



## February, 2019



### Lynn O'Shaughnessy



### IIB Member of the Month

Thank you for asking me to share my story with District IIB members.

I always loved gardening and growing plants in many forms ever since I was a child. For the last 28 years I have been involved in orchids as both a grower and an orchid judge. Owning and growing these beautiful plants became such an obsession that my hobby

soon got out of control and I ended up building a greenhouse. It didn't take me long to realize that I liked growing the wild, weird, wonderful and wacky types of orchids and now specialize in pleurothallids.



I have always played around with landscaping whatever house I lived in, but it didn't really take off until three years ago. By that time I had already begun developing a shade garden that was about five years along. It was then that I tore out my traditionally straight (and boring) sidewalks to the house and put in meandering

siding sidewalks with paver bricks. From there my shade garden areas expanded into sunnier areas and greater possibilities. Last Fall I was still expanding and putting in new garden areas. I eagerly anticipate the coming of Spring each year to continue the journey.

My shade gardens are predominantly hostas. The sunnier areas have morphed into whatever caught my fancy...at least until last year. When I applied for the Monarch Waystation designation, I got into more native plants, which brought more bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to my garden. I also love coleus and for the last several years I have been taking cuttings every Fall into the greenhouse and growing them for the next planting season.

My "other" life has been diverse as well. I have been a computer programmer, artist and photographer. I have also been a pilot, flight instructor and flight test examiner and built my own flight school and aircraft maintenance shop, 'Free Spirit Aviation', from the ground up. Today I am president and founder of Starting Over Aire-dale Rescue and an avid gardener...and most importantly, I find JOY in the journey.



## District IIB Steering Committee



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**Any IIB club member is welcome to attend District IIB Steering Committee meetings.** The next IIB Steering Committee Meeting will be February 21, 1 pm at the Michigan Nature Association, 2310 Science Parkway, Okemos. Any IIB member is welcome to attend!

### District IIB Steering Committee Member News

#### Lynn Keelan, District Director

Winter has set in, but the days are getting longer. District IIB Steering Committee has been back at work making plans for Spring. I'd like to give kudos to my wonderful Steering Committee.

Barb Ketchum has undergone her second knee replacement, two months after her first one. She still has been able to schedule a district event for April 18, 2019. What a gal! I am so proud of all her ideas, and the wonderful events she has helped coordinate. Peggy Bryson, District Treasurer, has prepared our budgets and currently is working on one for the next year. She has done a professional job and kept excellent track of our funds. She files timely reports and writes our checks for payments due. She is our webmaster of the IIB Website where you can find forms, events, photos, etc. She also takes minutes at our Steering Committee meetings.




Sue Wittick is so creative and talented, and always has a new idea for us. Her fundraising has been noteworthy, pun intended. She created note cards to sell, now she has the idea to use IIB Photographers photos for original notecards. She created our pollinator pins and earrings for fundraising. She designed our IIB logo and suggested the tee shirts. Sue writes and edits our *IIB Gardener* newsletter and handles most communication.

Sue developed the Interest Groups based on the district's successful experience of IIB Designers. She plans to continue running the IIB Photographers as long as she is needed in that role.

Together we have made a difference and kept IIB together. I have been the one with the title of District Director, the one going to MGC Board meetings, writing articles for *Through the Garden Gate*, and drafting reports, but I would not be in this position without the talents, help and encouragement of Barb, Peggy, and Sue. We enjoy getting together to brainstorm about ways to help our club and strengthen our district but our terms will be over at the end of May. Please consider being on the new Steering Committee.

#### Peggy Bryson, Treasurer, Website Administrator

 We are excited to have received the first application for a District IIB Community Project Grant—and already it's been approved by both the District and MGC! If your club is undertaking a community project that needs some extra funding, check out the guidelines for these grants (maximum amount is \$200) and consider applying for one. The steering committee is working on a budget for 2019-20 that will include funding for grants, and the application process is quite straightforward. Just fill out the application form and send it to the District Director. "if approved by MGC, the applicant and District Director will be informed so that the funds can be issued. You can find information about Community Project Grants, including a description of the types of projects that can qualify for funding, along with the application form on the District website under Forms/Grants at <https://mgcdistrict2b.weebly.com/club-grants.html> .

