



## May, 2018



### Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club



### Club of the Month

The Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club is a small club of 23 members. This year we are celebrating our 10th anniversary! We meet on the first Tuesday of the month, having a mix of educational speakers, craft projects, and potlucks from September-May. Summer is for garden tours and field trips.



One of our main projects is maintaining the gardens around the Mason Historical Society's two buildings. This includes the Historical Museum, where we hold our meetings and the Pink School, a one room school house located in a City of Mason park.



We also team up with the Mason Downtown Development Authority to plant the pots around downtown Mason using the Plant It Pink color scheme.



Five years ago we installed a Blue Star Memorial Garden in Rayner Park. We also maintain a garden at the Veteran's memorial in the Maple Grove Cemetery.

Our annual fundraiser is a geranium sale. The blast of color on the Pink School lawn on delivery day is just stunning.

This year our club is starting a Youth Garden Club for grades 2-5. We will have a "Sunflower House" and installed raised garden beds next to the Pink School. This project has raised awareness of our club, generated interest in gardening by children, and gained support from local businesses! Our core group of Youth Garden Club leaders have dedicated

themselves to making this an enjoyable and educational opportunity for children in our community.

Now on to our next ten successful years!



## District IIB Steering Committee



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**Any IIB club member is welcome to attend District IIB Steering Committee meetings.** The next meeting will be held on May 3rd at Sue Wittick's house, 4103 Breakwater Drive, Okemos, beginning at 1:30p.m. Discussion topics will include fund raising, Interest Groups, August club presidents gathering and planning for expenditures.

## District IIB Steering Committee Member News



**Lynn Keelan**, District Director

Are you ready for May flowers? I sure am! A wonderful day at our Spring District IIB Meeting and specialty flower show got us out and inspired to grow some beauty. What a fun time we had at beautiful Eagle Eye Conference Center! To those who came, thank you and to those who were not able to participate, we missed you and hope you will be able to attend in the fall. Enjoy the photos of this day. Special thanks are due to Barb Ketchum and Carol Grainger and also to the many club volunteers who made this all possible.



Now we can turn our attention to club officer installations, meetings with interest groups and planning summer activities!

The MGC Conference and Preconference are June 5 & 6 at the Radisson Hotel in Kalamazoo. I hope you will consider attending, perhaps as your club's voting delegate.

There are so many ways to "Grow your Minds and Gardens!"



**Peggy Bryson**, Treasurer

District finances are in very good shape following the April District Meeting. What a fun and engaging day! It felt so good to get together after a long winter.

Thank you everyone who purchased something from the District sales table (\$687.01) or bid on a silent auction item (\$859) or centerpiece (\$293.50). A special appreciation to the Mason Garden Club members who made, and then generously donated to the District, the proceeds from the sale of their lovely centerpieces.

In early May on the District IIB [website](http://www.iibgardeners.com) (password 2bgardeners), you will find the treasurer's report reflecting this income along with the expenses of the District Meeting. A new monthly report to the MGC treasurer also will be available for viewing under District News.



**We ask that IIB Club Presidents make this newsletter available to all their members who do not receive e-mail. 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 Spring District meeting is now behind us. Lynn Keelan, Sue Wittick, Peggy Bryson and I (along with my co-chair Carol Grainger) are feeling the "afterglow" thanks to all the clubs and individuals who helped to make it possible. This was truly a IIB District Meeting, and I think those in attendance



felt it too. Here are a couple of examples of this district-wide participation: Silent auction donations were made by 8 different clubs as well as 8 individuals. Table hostesses represented 10 different clubs. There were even more volunteer hostesses than we needed who willingly took on other jobs during the day. Crafters from the Meridian Garden Club made the Golf Ball Bees that were sold at the District II B vendor table.

An extra big thanks goes to Colleen Hyslop and Carol Armstrong for taking on event registration. This is a "behind the curtain" role that is essential to the success of the meeting. Another big thanks to Sue Wittick who did all the printing for the program. She also made name tags talked about interest groups and organized the golf balls into a creative bees brigade.

