



June, 2018



Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club

IIB Club of the Month

The Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club was organized in 1925 and federated in 1948. Ninety-three years of going strong! We currently have 51 members, adding 15 new members in the last year. In 2016 WRCGC became a 501(c)(3) under the group exemption through Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. The club designs, plants, and maintains multiple civic gardens including the Williamston U.S. Post Office, the Depot Museum, the Gazebo and Butterfly Garden at Old Mill Park, the restrooms at McCormick Park, the Police Station and several downtown planters. In order to purchase the plants for these areas, we hold two fund raisers a year. In the spring we sell gift certificates for a local greenhouse, and in the fall we sell greens such as wreaths and garlands.



Last year we did a complete overhaul of the gazebo garden, including moving the plants to another location, stripping the area and amending the soil, replanting the salvaged plants and adding new plantings. Club members also repainted the gazebo.



The Butterfly Garden contains both host and nectar plants which are identified with plant tags and a large sign identifying butterflies and the plants they need. The club also sponsored and maintains a Blue Star Memorial in the Old Mill Park. We meet September through June in the evening. However, this past year, we scheduled our January and February dates as soup and salad lunch meetings to accommodate the often inclement weather. It was quite a success. In February we had 31 in attendance as compared to 12 the year before. We plan to do it again next year.

One of our most successful community projects is participating in the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest for elementary school children. We often have winners at the district, region and state level. The club holds an awards ceremony each year for the winners and their families.

In the spring, the club purchases seedlings, and members volunteer to wrap the trees along with instructions. We then sell them at a subsidized price to elementary-age school children to promote junior gardeners with the idea that planting trees contributes to the environment.

Recently the club conducted a small standard flower show primarily to educate our members about holding a show, creating designs, and preparing horticulture in a low-key environment. To that end, we held two winter workshops to introduce members to design creation and horticulture preparation. We had 23 members participating with about half of them being "first timers". The last time we held a flower show was in 1985 so we were long overdue!



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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District Treasurer, Facebook Administrator, Website Administrator, Recording Secretary

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

Any IIB club member is welcome to attend District IIB Steering Committee meetings. The next meeting will be held on June 12th at Michigan Nature Association, 2310 Science Parkway, Suite 100, Okemos, beginning at 9:00 am.

District IIB Steering Committee Member News



Lynn Keelan, District Director

June is here: graduations, weddings and our MGC Convention with a flower show. Let summer begin. I hope you all enjoy every minute of it and get lots of time outside smelling the roses, peonies, etc.

I love having the windows open and hearing birdsong. If I hear rain, that is fine too, as our plants need it.

My small vegetable garden is planted with just enough for my family. I can't resist a garden fresh tomato. My mother's zucchini bread recipe is a family favorite.

I hope our many clubs have or will have successful fundraising events. I will get to attend a few. I'll also be doing some officer installations for some clubs. I have very much enjoyed seeing what other clubs in our district are doing. We have some wonderful clubs that are really helping keep our communities beautiful while spreading garden knowledge and best practices to help all.



IIB Interest Groups are gaining members and are a good way to meet fellow gardeners that have similar interests. Have you signed up with one yet?

Steering Committee members are considering how to best meet the needs of club presidents, perhaps through a meeting, picnic or workshop. Our MGC preconvention features round-table leadership discussions so we can all learn from each other.

I hope to see many of you at the MGC preconvention, the MGC Convention, garden walks, flower shows, fundraising events, and at club meetings. I know I will enjoy this busy season and I hope you will too!

Peggy Bryson, Treasurer

There's been a lot of discussion and uncertainty during the last couple years about raffles and 50/50 drawings at club and District meetings. The Michigan Charitable Gaming Division recently held a training on the rules governing charitable organizations that offer games of chance. A member of the Meridian Garden Club attended and reported back that the training was excellent. I've asked her to share what she learned in a future article for the District newsletter--including that there are very limited conditions under which a gaming license would not be required for a charitable organization to conduct a raffle or 50/50 drawing. In the meanwhile, if you are interested in these activities, you can find a link to the Division's Raffle Guide on the District website under "Resources".

