



The IIB Gardener



April



Hartland Home and Garden Club



Club of the Month



The Hartland Home and Garden Club meets monthly on the second Wednesday from September through June. In July and August we meet at the Hartland Cromaine Library and work in the gardens that we maintain there.

We are in the process of totally revamping these gardens because several trees have been removed, changing the main garden from shade to sun. When completed they will be native pollinator gardens. We also maintain the Blue Star Memorial in the Hartland Cemetery and a small corner in downtown Hartland.



The primary way we raise funds is through our annual tea. This year it will be Wednesday April 18 at 7pm at the Hartland Senior Center. Our speaker is Rosann Kovalcik and her topic is Attracting Native Jewels - Ruby Throated Hummingbirds. We serve a three course tea for \$20 per person. Reservations are necessary. Call 248 684-1116 if you are interested. We also co-host a perennial plant exchange with the Cromaine Library the third Saturday in May.

We celebrated our 25th Anniversary in 2014. We generally have a speaker at each meeting but sometimes we make a craft such as cement leaves, Christmas wreathes and centerpieces, and succulent gardens on pumpkins and gourds.

We are a group of fun, hard-working women and men who work well together to accomplish anything we set out to do.



District IIB Steering Committee



Lynn Keelan, Howell Garden Club, 517-304-3329, boomerage47@yahoo.com, 2765 Earl Lake Road, Howell, MI 48843-8613 - District Director

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Any IIB club member is welcome to attend District IIB Steering Committee meetings. The next meeting will be held on April 10th at the Michigan Nature Association, 2310 Science Parkway, Okemos, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Discussion topics will include our district meeting, fundraising, flower shows, and interest groups.

District IIB Steering Committee Member News



Lynn Keelan, District Director

Welcome, longer evenings and warmer weather as April is upon us. Our flower show, *We Love Michigan*, is over--and what a wonderful show it was! My thanks to all the flower show committee for their hard work.

It is time to scope out the local garden centers--or why stay local? Our website has a list of great area nurseries and garden centers. Make sure to check them out.

The MGC Board of Directors meets quarterly in Lansing and that keeps me informed of what is happening in the State, Region and National Garden Clubs. I will pass what I learn on to you.

Our IIB District Meeting is April 18 at Eagle Eye in Bath. I am excited to see everyone, hand out awards, see the flower show, hear our speakers, visit the wonderful vendors and bid on some silent auction items. Looks to be a fun-filled day with fellowship and learning.

The Steering Committee continues to explore news ideas for shared interests with IIB Interest Groups. Have you given your name to be part of Design Group, Quilting Group, Photography Group, Youth Gardening Group, or Crafters? You could also suggest your own interest group!

Many thanks to my hard working and always brainstorming Steering Committee, who are constantly striving to make District IIB better with more involvement of clubs and members.

Let's grow our gardens and minds in this coming season.

Peggy Bryson, Treasurer



Thanks to all who have exercised their IIB spirit by ordering District logo t-shirts and lapel pins! To date, 21 tees have been ordered and there are preorders for 117 pins. The small net revenue on each item sold will add up and help us to accomplish the goals we've been sharing in our meetings with club presidents and via this newsletter. If you don't yet have your tee or you want to pre-order a pin, you can find order forms for both items on the home page of the District website.

We're looking forward to seeing those colorful tees at the April District meeting!



The Michigan Garden Clubs Newsletter, *Thru the Garden Gate*, can be accessed on the MGC website. The Spring 2017/2018 issue can be found here: <http://michigangardenclubs.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Thru-the-Garden-Gate-Spring-3-2018.pdf>

We ask that IIB Club Presidents make this newsletter available to all their members. To be added or removed from the e-mail distribution list for this newsletter, please contact Sue Wittick.



Barb Ketchum, Member Services to Clubs, Events, Chair of the Spring 2018 District IIB meeting

The Spring 2018 District IIB meeting is almost here! District Director Lynn Keelan and the Steering Committee are looking forward to sharing our progress and plans for the future. We also want to hear from **YOU** so together, we can make a difference for everyone in the district. Thank you in advance to all the clubs and individuals who have stepped forward to help make this a truly district-wide project!



I hope to see you there, wearing your District IIB or garden club t-shirt!

Wednesday, April 18th

District IIB Spring Meeting

Eagle Eye Conference Center, Bath, Michigan



Sue Wittick, Communications, Newsletter, Graphics/Printing

I'm so impressed with District IIB!



