



July, 2018

Marshall Area Garden Club



Club of the Month

The Marshall Area Garden Club, Inc. began in March of 1987 with eight people attending a meeting in Janet Schoenmeyer's home. By September, the club had grown to 20 and joined MGC. Currently, there are 100 members!

Early projects included planting and beautifying the Historic Plank Road Marker site, cleaning up the Marshall Post Office flower beds, and participating in downtown arts & crafts shows as a means to raise funds. In 1989, the club began providing flower arrangements in the homes featured on the Marshall Historic Homes Tour and has continued the practice ever since.

The club holds monthly meetings that begin with a one-hour garden-oriented program followed by a business meeting. In addition, the Marshall Area Garden Club has undertaken eight substantial projects that contribute to the overall beauty of the city of Marshall.

On the west end entrance to Marshall the club designed, planted and is maintaining six permanent gardens within the street median, a beautiful west Michigan Avenue entry to the city from I-69.



Circle Gardens

On the east end, is Carver Park Garden. Perennials, annuals, shrubs, and trees were planted in 2000 and is maintained by club members. This beautification project has resulted in increased use of this city park. Adding beauty to the center of town are four Fountain Circle annual flower beds, which are planted and maintained by club members.

In 2008, an entry garden at the Marshall District Library was completed to compliment a sculpture commissioned and funded by the Garden Club.

In the fall of 2010 work began on new landscaping installed on the front grounds of the Marshall Post Office. Local landscape architect Tim Banfield donated the design and the Marshall Area Garden Club, Marshall Rotary Foundation, and the Marshall Area Community Foundation provided funding.

Michigan's 64th Blue Star Memorial was dedicated on July 15, 2012, thanks to the determination and hard work of club members. The Blue Star Memorial By-way marker greets visitors as they enter the Carver Park Gardens.

Recently, flowering trees were donated and planted in a city park, at the Habitat for Humanity house, and for Arbor Day (Earth Day). The club helped raise over \$8,000 to repopulate the city with American Liberty Elm trees.



Blue Star Dedication



West End Median Landscaping
Near McDonald's

Most recently, the club totally revamped the West End Gardens and took over the design and planting of the city of Marshall's 16 large downtown urns. As is the case with the Fountain Circle flowers, funding for the flowers for the downtown urns is provided by the city with club members doing the design and planting. Funding for most of our projects comes from our membership dues and our highly successful "Welcome to My Garden" annual tour held the second full weekend of July. This tour is the club's major fundraiser and this year's tour will be the club's 28th annual tour (see article on page 8).

Please visit our web site at www.marshallareagardenclub.org.

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

Peggy Bryson, Meridian Garden Club, 517-614-9428, plbryso@gmail.com, 5512 Jessael, Bath, MI 48808-9791
District Treasurer, FaceBook Administrator, Website Administrator, Recording Secretary

Barb Ketchum, Mason-Sycamore Creek Garden Club, 517-331-2027, baketchum15@gmail.com, 1036 W Barnes Rd., Mason, MI 48854, Member Services to Clubs, Event Coordinator

Sue Wittick, Meridian Garden Club, 517-242-8259, witticks@gmail.com, 4103 Breakwater Drive, Okemos, MI 48864-4413 - Communications, Newsletter, Graphics & Printing, Interest Groups

Any IIB club member is welcome to attend District IIB Steering Committee meetings. In July and August, anyone interested in club or district leadership is especially invited to any or all of the scheduled "Beehive Buzzes." See page 4 for details.

District IIB Steering Committee Member News



Lynn Keelan, District Director

School is out and summer began with all its possibilities. I hope you all are enjoying each day.

The Michigan Garden Club Convention was a big success to the credit of District III Director, Evelyn Flynn, and all who assisted her. I was officially elected to my office as District IIB Director and given a red rose. Revised MGC bylaws were approved. Gail Tagget from the Muskegon Garden Club is now in charge of grants and will be a welcome resource for all interested in writing and applying for grant money. The breakout sessions and the President's round table were well attended and useful. Members are seeking answers to many leadership questions, and MGC is there to help.