**Sue Wittick, Communications, Newsletter, Interest Groups**

District meetings, flower shows, newsletters, interest groups—my head is spinning with all the fun activities we have available to us! It's a grand time to be a member of a IIB garden club!



Our April 18th meeting was such fun, I hated for it to end! Thank you Marilyn Bedzek for stepping up to record the proceedings in photos. Already I'm looking forward to the fall meeting that the Brighton club is creatively hosting. Hopefully, I'll have more time to shop at our October district meeting!

IIB Interest Groups are growing fast and the IIB Photographers and IIB Crafters hope to have their initial, organizational meetings in May. We currently have 80 Interest Group members, although everyone can participate in those activities whether or not they are on the e-mail distribution list. Some are asking if we could have a group for members who have completed Landscape Design School or who have an interest in that area. My answer is "of course!" We would need a leader to step forward and the group can be off and running. Who would like to volunteer?



Speaking of schools—we also need a volunteer to chair a IIB Environmental Studies School, since we are on MGC's list to hold that beginning in 2021. That would entail finding a location, overseeing registrations, developing a budget, keeping student records, and lining up speakers for 4 courses. It could also be done with co-chairs, or a committee. We need to do a better job of saving Planet Earth, and the first start is to be better informed. For more information, visit the [NGC website](#) (Username - *member*, Password - *pumpkin*) and click on "schools."

Please note the recent change for the MGC website, <https://michigangardenclubs.org/>. The new username is *member* and the new password is *mgcgrow*.

Thanks to all of you who helped our fund-raising efforts, District IIB was able to purchase a color, laser printer. Although we can't do the printing for every club, we can help with any brochures (not yearbooks) that you might now be taking to an outside printer. If you get a price from a printer, we will probably be able to reduce that by 10% or more. Call me to discuss possibilities!

The District still has pollinator pins and cute bee-on-a-stick flower pot decorations to sell. Please let me know if we can have a small space at your plant sales or other public events to sell our wares!

Thank for your all your



and **ENTHUSIASM** and keep sharing both!





*To event co-chairs Barb Ketchum (Mason SC GC) and Carole Grainger (Williamston RC GC) and...*

*...to all the Volunteers who helped make our District Meeting a big success!*

**Hostesses**

- \* Julie Cooper (Brighton GC)
- \* Sandra Everett (Brighton GC)
- \* Elaine McIntyre (Brighton GC)
- \* Kim Ray (Brighton GC)
- \* Kathi Dominguez (DeWitt Millennium GC)
- \* Janice Pettengill (DeWitt Millennium GC)
- \* Ellen Richmond (DeWitt Millennium GC)
- \* Sue Kesti (GC of Greater Lansing)
- \* Lynn Smith (Hartland Home & GC)
- \* Marsha DeGroot (Howell GC)
- \* Marlas Greiger (Howell GC)
- \* Ann Rhodes (Marshall Area GC)
- \* Peggy Fankhauser (Meridian GC)
- \* Sharon Theroux (Meridian GC)
- \* Jody Royce (Webberville GC)
- \* Sherry Sevic (Webberville GC)
- \* Ann Campbell (Williamston Red Cedar GC)

**IIB Sales People**

- \* Peggy Bryson
- \* Cathy Claypool
- \* Anne Davish
- \* Sharon Theroux
- \* Peggy Fankhauser
- \* Jan Swiss
- \* Georgia Styka
- \* Sue Knapp
- \* Jan Bayer
- \* Mary Weathers
- \* Diane Flatley
- \* Cindy Brown
- \* Sue Wittick

**Special Thanks to:**

- \* **Lynn O'Shaughnessy** for donating 41 African violet plants, and 30 self-watering pots!
- \* **The Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club** for creating all the centerpieces!
- \* **Colleen Hyslop** and **Carole Armstrong** for taking care of registration!
- \* For the volunteers who staffed the registration table!
- \* All our **vendors** for offering a wide variety of tantalizing items for sale!
- \* Our speakers, **Vic Foerster** and **Gretchen Voyle** for keeping us informed and entertained!
- \* **Lois Snover-Hanson** for a remarkable horticulture show, in spite of the weather!
- \* **Terri Tomak** for bravely representing all the IIB Interest Groups!
- \* **Jean Goetz** for coordinating the educational exhibits!
- \* **Linda Mogyoros** for making a IIB podium banner!