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 6 for details. 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

The Steering Committee distributed a member survey at the Spring District meeting in April. We want to know what our members value from their IIB membership. If you would like to complete the survey, the link is [HERE](#). We welcome your input.



We would like to know if IIB members want to continue to have two district meetings every year, since most other districts no longer have a spring meeting. Many members responded an enthusiastic "YES" to having a spring meeting, appreciating communication from the district, socializing with other clubs, and educational speakers. Not as many wanted to take on the responsibility for putting it on, citing small club size, age of members, or members away during the winter. How can we resolve this problem?

Another question we asked was about alternatives to the meeting such as another format, a bus trip, or crafting sessions. Many people were interested in one-day bus trips. What do you think?

Your feedback is valuable and will help the steering committee members select appropriate projects and set meaningful goals for our district.

Sue Wittick, Communications, Newsletter, Interest Groups



Thanks to our fundraising efforts, several new and exciting properties now belong to District IIB. We have a **portable PA system** for both district and club events. It will hold a charge for 8 hours so it can be used inside or outside, with or without a power outlet. Included are a hand-held microphone, a headset microphone, and a lavalier microphone. You can even play music by connecting your laptop, MP3 player, CD player, or smart phone directly to the speaker's auxiliary input jack. Let me know when you would like to use it!

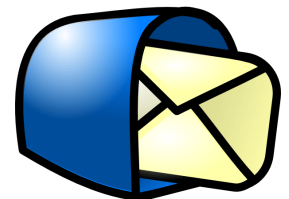


We also own a large X-shaped, 4-panel, **art display** that we plan to use for photo displays at flower shows beginning with our fall district meeting. The IIB Photographers will be planning the show schedules for those. The display panels could have lots of other uses, however: perhaps for showing off craft projects, fund raising items, or other exhibits. Keep this in mind for possible uses by your club!



One of the aspects of our mission as garden club members is education for ourselves and for the public. Identifying the plants in the public gardens we tend informs viewers and helps them in the selection of plants for their own gardens. Even labeling the plants in my own gardens helps me keep track of what I planted where. I now have a Brother P-touch PTD600VP label maker linked to my computer for making signs for our community and/or personal gardens. We purchased 100 15" stainless steel **plant markers** to print with white letters on black tape to get the project up and running. These sturdy markers are easy to read and a variety of sign sizes and label colors can be ordered upon request. Now I just need to know the names of the plants you want to identify! See page 6 for ordering information.

Thanks to our new IIB laser printer, our district newsletter, **IIB Gardener**, is now available in printed copies to be sent by US mail. Receipt by e-mail attachment is still the preferred method, but some club members do not receive e-mail and that makes it more challenging to keep up on all the activities and opportunities in our district. **Subscription** cost is \$20/year and includes, printing, envelopes, postage, and labor. See page 6 to sign up.



Summer is the best time to visit each other's gardens, to have garden walks, and to participate in field trips to exciting destinations (like garden centers). Let me know what YOUR club is doing and if other IIB members could be included. I know that the Meridian Garden Club is planning a field trip to Marshall on July 14th to view the Marshall Garden Club's [Welcome to My Garden](#) tour. The [LACASA garden tour](#) in Howell is the same weekend, so can see these lovely gardens on both Saturday and Sunday!

Across the Fence Post GC: Julie Partee—President; Peri Bianchi—Vice-President; Barbara Swartz—Secretary; Marilyn Decker—Treasurer.

Brighton GC: Julie Cooper & Elaine McIntyre—Co-Presidents; Vija Markovs & Arla McPeek—Co VPs; Cheryl Yellen—Recording Secretary; Diane Follis—Corresponding Secretary; Claudia Jablonski & Christine Hobmeier—Co-Treasurers; Karen Rebiger—Ways & Means Chair

DeWitt GC: John Dahl & Bernadine Bennett—Co-Presidents; Peggy Brown & Vicky Robson—Co VPs; Rose Houk—Recording Secretary; Judy Koos—Treasurer; Kristine Soderberg & Terri Tomak—Co-Past Presidents

