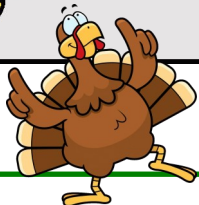




# The IIB Gardener



## November, 2018

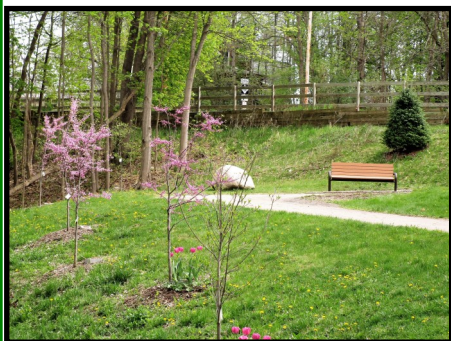


*The Grand Ledge Garden Club*



*IIB Club of the Month*

The Grand Ledge Garden Club (GLGC) began in 1941 as a mutual interest of three local women sharing their passion for flowers and gardening. We are carrying on their vision as our club is celebrating 77 years of service to the beautiful City of Grand Ledge. Our 2018 club membership consists of 32 members. Many projects have been completed through the years, and we are still honoring three yearly traditions:



- 1959-The Hanging of the Greens in the Grand Ledge District Library. This entails decorating the library for the Christmas Holiday with a new theme each year, and a Christmas tree that can be seen from the street for all to enjoy throughout the Holiday Season.
- 1981- The Memorial Tree Project has been a stellar success for 27 years. With the 13 trees donated this year, our total is 425 trees planted throughout the City of Grand Ledge. The Dedication Ceremony is always well attended and done with excellence, from the speakers, the music, and not to forget, the wonderful desserts. This year the GLGC donated a wonderful bench on the walking trail for resting and reflecting.

- 1984-The Geranium Flower Sale began as a fundraiser for restoration and landscaping of the Grand Ledge Opera House, Lincoln Brick Park, Library, and City Hall. The geranium is our Club Flower and Grand Ledge is known as 'The Geranium City.' This is the club's only fund raiser and proves to be a great success year after year. It is a collaborative effort of all club members from sales, unloading, and filling the orders for over 3000 multicolored geraniums plants.



GLGC added 2 new projects this year: The Maier Garden, is a quaint garden located at the entrance of the Island Bridge. It's a wonderful location for thousands of people to enjoy throughout all the seasons. The Historical Herb Garden is located at the Grand Ledge Museum. The garden has a wide variety of herbs that were popular in the Victorian Era (1837-1901). New plants have been purchased by our club and with museum funds.



We are continuing care of the Blue Star Marker located near the Island entrance, the Grand Ledge Library, (which went through a redo after some remodeling), and a large garden at the entrance of Fitzgerald Park.

GLGC meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Sept-June at 1pm. There is the possibility of adding an additional Saturday morning meetings in the future. Cindy Langenberg is our club president and does a superb job of running our meetings. She has very informative Gardeners' Thoughts of the Day, Points of Interest and Historical Tidbits. We have great programs, events (including field trips), luncheons, educational

speakers, and hands-on crafts from our many talented members. There is something for everyone. We have an amazing Club Directory that includes Our Gardeners' Prayers, history of GLGC, past presidents, current member's information, meeting locations, chairpersons, upcoming meetings, and special events.

We are honored for this opportunity to share some of GLGC accomplishments and past and present highlights. We hope all of the District IIB garden clubs continue to create beauty and joy for generations to enjoy.

May God Bless the dirty hands of the Happy Gardener!



## District IIB Steering Committee



**Lynn Keelan**, Howell Garden Club, 517-304-3329, [boomerage47@yahoo.com](mailto:boomerage47@yahoo.com), 2765 Earl Lake Road, Howell, MI 48843-8613 - District Director

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**Sue Wittick**, Meridian Garden Club, 517-242-8259, [witticks@gmail.com](mailto: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 IIB Steering Committee Meeting will be November 15th, 12:30—2:30 pm, at the Spartan Hall of Fame Cafe, 1601 W Lake Lansing Rd, East Lansing, MI 48823. We will be planning the Fall 2019 District Meeting with the DeWitt Millennium Garden Club from 11:30-12:30.