I had the pleasure of conducting June garden club installations for both the Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club and the Grand Ledge Garden Club. Congratulations to all new and returning IIB club officers, leaders who will keep our district strong. It is so interesting to visit our clubs, and I have enjoyed seeing what makes each one unique as well as the camaraderie of members.

IIB Photographers held an organizational meeting that was I pleased to attend. Sue Wittick has taken the leadership role, and we have set monthly meeting dates.

Looking forward, we are lining up more Beehive Buzzes for new club presidents and anyone interested in a leadership role. They are planned for the Grand Oak Herb Farm in Bancroft, Coral Gables in East Lansing, and Schuler's in Marshall. Participants may choose one or more to attend. These will be later in July and into August.

We plan to carpool on August 29th to Tapper Gardens for any IIB member (or guest). This trip features 3.5 acres of gardens in Romeo, MI.

I hope to see many of you at upcoming events and garden walks, enjoying our Michigan summer.

Barb Ketchum, Member Services to Clubs, Events

MGC has clarified the division of proceeds of district meetings with a policy written in 2016 and implemented as of fall, 2017. The surplus from the meeting itself, as well as the proceeds of the silent auction, are divided 50% to MGC, 25% to the district and 25% to the host club. Host clubs keep proceeds from club sale tables, if they wish to have them. Clubs also keep proceeds from the silent auction of table centerpieces if they choose to sell them (and if the District has not reimbursed the club for their cost.)



 **Peggy Bryson**, Treasurer, Website

ShowSpan has donated \$758.73 to District IIB, the balance of funds that had been reserved for flower shows in fiscal 2017-18. Thanks, ShowSpan!

We ask that IIB Club Presidents either make copies of this newsletter for members who do not receive e-mail, or encourage them to subscribe so a copy will be sent by US mail. See page 4 for details. To be added or removed from the e-mail distribution list for this newsletter, please contact Sue Wittick, witticks@gmail.com, 517-242-8259.

Sue Wittick, Communications, Newsletter, Interest Groups, Fundraising, Graphics & Printing

I'm happy to report that all the **golf ball bees** that were made for our spring district meeting have all been sold. Thanks to the efforts of Meridian GC crafters, \$84 was generated for IIB!

Our next fundraising project is little **bee earrings** to coordinate with the pollinator pins. See page 5 for a picture and more details. We will need your advance orders in order to obtain quantity pricing. These should appeal to LOTS of women, so you can ask all your friends if they would like to order with you.



IIB Crafters will hold its first **workshop** on July 9th to make garden décor for our own gardens. You don't have to be on the mailing list to join us—everyone is welcome and costs will be shared. This is a chance for you to bring along a potential new club member as an introduction to garden club activities. See page 7 for more information.

IIB Photographers got off to a great start making plans for the Botanical Arts-Photography portion of two flower show schedules. We will have one exhibit in conjunction with the fall district meeting and one in conjunction with our March 2019 Flower Show. The schedule for the October 25th meeting will be posted soon on the District IIB website. IIB Photographers will be discussing all the types of photographs in the listed classes well before the event.

To help me with **IIB communications**, I'm asking each club to send the following items that I will share with the other members of our steering committee.

- Your **roster of members** prepared for MGC. (Thanks to those who have already done this!)
- Your **guiding themes** for 2018-2019 so we can feature them in our August newsletter.
- Copies of your new yearbooks (Files sent as e-mail attachment work great for me.)



Tapper Gardens Field Trip on August 29th



Take a garden trip with the members of District II B on August 29! The District Steering Committee invites you to join us on a tour of the beautiful Tapper Gardens in Romeo Michigan. This 3.5 acre private garden is open by appointment only. We will enjoy a tour given by Mr. Tapper himself. The grounds are fully landscaped with a reflecting pool, Japanese style streams, ponds, waterfalls and more than 4000 plants. In addition to the beautiful gardens, enjoy the bronze wildlife sculptures by artist Jason Napier.