Eaton Rapids GC: Brenda Wineman—President

The GC of Greater Lansing: Ann Schoals—President; Se Kesti—VP; Barbara Lowes—Treasurer; Tootsie Lambo—Corresponding Secretary

Grand Ledge GC: Cindy Langenberg—President; Jeanette Foster—2nd VP; Marilee Goldsberry—2nd VP; Kaylene Luft—Secretary; Bette Shattler & Charlene Borgeson—Co-Treasurers; Dess Johnson—Past President

Green Thumb GC: Judie Esch—President

Hartland GC: Janet Houston & Noreen Weitkamp—Co-Presidents; Kathryn Savela—VP; Marilyn Scherler—Recording Secretary; Bea Kimball—Corresponding Secretary; Jeri Spamer—Treasurer

Howell GC: Lillian VanHouten—President; Marsha DeGroot—1st VP; Judy McIntosh—2nd VP; Marlas Greiger—Treasurer; Mary McIsaac—Corresponding Secretary; Mary Lou Dell—Acting Recording Secretary.

Looking Glass GC: Lisa Emerson—President; Helen Reverman—VP; Deb Plichta—Treasurer; Judy Devers—Secretary

Marshall Area GC: Steve Rhodes—President; Janet Schoenmeyer & Cherie Riser—Co-1st VP for Programs; Shirley Clutter—2nd VP for Membership; Brenda Marshall—Recording Secretary; Kathy Fryar—Corresponding Secretary; Ann Rhodes—Treasurer

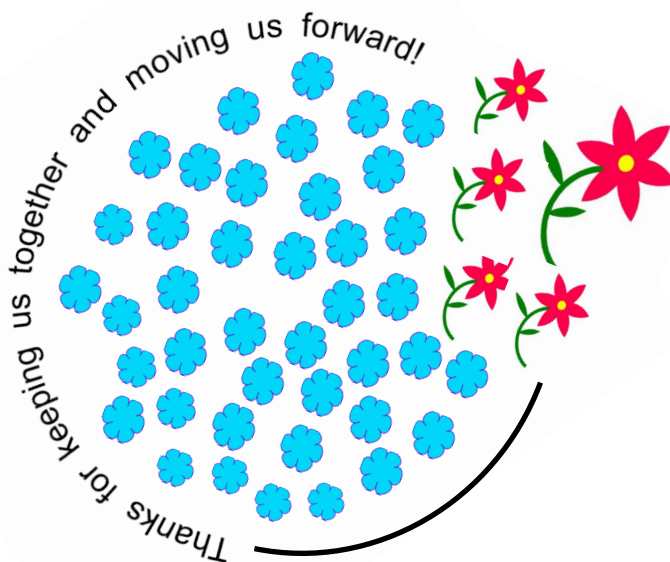
Mason Sycamore Creek GC: Diann Jackman, President; Marty Herriff, VP; Barb Ketchum, Secretary; Sharon Rodgers, Treasurer; Jennifer Hansen, Sunshine Secretary

Meridian GC: Jodie Szalankiewicz—President; Linda Mogyoros and Sharon Theroux—Co VPs; Georgia Styka—Treasurer; Simar Pawar and Melody Potter—Co Secretaries

Sherwood GC: Barbara Wallen—President

Webberville GC: Julie Hath—President; Bill Wheeler—VP; Jody Royce—Secretary; Nancy Webb—Treasurer; Jessica Modert—Corresponding Secretary

Williamston Red Cedar GC: Carol Grainger—President; Ann Campbell and Tammy Voss—Co-First VPs; Jolanta Piecuch and Earl Wolf—Co-Second VPs; RoxAnne Houghton and Mary Melbourne—Co-Secretaries; Cathie Ware—Treasurer



Lois Snover-Hanson, Meridian Garden Club, District IIB Flower Show Chair, 517-694-809

The Williamston Red-Cedar Garden Club “Rocked and Rolled” with the trains and the river at the Williamston Depot Museum on May 14th. Seven members who had not previously exhibited at flower shows entered designs in this show. Participants included 21 members of the Williamston RC GC, 2 members of the Meridian GC, 2 members of the Webberville GC, and one non-member. There were 56 entries in Horticulture. Top prize winners were Marge Stephenson for Horticulture and Tammy Voss for Design. Blue ribbons for design were won by Rita Ghose (Meridian GC), Tammy Voss (Williamston RC GC), and Jeanne Bosworth (Webberville GC). Congratulations to all!