## District IIB Steering Committee Member News



**Lynn Keelan**, District Director

It was nice to be in Frankenmuth for the Central Region Convention. I experienced the new Canopy Walk in Midland's Whiting Forest. It was very neat to feel movement while standing on the beam cantilevered over the pond, to see through the glass floor, and to relax in the nets. The CRC Convention included a Flower Show with classes in photography, and I won two blue ribbons! I participated in a workshop where we created fall centerpieces from pumpkins filled with succulents. The speakers, Gene Hopp (Frankenmuth Flower Shop), Kyle Bagnall (Dow's Whiting Forest) and Jan Bills (Two Women and a Hoe) were all captivating. I enjoyed Jan Bills at Greater Lansing Garden Club's Installation dinner last June, so this time I purchased her book. Sandra Haines, Sue Wittick, and I sold the IIB pollinator pins and earrings to many garden club members from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota, providing some revenue to IIB.



My own garden club, Howell, is gaining members, and I hope that will be a trend for many of the clubs this year. A variety of activities, good speakers, and advance press releases draws people in, and it seems the opportunities in this district may be helping too. I look forward to visiting some clubs soon.

If you weren't one of the 170 people at Avant-Garden, the IIB District Meeting, you missed a very nice time. The Brighton Garden Club outdid themselves with wonderful vignettes using silk botanicals as fashion and accessories. We were served a delicious buffet lunch, the vendors were great and IIB Photographers offered a photo exhibit to get us ready for the Botanical Arts Photography at our District IIB Flower Show next March. The speakers, Chuck Martin (Roses) and Laurie Tennent (Botanical Photography) were wonderful, and we were so lucky to have them.

The next Michigan Garden Clubs Board Meeting will be November 8th. It's a time for me to report on what is happening in our district and then later, report to you on MGC plans and activities. If you want to hear all about the work of the MGC Board of Directors, the meeting will be in Lansing and guests are welcome!

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

**Peggy Bryson**, Treasurer



Kudos to the Brighton Garden Club team that planned and executed the 2018 fall IIB District Meeting! It was a fun and visually inspiring day with gorgeous, imaginative decor, engaging speakers, interesting vendors, the District's first photo exhibit and 28 luscious silent auction baskets. There are photos from the event on the District website, but they don't do justice to the beauty of the decor or to the new District banner fashioned by Linda Mogyoros.  
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**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. To subscribe, please mail a \$15 check (payable to District IIB) to Peggy Bryson. To be added or removed from the e-mail distribution list for this newsletter, please contact Sue Wittick, [witticks@gmail.com](mailto:witticks@gmail.com), 517-242-8259.**



**Peggy Bryson**, Treasurer (continued from previous page)

Silent auction proceeds exceeded \$1,100, which will help produce a sizeable surplus to be shared among Brighton Garden Club, MGC, and District IIB after the remaining event bills are paid. Thanks to the silent auction bidders, there will be more funds available for club grants.

I'm encouraging clubs that need extra funds to finance special projects to check into Grow and Share grants. They are available up to \$200 for qualifying projects. You can find information on qualifying project purposes and approval criteria, along with the forms for application and final report, on the District [website](#) (password 2bgardeners). To apply, just complete the application and submit it to the IIB District Director. If approved, the application will be forwarded to the MGC Grants chair for review. If approved by the MGC Grants Committee, the District will issue the funds. When the project is completed, the club submits a final report.



If you haven't checked the District website lately, you'll find new pages for several IIB **INTEREST GROUPS**. Some groups are providing summaries of their meetings and projects, so even if you aren't able to attend their meetings, you can read, for example, about photo editing apps for smart phones. The site's event calendar includes scheduled interest group meetings and other events of potential interest to members. If you have an event to share with others in the District, just send the information to me at [plbryso@gmail.com](mailto:plbryso@gmail.com). While you're on the site, be sure to check out the photos from the 2018 IIB Fall District Meeting.

**Barb Ketchum**, Events, Member Services

The District IIB Fall meeting was an outstanding success. Thanks to Brighton Garden Club for putting on this wonderful event. To keep the energy flowing, let's try something new! Come have an evening of fun!

I am happy to announce a District IIB **WOOD SIGN CLASS** on November 15, open to anyone in the district. The class will be held in Mason at *Michigan Barn Wood and Salvage* and taught by *Pallets by Design*.