Website: tappergardens.com

Date and Time: **Wednesday August 29**, first tour starts at 10:30 am

The Cost: The tour is **free**, but a donation is recommended. Mr. Tapper will match the dollar amount and donate to a local charity. Please bring exact change.

Transportation: We will be **carpooling** to the gardens for the tour. (I-69 Woodbury Rd park and ride for the Lansing area).

Lunch: On your own after the tour, but we will provide suggestions for several places.

RSVP: Reservation is required. Space on the tour is limited to 30, so please RSVP as soon as possible. If we exceed that amount, a second tour time will be added on the same date. **Reservations close on August 12.**

Send reservations with your name, phone, email and club name to Peggy Bryson at plbryso@gmail.com

We will send out a detailed email to attendees with the Tapper Garden address, car pooling directions and lunch suggestions in mid August.

Bee Hive Buzzes

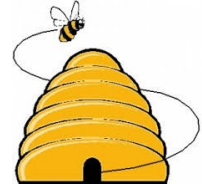


These “buzzes” are informal opportunities for sharing and discussion. All club officers and any other club leaders are welcome. You may choose to attend any (or all) the sessions, but RSVPs are needed so that we are sure to have enough space reserved. The timing for the first two is over lunch. The third will be a breakfast meeting. Please note that under 501(c)(3) rules, the district is **unable** to cover the cost of any food that is ordered. RSVP to Lynn Keelan, 517-304-3329, boomerage47@yahoo.com

July 19 Thursday, Grand Oaks Herb Farm, Bancroft, 11:30-2:30, includes lunch, tour, and presentation. Please send a check for \$25 with each reservation.

July 24 Tuesday, Schuler’s, Marshall, 11:30-2:30

August 18 Saturday, Coral Gables, East Lansing 9:30-11:30



Subscription to The IIB Gardener



For a one-year print subscription, please send your name, mailing address, club name and check for **\$15**, made payable to District IIB, to Peggy Bryson, Treasurer, 5512 Jessael, Bath, MI 48808-9791.



Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc., District IIB Newsletter

The IIB Gardener



CHARITABLE GAMING

There has been much concern about the conduct of unlicensed raffles by organizations. The Charitable Gaming Division of Michigan Lottery conducts training sessions that can clarify whether licenses are required and for what types of activities. The following meetings will cover bingo, annual charity game, special charity game, and raffle license information. No pre-registration or fee is required.

- Thursday, July 19, 1:00pm - 4:00pm, Moose Lodge 921, 208 South Broad Street, Hillsdale, MI 49242
- Thursday, August 2, 1:00pm - 4:00pm, VFW, 1355 264 West Fawn River Road, Sturgis, MI 49091
- Wednesday, September 19, 1:00pm - 4:00pm, VFW, 4357 American Spirit Center 10590 E. Grand River, Brighton

Click [here](#) for Michigan Lottery Charitable Gaming Division **Raffle Guide**. This is an excerpt:

7. Which raffles don't need a license?

- A qualified organization conducting an exempt raffle is not required to obtain a license nor report financial information.*
- Exempt raffles are lawful raffles that are conducted at a scheduled assembly or meeting with a specific beginning and ending time that is conducted or sponsored by the qualified organization if all of the following are true:*
 - The organization is currently qualified by the Charitable Gaming Division.*
 - The raffle will be held at a single gathering of the organization (where the primary purpose is for something other than the raffle).*
 - All tickets will be sold, the drawing will be held, and all prizes will be awarded at the single gathering. (There will be no pre-sale of tickets.)*
 - Total value of all prizes awarded for the entire day will not exceed \$100.*



IIB Earrings!

Our IIB pins were so popular, we thought another fashion accessory should be considered—IIB earrings! They can be produced by the same company, and will be available again by pre-order before September 15, 2018. Hopefully we will get enough orders so that the earrings can be delivered at the district meeting on October 25th. The photo is a draft since the IIB Crafters will be adding the findings that go through your ears. If you have a preference for the style we select, please contact Sue Wittick. The earring charms could also be added to a chain to attach to your purse, bracelet, keys, or anything else!