Marge Stephenson's cactus



Rita Ghose's 12 inch "At the Depot" design



This exhibit showed the history and accomplishments of the Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club as an organizer of Flower Shows.



Tammy Voss's underwater "Red Cedar Flows" design



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. We will be adding a photography exhibit to our show and will look to IIB Photographers to organize those classes. On July 18th we will also be planning a holiday flower show for December 5th that will include exhibits for children.

Flower shows make wonderful travel destinations for summer trips! Here are some possibilities for you to enjoy:

- June 6, *What's All the Buzz About?* (at MGC Conference) — Radisson Plaza Hotel, 100 West Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo. Free and open to the public from 2:00-6:00 p.m.
- July 11, *The Wonder of Water*, Flower Show and Garden Walk, Charlevoix Public Library at Mason St. and Grant St.. Free and open to the public 10:00 am—4 p.m.
- July 12, *Vintage Treasures* — Spring Lake District Library, 123 E. Exchange Street, Spring Lake. Free and open to the public on July 12 (3:00 pm—8:30 pm), July 13 (9:30 am—5:00 pm), and July 14 (9:30 am—3:00 pm).
- July 21, *Protect the Planet*—UpNorthArts Center, 601 Chestnut Street, Cadillac. Free and open to the public 9:00 am-4:00 pm.
- August 3, *Michigan North East West South* — Robert and Janet Bennett Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Free and open to the public on August 3 (3 pm—5:00 pm), August 4 (9am — 4 pm).

IIB Plant Markers Now Available 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. Just like the ads for Men's Wearhouse, "I think you will be pleased with how they look!"

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

Alternative stake sizes in inches: 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, or 20 (Prices will be computed upon request.)

Alternate letter/tape colors: black on white, black on clear, black on red, black on yellow, black on green, black on blue, black on orange, white on black, white on clear, white on blue, red on white, blue on white, gold on black, white on satin gold, gold on satin silver, white on lime green, white on berry pink. (Prices will be computed upon request.)



Subscription to *The IIB Gardener*

For a one-year print subscription, please send your name, mailing address, club name and check for \$20, 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



National Garden Week

Celebrate National Garden Week in Your Community

Join NGC clubs across the country and celebrate National Garden Week, June 3-9, 2018. Promote the NGC objectives of beautification, education, environmental efforts, gardening, and community involvement. This week is an opportunity to encourage pride in your community, interest new members, and coordinate work with other local groups.

Click [here](#) for further information and lots of ideas.



Volunteers Needed (contact Sue Wittick)

- * Leader for a new Landscape Design Interest Group.
- * Chair for IIB Environmental School beginning in 2021.

Volunteer

do good, feel good

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

Username: *member*

Password: *pumpkin*



Michigan Garden Clubs

www.michigangardenclubs.org

Login: *member*

Password: *mgcgrow*



Central Region, NGC

www.ngccentralregion.org

Login: *member*

Password: *7states*

MGC District IIB

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NEW



Dates for your Calendars



June 5-6 — Michigan Garden Clubs Convention, Kalamazoo

June 25 - 26 — 2018 Flower Show Symposium, Ann Arbor

July 10 — Michigan Consultant's Council Tri-Refresher, Kellogg Biological Station, Hickory Corners

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

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



Positions are available on the MGC Board of Directors! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sue Wittick.



You are invited to attend a MCC Summer Meeting/one-day Tri-Refresher at the MSU W.K. Kellogg Biological Station, Tuesday, July 10, 2018. Those who wish to refresh their Landscape Design, Gardening or Environmental School credentials should plan to attend the full eight (8) hours. *Guests are welcome to attend.* Click [here](#) for registration form (due July 27, 2018).



