The Pollinators—Who They Are and How to Help Them
- 1:45-2:00 **Break:** Shop, Bid, Stretch your legs
- 2:00-2:45 **Breakout Speakers**
1. Creating a Great Escape in Your Own Backyard
Natalie Carmolli, Spring Meadow Nursery, Proven Winners
Room D
 2. Rain Gardens and Plants Along Shorelines/Waterways
Paige Filice, MSU Cooperative Extension
Room E
 3. Photography for Documentation and Pleasure
Pooh Stevenson, Owner/Operator of Owosso Organics
Room F

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2:45 **Break:** Shop, Bid, Have fun!

3:00 **Silent Auction Bids Close**

3:00-3:45 **Breakout Speakers**

4. Using Herbs in Your Kitchen

Suzannah Barrie, Owner Operator of Barriebeau Herb Farm

Room D

5. Conquering Scientific Names

Merry Kim Meyers

Room E

6. MSU Trial Gardens: What's New This Year (video) and Plant Breeding

Breakthroughs, Daedre McGrath

Room F

3:45 **Silent Auction Results** Posted at the Registration Table

4:00-5:00 **Annual Meeting** Resumes in the Ballroom

5:00 **Final Steps**

Pick up any purchases from Garden Market Vendors

Pay for and Pick up your Silent Auction Baskets and Centerpieces

Pick up a surprise as you turn in your evaluations and recycle your Badge Lanyards

THANK YOU for attending the 91st Annual Meeting

We all hope that you had a wonderful day!

Annual Meeting Agenda

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Call to Order	Monica Taylor, MGC President
Invocation	Marjan Saenen, MGC Chaplain
The Pledge of Allegiance	Judy Lindemulder, 2 nd VP Civic Affairs
Welcome to Lansing	Carol Grainger, District 2B Director Ann Schoals, 2022 Conference Co-Chair
Welcome and Introductions	Monica Taylor, MGC President
A Welcome from Central Region	Carol Yee, Central Region Director
Preliminary Credentials & Quorum Report	David Drain, Credentials Chair
Registration Report	Peggy Brown, Conference Registrar
Adoption of Conference Rules	Anne Todd, Recording Secretary
Adoption of Conference Program	Carol Grainger & Ann Schoals Conference Co-Chairs
Appointment of Committee to Approve Minutes of the 91 st Annual Meeting	Kathy Wolverton, Gail Taggart, Rose Houk
Appointment of Timekeeper for this Meeting	Rita Crawley
Approval of Minutes from the 90 th Annual Meeting	Nancy Ryan, Carol Grainger, Barbara Lobdell
Treasurer's Report	Barbara Lobdell, MGC Treasurer
Proposed Changes to the Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. Bylaws	Gail Taggart, Finance Chair Denise Clegg, 3 rd VP Education & Schools
Other MGC Business	
Memorial Service	Marjan Saenen, MGC Chaplain, District Directors
Invitation to the 2023 Conference	Lynn Miller, Joan Tolley, Conference Co-Chairs
Awards Presentations	Sue Soderberg, Awards
Announcements	Carol Grainger and Ann Schoals
Annual Meeting Recess-reconvene at 4 pm	

91st MGC Annual Meeting 4pm Annual Meeting Resumes

Call to Order	Monica Taylor, MGC President
Presentation of Awards Continued	Sue Soderberg, Awards Chair
Final Credentials Report	David Drain, Credentials Chair
Final Registration Report	Peggy Brown, Conference Registrar
Silent Auction Baskets	Ronalee Polad
Benediction	Marjan Saenen, MGC Chaplain
Adjournment	Monica Taylor, MGC President

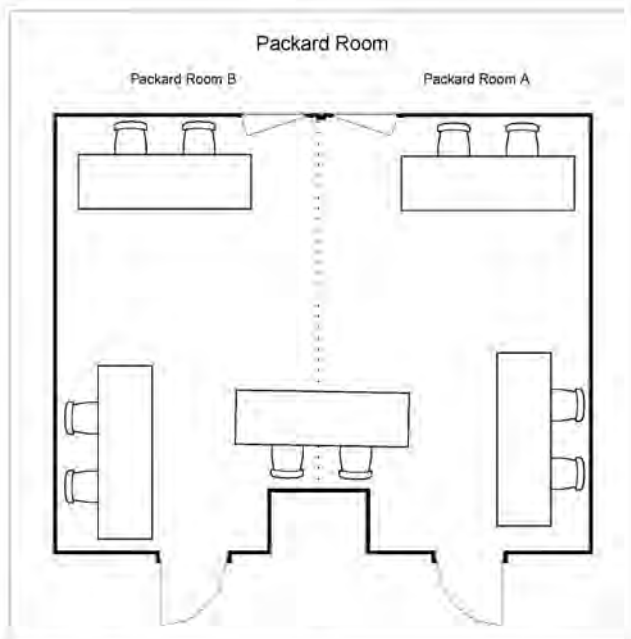
Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. Offers Facebook Special Interest Groups

These groups are private but simple to join by answering a few questions. Connect with many other members from around the state who share the same interests. Groups are a way for fans of the page to post, comment and discuss the topic the page is about. Join today!