- **Interest Groups** have attracted 60 members and will kick-start this month!
- Our meeting on **April 18th** promises to be lots of fun and features a horticulture specialty flower show, beautiful auction items, and new vendors. This is truly a district-wide effort with a variety of clubs sharing the planning and preparation.
- IIB members are enjoying visits to **other club meetings** and gaining new ideas to implement in their own clubs.
- **Flower shows** have been blooming this year with lots of new designers sharing the fun.
- Lots of members are showing their pride by purchasing **t-shirts and bee pins**.

Speaking of the District meeting, if you didn't sign up at a club meeting but think you would like to attend, it's **not too late!** Please send Colleen Hyslop a message or give her a call and send her your check for \$35. 517-256-5936, colleenhyslop2@gmail.com, 1701 Gilcrest Avenue, East Lansing, MI 48823. She can add people if you let her know by April 9th.

Thanks to everyone who purchased bee pins in advance, we will be able to purchase extras to sell at the district meeting and other venues. They will be a clever reminder of the need to protect pollinators, as well as symbolizing our terrific district!

District IIB is growing with the addition of lots of new club members! Please don't forget to send their names and contact information to me so that they can receive this newsletter, participate in events, and feel connected to other IIB members.



June is **National Pollinator Month**. This June is the two-year anniversary of the launch of the **Million Pollinator Garden Challenge**, a national initiative to bring back the bees. **June 19-26** is Pollinator Week, but we are celebrating pollinators all month long.

Most of us will be purchasing garden plants in May so next month's issue of the *IIB Gardener* would be the perfect time to feature ideas for **pollinator gardens**. Every club is invited to share what they are doing so the ideas can multiply and District IIB can celebrate National Pollinator Month in style! Please send your reports to Sue Wittick by April 20th.



**Wear your tees!
Show your spirit!**

**Wear your District IIB or garden club
t-shirt to the District meeting on April 18th!**



District Donations



thank
YOU

- Monetary donations from Meridian GC, DeWitt Millenium GC, and Barbara Houghtaling
- Michigan memorabilia for the flower show
- Plants and planters to sell at the district meeting from Lynn O'Shaugnessy
- Golf balls for crafting from Helen Tanner, Janet Metzelaar, Sharon Theroux, and Tressa McAllister
- The time and talents of MANY extraordinary IIB members!

Flower Show News



Lois Snover-Hanson, Meridian Garden Club, District IIB Flower Show Chair, 517-694-8091

Our 2018 Standard Flower Show "**We Love Michigan**" was held at the Michigan State Pavilion March 15-18. We displayed 214 pieces of horticulture, 48 floral designs, 12 Botanical Arts exhibits, and 4 educational exhibits. Winners of the top awards are listed on the next page.

We plan to give the **Marilyn J. Lee award** at both the Spring and Fall 2018 District IIB Meetings, and the application form is posted on the District IIB website. This club award is for civic beautification projects.

The Spring 2018 District Meeting, April 18th, will feature a Horticulture Specialty Flower Show "**Bee Ready for Spring**." April 18th will be a wonderful time to feature daffodils, tulips, and other cut spring flowers from those bulbs you planted last fall (or years ago). Bottles for your cut specimens will be available near the registration desk.

On **April 25**, the IIB Designers will host a "**Spring Fling**" Flower Show, at the DeWitt Fire Department. This show will feature the designs that were new in the 2017 Edition of *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Armature, Assemblage, and Cascade.

The Williamston Red Cedar club will hold a flower show at the Williamston Depot Museum on May 14th. The show, "Williamston Rocks and Rolls" was developed to attract members new to floral design.

A photography display will be featured at our fall district meeting. IIB Photographers will write the schedule and make all necessary arrangements.

Schedules for all flower shows can be found on the District IIB website. The schedule for the photography exhibit will be posted soon.