Here are the details and how to sign up:

Date: November 15, 6:00 pm

Location: Michigan Barn wood and Salvage, 352 W. Columbia, Mason

Registration:



- <https://www.palletsbydesign.net/>
- Click on Wood Signs.
- Select your sign choice (customization is possible). \$10 will be added to the sign cost to cover room rental.
- Under location drop down, choose "Flower club November 15."



Note: the craft location is upstairs and there is no elevator.

Space is limited. If demand is there, we can add another date.

Do you have a venue in your area that other district members would enjoy? Let me know so we can bring a district event to your area!

**Sue Wittick**, Communications, Fund Raising, Interest Groups



When I joined the Meridian Garden Club in 2008, I had no idea how my life would change. Surrounded by knowledgeable, creative, and enthusiastic people, I've learned LOTS, acquired wonderful new friends, and loved every minute of this journey.

According to healthy living experts, volunteering counteracts stress, makes you happy, increases self-confidence, provides a sense of purpose, and helps you stay physically active. With all that to gain, please volunteer to help this **FANTASTIC DISTRICT IIB**



**Without someone identified as our District Director, our district will not survive!**  
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Sue Wittick, Communications, Fund Raising, Interest Groups (...continued)

To raise \$ for our district, we have sold t-shirts, pins, earrings, golf ball bees, garden identification signs, and cards. Except for the the golf ball craft project, these sales are continuing nicely. Thanks are due to **Sandra Haines** and **Lynn Keelan** (Howell GC), who helped with sales at the Central Region Convention, and to **Peggy Fankhauser** (Meridian GC), **Sharon Rogers** (Mason S-C GC), and **Cathie Ware** (Williamston R-C GC) who sold pins and earrings at our district meeting. I'm **seeking volunteers now** to sell these items at the **Kids in Toyland** flower show for youth on December 5th. Please let me know if you can help!

I'm issuing a **CHALLENGE** to each IIB Interest Group to contribute something to our fund raising efforts. This will keep more members involved and will provide funds for grants to clubs for worthy projects. If you make it, I'll figure out how to sell it!



## IIB NEEDS YOU!

What a great district we have—so many talented members, active clubs, interest groups, and lots of activities that educate, challenge, and delight.

Several people have stepped up to help in some way, but some more are needed to share leadership responsibilities **beginning in June 2019**.

### Volunteers so far are:

- Peggy Bryson (Meridian GC) to maintain the **IIB Website**
- Ronnie Dush (DeWitt GC) to lead the **IIB Youth Gardeners** Interest Group
- Carol Grainger (Williamston RC GC), unspecified **support**
- Linda Mogyoros (Meridian GC) to continue to lead **IIB Quilters** Interest Group
- Lynn O'Shaughnessy (Howell GC), unspecified **support**
- Ron Overton (Looking Glass GC), to chair our **IIB Environmental Studies School** to begin in 2021.
- Jolanta Piecuch (Williamston RC GC), to serve on **IIB Steering Committee**
- Deb Plichta (Looking Glass GC), to serve as treasurer **for the Environmental Studies School**
- Kathy Seidowski (DeWitt MGC), **IIB newsletter, graphics and printing**, and member of the **IIB Steering Committee**
- Lois Snover-Hanson (Meridian GC) to continue to chair **IIB flower shows** and lead **IIB Designers**
- Sue Wittick (Meridian GC) to continue to lead **IIB Photographers** Interest Group

### Volunteers still needed:

- **IIB District Director**—at a minimum to be our official contact with MGC, attending 4 Board meetings a year, and member of the IIB Steering Committee
- **IIB District Treasurer** and member of the IIB Steering Committee
- **IIB Events Coordinator**
- **IIB Fundraising**
- **IIB Outreach Coordinator** (working to add new clubs to our district)
- **IIB Historian**
- **IIB Awards**

The more volunteers we have, the stronger our district, the more we can accomplish, and the less responsibility resting on only a few people. Contact any member of the IIB Steering Committee to volunteer.



## IIB District Meeting



Themed Avant Garden, our district meeting, held in Howell on October 25th, was a tremendous success due to the creativity and diligence of the Brighton Garden Club. 170 people enjoyed the day which was highlighted by artistic botanical fashion accessories, engaging speakers, a variety of new vendors, almost too many gift baskets to count, a new IIB banner, awards, and a photography exhibit that was professionally judged with ribbons placed.