**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.**



**Barb Ketchum, Events, Member Services**

Save the date! A new IIB spring event is coming. Come have a fun, casual day with garden-loving friends. Get inspired to get out and dig in the dirt. Date: Thursday April 18. Location: Livingston County Public Safety complex in Howell. Registration starts March 1st. Details coming soon. The poster on page 4 in this newsletter will also be sent to everyone to help with promotion.



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

February is a short month so soon we will be into March and can start doing all the outdoor things that gardeners do. I hope we can share lots more garden visits in the summer!

Please remember that many of the IIB fundraising projects are ongoing, including t-shirts, pins, earrings, garden signs, and note cards. *To order, scroll down on the Home page on the IIB [website](#) or contact Peggy Bryson, 517-614-9428, [plbryso@gmail.com](mailto:plbryso@gmail.com).* I'm challenging each interest group to create something for IIB to sell at our gathering on April 18th. IIB Photographers are contributing images to print on note cards; what might the other groups contribute?

*News from around our District*

**Contact Information for New Club Yearbooks**

National Garden Clubs, Inc., 2019-2021  
President: Gay Austin  
405 Marion Ave  
McComb, MS 39648-2709  
Email: [GayLAustin@gmail.com](mailto:GayLAustin@gmail.com)  
601-684-3952, 601-248-7661 cell  
Theme: "Plant America"

Central Region Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Central Region Director  
Jodi Meyer, Director  
2400 Taylor Ave.  
Princeton, IN 47670-3216  
812-385-5891, 812-677-0155 cell  
Email: [lulumeyer1957@gmail.com](mailto:lulumeyer1957@gmail.com)  
Theme: Bee A Petal Pusher-Plant America

MGC, Inc., 2019-2021  
President: Janet Hickman  
Theme: "Plant America - *Grow and Share*"  
Project: Michigan Pollinator Gardens  
6136 Recreation Dr. POB 1278  
Bellaire, MI 48615-1278  
Email: [mqcpresident2019@gmail.com](mailto:mqcpresident2019@gmail.com)  
989-600-1390 cell

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616-607-8264, 734-347-0200 cell

Yearbooks should be submitted to the District Director by October 1. Award information can be found on the MGC [website](#).

The **Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club** received 228 posters for judging in the Smokey Bear Woodsy Owl Poster Contest. They also received 50 sculptures for judging in the Youth Sculpture Contest. For many years the club has sponsored the poster contest, but this is the first year Williamston students have entered the sculpture contest. Judges for both contests were local, accomplished artists.

An Awards Ceremony for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Honorable Mention winners was held recently to honor the students' artistic accomplishments. Students, their families and friends, faculty and garden club members were invited and there was a large crowd. As the guests arrived the posters and sculptures were prominently displayed. Each student was individually recognized with a certificate and presented with gold dollars and a few other items. Photographs were taken and refreshments were served. An article about the contests is being submitted to the Williamston Enterprise.

The winning posters were copied and are now on display along with the sculptures in a large display case at the Williamston Post Office.

The club has just been notified that a sculpture and a poster won first place in the state judging.

~Williamston Red Cedar GC Youth Committee





# SWING INTO SPRING

## District II B!

Thursday April 18, 2019

9:30 am-3:00 pm

LIVINGSTON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING  
1911 TOOLEY RD, HOWELL MI

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- Join us for a new district event. Come have fun and kick off gardening season with your friends in II B!
- Speaker Dan Ingram from Bordine Nursery in Brighton will have us all fired up to go out and dig in the dirt!
- Floral make and take, bring home the smell of spring!
- Lunch catered by Tomato Brothers
- Cost \$25
- Registration opens March 1<sup>st</sup>.



### IIB Photographers

The photography group met on January 14th to learn about and practice still life photography. We experimented with different sources of lighting both with and without the use of light boxes. The challenge for the next meeting will be to bring a recent 5" x 7" still life photo.