**Meridian Garden Club crafters**—thanks for making 107 golf ball critters! Kris BeLonge, Briggita Bruning, Peggy Bryson, Cathy Claypool, Patty Cotter, Peggy Fankhauser, Diane Flatley, Sue Lohman, Tress McAllister, Sharon Theroux, Mary Weathers, and Sue Wittick

Donors	Items	Purchasers
Williamston Red Cedar GC	Pollinator Basket	Dianne Silva
Peggy Bryson	Hand cast leaf	Jane Johnson
Barb Ketchum	Garden Girl Trellis	Sue Kesti
Janet Metzelaar	Michigan book case	Lisa Emerson
Howell Garden Club	Rain boots door decoration	Donna Craft
Howell Garden Club	Umbrella door decoration	Sue Leahy
Howell Garden Club	Hose Wreath	Sue Leahy
DeWitt Millennium GC	Handwoven basket	Terri Tomak
Brighton GC	Bird house	Sue Kesti
Brighton GC	bee house	Deb Plichta
Garden Club of Greater Lansing	Herbal tea basket	Cathy Claypool
Jean Goetz	Hand-embroidered table cloth	Sue Leahy
Lynn Keelan	McClung bird print	Donna Craft
Barb Ketchum	Farmhouse clock	Tressa McAllister
Mason Sycamore Creek GC	Welcome sign window	Sharon Rodgers
Madeline Masterson	Polish pottery pitcher	Peggy Hartmann
Marshall GC	Basket	Jean Goetz
Barb Ketchum	Peace pole	Penny Tiedgen
Mary Reed	Iris Print	Martha Shortlidge-White
Hartland Home & GC	Detroit's Historic Places of Worship	Jenny Bond



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

With **TWO** flower shows, District IIB really bloomed in April! Fortunately, IIB members found 98 pieces of horticulture to display at the *Bee Ready for Spring* show that was held in conjunction with our district meeting, and 30 pieces of horticulture at the *Spring Fling* show held in conjunction with the IIB Designers meeting. The weather just wasn't cooperating.

Winner of the top awards were Tressa McAllister (Horticultural Excellence) and Jean Goetz (Educational). Marilyn J. Lee Awards were presented to the Across the Fence Post, Meridian, and Webberville garden clubs.

Blue ribbons were awarded to entries from the following IIB members: Julie Partee (Across the Fence Post); Margaret Clarke, Sue Kesti, and Ann Scholas (Greater Lansing); Lynn Keelan (Howell); Diane Flatley, Madeline Master-son, Tressa McAllister, Simar Pawar, Martha Shortlidge-White, Lois Snover-Hanson, and Jodie Szalankiewicz (Meridian); Jody Royce (Webberville); Ann Campbell, and Jolanta Piecuch (Williamston); and Susan Bendes (guest)

The *Spring Fling* show featured floral designs representing design types new to the latest NGC *Handbook for Flower Shows*. The blue ribbon winners are show below.