Leading it all was event chair, Kim Ray who, adorned with flowers, was dressed perfectly for the meeting's theme. Chuck Martin, from the Dow Gardens Whiting Forest, spoke about the culture of roses, and Laurie Tennent shared her artistry in her presentation of strikingly beautiful botanical portraits.



Event Chair, Kim Ray



Fashion accessories created by Kathy Mikuska.



Janice Thelen, New MGC Life Member; Lynn Keelen, District Director; and Jean Goetz, MGC 2nd Vice-President

## IIB Awards

### Marilyn J. Lee Civic Beautification Award

Three clubs were honored with the Marilyn J. Lee Civic Beautification Award:

- Brighton Garden Club for maintaining public gardens so they are attractive in all four seasons.
- DeWitt Millennium Garden Club for their work on the labyrinth, Blue Star, and Healing Gardens in DeWitt.
- Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club for developing a teaching garden for children.

### Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. Life Member Achievement Award

- Granted by the Looking Glass Garden Club to Janice Thelen for her service to the club, the community, and MGC. See page 9 for details.

### Central Region Flower Show

- Lynn Keelen won two blue ribbons—one for horticulture and one for photography.
- Lynda Foster won a blue ribbon for photography.



Purse lost at the district meeting. If you find it when you are unpacking, please contact Nirmala Shah, 517-349-9361 or nirmala831@yahoo.com.



## IIB Crafters



**Pumpkins!** Led by Marlas Greiger (Howell GC), this group made a patch of adorable pumpkins in October, stuffing fiber fill into fabric “pouches” and attaching fall decorations with hot glue.



**Wreaths!** Our November project will be creating deco mesh wreaths, again led by Marlas Greiger. The cost will be \$30 for basic supplies (you provide your own embellishments) or \$45 for a complete package of materials (your choice of color scheme).

**When:** November 16th, 1:30 -4:-00

**Location:** Michigan Nature Association, 2310 Science Parkway, Okemos

**Pre-register:** Contact Sue Wittick (witticks@gmail.com or 517-242-8259), specifying your choice of supplies/cost.

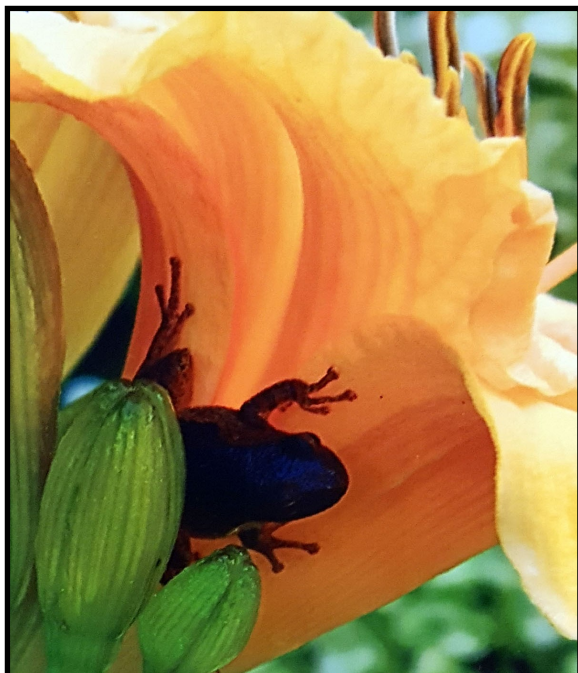
## IIB Photographers



This group traveled to Grand Ledge for lunch and a photo field trip of the Ledges. Even though it was early for dramatic fall color, members found many opportunities to capture some pretty awesome views.

Speaking of awesome, IIB Photographers displayed their talents through a photo exhibit at our district meeting in Howell. Entries were submitted by members of these garden clubs: Grand Ledge, Hartland, Howell, Meridian, Webberville, and Williamston RC. Blue ribbons were earned by Jerry Bayer, Peggy Bryson, Peggy Fankhauser, Marlas Greiger, Lynn Keelan, and Sue Wittick and the Botanical Arts Photography Award went to Marlas Greiger. Congratulations to all!