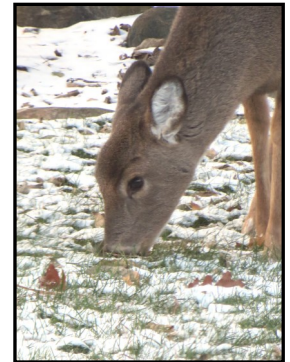
A February meeting has been tentatively scheduled for February 19th at 1:30 pm at the Michigan Nature Association. The topic will be *Winter Photography*. Any IIB member is welcome to attend but, if you are not on the IIB Photographers mailing list, please confirm the date with Sue Wittick before you come.



Winning black & white photo taken by Mary Lemons



Winter photos by Sue Wittick



## CHALLENGE

Bring a recent 5"x7" photo of a still life scene that you have taken to the February meeting. The best by popular vote will be featured in the March issue of *IIB Gardener*.

To join the IIB Photographers Interest Group, contact Sue Wittick, 517-242-8259, [witticks@gmail.com](mailto:witticks@gmail.com).

### IIB Crafters

This Interest Group is planning a February event at Painting With a Twist in Lansing. This is serious fun (but not serious art) for everyone—even those who have never held a paint brush. Please let Sue Wittick know if you are interested in attending and she will try to arrange a time that works for the majority of would-be participants. The cost is \$35/person for a 2-hour session and you will come home with a painting!

If you are interested in attending or would like to join the IIB Crafters Interest Group, contact Sue Wittick, 5172428259,



### IIB Quilters

To join the IIB Quilters Interest Group, contact Linda Mogyoros, 517-712-2622, [turtlehatch@att.net](mailto:turtlehatch@att.net)



### *IIB Designers*

The next meeting will be on February 20th, 10 am—noon at the Michigan Nature Association, 2310 Science Parkway, Okemos. We will experience freedom of style for a Botanical Arts-Design class called “Anything Goes.” This is the only class where fresh plant material can be painted, shined, or glittered!

We come together to learn techniques and practice our skills as novice floral designers. All IIB members are welcome!

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



### *IIB Youth Gardeners*

To join the IIB Youth Gardeners Interest Group, contact Ronnie Dush, [ronniedush@gmail.com](mailto:ronniedush@gmail.com), 989-307-0248



### *News from IIB Clubs*



The **Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club** invites all IIB members to join them for a special speaker on Tuesday February 5 at 6:00 pm at the Mason Historical Museum, 200 E. Oak St. in Mason.

#### **“Breaking the Grass Ceiling?: The Rise of Women in Agriculture”**

There are an increasing number of women around the world picking up the mantle to farm. Why? What’s attractive to a woman about a farm career? Do they farm differently than men? What does the future hold for this changing farm demographic? Dr. Wynne Wright, professor of Community Sustainability and Sociology at MSU, will share with us her research on Michigan farm women and others.



For 2019, the **Grand Ledge Garden Club** is expanding its offerings of information with an Auxiliary Garden Club six times during the year on the second Saturday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. This is for interested gardeners who cannot attend the regular meetings which meet during the daytime in the work week. The first AGC meeting was Saturday, January 12th at the Grand Ledge Library and the program covered Winter Gardening, Club history, and upcoming Flower shows.

~ Cindy Langenberg, GLGC President

### **Garden Club of Greater Lansing**

Sticking with a theme developed by District IIB, this lovely tree was decorated as a Bee Pollinator for the Christmas tree display at the Turner Dodge Mansion in December.

The opening of the Festival of Trees at the historic Turner Dodge House was a festive occasion. There were trees on all three floors including the front parlor as well as the fire-place mantle. Folks were dressed both formally and casually. The dining room table was tempting with many appetizers and sweets. Live music played on all floors and added to the atmosphere.

Our GCGL tree highlighted the role of bees as pollinators and clear balls with bee stickers, pictures of flowers as ornaments, and small bottles of honey served as ornaments. A bee “hotel” a book about bees and our pamphlets were under the lit tree.

Thank you to Ann Schoals, Ronnie Poland, Jennie Bond, and Donna Craft who contributed to our tree.  
~ Sue Kesti



Erratum

The January 2019 IIB Gardener included an article about the tree submitted by the Across the Fence Post GC to the display at the Turner Dodge Mansion in December. Unfortunately, I inserted the wrong picture. To correct my error, I'm including the correct photo and re-publishing the article. My apologies to the garden club.