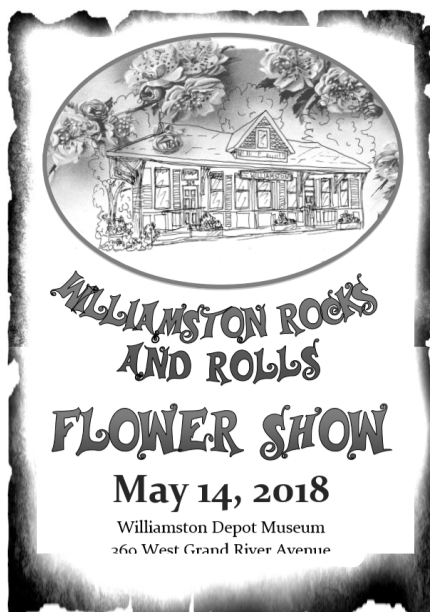


Horticulture Specialty Flower Show

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

In conjunction with
the Michigan Garden Clubs (MGC) District IIB
Spring Meeting
Eagle Eye Conference Center, Bath, Michigan

Especially for "newbies!"



Small-Standard Flower Show

Wednesday April 25, 2018

Entries placed 9:30-10:00 a.m.
Judging of show 10:00-10:45
Show open 11:00-12:00 noon
Presentation and discussion of Cascade Design

DeWitt Fire Department
911 W. Main Street
DeWitt MI 48820

Top Award Winners in the We Love Michigan Flower Show

Horticulture:

Jolanta Piecuch (*Williamston*) — Growers Choice
Janet Sudak (*DeWitt*) — Growers Choice
Lynn O'Shaughnessy (*Howell*) — Growers Choice
Lynn Keelan (*Howell*) — Award of Merit
Kay Pyciak (*Meridian*) — Award of Merit
Kathi Dominguez (*DeWitt*) — Arboreal
Martha Shortledge-White (*Meridian*) — Arboreal
Sue Wittick (*Meridian*) — Collectors Showcase
Judy Laswell (*District I*) — Miriam Petrides;
Brigitta Bruning (*Meridian*) — District Directors Award for Horticulture
Ann Campbell (*Williamston*) — Inter-City



Design: Lynn Keelan (*Howell*) — Petite

Kathi Dominguez (*DeWitt*) — Petite
JoAnn Peterson (*Meridian*) — Table Artistry
Margaret Jahnke (*Meridian*) — Designer's Choice
Lynn Keelan (*Howell*) — Lois Snover-Hanson Award
Peggy Hartmann (*Meridian*) — District Directors' Award for Design



JoAnn Peterson's Table for Two

Special Exhibits:

Friends of the Looking Glass River — Educational Exhibitor
Jodie Szalankiewicz (*Meridian*) — Botanical Arts
Patty Cotter (*Meridian*) — District Directors' Award for Artistic Crafts
MSU Student Organic Farm — Special Award for Educational Exhibits
Lois Snover-Hanson (*Meridian*) — Special Award for Educational Exhibits
District IIB — Special Award for Educational Exhibits

Blue Ribbon Winners:

Horticulture: Chris Alexander; Joanne Bauer 4; Jeannie Bauer-Bosworth; Kris BeLonge; Cassie Bosworth; Brigitta Bruning; Ann Campbell 2; Lynn Dinvald; Kathi Dominguez 2; Doug Emerson; Lisa Emerson; Margaret Fankhauser; Rita Ghose; Jim Hanson; Mary Lou Hatfield; Colleen Hyslop; Margaret Jahnke; Lynn Keelan; Carey Loveland; Janet Metzelaar; Gail Meadows; Linda Norwood; Julie Partee; Lynn O'Shaughnessy 7; Piotr Piecuch; JoAnn Peterson; Anna Piecuch; Jolanta Piecuch 4; Kay Pyciak 2; George Potter; Melody Potter; Judy Royce 2; Lois Snover-Hanson 5; Janet Sudac 2; Jodie Szalankiewicz 2; Terri Tomak; Martha Shortledge-White; Mary Weathers; Brenda Wineman; Sue Wittick 3;

Design: Jenny Bond; Jeannie Bosworth; Pam Dewey; Kathi Dominguez 2; Lynn Keelan; Marlene Glotfelty; Lisa Emerson; Margaret Jahnke; JoAnn Peterson; Lillian VanHouten; Sue Wittick

Botanical Arts: Patty Cotter; Friends of the Looking Glass River; Jodie Szalankiewicz 2

Contributors to the We Love Michigan Flower Show

Horticulture Entries:

Across the Fence Post: Julie Partee

DeWitt: Kathi Dominguez, Carey Loveland, Terri Tomak, Janet Sudak

Grand Ledge: Marilee Goldsberry

Greater Lansing: Joanne Bauer, Linda Norwood, Ann Schoals, Jenny Bond

Howell: Lynn O'Shaughnessy, Lynn Keelan,

Looking Glass: Lisa Emerson,

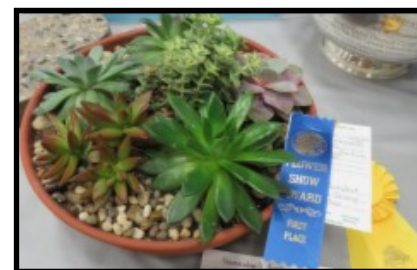
Mason: Barbara Ketchum

Meridian: Kris Belonge, Ron Smith, Marie Smith, Chris Alexander, Linda Mogyoros, Lois Snover-Hanson, Richard VonTersch, Sue Wittick, Jodie Szalankiewicz, Tressa McAllister, Brigitta Bruning, Patty Cotter, Kay Pyciak, Mary Ann Martin, Colleen Hyslop, JoAnn Peterson, Gail Meadows, Mary Lou Hatfield, Sue Kropschot, Melody Potter, Janet Metzelaar, Margaret Jahnke, Sharon Theroux, Martha Shortledge-White, Margaret Fankhauser, Mary Weathers

Webberville: Jim Hath, Julie Hath, Lauren Bosworth, Cassie Bosworth, Jody Royce, Jessica Modert, Rene Hoppe

Williamston: Lynda Foster, Ann Campbell, Jane Johnson, Jolanta Piecuch

Other: Ron Smith, Chris Alexander, Rita Ghose, Piotr Piecuch, Margie Ritchie, George Potter, Lynn Dinvald, Sharon Yantis, Rita Crawley, Bannon Emerson, Doug Emerson, Dianna Emerson, Denis Theroux, Matt Hale, Judy Laswell, Lee Mac, Ted Foster, Bruce Potter



Ann Campbell's succulents

Flower Show Contributors (continued)



Design Entries:

DeWitt: Kathi Dominguez

Grand Ledge: Jeanette Foster

Greater Lansing: Barb Amundsen, Ann Schoals, Jenny Bond

Howell: Diane Duffield, Lynn Keelan, Lillian VanHouten

Looking Glass: Lisa Emerson

Marshall: Marlene Glotfelty

Meridian: Marie Smith, Linda Mogyoros, Lois Snover-Hanson, Sue Wittick, Jodie Szalankiewicz, Brigitta Bruning, Peggy Hartman, Patty Cotter, Mary Ann Martin, JoAnn Peterson, Sue Lohman, Margaret Jahnke, Mary Weathers

Webberville: Julie Hath, Jeannie Bauer-Bosworth

Williamston: Lynda Foster, Ann Campbell, Mary Milbourne, Jolanta Piecuch, RoxAnne Houghton

Other: Pam Dewey, Carol Brodbeck, Katheryn Clary, Sharon Yantis, Rita Crawley, Karla Love

Special Exhibits:

DeWitt: Terri Tomak

Grand Ledge: Judy Hedland, Diane Sanderson, Marilee Goldsberry

Meridian: Lois Snover-Hanson, Sue Wittick, Jodie Szalankiewicz, Patty Cotter, Kris BeLonge, Mary Ballard

Other: MSU Student Organic Farm, Friends of the Looking Glass River, Pam Dewey

Judges from District IIB: Kathi Dominguez (*DeWitt*), Marlene Glotfelty (*Marshall*), Margaret Jahnke (*Meridian*), Mary Weathers (*Meridian*), Jenny Bond (*Lansing*), Lynda Foster (*Williamston*), Peggy Hartmann, Lois Snover-Hanson (*Meridian*), Marie Smith (*Meridian*), Sue Wittick (*Meridian*)

Judges from other districts: Judy Laswell, Marilyn Hartley-Kik, Sharon Yantis, Evelyn Flynn, Maria Christie

Clerks: Terri Tomak (*DeWitt*), Ann Campbell (*Williamston*), Shirley Keck (*DeWitt*), Lillian VanHouten (*Howell*), Sandy Hill (*DeWitt*), Lynn Keelan (*Howell*), Jolanta Piecuch (*Williamston*)