Special Interest Groups: (Search Facebook to join)

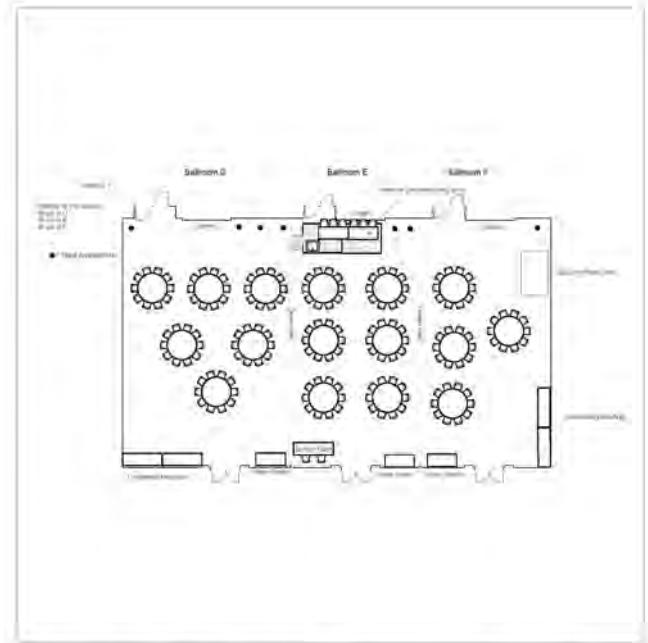
- ◆ Michigan Garden Clubs Edibles Group
- ◆ Michigan Garden Clubs Growing Native Plants Group
- ◆ Michigan Garden Clubs Floral Design Group
- ◆ Michigan Garden Clubs Horticulture/Arboriculture Group
- ◆ Michigan Garden Clubs Photography Group
- ◆ Michigan Garden Clubs Container Gardening Group
- ◆ Michigan Garden Clubs Artistic Crafts Group
- ◆ Michigan Garden Clubs Black Swallowtail Group (Public Group)