“Tea in the Garden” is this year’s theme of the Christmas tree decorated by **Across the Fence Post Garden Club** members for the Turner-Dodge House Christmas tree extravaganza. The tree was decorated in pink and green with dried *Allium cristophii* ‘Giganteum’ and ‘Purple Sensation’, *Artemisia ludoviciana* ‘Silver Queen’, *Hydrangea paniculata* ‘Limelight’ and ‘Bobo’, *Hydrangea arborescens* ‘Annabelle’, *Salix matsudana* ‘Tortuosa’ “Curly Willow”, *Chasmanthium latifolium* ‘Northern Sea Oats’ and *Vitis vinifera* ‘Grapevine.’ Also on the tree were tea cups with attached saucers, clothes pinned to the branches, and pink and lime green/white polka dot ribbons running the height of the tree. Clear lights, silver bulbs and pink fans finish the design. This is the fourth year the club has decorated a tree at Turner-Dodge with a different theme each year. Last year we were voted “favorite tree” by visitors and awarded a check.

Michigan State University Horticulture Workshop



MSU HORTICULTURE GARDENS

# Spring Make & Take

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019 12:30-5:00PM

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF CREATIVE FUN!  
 PLANT & SOIL SCIENCES BUILDING - MSU CAMPUS  
 1066 BOGUE ST. EAST LANSING, MI. 48824




THIS ENTERTAINING EVENT COMBINES 3 WORKSHOPS PLUS GOURMET DESSERTS, COFFEE, & TEA! ATTENDEES WILL CREATE THEIR OWN RUSTIC HAND-LETTERED GARDEN SIGN, HERBAL TEA POT, AND AIR PLANT WREATH!

FEATURING SARA KOERT OF LIGHT & SALT DESIGNS & STAFF MEMBERS OF THE MSU HORTICULTURE GARDENS!

\$52 2019 MEMBERS / \$62 GENERAL

REGISTER ON-LINE:  
[WWW.HRT.MSU.EDU/SP-REGISTER](http://WWW.HRT.MSU.EDU/SP-REGISTER)

12:30-1:00 PM  
REGISTRATION

1:00-2:00 PM  
HAND-LETTERED SIGN

2:00-2:15 PM  
BREAK

2:15-3:15 PM  
HERBAL TEA POT

3:15-4:00 PM  
GOURMET DESSERTS, COFFEE/TEA

4:00-5:00 PM  
AIR PLANT WREATH



## A Symphony of Orchids

Floral Designs with Orchids

February 23 - February 24, 2019

Entries may be placed on February 22  
between 1:30-7:30 p.m.  
Judging arrangements begins at 8:30 a.m. February 23  
Show open noon-5:00 p.m. February 23  
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. February 24

Plant and Soil Science Conservatory  
Michigan State University



"A Symphony of Orchids" is a part of the  
Greater Lansing Orchid Society  
Show and Sale

The **People's Choice Award** will be a new feature of this flower show. NGC certified judges will judge the show and award ribbons, but any Saturday visitors to the show will have a chance to pick their personal favorite from the amateur designs. The Peoples Choice Award winner will be announced on Sunday morning.

You may also enter any form of artwork that features orchids in the Greater Lansing Orchid Society Art Section of the show. Contact Carol Ann Stucht for entry information. [castuht@gmail.com](mailto:castuht@gmail.com)



## A Symphony of Orchids



Jenny Bond and Sue Wittick will co-chair the annual Orchid Flower Show in conjunction with the Greater Lansing Orchid Society Show (GLOS) and Sale in the MSU Plant and Soil Science Conservatory on February 23-24, 2019. The [schedule](#) for this show has been posted on the IIB website. To register for classes, please contact Sue Wittick.

With the help of GLOS members, we hope to have orchids to distribute to those attending the IIB Designer's workshop on February 20th, 10 am—noon at the Michigan Nature Association in Okemos.

Pre-registration is only required for classes 113 and 114. There will be only 4 entries for each of these classes.