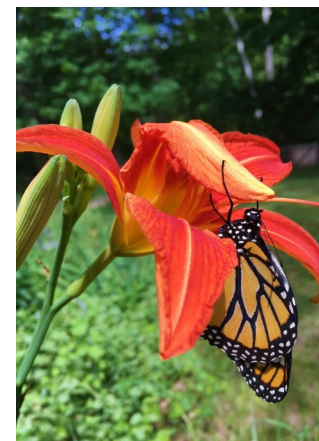
Left photo by Lynn Keelan (Howell GC); right by Kay Luft (Grand Ledge GC) at the Ledges.



Blue Ribbon and BA Photography Award for Class 1, 8” x 10” *Putting on the Ritz* Marlas Greiger



Blue Ribbon for Class 3, *Morning Light*, 8” x 10” Jerry Bayer



Blue Ribbon for Class 2, *Drama in the Details*, 5” x 7”, Peggy Fankhauser

**Next meeting:** November 5th, 10 am -12 noon, Michigan Nature Association, 2310 Science Parkway, Okemos.

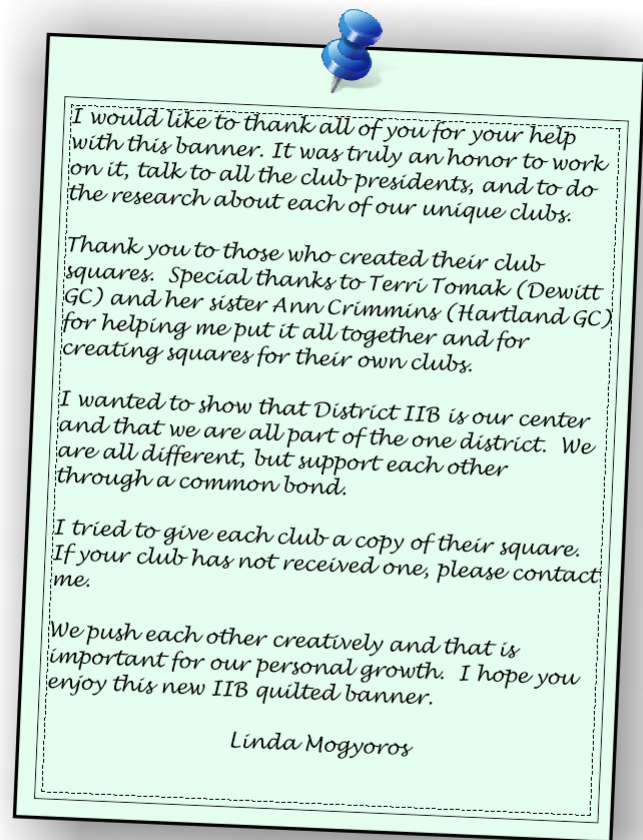
**Topic:** Black and white photography

**Challenge:** bring in two 5”x7” photos (before and after) where you have applied some editing techniques and are especially pleased with the results!

**To join the group:** Contact Sue Wittick, witticks@gmail.com, 517-242-8259.

This glorious, new, quilted banner was dramatically displayed at our recent district meeting and became the “go-to” backdrop for photos. It features a unique logo for each of the 16 clubs in our district. Thanks go to Linda Mogyoros, group leader, for carrying this project through to completion.

What’s next? Contact Linda (turtlehatch@att.net, 517- 712-2622) to join this group and share your ideas.



### *IIB Youth Gardeners*

Eleven IIB members met in DeWitt on October 17th for an organizational meeting. Representatives from the following clubs participated: Mason SC, Howell, Meridian, DeWitt M, Webberville, and Williamston RC. Decisions/ accomplishments included:

- Ronnie Dush (DeWitt club member and MGC Youth Activities chair) agreed to chair the group. **Thanks, Ronnie!**
- Tentatively, the group plans to meet every other month September-May, and more often in summer months. Location will be moved around the district and clubs may volunteer to host.
- Meetings will be organized to include business; an educational component (e.g. sharing club project, speaker, exchange of information on a particular topic, outside presenter, field trips); and lots of sharing.
- Schedules were distributed for the December 5, 2018 flower show, which is primarily for youth entries and will be held at the Okemos Best Western, near I-96 and Okemos Road. Clubs were encouraged to share this with possible exhibitors and/or to plan an event that would provide kids with materials and instruction for completing their own designs.
- After the meeting, Sue Wittick volunteered to help with group communication.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 29th, 6 pm at the Best Sellers/Vault Deli, 360 S. Jefferson, Mason, that will include a soup/sandwich/salad buffet & drinks. The cost will be \$15.00/person which will include the gratuity. The Mason Sycamore Creek GC will provide a 20 min presentation on their Sunflower House Youth Garden & Learning Center. RSVP to Sharon Rogers, [sklirodgers55@gmail.com](mailto:sklirodgers55@gmail.com), or 517-525-7664.

To join the group contact Ronnie Dush, [ronniedush@gmail.com](mailto:ronniedush@gmail.com) or 989-307-0248.







The schedule for our *Kids in Toyland* is also available on the IIB website. It will be held on December 5th at the Best Western Hotel in Okemos. Please look it over, find some kids to work with, and let them get hooked on growing horticulture and creating designs! Although most of the classes are for youth, there are three Botanical Arts classes that adults can enter. **There are still 3 openings in adult Class 2, the decorated swag, and 2 openings in Class 3, decorated snowman.** The openings in all youth classes and adult Class 1 are unlimited.

Schedules for our March, 2019 flower show were distributed on October 25th and a copy will be available soon on the IIB website. All the Design, Botanical Arts Crafts, and Botanical Arts Photography classes for the March 2019 District IIB Flower Show require pre-registration. Classes are limited to 4 entries in each one and the Flower Show Schedule (distributed at the district meeting and on the IIB website) identifies a consultant to contact for each class. Pre-registration is not needed for most horticulture classes.

Some of the classes are now full. What follows is a listing of the Design, Botanical Arts Crafts, and Botanical Arts Photography classes that still have openings for exhibitors.

Please consider how you might contribute to the staging and décor of this show!



### Current Class Openings in Design and Botanical Arts for Gourmet Gardening Flower Show

Section	Class	Type	# Openings	Consultant	Phone	E-Mail
Design A– Petite	2) "Cookie Cutter"	5" Design	3	Lynn Keelan	517-304-3329	Boomerage47@yahoo.com
Design A– Petite	3) "Pinch of Spice"	8" design	1	Sue Wittick	517-242-8259	witticks@gmail.com
Design A– Petite	4) "Baker's Choice"	8" design	3	Jenny Bond	517-676-2676	jbond@msu.edu
Design A– Petite	11) "This and That"	Assemblage Design	2	Jolanta Piecuch	517-655-9869	Jolantapiecuch@yahoo.com
Design C– Tables	7) "Snack Attack"	Tray for One	2	Jeanette Foster	517-231-7662	Gardenfly2003@yahoo.com
Design C– Tables	8) "Farm to Table"	Functional table for three	1	Kathi Dominguez	517-927-4665	Dominguezk@comcast.net
Design C– Tables	9) "Picnic"	Alfresco functional table for 3	2	Julie Hath	468-3273	jhath tds.net
Design D– Standard	12) "Family Favorites"	Mono-botanical	2	Jodie Szalankawiez	897-6099	Dominguezk@comcast.net
BA- Artistic Crafts	1), "Dress for Dinner"	Necklace	1	Jolanta Piecuch	517-655-9869	Jolantapiecuch@yahoo.com
BA- Artistic Crafts	2) "Mix and Mash"	Decorated kitchen tool	2	Sue Wittick	517-242-8259	witticks@gmail.com
BA-Photography	1a) "Picture Perfect Produce"	5"x7" color still life	1	Lynn Keelan	517-304-3329	Boomerage47@yahoo.com
BA-Photography	1b) "Picture Perfect Produce"	8" x 10" color still life	1	Lynn Keelan	517-304-3329	Boomerage47@yahoo.com
BA-Photography	2a) "Measuring Precisely"	5"x7" color close-up	2	Peggy Fankhauser	469-5368	Fankhaus@gmail.com
BA-Photography	3a) "Grandma's Kitchen Table"	5"x7" b/w or sepia	2	Sue Wittick	517-242-8259	witticks@gmail.com
BA-Photography	3b) "Grandma's Kitchen Table"	8" x 10" b/w or sepia	3	Sue Wittick	517-242-8259	witticks@gmail.com



### Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club

Our club sponsors a Youth Garden Club and has created the **Sunflower Learning Center** behind the Pink Schoolhouse in Mason. This project took 1st Place and was awarded Volunteer Project Sharing Forum Project at the MSU Extension Master Gardener Forum this fall. More details about our project have been posted on the [IIB website](#).