Finding Your Way Around



Crowne Plaza Hotel Lansing West

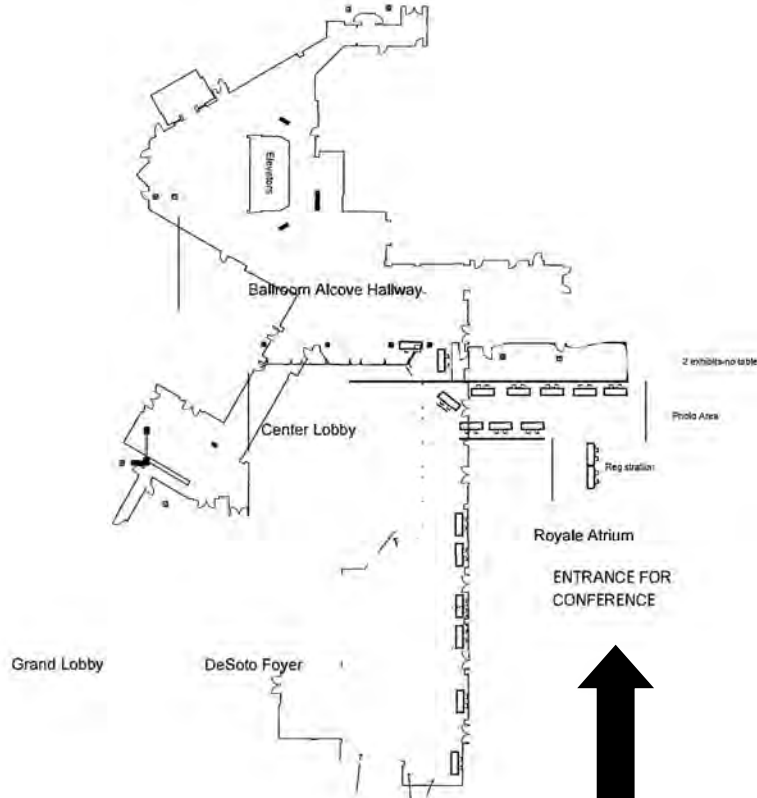
10 seats 5 tables
0 booths

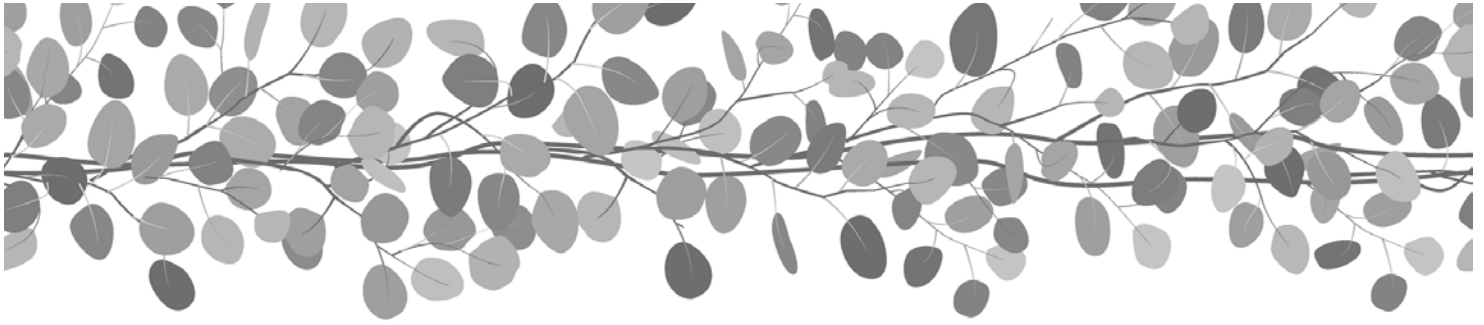


Crowne Plaza Hotel Lansing West

168 seats 26 tables
0 booths

CONFERENCE FLOOR





Garden Market Vendors

Come prepared to shop for yourself, or maybe find a unique birthday, anniversary, or house-warming gift for friends and relatives.

Michael Monroe, Monroe Studio
Wildlife Art, Illustrated Children's Books

Brenda Wineman, The Perennial
Connection, LLC, Perennials, pots,
gardening supplies

Charlevoix Area Garden Club, Inc.
Garden gloves and tools

Renate Favor, Etc. Designs
Whimsical Jewelry

Judy (Missy) Koos, Lazy K Crafts
Sweet Treats

Tonya Bumhardt, Snow Fairy Cottage
Fairy paintings, Handbound journals, notecards

Stan Baker, A2 Pottery
Mugs, pots, bowls

Vince Ste. Marie, Windy Rock Farm
Perennial Wildflowers, Flowering Shrubs and
Flowering Trees