Hostesses: Julie Partee, Barb Swartz (*Across Fence Post*); Carol McLeon (*Brighton*); Bernadine Bennett, Susan Chiodi, Kathi Dominguez, Jo Harding, Ellen Richmond, Jerry Richmond, Anne Wineman (*DeWitt*); Linda Montague, Gary Montague, Brenda Wineman (*Eaton Rapids*); Carol Emerson, Kaylene Luft, Gary Ricks, Marti Ricks (*Grand Ledge*); David Langenberg, Cindy Langenberg, Joan Lehnard, Marge McCulloch, Ann Scholas (*Greater Lansing*); Nancy Nawrocki, Linda Renehan (*Hartland*); Mary Lou Dell, Marlas Greiger, Ann Groth, Sandra Haines, Mary Lemons (*Howell*); Judy Devers, Doris Westrick (*Looking Glass*); Barbara Hershberger (*Mason*); Briggita Bruning, Cathy Claypool, Gail Meadows, Harsha Patel, Simar Pawar, JoAnn Peterson, Melody Potter, Katie Steinacker, Joyce Wang (*Meridian*); Jeannie Bosworth, Judy Royce, Bill Wheeler (*Webberville*); Jan Bayer, Cindy Brown, Ann Campbell, Carol Grainger, Phyllis Chirico, Lynda Foster, Jolanta Piecuch, Joan Wright (*Williamston*); Coni Barlow, Rita Ghose (*guest*)

Flower Show Committee: Lois Snover-Hanson, Chair (*Meridian*); Kris BeLonge (*Meridian*); Kathi Dominguez (*DeWitt*); Lynda & Ted Foster (*Williamston*); Debbie Angell (*Meridian*); Joanne Bauer (*Greater Lansing*); Tressa McAllister (*Meridian*); Jodie Szalankiewicz (*Meridian*); Sue Wittick (*Meridian*); Sue & Russ Kropschot (*Meridian*); Jenny Bond (*Lansing*); Dianna Leipprandt (*Williamston*), Linda Mogyoros (*Meridian*), Ann & Fred Campbell (*Williamston*); Jim Hanson, Marie & Ron Smith (*Meridian*).

News from around our District

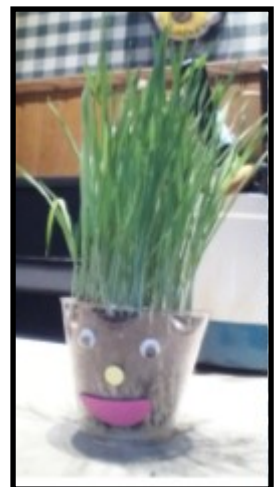


Webberville Garden Club Hosts Event for Children

On Saturday, March 18, 2018 the Webberville Garden Club had 11 members and 2 Junior Garden Club members team up to do a Children's Day project to represent District IIB at the MSU Home and Garden show. We had four tables and created an assembly line where the children started by decorating a clear cup with a face then continued down the line to fill their cup with soil and cat grass. Along the way learning what makes a plant grow. Then getting to spray some water on their completed project. Then at the end they got to decorate a bag to place their project in to take home. The bag also had instructions how to care for it and wishing them a Happy Spring from District IIB and Webberville Garden! The club was proud to help 125 children with the project!

The Webberville Garden Club is very active with the youth in our community and were happy to help with this project as the youth are our future and we need to help grow future gardeners!

Those helping: Jeannie Bosworth, Helen Eisele, Julie Hath, Andrea Horstman, Beverly Hugenet, Jessica Modert, Jody Royce, Sherry Sevic, Nancy Webb, Janice Wheeler, and Joan Vogt. Junior Garden Members: Ava and Titus Modert.





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 they want to physically meet.
- They might limit their interaction to e-mail (difficult when some members might not have an e-mail 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.
- All club members will be invited and encouraged 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.
- No stress, no pressure, provide enjoyable experiences!

Current District IIB Interest Groups

Interest Group	Contact	Phone	E-Mail
IIB Designers	Kathi Dominguez	517-927-4665	dominguezk@comcast.net
IIB Crafters	Sue Wittick	517-242-8259	witticks@gmail.com
IIB Photographers	Sue Wittick	517-242-8259	witticks@gmail.com
IIB Quilters	Linda Mogyoros	517-694-7914	Turtlehatch@att.net
IIB Youth Gardeners	Simar Pawar	517-290-6974	simarkaur@hotmail.com



Jean Goetz, MGC 2nd Vice President in Charge of Civic Affairs

MGC displayed the Black Swallowtail Butterfly display at the Show Span Home and Garden Show in March.