The cost of this event is \$90.00 and that includes admission, tours, speakers, lunch, and printed materials. Please add \$5.00 for each school that you are refreshing. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable footwear. The Kellogg Biological Station Auditorium is located at 3700 E. Gull Lake Drive, Hickory Corners. For directions, click [here](#).

Time	Event	Speaker
8:30 am	Registration & Continental Breakfast	
9:00 am	Attracting Pollinators to Hidden Lake Gardens and	Paul Pfeifer, Managing Director, <i>Hidden Lake</i>
10:30 am	Going Native,	Hal Mann, President, <i>Wild Ones of Ohio</i>
11:45 am	Lunch and Annual Summer Meeting	
12:30 pm	How and Why You Should Save Your Seeds	Karen Golden, Owner, <i>Michigan Heirlooms</i>
1:45 pm	Making Rain Gardens	Hal Mann, President, <i>Wild Ones of Ohio</i>
3:00 pm	Soils	Karen Golden, Owner, <i>Michigan Heirlooms</i>
4:30 pm	W.K. Kellogg Bird Sanctuary Tour	Edible Plants
5:45	Conclusion of Tour	

Grand Ledge Garden Club—Memorial Tree Dedication, submitted by Charlene Borgeson

Thirteen trees have been planted this spring to honor or memorialize people chosen by donors for the Grand Ledge Garden Club Annual Memorial Tree Program. A formal ceremony was held Tuesday, June 22, at 3:00 pm at Grand Ledge Baptist Church of Grand Ledge in the sanctuary to formally dedicate the trees and to present them to the City of Grand Ledge. All this year's tree donors, friends and relatives, as well as the public, were invited to attend this service. Club President Cindy Langenberg presented the trees to Mayor Kalmin Smith of the City Grand Ledge. Tea was served by club members for all guests after the formal ceremony.

To fulfill the Grand Ledge Garden Club purpose of making the City of Grand Ledge beautiful, no project has done so much over the years than the Memorial Tree Project. In 1981, 37 years ago, the tree project was begun. Including the thirteen trees dedicated in 2018, more than 425 trees have been planted in the city.

Trees have been planted along the streets of Grand Ledge, at the Opera House, along the River Walkway, the Memorial Tree Trail, at various churches in the city, at various parks, at the library, and many other locations in the community. The Garden Club pays all the expenses for the Memorial Tree sales and the dedication program and tea. All money collected from donors goes directly to pay for the purchase and installation of the trees as well as a one year guarantee and watering by a professional landscaper.

A popular location for Memorial Tree plantings has been along the walkway that winds up the hill from the east end of River Street to the E. Jefferson St. sidewalk. In 2016 it was dedicated by the City and the Garden Club as the *Memorial Tree Trail* to honor the 75th Anniversary of Grand Ledge Garden Club. A large boulder with a plaque was installed along the walkway. This year a bench along the walkway has been installed using club funds and donations made to the club in the past. Many donors this year have chosen to have their trees on the Memorial Tree Trail. This brings the total of Memorial trees planted at this location to 42 since the area was opened to planting in 2013. The site plan called for 46 trees – a combination of Flowering Crabapples, Dogwood, Redbud, Pear, Serviceberry, White Pine, Spruce and Fir trees. It is especially beautiful in the spring when the flowering trees are in bloom.

The remainder of the trees planted this year are located in two parks, at a church, in Oakwood Cemetery, and a local home. These trees include a Redbud, Flowering Crabapple, Red Oak, White Oak and Gingko. Eleven of the trees were planted in memory of loved ones; one tree to celebrate a 60th wedding anniversary, and one tree to honor two individuals for more than 40 years of service to Trinity Episcopal Church. Memorial trees are identified each spring by white streamers and an identification tag attached to each newly planted tree bearing the name of the person(s) in whose memory or honor the tree was given, the kind of tree planted and the year.

Grand Ledge Garden Club has received awards for their Memorial Tree Program in the categories of 'Civic Beautification', 'Civic Achievement' and "Landscape Design". The awards are judged by the standards as defined by the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. for outstanding contributions to local communities.