Sylvia Heaton, S&L Bee Farm, LLC
Honey and Bee Products

Jennifer Byrom, Cookbook, Spice Blends,
Clothing



James Davis, Jet Handmade Jewelry
Jewelry

Wynne Wright, Sixteen Sprigs
Lavender Products

Sandra Dunn, Along the Fence Daylilies,
Daylilies

Gloria Tiller, Kazoo Books
Books

Chris Cypher, Weathered Nest Vintage Market
Repurposed items and art

Barb Sears, Natural Bat Guano Fertilizer

Bunny LaDuke, Kalamazoo Garden Council
Garden Tools

Bridgette Ujlaky, Horizen Hydroponics
Horizenhydroponics.com growing
supplies

Mike Underwood, Terrarium plants



SILENT AUCTION

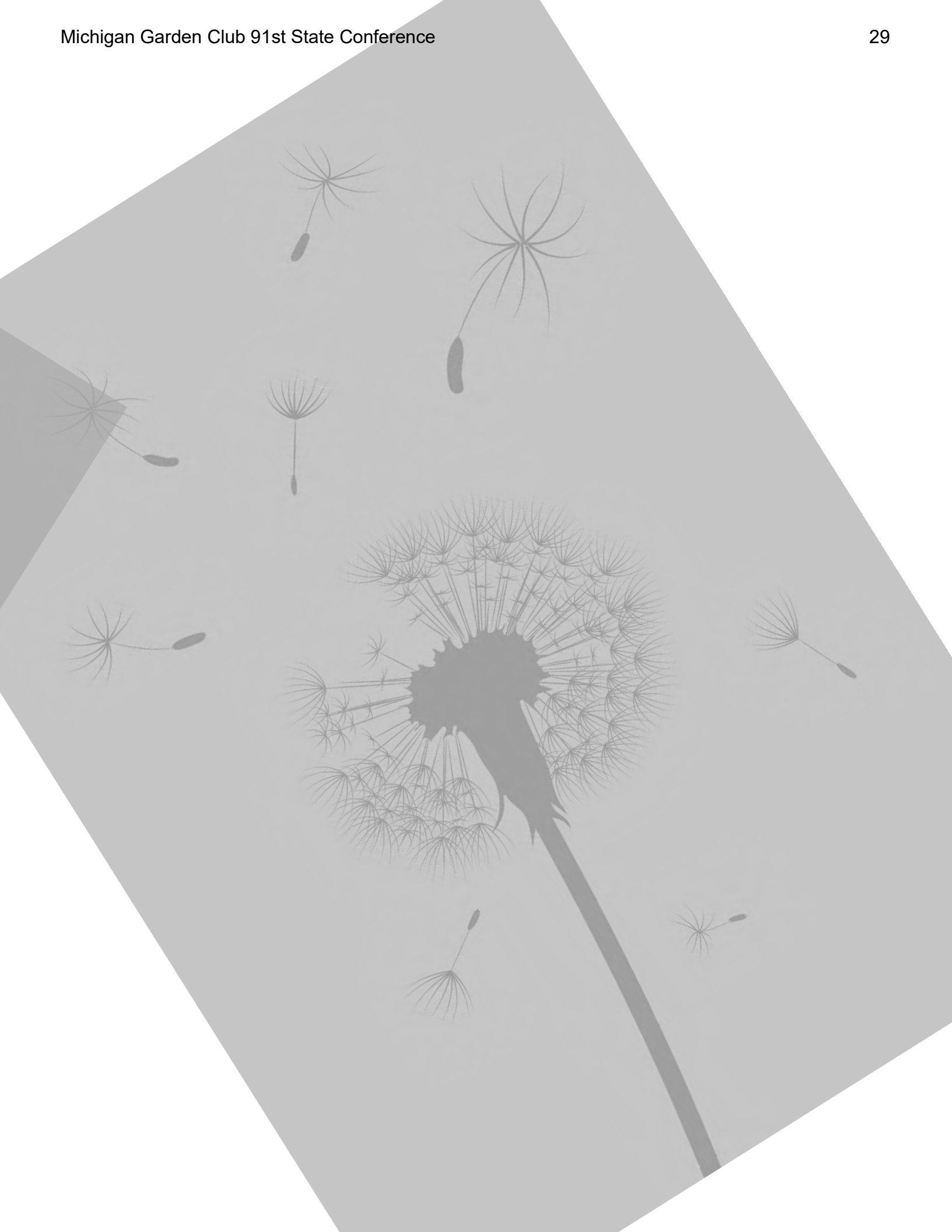


Baskets, Baskets, Baskets! We have Silent Auction Baskets donated by District 2B Clubs and members, Proven Winners, a Gourmet Basket that includes a Gift Certificate from LeChat Gourmet Cooking School, \$100 in Gift Certificates to Ann Arbor's Downtown Home & Garden, a gorgeous 16" x 20" framed photo from Lynn O'Shaughnessy and many, many more. Bid early and bid often! All proceeds are part of the conference income. Any surplus generated by the conference is divided by MGC, District 2B and each 2B club that participates in the conference.



There will also be beautiful flower arrangements made by Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club on each table that will also be auctioned. There will be a bid sheet on each table for that arrangement. The Silent Auction Baskets will be on a table in the main event room. Each bid sheet will have a minimum starting bid and the minimum amount of each incremental bid. Please make sure you follow the increments. All bidding ends at 3:00 pm and bid sheets will be removed from the tables. No bids can be accepted after 3:00 pm.

Winners will be posted at the registration desk at 3:45. You will need to pay for your items at the registration desk, receive a receipt and take your receipt back to the table to pick up your basket. No basket or table arrangement can be moved or taken without showing a receipt.



Black Swallowtail Bill: HB5642

By Jeanette Meyer
Legislative Chair



Sponsors of HB5642, Rep. Julie Brixie, (D) 69th District House Representative and Rep. James Lily (R) 89th District House Representative were joined by: Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. President and members of the Executive Board, Meridian Garden Club members, and the 3rd and 4th Graders of the Okemos Public Montessori at Central.

March 17, 2022 was lucky for the Irish and Michigan House Bill 5642 (HB5642) which would designate the Black Swallowtail butterfly as the official butterfly for the great state of Michigan.

Under the tenure of Michigan Garden Club President, Marilyn MacIntosh, a Committee of Butterfly experts was formed to research and recommend an official Michigan Garden Club Butterfly. After much research and discussion, the committee recommended the Black Swallowtail. The selection was subsequently ratified by the members. Michigan Garden Clubs sought sponsors to promote the Black Swallowtail as the official State of Michigan butterfly thereby giving notice and image to the importance of pollinators, the fragility of butterflies, and our mission to protect our environment.

Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. (MGC) has worked diligently since March 2016. Senate Bill 850 (SB850) was introduced supporting the Black Swallowtail butterfly as the official state representative of all pollinators. No action was taken by the Senate before the 2015-2016 session ended, therefore the bill died. Subsequent senate bills were introduced in 2017 (SB298) and in 2019 (SB167) which met the same fate.



In March 2019, HB 4314 was introduced and like its predecessors it was assigned to the Government Operations Committee. Again, it did not get a hearing before session ended.

Past-President Janet Hickman wrote letters in support of SB167 and HB4314. More recently, Janet wrote to Rep. Julie Brixie (D) 69th House District encouraging reintroduction of a bill that would name the Black Swallowtail butterfly as our official butterfly. On December 14, 2021, Rep. Brixie introduced HB 5642 with Rep. James Lilly (R) 89th District as co-sponsor. This time the bill was assigned to the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Committee. Perseverance paid off!

Monica Taylor, Michigan Garden Clubs (MGC) President and Jeanette Meyer, MGC Legislative Chair testified at the hearing in support of the bill. Also, Sue Leahy, previous MGC Legislative chair, testified on behalf of the Meridian Garden Club in support of the bill. As you can see from the picture submitted by Sue Leahy, several members of MGC were present for the hearing to provide support.

The fourth graders of the Okemos Central Montessori School pointed out to the committee, Michigan is one of two states without an official butterfly and asked that we not be the last! Iowa is the other state without a butterfly. As a committee member pointed out, "Iowa beat Michigan for the Big 10 basketball championship. Let's not let them beat us in naming an official state butterfly!"

I have been in contact with Rep. Brixie's staff following the hearing. They tell me that it is very important that we keep our letters of support going to the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation committee members, especially Republican committee members and its chair, Rep. Howell. I have provided your District Director's with letters and contact information for the committee members. Also, you will find a sample letter and contact information for the committee members as PDF files on the MGC legislative site www.migardenclubs.org. Rep. Brixie's staff have pointed out that it is incredibly important that we continue to remind the committee members of the importance of HB5642 as the Black Swallowtail butterfly is a perfect representative of pollinators that are so necessary for Michigan crops.

Special thanks to Okemos Public Montessori School at Central , 3rd and 4th Grade Students and their teacher, Christine Batora.

Special thanks to Sue Leahy for submitting the picture of the participants at the hearing for HB5642.

Special thanks to David Drain who has been so helpful in educating me about the history of this bill.

Jeanette Meyer, Legislative Chair

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District 1

Garden Club of Dearborn

Margaret V. Engstrom
Shirley Jean Painter
Suzanne Cutler
Donna Wallace

Dearborn Heights

Barbara Goldi, Life Member

Junior League

Marie Brady

Livonia

Karen Bauman

La Society de Jardinaire

Mary Lou Smith

Ma-Me-Ne-Sewong Garden Club

Wilma Aspers
Mary Coohon

Pointe Garden Club

Norah Williams
Patricia Cardellio

Royal Oak Garden Club

Shirley Albright

Taylor Garden Club

Stella Blair
Ellen Sicotte

District 2A

Adrian Garden Club

Kathie Locke

Edon Garden Club

Martina Heilman
Rick Day

Good Thyme Garden Club

Barbara Broune

Hillsdale Garden Club

Jean Madison
Elizabeth Herman

Milan Garden Club

Mary Hillcoat

Morenci Garden Club

Betsy Smith
Betty Erbskorn

Neighborhood Garden Club

Elaine Wickenheiser

Swan Creek Garden Club

Janet Bloomer
Margaret Springstead

The Little Garden Club of Tecumseh

Carol Hayes

Loch Alpine Garden Club

Cindy Oberg

District 2B

DeWitt Millenium Garden Club

Joan McComb
Bill Fullmer

Garden Club of Greater Lansing

Barbara Jones
Irene Murray
Tempest Petovello

Marshall Area Garden Club

Diane Peart
Ed Westrick
Shirley Clutter
Russell Clutter

Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club

Ann Campbell
Paul Hickner

District 3

Indian Hills Garden Club

Barbara Ingrid Callendar

Lakeshore Flower Arr. Guild

Pamela Dewey

Petal Pushers Garden Club

Ann Wunderly

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Portage Garden Club
Carolyn Dailey