Our efforts were successful in promoting pollinators and the Black Swallowtail bill (SB 298). Hundreds of people attended, and many listened to our appeal to make the Black Swallowtail our official Michigan State Butterfly.

Feedback was positive. Many people were surprised that Michigan is one of only three states that does not have a state butterfly. "Why Not?" was a frequent question.

We gathered 491 signatures in support of Senate Bill 298 and sold \$170 worth of Black Swallowtail pins! Our Black Swallowtail brochures, plant "shopping list" bookmarks, coloring sheets and butterfly fans for children were given away and enthusiastically received.

Our presence at the event was made possible by the generous support of 20 garden club members who worked 9 three to four hour shifts talking to people who stopped at our booth. These incredible members deserve our thanks and applause: Emma Reardon, Karen Bollman, Melody Potter, Sheila Flynn, Carole Armstrong, Elaine High, Colleen Hyslop, Sharon Theroux, Anne Davich, Mary Beth Fletcher, Mary Lou Hatfield, Diane Flatley, Mary Weathers, Debbie Waugh, Iris Freridge, Peggy Fankhouser, Kathy Rhodes, Jodie Szalankiewicz, Sue Leahy and Jean Goetz. Well done!



Sue Wittick, District IIB Representative to the MGC Nominating Committee

As our district's representative on the MGC Nominating Committee, I'm looking for a few good people willing to serve at the state level. Our primary task is to find people to serve on the elected positions— First Vice-President (becomes President after two years), Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President, Fourth Vice-President, and Treasurer. The current officers, Carol Brodbeck, Janet Hickman, Jean Goetz, Rita Crawley, Sharma Zollinger, Jane Morse, and Bunny LaDuke, will serve through May 31, 2019. The responsibilities of these positions are detailed on the MGC website: <http://michigangardenclubs.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/job-descriptions.pdf>



The President has the responsibility of filling all the other positions on the state board and would be grateful for volunteers from our district.

So how about it District IIB? Who will be willing to provide some leadership and new ideas for Michigan Garden Clubs? It's important to all of us that our district maintains a voice and a vote at that level!

**Get Involved.
Have Your Say.
Make A Difference.**



FUTURE EVENTS

May 21- May 24 — National Garden Clubs Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Click [here](#).

June 5-6 — Michigan Garden Clubs Convention, Kalamazoo. Click [here](#).

June 25-26 — Flower Show Symposium, Holiday Inn, 3600 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. For registration form, click [here](#).

July 10 — Michigan Consultants Council Tri-Refresher, W.K. Kellogg Biological Station Auditorium 3700 E. Gull Lake Drive, Hickory Corners. For registration form click [here](#).

August 21-22 — Chicago Garden Getaway, sponsored by MSU Horticulture Gardens - two days and two nights for a whirlwind Windy City Garden Tour with Art Cameron. Click [here](#) for MSU Horticulture Garden e-newsletter. The Chicago trip flyer is on page 14.

October 22-23 — NGC Central Region Convention, Frankenmuth, Michigan

October 25 — IIB Fall District Meeting, Brighton Garden Club hosting

District IIB April Meeting Dates and Program Topics of Garden Clubs



- 2—**Looking Glass** 6:30 p.m. at United Methodist Church, 9180 Herbison Road, Eagle, MI 48822
- 3—**Mason Sycamore Creek GC** *Donna Craft, Bunker Hill Bee Farm “Bee Keeping through the Seasons”*
- 4—**Webberville GC** *“Friend or Foe” Companion Planting, Jolanta Piecuch, 6 pm, Spartan Center, 309 E. Grand River, Webberville*
- 9—**Williamston Red Cedar GC** *“Control Pests and Weeds,” Jolanta Piecuch, 6:30 pm Williamston Depot Museum*
- 9—**GC of Greater Lansing** *Lois Snover-Hanson (Master Flower Show Judge) and Dennis Banning, (VanAtta’s) are teaming up to offer a special design program. 9:30 a.m., Grace United Methodist Church, 1900 Boston Boulevard, Lansing. There will be a sandwich and salad luncheon.*
- 10—**Across the Fence Post**, 6:30 pm.
- 12—**Brighton GC** *“Harnessing Mother Nature’s Workforce—Beneficial Insects,” Elly Maxwell, 10:30 a.m., Brighton Community Center, 555 Brighton Street, Brighton*
- 12—**Dewitt Millennium GC** *Erin Jarvie “Here Today, “They are Coming to Take Us Away!” (Invasive Species), 6:30 p.m., Redeemer United Methodist Church, 13980 Schavey Road, DeWitt*
- 17—**Marshall Area GC** *“Native Plants You Likely Never Heard of, But Wish You Had,” Mary Ann Menck, 7:00 p.m., Marshall United Methodist Church, 721 US 27 North*
- 19 —**Green Thumb GC (Daytime Group)** *Planning Hanging Baskets and Fund Raising*
- 26—**Green Thumb GC (Evening Group)** *Work Session on downtown garden projects*
- 16—**Meridian Garden Club** *“Landscaping for Wildlife,” Ron Overton, 9:00, Meridian Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos*
- 24—**Grand Ledge GC** *Flower Photography, Diane Sanderson 1:00 pm, Grand Ledge City Hall*
- 25—**Howell GC** *“Enhancing Awareness of Michigan’s diverse living resources—including the habits of the Black Swallowtail Butterfly”, Jim McGrath, renowned naturalist 6:30 p.m., Howell Auditorium, Livingston County Public Safety Complex—EMS, 1911 Tooley Road, Howell*