First place Assemblage design created by Marie Smith



First place Armature design created by Marie Smith



First place Cascade design created by Jolanta Piecuch

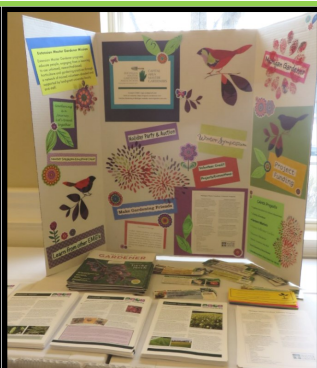
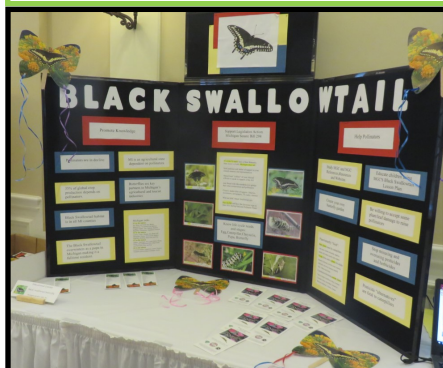


Now we can eagerly await the *Williamston Rocks and Rolls* show that will be held at the Williamston Depot Museum on May 14th. All IIB members are welcome to bring horticulture. The schedule is posted on the IIB website: <https://mgcdistrict2b.weebly.com/> Password: 2bgardeners

IIB Designers will meet next on July 18th to begin planning our March 2019 flower show. It will have a **cooking theme**, so start thinking about possible class titles! Let any member of IIB Designers know your ideas in early July so we can work them into the schedule.

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

A Flower Show Symposium will be held in Ann Arbor on June 25 & 26. This is an opportunity for members to learn more about horticulture and floral design for their future flower shows. You do not need to be a flower show judge to attend this symposium, anyone is welcome! A brochure that includes the registration form is available on the IIB [website](#) under "MGC and NGC Schools" (password *2bgardeners*). Please note that the **deadline for registration is May 25th**.



Flower Show Exhibits



# Nature, art and fashion will come together for District IIB in October



Want to see a dress made entirely of flowers? Or jewelry made with succulent plant “jewels?”

Make plans now to attend the District IIB fall meeting, taking place Thursday, October 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Crystal Gardens Banquet Center, located at 5768 E. Grand River in Howell. Check-in begins at 8 a.m. Brighton Garden Club is hosting the event and has chosen as its theme “Avant Garden: Blending Nature, Art and Fashion.”

“Avant-garde fashion is characterized by experimental, radical and unorthodox approaches,” explained Cheryl Yelen, Decorations Co-chair for the event. “It uses innovative ideas and techniques to create unique fashion. Our club wanted to take the creativity of avant-garde fashion and combine it with nature. We explored the use of botanicals as the inspiration for the designs, colors and shapes that fashion takes.”

Attendees at the meeting will see a number of nature-inspired fashion creations.

“Brighton Garden Club member Kathy Mikuska designed and created a life-size dress, as well as two half-size dresses, made entirely of flowers, leaves and other nature-inspired materials,” Yelen said. “At the district meeting guests will also see moss-and flower-covered shoes and purses, jewelry made entirely of succulent ‘jewels’ and headpieces made from leaves and flowers ... proving that flower-constructed fashion can also extend to the accessories department.”



Attendees will also see other art inspired by the natural world.

“Nature is the greatest inspiration to see beauty in the world,” so we will also display art-work inspired by nature,” Yelen said.

Featured speakers include professional botanical photographer Laurie Tennent, who will talk about her art, and Charles Martin, senior horticulturalist at Dow Gardens in Midland, who will talk about the history, classification and care of roses.

In addition, attendees may shop from a variety of garden and nature-themed vendors who will be selling their wares during breaks.

The cost is \$30 per person and includes lunch. To register, send attendee name(s) and a check to Peggy Fukuda at 7745 Hammel Rd., Brighton, MI 48116. Questions? Call her at 916-835-6708.



If you missed our District Meeting, you didn't see Sue Leahy in this beautiful butterfly costume that was created by Cindy Brown in the Williamston Red Cedar GC.



You also missed the vendors! Here is Jan Swiss (Meridian GC) trying to decide which pin to buy.



Lois Snover-Hanson is wondering who will win these flower show awards.