River Valley Garden Club
Bonnie Benson
Marian Cioe

South Haven Garden Club
Barbara Durant

Sturgis Garden Club
Priscilla Hoopingarner

District 4

Dirt Daubers Garden Club
Inge Dalbke

Saugatuck-Douglas Garden Club
Maryrita Peters, President, 2017-2019

Standale Garden Club
Marge TenBrink

Tri City Garden Club
Kate Przybytek

District 5

Boyne Valley Garden Club
Lou MacLachian
Janice Reeves

Cadillac Garden Club
Joan Higgins

Charlevoix Area Garden Club
Barb Clagitt

Mason County Garden Club
Kristy Okker

Periwinkle Garden Club
Sue Luedtke

Petoskey Area Garden Club
Maria McGuire
Jane Guisinger

Portage Lake Garden Club
Mary Carey

Presque Isle County Garden Club
Virginia (Ginger) Lappin

Spirit of the Woods Garden Club
Phyllis Russell
Alma Waterman

The Friendly Garden Club
Doris Price

The Quality Thyme Garden Club
Linda Radtke

District 6

Chemical City Garden Club
Connie Lesh

Little Garden Club of Midland
Patricia Smith

Port Sanilac Garden Club
Annette Konupek

The Rose Beyond The Wall

A rose once grew where all could see,
sheltered beside a garden wall,
And as the days passed swiftly by,
it spread its branches, straight and tall...

One day, a beam of light shone through
a crevice that had opened wide
The rose bent gently toward its warmth
then passed beyond to the other side

Now, you who deeply feel its loss,
be comforted—the rose blooms there—
its beauty even greater now, nurtured
by God's own loving care.

—A.L. Frink



District 2B Interest Groups

Benefits, Guidelines and Expectations

by Sue Wittick, Meridian Garden Club

History of Interest Groups

The first District 2B Steering Committee was established in the fall of 2017 when no volunteer was found to follow Lynda Foster as District Director (DD). At the fall district meeting, Sue Wittick (Meridian GC) asked for volunteers to lead the district as a group. Peggy Bryson (Meridian GC), Lynn Keelan (Howell GC), and Barb Ketchum (Mason GC) all met and decided to divide the position with each one taking some of the responsibility. Lynn agreed to serve as DD on the Board of Directors of Michigan Garden Clubs (MGC) and to be the district's official spokesperson. Peggy agreed to be treasurer, Barb assumed the role of event coordinator, and Sue was in charge of communications and fund raising. They established the District 2B Steering Committee which met monthly for planning meetings that were open to any 2B member.

Leadership:

2B Designers is led by Lois Snover-Hanson (Meridian GC) covering programs and flower shows and Kathi Dominguez (DeWitt Millennium GC) covering administration and communication).

2B Photographers was established and initially led by Sue Wittick. Currently the group is led by Melinda Pope (Meridian GC).

2B Crafters was established and initially led by Sue Wittick. Currently the group is led by Deb Plichta (Looking Glass GC).

2B Quilters was established and continues to be led by Linda Mogyoros (Meridian GC).

2B Youth Gardeners was established by Sue Wittick. Simar Pawar (Meridian GC), Ronnie Dush (DeWitt Millennium GC), and Sharon Rodgers (Mason GC) have all served as leaders of that interest group.

The First 2B Interest Group

- **2B Designers** began meeting in 2008 to stimulate an interest in floral design and to give participants an opportunity to learn about and practice creating a variety of design types.
- The members became the basic planning committee for all the district flower shows.
- Members chose the name "2B Designers" and decided to meet four times a year, a plan that has continued to this day.





District 2B Interest Groups

Benefits, Guidelines and Expectations

Benefits:

- Sharing ideas and gain new skills beyond the scope of the local club.
- Environments for disseminating knowledge so all participants learn new techniques and skills.
- New friendships and connections between clubs.
- Ideas that members can implement in their local clubs.
- Examples of how any area of interest can support fund-raising for the district or clubs.
- Increased awareness of, and pride in the district.
- Educational outreach to communities.
- Activities to attract potential new garden club members.
- Opportunities for leadership.

Guidelines:

- Each interest group is free to organize themselves any way that makes sense to them.
- Members can decide when and how often if they want to physically meet.
- They might limit their interaction to email (difficult though, when some members might not have an email address.)
- They might help out at each other's events.
- They might develop their own newsletter, Facebook page, or blog to share ideas.

Expectations:

- Group leader(s) will contact members on a regular basis.
- Activities will be reported in the district newsletter.
- Effort will be made to find participants from every club.
- Events will rotate to locations around the district.
- Meetings will generally be held in locations central to the district.
- All club members will be invited to attend interest group events.
- Groups will consider offering educational events to the public.
- Groups will consider ways to use their interest and skills to help the district and clubs in fund-raising. The district will be asked to cover expenses related to raising funds for the district.
- Any expenses related to a activity of an interest group, are paid by the members participating in that activity. Current membership in a 2B garden club is the only requirement for participation.
- With no stress and no pressure, the groups strive to provide additional enjoyable experiences for garden club members.



I'M ON THE MAP! ARE YOU?