### Looking Glass Garden Club

Our club honored **Janice Thelen** with MGC's Life Member Achievement Award at the District IIB Fall meeting on October 25, held in Howell.

Janice and her late husband Dave are charter members of the LGGC. She helped create the operational aspects of our club, including the writing of our by-laws and objectives. Janice's insight into accounting and her leadership abilities have been reflective throughout our club projects and business details.



Janice has been a key player in our garden club from the very beginning, and if it were not for her business, finance and leadership expertise, plus being community minded our club would not have succeeded to the level it has in just nine years.

Janice has held all four leadership positions within our Club, President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary and remains an active club member. She also has served as MGC's Treasurer.

She is Chair of Bridge Planters, a community enhancement project. Her committee annually plants 32 planters on 4 different bridges on the Looking Glass River. As Chair of this committee, she is responsible for selling memorial plaques for each of the 32 planters. The money from these markers offset the cost of the plants & soil. Janice also organizes teams of members and community volunteers that maintain these planters all summer long. In the fall, the planters are taken down, emptied and stored for next spring.

Janice has always extended her helping hands and knowhow into our community projects and activities. Best of all, she is open-minded and eager to learn new things, expanding her knowledge of landscaping design, conservation, preservation, and horticulture. Janice also makes beautiful bouquets, and artsy-crafty projects.

### The Garden Club of Greater Lansing

We will be holding our annual **Greens Market** on Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup>. This is our largest and oldest program, which started in 1934. Fresh greens are made into decorated wreaths, swags, boxwood trees and arrangements and are offered to the public.

This sale is our only fund raiser each year. All members are involved; we have workshops beginning in mid-November to make the products that we sell. The Greens Market is never far from the minds of some members as we have summer workshops, order truck-loads of fresh greens, plan and shop for supplies, plan advertising and other details. Of course members need to refresh our techniques each year, but the result is well worth the trouble as we see potential shoppers lined up waiting for the Market door to open.



The Greens market profits help us to provide philanthropic donations to a number of area programs and organizations. Currently our recipients are: Woldumar Nature Center -Camp Discovery; The Garden Project-Lansing Food Bank; Fenner Nature Center; Hunter Park Garden House-Youth Service Corps.; Loda Lake; Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. Scholarship Fund; Michigan 4-H Foundation Children's Garden; Michigan State University Horticultural Gardens.

### The Meridian Garden Club

At a festive event for the community on October 23rd, our club received a leadership award from Meridian Township. The reward was received by club president, Jodie Szalankiewicz, with the support of a dozen members who also attended the event.



- December 1, 2018 Meridian GC Sale of floral arrangements in the Meridian Mall, Okemos, 10 am—2 pm
- December 1, 2018 GC of Greater Lansing Greens Market, Grace United Methodist Church, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing, 9 am—noon.
- December 5, 2018 Kids in Toyland Flower Show, Okemos Best Western Hotel

*With Sympathy*

MGC First Vice-President (and President-Elect), Janet Hickman, recently lost her father, John Robert Kongs, 92, of Topeka, Kansas. His obituary is posted [here](#). If you would like to send an expression of sympathy, Janet’s mailing address is PO Box 1278, (6136 Recreation Drive), Bellaire, MI 49615-8405.



*IIB Designers*



On October 17th, members of this Interest Group created lovely group mass designs.

The next meeting will be on February 20th, 10 am—noon at the Michigan Nature Association in Okemos when we will experience freedom of style for a Botanical Arts-Design class called “Anything Goes.”

To join this interest group, contact Kathi Dominquez, [dominguezk@comcast.net](mailto:dominguezk@comcast.net) or 517-669-5112.



*District IIB Donated Garden Signs to Michigan Nature Association*

In thanks for generously allowing us to use their lovely classroom and meeting room for IIB events, IIB donated 75 garden signs for use in their new landscaping that includes only native plants. Stop by and check it out!