Class 113 *Syncopated Rhythms*—A creative multi-rhythmic design staged in a black niche 36" high and 22" wide (provided by the committee.) **One opening.**

Class 114 *After the Curtain Falls*—A functional table for one on the designer's tray. Staged on a wooden TV table with a top measuring 18.5" x 15.5" (provided by the committee.) Must include a floral design sized appropriately for the tray. The napkin may not be placed on the plate. (A functional table is set for the actual service of food, with the exception of eating utensils.) **Three openings.**

There is no limit on the number of designs that may be entered for classes 107—112.

**To register for classes 113 and 114, to volunteer as a clerk (to assist the judges), or for additional information, contact Sue Wittick, [witticks@gmail.com](mailto:witticks@gmail.com) or 517-242-8259.**



## Top Awards

Trophy for top design in classes 108-114

Trophy for top designs in professional class 107

Marilyn J. Lee Award for best amateur design (classes 108-114)

People Choice Award (classes 108-114) selected by viewers on Saturday.

**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*

**MGC District IIB**

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

**Password: 2bgardeners**



**Central Region, NGC**

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

Login: *member*





Schedules for our March, 2019 **Gourmet Gardening** flower show are available 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 identifies a consultant to contact for each class. Pre-registration is not needed for most horticulture classes.

At this point, we only have one class opening (see below.)

Please think about what you have that would help with the staging and décor for this show. You can bring your contributions on Wednesday afternoon, March 13th, or drop them off with any of the flower show committee members. (See Flower Show Schedule, page 2.)



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

Section	Class	Type	# Openings	Consultant	Phone	E-Mail
Design B– Tables	8) "Farm to Table"	Functional table for three	1	Kathi Dominguez	517-927-4665	Dominguezk@comcast.net



Please consider signing up to serve as a floor **host** during the District IIB Flower Show. Hosts are needed to watch over the Flower Show Exhibits during all hours when the Home and Garden Show is open to the public. Several members work together during a time slot. Each time slot is approximately 2 1/2 - 3 hours in length. Garden club members can sign on individually, or in groups - which is always a fun way to work. These time slots fill up quickly, so please get your names in early to assure you'll get the day and time that best suits your schedule.

We are also looking for four volunteers (two per judging panel) to **clerk** during the judging of the District IIB Flower Show. Date and time to clerk, takes place on Thursday, March 14th, 2019, from approximately 12:00 noon until 3:00 pm. That includes a pre-judging meeting and the actual judging on the flower show floor.

To sign up to be a **clerk** or a **host**, please contact Kathi Dominguez, 517-927-4665 or [dominguezk@comcast.net](mailto:dominguezk@comcast.net).

**Michigan State University Horticulture Therapy Conference & Workshop**




The [Michigan Horticulture Therapy Association](#) (MHTA) will hold its 35th annual conference, "Horticultural Therapy: Connecting People and Plants," on Friday, March 7, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at MSU's Plant and Soil Sciences Building.

The keynote address "Horticultural Therapy: A Continuum" will be presented by Nancy Chambers, Horticultural Therapist Registered (HTR), and Gwenn Fried. Chambers has more than 30 years of experience and leadership in planning and managing public horticulture programs to meet educational, vocational, social and therapeutic needs. Fried is the manager of [Horticultural Therapy Services](#) at [NYU Langone Medical Center](#) in New York City where she directs one of the largest and most diverse horticultural therapy programs in the United States.

**Agricultural and Natural Resources Week at MSU, March 7-8**

Michigan State University and the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources extends a cordial welcome to visitors to Agriculture and Natural Resources Week (formerly Farmers Week). The nation's pioneer land-grant college was founded more than 150 years ago, guided by a philosophy to serve all the people of the state, an idea that still prevails today. Click [here](#) for more information.