This is a **GRASSROOTS CALL-TO-ACTION** to restore biodiversity and ecosystem function by planting native plants and creating new ecological networks.

“Our National Parks, no matter how grand in scale, are too small and separated from one another to preserve species to the levels needed. Thus, the concept for Homegrown National Park, a bottom-up call-to-action to restore habitat where we live and work, and to a lesser extent where we farm and graze, extending national parks to our parks to our yards and communities.”

— Doug Tallamy

Do you have any native plants in your yard? Then you need to
GET ON THE HMP MAP!
 Go to www.homegrownnationalpark.org

THE MAP is an interactive community-based visual that will show each person’s contribution to planting native by State, County and Zip Code.

There will be a gauge showing progress towards our goal of 20 million acres of native planting in the United States.

Importantly, the map is a way for individuals to see their part in the greater whole—creating new ecological networks and restoring biodiversity.

Suggested Reading:

“Nature’s Best Hope, A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard” by Douglas W. Tallamy, author of *“Bringing Nature Home.”*



Start a new **HABITAT**[®]

HOMEGROWN NATIONAL PARK[®]

10 Things to Get You Started

By Doug Tallamy

SMALL EFFORTS BY MANY PEOPLE: 83% OF LAND IN THE U.S. IS PRIVATELY OWNED. If we planted native on 50% of private land we would restore biodiversity...and we can do it starting Now. We greatly encourage municipalities and public places to participate, but right NOW, each of us can take an ACTION. Let's start planting.

WHAT EACH OF US CAN DO

1. Shrink the lawn
2. Remove invasive species
3. Plant keystone genera
4. Be generous with your plantings
5. Reduce your nighttime light pollution
6. Network with neighbors and get on the Homegrown National Park map
7. Build a conservation hardscape
8. Create caterpillar pupation sites under your trees
9. Do not spray or fertilize
10. Educate your neighborhood civic association—Start a new HABITat[®]

To read about the details of each of these ten steps, go to our website at the link below. While on the website, read about the many other ideas and resources to help you get started as well. Poke around, create new ecological networks, restore biodiversity, and **START DIGGING!**

<https://homegrownnationalpark.org/faq-2/getting-started>

Outlook to the Future

MGC Education Committee

By Denise Clegg



Education by and for Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. (MGC) members and nonmembers is looking engaging. During the 2022-2023 fiscal year several programs are in the planning stages. Look to the website to see if there are offerings that interest you. Some are formal offerings designed by National Garden Club, Inc. (NGC) while others are less formal, such as the Morning Meetings sponsored by MGC. To find the more formal offerings, go to the Education tab on the MGC website, <https://migardenclubs.org>.

To find the offerings for Member Meetings, which occur on the first and third Fridays of the month, go to the member area on the website, the first tab labeled Morning Member Meetings is where you will find all you need to know to join in. If you don't know the member area login, it's "member" and "mgcgrow". Liz Bohland, Artistic Crafts Chair will be showing a clay craft presentation in the Fall for a Morning Member Meeting.

For the coming year planning is underway for several events for summer and early fall. A **Tri-refresher** course is planned for August 9 and 10. Be sure to mark your calendar now. The brochure will be on the website in early June. The course is scheduled to be 8 hours long and covers topics related to the Environment, Gardening and Landscape Design. While consultants are given priority, anyone may attend. Attendance is limited to 100 MGC members. It will be virtual. Refresh your consultant status by your attendance

Flower Show Symposium is scheduled for September 13 and 14 in person in Lansing. The topic for Tuesday, September 13, is Horticulture. David Robson will be presenting. The topic for Wednesday, September 14 is Floral Design, with Jackie Davies presenting. You need not be a judge to attend, however judges are given attendance priority. Non-judges may attend for 1 day or both. The more technical aspects are presented in the afternoon, so you may consider attending only in the morning if you are looking for ideas on floral design or horticulture presentation.



Environmental School is in the planning stages of the next series. Course 1 is planned for October 21 and 22 in Manistee Michigan in person. Manistee Garden Club and Portage Lake Garden Club are co-sponsoring the event. Mark your calendars! More information will be on the website in mid-August under the education tab. Manistee is on the shores of Lake Michigan and is a mecca for those with an interest in environmental issues, since it is surrounded by Manistee National Forest. It is close to numerous dunes and protected lands and has much to offer anglers and hunters.

Gardening School is looking for a new sponsor for Series 21. In 2021 Kalamazoo Garden Council presented all four courses of Gardening School virtually. The local sponsor decides how the course will be presented. Could it be the next one will be hybrid? If your club or council is interested contact Denise Clegg, Gardening School Chair, and 3rd Vice-President, at dclegg@migardenclubs.org for further information.