NGC AWARDS	Club	State	District
Community Gardens	Meridian Garden Club	1st Place, large club	1st Place, large club
Community Landscape Design	Grand Ledge Garden Club	2nd Place, medium club	1st Place, medium club
Publications, Newsletter	Garden Club of Greater Lansing	3rd Place, medium club	2nd Place, medium club
	Meridian Garden Club	3rd Place, large club	1st Place, large club
	Brighton Garden Club	Honorable Mention, large club	Honorable Mention, large club
Publications, Brochure	Brighton Garden Club	1st Place, large club	1st Place, large club
Feature Article	Meridian Garden Club	1st Place, large club	1st Place, large club
Environmental	Brighton Garden Club	1st Place, large club	1st Place, large club
Yearbooks	Mason Sycamore Creek		1 <sup>st</sup> Place, 20-29 members
	Howell Garden Club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place, medium club	1 <sup>st</sup> Place, 30-44 members
	DeWitt Millennium Garden Club	1 <sup>st</sup> Place, medium club	1 <sup>st</sup> Place, 45-69 members
	Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club		2 <sup>nd</sup> Place, 45-69 members
	The Garden Club of Greater Lansing		3 <sup>rd</sup> Place, 45-69 members
	Meridian Garden Club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place, large club	1 <sup>st</sup> Place, 70-99 members
	Brighton Garden Club		2 <sup>nd</sup> Place, 70-99 members
	Marshall Area Garden Club		3 <sup>rd</sup> Place, 70-99 members
Marilyn J. Lee Civic Beautification	Across the Fence Post Garden Club	District Award	
	Meridian Garden Club	District Award	
	Webberville Garden Club	District Award	



Youth Awards

Category	Grade	Place	School	Local Club	Student
Poster Contest	5th	1st	Explorer Elem.	Williamston RC	Jessica Munk
	1st	2nd	Discovery Elem	Williamston RC	Lucy Keith
	4th	2nd	Explorer Elem	Williamston RC	Ashlyn Schafer
	2nd	1st	Discovery Elem	Williamston RC	Faye Hollosy
Sculpture	6th	Hon. Mention	Union City	Green Thumb	Ellenor Murphy
	6th	1st	Union City	Green Thumb	Megan Fairchild
	6th	2nd	Union City	Green Thumb	Laynie Elkins
	6th	3rd	Union City	Green Thumb	Gabrielle Foeman
		1st	Union City	Green Thumb	Makenna Rirard
		2nd	Union City	Green Thumb	Macy Stout
		3rd	Union City	Green Thumb	Skylar VanWormer
		Hon. Mention	Union City	Green Thumb	Mackenzie Hale
		1st	Union City	Green Thumb	Jordan Miller
	Poetry	6th	1st	Union City	Green Thumb
6th		2nd	Union City	Green Thumb	Kaleb Carr
6th		3rd	Union City	Green Thumb	Adalynn Rumsey





## Volunteers Needed (contact Sue Wittick)



- \* Leader for a new Landscape Design Interest Group.
- \* Chair for IIB Environmental School beginning in 2021.
- \* Someone to take responsibility for storing the IIB metal sign and bringing it to district events.

## Dates for your Calendars

**May 21 - May 24** — National Garden Clubs Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**June 5-6** — Michigan Garden Clubs Convention, Kalamazoo

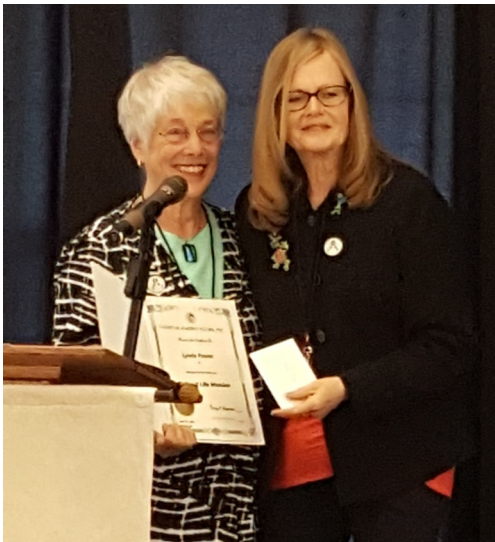
**June 25 - 26** — 2018 Flower Show Symposium, Ann Arbor

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

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

## New IIB Life Members

One of the highlights of spring district meetings is the announcement of new life members. These individuals were honored last week:



Lynda Foster received a Central Region Life Membership from the Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club. President Cathie Ware presented the award.