A flyer with additional details and ordering information will be sent with this newsletter and also will be posted on the IIB website: <https://mgcdistrict2b.weebly.com/> Password 2bgardeners

A pair of earrings costs \$8.00.

IIB Plant Markers for Your Gardens



15" markers with white lettering on black tape are ready to go for \$2.18 each, and they are re-useable year after year. Please send your list of plant names and a check made payable to District IIB to Peggy Bryson, Treasurer, 5512 Jessael, Bath, MI 48808-9791. Arrangements can be made with Sue Wittick for picking up the completed markers.

Other size markers and other colors of label tape can be ordered upon request.

Since educating the public (and our members) is a part of our mission, adding plant identification markets to public gardens is strongly encouraged. These signs can also be printed with both common and botanical name.

IIB Pollinator Pins

A supply of pollinator pins is still available for purchase. They can be ordered from the IIB website: <https://mgcdistrict2b.weebly.com/> Password 2bgardeners, or directly from Peggy Bryson (517-614-9428, plbryso@gmail.com) or Sue Wittick (517+242+8259, witticks@gmail.com).



IIB T-Shirts

This is the perfect time of year to wear your IIB t-shirts when you are working in public gardens! It's a great way to advertise our garden clubs and attract new members! Order yours from the IIB website: <https://mgcdistrict2b.weebly.com/> Password 2bgardeners, or directly from Peggy Bryson (517-614-9428, plbryso@gmail.com).





Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster winners from the Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club



AWARD WINNERS

Award	Place	Student	Grade Level
District IIB	1st Place	Faye Hollosy	2
District IIB	1st Place	Jessica Munk	5
District IIB	1st Place	Lucy Keith	1
District IIB	1st Place	Ashlyn Schafer	4
MGC	1st Place	Faye Hollosy	2
MGC	1st Place	Jessica Munk	5
MGC	2nd Place	Lucy Keith	1
MGC	2nd	Ashlyn Schafer	4
Central Region	1st Place	Faye Hollosy	2
Central Region	12nd Place	Jessica Munk	5



DeWitt Millennium GC 1st place NGC and Central Region for **Yearbook** 45-69 members (tie).

Meridian GC 1st MGC for the most **attendees** at MGC State or District meetings/conferences of all large size clubs, NGC community garden certificate of commendation

Meridian GC—1st place NGC for **community gardens**. Their Plant It Pink Garden is in the Meridian Historical Village.

If your club won any other awards that were also announced at the MGC Conference on June 7th, please send that information for the August IIB newsletter.



DeWitt Millennium GC awarded four new **MGC Life Memberships**. The recipients were Jeanette Ongena, Sharon DeBar, Barbara Houghtaling, and Pat Sebrell.

National Garden Clubs 2018 Central Region Convention, Frankenmuth, October 22-23

October is a lovely time to visit Frankenmuth and this convention is shaping up to be a very special event. With a horticulture-only flower show, dynamic speakers, and workshops there is something for everyone. These are features:

Gene Hoop, *Transforming the Streets of Frankenmuth with Beauty of Plants*

Kyle Bagnill, Dow Gardens, *The New Whiting Forest—the longest in the nation with 54 acres of native trees*

Jan Bills, Owner of Two Women and A Hoe, *Late Bloomer*

Bavarian Inn, *Pretzel Making and Harvest Centerpiece Workshops*



IIB Designers, Lois Snover-Hanson, District IIB Flower Show Chair, 517-694-809



IIB Designers will meet next on July 18th to begin planning our March 2019 flower show. It will have a **cooking theme**, so bring your ideas about class titles or share them with any member of IIB Designers so we can work them into the schedule. IIB Photographers have already planned their portion of the show.

On July 18th we will also be planning a holiday flower show for December 5th that will include exhibits for children.