*A Note from Michigan Nature Association*

Please extend our sincere thanks to everyone at District IIB for the fabulous plant signs. They are a terrific addition to our efforts to transform the office park conventional landscaping to one the birds and pollinators can really use. Our vision is to inspire other office buildings to do the same so the signs are absolutely perfect as an educational tool and for all our visitors.

A special thanks to the members who made the labels and assembled the signs. We are honored to include District IIB as one of our native landscaping partners. - Julie Stoneman, Director of Outreach and Education, Michigan Nature Association.



*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*

*Your club news could be listed here!*

*Please send articles to Sue Wittick by the 20th of each month for the next issue.*



# November Garden Club Meetings and Special Events



- A November 3 **Sherwood GC meeting, *Cutting Greens for Winter Perpetual Care***, 10 am, Margie Whitcomb's home.
- B November 5 **Looking Glass GC meeting, *Photographing Wildlife***, presented by Ron St. Germain, 6:30 pm, United Methodist Church, 9180 Herbison Road, Wacousta.
- C November 5 **IIB Photographers, *Black & White Photography***, Presented by Sue Wittick, 10 am, Michigan Nature Association classroom, 310 Science Parkway, Suite 100, Okemos
- D November 6 **Election Day**
- E November 7 **Webberville GC meeting, *Blessings of Our Club***, 6 pm, Webberville United Methodist Church, 4215 Holt Road, Webberville
- F November 8 **Brighton GC meeting, *The Challenging Garden***, Presented by Janet Macunovich, Brighton Community Center, 555 Brighton Street, Brighton.
- G November 8 **DeWitt Millennium GC meeting, *Tips I've Learned along the Garden Path***, presented by club member, Sandy Lockwood, 6:30, Redeemer United Methodist Church, 13980 Schavey Road, DeWitt.
- H November 9 **Green Thumb GC meeting, *Twilight Christmas dinner***, 6:30 pm, JT's Restaurant, Coldwater.
- I November 10 **Sherwood GC meeting, *Potluck and Wreath Making***, 10 am, Wallen barn.
- J November 11 **Veterans Day**
- K November 12 **Williamston Red Cedar GC meeting, *Choosing Them and Using Them: Incorporating Native Plants into Your Landscape***, presented by Bill Schneider, owner of Wildtype Native Plant Nursery, 6:00 pm, Williamston Area Senior Center 201 School St, Williamston
- L November 13 **Mason SC GC meeting, *Creative Design Process for Flower Show Entries***, presented by Jolanta Piecuch (Williamston GC), 6:30 pm, Mason Historical Society, 200 E. Oak St., Mason.
- M November 14 **Howell GC meeting and workshop, *Making Holiday Snowman Shutters***, Presented by Marlas Greiger, 11 am, Livingston County Public Safety Complex—EMS, 1911 Tooley Road, Howell
- N November 14 **Hartland GC, *Edible Landscaping: Growing and Incorporating Herbs in the Landscape***, presented by Diane Brown, 6:30 pm, Hartland Senior Center, 9525Highland Road, Howell.
- O November 14 **Sherwood GC, *Placing wreaths and pots in the Two Cemeteries***
- P November 15 **America Recycles Day**. Click [here](#) for more information.
- Q November 15 **IIB Steering Committee meets with DeWitt Millennium GC 1130—12:30 pm**, at the Spartan Hall of Fame Cafe, 1601 W Lake Lansing Rd, East Lansing.
- R November 15 **IIB Steering Committee meeting, 12:30—2:30 pm**, at the Spartan Hall of Fame Cafe, 1601 W Lake Lansing Rd, East Lansing.
- S November 16 **IIB Crafters, *Creating Deco Mesh Wreaths***, 1:30 -4:00 pm, Michigan Nature Association classroom, 310 Science Parkway, Okemos. Everyone is welcome, but please pre-register with Sue Wittick.
- T November 19 **Meridian Garden Club Meeting, *Make Your Own Thanksgiving Arrangement***, Presented by Lois Snover-Hanson, 9:00, Meridian Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos.
- U November 21 **Marshall Garden Club meeting, *We Gather Together***, presented by Marlene Glotfelty, Accredited Master Flower Show Judge
- V November 22 **Thanksgiving**

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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.