Margie Whitcomb received a Michigan Life Membership from the Sherwood Garden Club.

**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](http://www.gardenclub.org)

Username: *member*

Password: *pumpkin*



Michigan Garden Clubs

[www.michigangardenclubs.org](http://www.michigangardenclubs.org)

Login: *member*

Password: *mgcgrow*



**Central Region, NGC**

[www.ngccentralregion.org](http://www.ngccentralregion.org)

Login: *member*

Password: *7states*

**MGC District IIB**

<https://mgcdistrict2b.weebly.com/>

password **2bgardeners**

**NEW**



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

At our sale you will find wildflowers, grasses, shrubs that attract butterflies and pollinators.

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, and little bluestem. At our sale you will find great plants at great prices that were obtained locally from Wildtype Nursery .

When: Saturday June 2, 2018

Time: 9:00 – 4:00

Where: The Wacousta General Store, 13051 S. Wacousta Road, Grand Ledge, MI 48837 at the corner of Wacousta and Herbison Roads



If you have questions about the sale or interest in joining the Looking Glass Garden Club, contact Ron at 517.626.6447 or [overtonron@wowway.com](mailto:overtonron@wowway.com).

**Meridian Garden Club's Plant Sale, Jodie Szalankiewicz, jodiesz419@gmail.com**



The Meridian Garden Club's annual plant sale will be held on Friday May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Meridian Farmers Market Pavilion, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. The sale runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There'll be hundreds of plants, many that have come from the Meridian Historical Village Gardens and from members' gardens too. There will also be a table of native plants available., "Garden Goodies," gloves, IIB bees and IIB pins. We will have members on site to answer all of your questions. You won't beat the prices anywhere. So please come to support the Meridian Garden Club—we'd love to see you!

**Howell Garden Club's May Meeting, Lillian Van Houghton, thedutchtouch@cac.net**

The Howell Garden Club would like to invite all district garden club members to our May 23, 2018 meeting. It is titled "Flower House". We are excited to be hosting Lisa Waud, founder and owner of Pot & Box (a floral design and horticultural décor studio in the Detroit area). She along with other designers and volunteers transformed an abandoned home with glorious fresh flowers from top to bottom, inside and out, creating beauty from blight...and received international recognition for their creative efforts! She will be speaking to us and showing us how she achieved this, from the planning through execution stages. A gorgeous slide show takes you along with Lisa on her journey.

This will be a great program that you won't want to miss. It will be held at the Emergency Services Building, 1911 Tooley Road, Howell, Michigan 48855-8703, Wednesday, May 23, 2018, 6:30 p.m. There will be light refreshments served and donations will be taken at the door. Questions can be addressed to Lilian VanHouten, 517-546-5476 or thedutchtouch@cac.net.

**Brighton Garden Club's Plant Sale, jcooper190670mi@comcast.net**

The Brighton Garden Club Plant Sale will be held in the parking lot by the Mill Pond on Saturday May 12th. We will have geraniums and annuals for sale as well as Mason bee houses and other arts and crafts. Hope to see you there!