Workshop Dates for 2018-2019 will be October 17, 2018 *Grouped Mass Designs*; February 20, 2019 *Exploration Freedom of Style*, April 24, 2019 *Topiary Design* and July 17, 2019 *Mechanical Deconstruction*.

These workshops are open to all IIB members. RSVP to Kathi Dominguez, 517-669-5112.

IIB Photographers, Sue Wittick, witticks@gmail.com, 517-242-8259

IIB Photographers held their initial meeting on June 13th. Our discussion topic was “Ways to Avoid Motion Blur in Cell Phone Photography,” and a review of that meeting is posted on the IIB website. We drafted 4 classes of photography exhibits under the theme of *Avant-Garde Fashion* for the October 25th IIB District Meeting. At our July, August, and September sessions, we plan to study each photography technique required in the schedule .

Upcoming workshops will be held at the Michigan Nature Association, 2310 Science Parkway, Suite 100, Okemos on these dates:

- Monday, July 23, 1:30—3:30 pm, *plant portraits* (presented by Diane Sanderson), and *landscape photography* (presented by Sue Wittick). *We will also work on the schedule for the Botanical Arts-Photography section of the March 2019 Flower Show Schedule.*
- Wednesday, August 22, 10:00 am—noon, *Taking Close-up Photos*, presented by Jerry Bayer
- Tuesday, September 11, 1:30—3:30 pm, *photo editing and manipulation*, presented by Sue Wittick



IIB Crafters, Sue Wittick, witticks@gmail.com, 517-242-8259

IIB Crafters will hold their initial meeting on July 9th, 1:30—4:00 pm at the Michigan Nature Association, 2310 Science Parkway, Suite 100, Okemos. We will be creating ornaments for our own gardens with painted beer pong balls on stakes. The cost of supplies will be divided among the participants.

While we are crafting, we will be making organizational decisions for the group and planning future workshops. If you have a project we might consider, please bring an example!

Note: These workshops are open to any IIB members at any time, RSVP to Sue Wittick.



IIB Quilters, Linda Mogyoros, turtlehatch@att.net 517-694-7914

IIB Quilters are working to create a new IIB banner that features logos from all the clubs in our district.

“Welcome to My Garden” Tour



The Marshall Area Garden Club, Inc. invites you to attend our 28th annual “Welcome to My Garden” tour Saturday and Sunday July 14th & 15th. Six distinctive gardens will be featured, ranging from a garden certified as a wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Federation to a fun “urban garden” to a tribute to “The Wizard of Oz” garden to two lovely estate-like gardens to an Irish-inspired garden. And this year we have added an opportunity for you to view six very creative animal topiaries.

In addition to the gardens we will have our popular Garden Market up by the Calhoun County Fairgrounds. This annual market brings in vendors of plant materials, garden art, and garden-related antiques. We have partnered again this year with the Calhoun County Quilters Guild. They will hold their show on both garden tour days and featured some of their quilts in each of the tour gardens.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 the day of the tour. Please go to our club’s web site at www.marshallareagardenclub.org for more information about each of the gardens and the purchase of tickets.



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

2018 MASTER GARDENER COLLEGE

Harvesting Excitement

Sept. 14-15



2018 Master Gardener College

Wayne County Community College

Belleville, Michigan

September 14-15

MASTER GARDENER COLLEGE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

The 2018 Master Gardener College Planning Committee is excited to announce this year’s nationally renowned keynote speakers featured on Saturday, September 15th:

- **William (Bill) Cullina, Executive Director/President, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, Boothbay, ME**
- *Sugar, Sex and Poison: Shocking Plant Secrets Caught on Camera* - Mr. Cullina is an accomplished horticulturist and outstanding photographer, author, lecturer. During this thought-provoking presentation, he will share how a world of pollen, poisons, pigments, pheromones, sugars and sex translates to sound gardening practices from which we can all benefit.
- **Karl Gercens III, Conservatory Horticulturist, Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania**
 - *Inspire ME!* - Mr. Gercens’ horticultural passion extends worldwide with frequent visits to public and private gardens in all 50 states and over 20 countries! With the goal of inspiring other gardeners, Karl chronicles and shares his travels through vibrant and vivid digital photographs. Karl also integrates many of these new ideas into the exquisite conservatory displays at the world-renowned Longwood Gardens.