A portion of the Memorial Tree Walkway with Dedication boulder and newly installed bench.



Your club news could be listed here!

Please send articles to Sue Wittick by June 20 for the June 2018 issue.

Looking Glass Garden Club's, 9th Annual Native Plant Sale

Wildflowers, Grasses, Shrubs for Butterflies and Pollinators

Saturday June 2, 2018, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, the Wacousta General Store, 13051 S. Wacousta Road, Grand Ledge, MI at the corner of Wacousta and Herbison Roads.

These are all Michigan natives and local genotype plants. Plants will include but not be limited to Swamp Milkweed, Butterfly Weed, Cardinal Flower, Blue Lobelia, Bee-Balm, Blazing Star, Coreopsis, Little Bluestem and many others. We offer great plants at great prices obtained locally from Wildtype Nursery.

If you have questions about the sale, contact Ron. 517.626.6447, overtonron@wowway.com



This happy customer purchased her IJB bee at the Meridian Garden Club Plant Sale.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

2018 MASTER GARDENER COLLEGE

Harvesting Excitement

Sept. 14-15



DATE: Friday and Saturday, Sept. 14-15

LOCATION: Wayne County Community College District, Belleville, Mich.

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.

Learn more about both of these exciting keynote speakers at the [Keynote Speaker page of the Master Gardener College website](#).

Check the 2018 Master Gardener College website often as we continue to update the site as more details are confirmed.

Stay tuned for the next update on the Volunteer Project Sharing Forum! Be sure to start thinking about which volunteer project you want to share with your fellow Extension Master Gardeners at Master Gardener College.

Plan now to join us - September 14 and 15!



June Garden Club Meetings and Special Events



- A—June 2 National Trails Day Click [here](#) for information.
 B—June 3-9 NGC National Garden Week Click [here](#) for information.
 C—June 5 World Environment Day Click [here](#) for information.
 D—June 5 Michigan Garden Clubs Pre-Conference Day, Kalamazoo
 E—June 5 Capital Area Master Gardeners Monthly Meeting, *Owls-Birds of Prey, Harris Nature Center*, 6:00-8:00 pm, Room A149, MSU Plant and Soil Science Bldg.
 F—June 6 Michigan Garden Clubs State Conference, Kalamazoo
 G—June 7 Brighton Garden Club Installation Luncheon
 H—June 8 World Oceans Day Click [here](#) for information.
 I—June 11 Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club, Annual Garden Club Celebration & Recognition Dinner, 6:00 pm, home of Tammy Voss, 3161 Meridian Road, Okemos
 J—June 12 Grand Ledge Garden Club, Luncheon Meeting and Installation of Officers
 K—June 12 IIB Steering Committee, MI Nature Association, 9:00 am, 2310 Science Parkway, Suite 100, Okemos.
 L—June 12 Across the Fence Post Garden Club, 6:30 pm
 M—June 14 Green Thumb Garden Club, Watch DVD “Dirt The Movie,” part II; finalize plans for Father’s Day Breakfast
 N—June 15 Global Wind Day Click [here](#) for information.
 O—June 16 Green Thumb Garden Club, Father’s Day Breakfast
 P—June 17 Green Thumb Garden Club, Watching Part 1 of the movie “Dirt”
 Q—June 18 Meridian Garden Club, Field Trip to Gee Farms, Stockbridge
 R—June 19 Marshall Area Garden Club, *Happy Hydrangeas*, Linda Whitlock, 6:30 pm, Marshall United Methodist Church, 721 US 27 North
 S—June 23 Williamston RC GC will participate in the Williamston Red Cedar Jubilee Parade
 T—June 24 MSU Horticulture Gardens, *Bee Palooza*, 8 am—5 pm. Focusing on bees, plants and pollinators. For more information, click [here](#).
 U—June 25-26 Flower Show Symposium, Ann Arbor
 V—June 27 Howell Garden Club, Installation of Officers, Full Moon Lavender Farm, Howell
 W—June 28 Green Thumb Garden Club, *Gardening Without Chemicals*

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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 Wit-tick.