Flower Show School has been on hiatus for several years in Michigan. The education committee is hoping to begin presenting the four courses in Spring 2023. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Denise Clegg at dclegg@migardenclubs.org and express your interest. We would like to gauge state-wide interest. Do you feel like you don't know what they do? Consider attending Symposium September 13 and 14 in Lansing for one day. Flower Show School teaches horticulture, floral design, judging and flower show procedure.

Youth Contests

Kathy Sauber

The High School Essay Contest and The Youth Sculpture Contest

The High School Essay Contest is open to grades 9-12. Students submit an essay on one of two topics found on MGC's website under Youth Contests. The topics are always about the environment or topics important to MGC. The first place in all 7 Districts is \$100, the first place overall winner in the State is \$300.

The Youth Sculpture Contest is open to grade 4-8. Youth submit 2 or 3 pictures of a sculpture they have created with recycled or repurposed materials along with their description of what they were creating. The purpose of the contest is to make kids aware of the importance of recycling and keeping our planet green. First place in all 7 Districts is \$25, first place overall in the State is \$50.

All the forms and instructions for these two contests can be found on MGC's website.

For the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Contest, Martha Rohr can be contacted at mrohr@migardenclubs.org

High School Essay Contest or Youth Sculpture Contest Kathy Sauber can be contacted at ksauber@migardenclubs.org

If you have any questions you can call Kathy Sauber at: 939-325-0034



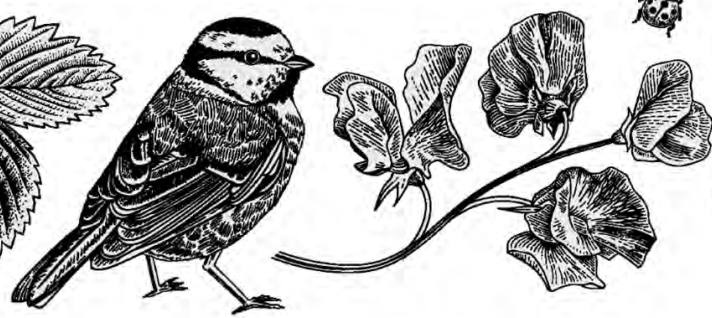


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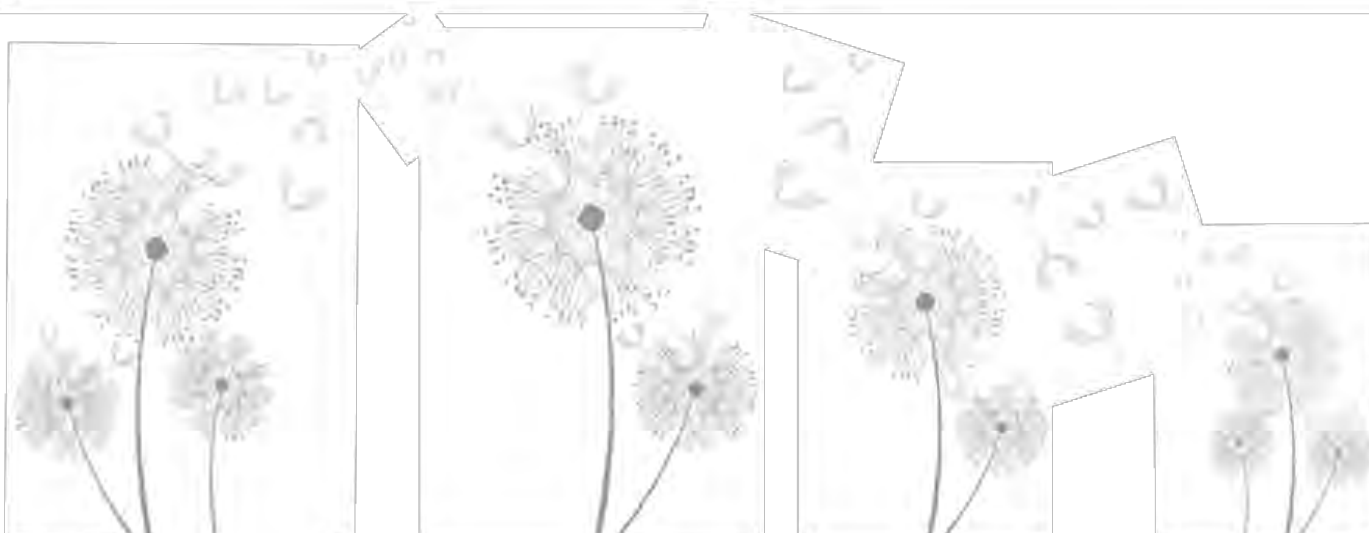
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