MSU EXTENSION

Click [here](#) for Master Gardener College Website.

“Avant Garden: Blending Art, Fashion and Nature”

October 25, 2018

Crystal Gardens, 5768 E. Grand River, Howell



Morning Speaker - Chuck Martin,
Whiting Forest Grounds Manager, Dow Gardens, Midland

“Check out the Classes, Culture and Covering of Roses”

Afternoon Speaker - Laurie Tennent
Artist and Photographer of Birmingham, MI
will show her botanical art *INTIMATE PORTRAITS*



Be sure to register at your September meeting, as final registration is due
October 11th

Cost is \$30.00 per person
No refunds after October 15th

Hosted by Brighton Garden Club

Peggy Fukuda, Registrar
7745 Hammel Road, Brighton, MI 48116
916-835-6708

Websites and Passwords (You can cut this out and place it in your club yearbook for easy access.)

National Garden Clubs, Inc.
www.gardenclub.org



Password: *pumpkin*



Michigan
Garden Clubs

www.michigangardenclubs.org

Username: *member*
Password: *mgcgrow*



Central Region, NGC
www.ngccentralregion.org

Login: *member*
Password: *7states*

MGC District IIB
<https://mgcdistrict2b.weebly.com/>
password 2bgardeners





July 14, 2018—Thornapple Garden Club Garden Tour

We have been invited to attend the Thornapple Garden Club garden tour on Saturday, July 14th 10:00 am—4:00 pm. Four homes will be featured, one on the Thornapple River, two on a lake south of town and one over looking Wall Lake off M-43.

Tickets are available in advance for \$8 at Alfresco, The General Store and the Hastings Chamber of Commerce, or at the club's booth at the Barry County Courthouse lawn or any of the houses that day for \$10.

July 14-15, 2018—The LACASA Garden Tour includes the gardens of Howell GC members Lynn O'Shaughnessy and Marlas Greiger.

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

October 25, 2018 — Fall District IIB Meeting, Brighton Garden Club hosting



July Garden Club Meetings and Special Events

- A July 6** IIB Steering Committee, luncheon meeting at Lynn Keelan's home in Howell
- B July 8** Blue Star Dedication in Wacousta, Looking Glass Garden Club, Wacousta Cemetery, 13471 Wacousta Road, Grand Ledge, 1-2 pm
- C July 9** IIB Crafters, Michigan Nature Association, 2310 Science Parkway, Suite 100, Okemos, 1:30-4:00 pm
- D July 10** MCC Tri-Refresher, WK Kellogg Biological Station, Hickory Corners
- E July 11** Webberville Garden Club, Hath home, 5474 Bell Oak Rd., Webberville, Making Fower Arrangements, 6:00 pm
- F July 14** Thornapple Garden Club Garden Tour, Hastings, 10:00 am-4:00 pm (see page 9 for details)
- G July 14-15** Marshall Garden Tour, click [here](#)
- H July 14-15** LACASA Garden Tour, Howell, click [here](#), includes Howell GC member gardens belonging to Lynn O'Shaughnessy and Marlas Greiger
- I July 18** IIB Designers, DeWitt Fire Station, 911 W Main Street, Dewitt, 10:00-12:00
- J July 19** IIB Beehive Buzz, Grand Oaks Herb Farm, 2877 Miller Road. Bancroft, 11:30-2:30
- K July 19** Green Thumb Garden Club, potluck in the park, speaker will be Bob Coward from WBCK Radio, *The Cowardly Gardener*, public welcome, click [here](#)
- L July 23** IIB Photographers, Michigan Nature Association, 2310 Science Parkway, Suite 100, Okemos, 1:30-3:30 pm
- M July 24** IIB Beehive Buzz, Schuler's Restaurant & Pub, 115 S Eagle St, Marshall, 11:00-1:30

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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 or by subscription.