*Plant a flower  
and a bee will  
come!*



*Your club news could be  
listed here!*

## May Garden Club Meetings and Special Events



- A—May 1 **Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club, Spring Pot Luck & Member Plant Exchange**, 6:00 pm at Wolverine Engineers, 312 North Street, Mason
- B—May 2 **Webberville Garden Club, Foreshadowing, making paper out of invasive plants**, Jane Kramer, 6 pm, The Hortman home, 2310 Gramer Road, Webberville
- C—May 2 **Looking Glass Garden Club meeting**, 6:30, United Methodist Church, 9180 Herbison Road, Eagle
- D—May 3 **IIB Steering Committee**, Sue Wittick's house, 1:30 pm, 4103 Breakwater Drive, Okemos.
- E—May 2-5 **Greater Lansing Potters' Guild sale**, All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbott Road, East Lansing. [Info](#)
- F—May 8 **Across the Fence Post Garden Club Meeting**
- G—May 8 **Eaton Rapids Garden Club**, 1:00 for lunch
- H—May 9 **Hartland Home & Garden Club Meeting**, 6:45 pm, Hartland Senior Center, 9525 Highland Road, Howell.
- I—May 12 **Green Thumb Hanging Basket Sale**
- J—May 14 **Williamston Rocks and Rolls Flower Show**, Williamston Depot Museum, 12:30 pm.
- K—May 14 **Garden Club of Greater Lansing Annual Meeting**, Gilbert and Blake's Restaurant, Okemos, Jan Bills, Author and garden designer, presents simple strategies for achieving easy care, eco-friendly gardens.
- L—May 14 **Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club Meeting**, Election of Officers and Beautification Team, 6:30 p.m. Williamston Depot Museum
- M—May 15 **Triple B: Birds, Bees, Butterflies. Why do you care?** 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm South Lansing Urban Gardens Work shop, Click [here](#) for more information.
- N—May 15 **Marshall Area Garden Club, Our Vanishing Soil Communities**, Mike Klug, 6:30 pm, Marshall United Methodist Church, 721 US 27 North
- O—May 16 **Grand Ledge Garden Club, Geranium Sale**, 10:00 am, 6398 St Joe Hwy, Grand Ledge, Mi
- P—May 16 **Howell Garden Club Outing to Telly's Greenhouse and Garden Center** 3301 John R Road Troy, MI
- Q—May 17 **Green Thumb Garden Club, Watching Part 1 of the movie "Dirt"**
- R—May 18 **Meridian Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale**, 9-2. Meridian Township Farmer's Market, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos
- S—May 18-19 **MSU Horticulture Gardens Plant Sale**. Click [here](#) for information.
- T—May 19 **Brighton Garden Club Plant & Craft Sale**, Main Street, Brighton, MI 48116
- U—May 19 **Hartland Home and Garden Club, Perennial Plant Exchange**, Crounse Library, 3688 N. Hartland Rd, Hartland
- V—May 19 **Williamston Red Cedar, Loda Lake Wildflower Sanctuary Trip**
- W—May 19 **Grand Ledge Garden Club. Spring Beautification Clean-up**, 10 am
- X—May 21 **Meridian Garden Club**, 9:00 am, Installation of Officers, opening the gardens in the Meridian Historical Village.
- Y—May 22 **Grand Ledge Garden Club Memorial Tree Dedication Ceremony and Club Meeting**, 1:00 pm, Grand Ledge Baptist Church
- Z—May 22 **International Day for Biological Diversity**, click [here](#) for information.
- AA—May 22 **World Turtle Day**, click [here](#) for information.
- BB—May 23 **Howell Garden Club, Flower House, Lisa Waud, Pot & Box** (a floral design and horticultural décor studio in the Detroit area), Hulbert Safety Complex - EMS, 1911 Tooley Road Howell
- CC—May 24 **Green Thumb Garden Club, Planting annuals** in community gardens, parks, cemeteries, etc.

IIB		2018 MAY					IIB	
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		
		1 A	2 B, C, E	3 D, E	4 A, E	5 A, E		
6 A	7 A	8 F, G	9 H	10	11	12 I		
13 MOM	14 J, K, L	15 M, N	16 O, P	17 Q	18 R, S	19 S, T, U, V, W		
20	21 X	22 Y, Z, AA	23 BB	24 CC	25	26		
27	28 MEMORIAL ★DAY★	29	30	31				

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.