Volunteers Needed

- * Chair for IIB Crafters
- * Chair for IIB Photographers
- * Volunteers to serve on the MGC Board of Directors
- * Chair for Environmental Studies School in District IIB

Please contact Sue Wittick if you are willing to share your talents for one of these positions.



For your convenience—you can cut out this box and tape it into your club yearbook.



MGC District IIB
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www.michigangardenclubs.org
Login: 2bmember
Password: membermgc



Central Region, NGC
www.ngccentralregion.org
Login: member
Password: 7states



National Garden Clubs, Inc.
www.gardenclub.org
Username: member
Password: pumpkin



April Events

Now through Late-April — Butterflies in the Garden, MSU Horticulture Department. Come see the butterflies in the Indoor 4-H Children's Garden. Mon-Fri from 2pm-4pm; Sat & Sun from 10am-4pm; Closed Easter. Click [here](#) for more information. This is a great place to take children and grandchildren!

(A) April 10 — IIB Steering Committee, Michigan Nature Association, 11:30, 2310 Science Parkway, Okemos.

April 18, 2018 - Spring IIB District Meeting, Eagle Eye Conference Center, Bath and “*Bee Ready for Spring*” Horticulture Specialty Flower Show.

(B) April 18, “Hometown Habitat—Stories of Bringing Nature Home, 7:00 pm. Sponsored by Wild Ones, Red Cedar Chapter. Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing, 5509 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. Click [here](#) for additional information.

April 21, 9am – 6pm and April 22, 10am - 4pm, MSU Student Horticulture Association Spring Show and Sale, Plant and Soil Sciences Building, 1066 Bogue St, East Lansing. For additional information click [here](#).

April 22 is Earth Day — Earth Day Network’s mission is to diversify, educate and activate the environmental movement worldwide. Growing out of the first Earth Day, Earth Day Network is the world’s largest recruiter to the environmental movement, working with more than 50,000 partners in nearly 195 countries to build environmental democracy. More than 1 billion people now participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world. We work through a combination of education, public policy, and consumer campaigns. With a focus this year on mobilizing the world to **End Plastic Pollution** there are lots of ways that individuals and groups can participate. Click [here](#) for more information.



(C) April 25, IIB Designers + “Spring Fling” Flower Show, DeWitt Fire Department, 10:00 am—noon. The group will be learning about Cascade Designs.

April 28, Mushroom Cultivation, Hunter Park Gardens, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, [Hunter Park GardenHouse](#) 1400 E Kalamazoo St, Lansing. Learn the basic skills required to grow your own edible mushrooms. Go home with a started kit! Workshop facilitated by neighborhood expert, Robbie Kraemer. Click [here](#) to register.

April 2018						
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 (A)	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 (B)	19	20	21
22 	23	24	25 (C)	26	27	28
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The District IIB Steering Committee publishes this newsletter monthly to feature MGC news, district events and the projects and activities of IIB clubs. Each month we plan to report on one club in greater depth to foster a deeper appreciation of what makes us unique and of the love of gardening that connects us.

The deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month with the newsletter coming out around the 1st. It will be sent as an e-mail attachment. Please send all submissions for the newsletter to Sue Wittick.