- A February 2 **Groundhog Day**
- B February 3 **Grand Ledge GC, *The Importance of Pollinator Gardening***, presented by Sue Spanguolo, Executive Director, Eaton Conservation District. We will all make a bee nesting tube to take home. 1:00 pm, Log Jam Restaurant, 110 W. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge
- C February 4 **Looking Glass GC, *The Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance program (MAEAP)***, presented by Lindsay Martin from the Clinton County Conservation District. 6:30 pm, United Methodist Church, Wacousta.
- D February 5 **Mason Sycamore Creek GC, *Breaking the Grass Ceiling: The Rise of Women in Agriculture***, presented by Dr. Wynne Wright, Professor of Community Sustainability and Sociology at MSU. 6 pm, Mason Historical Museum 200 E. Oak St., Mason.
- E February 11 **Williamston RC GC meeting, *Gardening Without Bending***, presented by Jolanta Piecuch. 12 noon, Williamston Area Senior Center, 201 School Street, Williamston.
- F February 11 **The GC of Greater Lansing, *Bonsai Basics***, presented by Jerrrie Nichols of the Mid-Michigan Bonsai Club. 9:30—noon, followed by ***Soup and Salad Luncheon***, Grace United Methodist Church, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing. ***Making Valentines for Vets***, 1:00 pm.
- G February 11 **Meridian Garden Club *Morgan Composting***, presented by Sue McAllister. 8:30 am, Meridian Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos.
- H February 12 **Across the Fence Post GC, *Discussion of Spring Money Maker Project***, 6:30 pm, McDonald's Restaurant in Perry.
- I February 13 **Hartland GC, meeting, *Fostering the Unconventional***, presented by Glen Pace, Pace Gardens. 7 pm, Hartland Senior Center, 9525 Highland Road, Howell.
- J February 14 **Valentine's Day** 
- K February 14 **DeWitt Millennium GC, *Two Women and a Hoe***, presented by Jan Bills. 6:30 pm, Redeemer United Methodist Church, 13980 Schavey Road, DeWitt.
- L February 14 **Brighton GC, *Smart Gardening for Plant Disease Prevention***, presented by Irene Donne, Consumer Horticulture Extension Educator for Livingston County. 10:00 am, Brighton Community Center, 555 Brighton Street, Brighton.
- M February 18 **Presidents' Day**
- N February 19 **IIB Photographers meeting, *Winter Photography***, 1:30 pm, Michigan Nature Association, 2310 Science Parkway, Okemos.
- O February ? **Williamston RC GC workshop, *Assemble Kits to Make Birdhouses***, Carol Granger's home, 2391 Meech Road, Williamston
- P February 20 **Mason Sycamore Creek Youth GC, *"Saved Seed" Book, Harvesting and Saving Seeds Activity, and Mini-Greenhouses Make & Take***. 5:30 pm, Mason Public Library, 145 West Ash Street, Mason.
- Q February 20 **IIB Designers, *Anything Goes***, Freedom of Style Design. 10:00 am -12:00 noon, Michigan Nature Association, 2310 Science Parkway, Okemos.
- R February 21 **IIB Steering Committee meeting**, 1:00 pm, Michigan Nature Association, 2310 Science Parkway, Okemos.
- S February 23 **A Symphony of Orchids Flower Show**, co-chaired by Jenny Bond and Sue Wittick. Part of the Greater Lansing Orchid Society Show and Sale, noon—5 pm, Plant and Soil Science Conservatory, MSU.
- T February 24 **A Symphony of Orchids Flower Show**, 11:00 am—4 pm
- U February 27 **Howell GC, *Our Changing Eco System***, presented by Yu Man Lee, Conservation Scientist/Zoologist, MSU. Soup and Bread refreshments. Wear something red or pink to celebrate Valentine's month. 6 pm, Hulbert Safety Complex-EMS, 1911 Tooley Road, Howell

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 or club member 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, witticks@gmail.com.

*Additional Opportunities for Your Consideration...*



The MSU Main Library is collecting data about community interest in a MSU Seed Garden/Library and has developed a brief survey for that purpose. Here's the link: <https://goo.gl/forms/AmL55H6E8XIRZI8D3> Thanks for taking a moment to express your interest!  
 ~ Eric Tans, Science Collections Coordinator, Environmental Sciences Librarian, MSU, 517-884-7808, [tans@msu.edu](mailto:tans@msu.edu)

A **Master Gardener Training Program** will be held at the Ingham County Fairgrounds Community Center in Mason on Monday evenings from **March 7, 2019 to June 13, 2019**.  
**Time: 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.**

The cost is \$325.00, which includes the 1,000 page training manual. The registration deadline is February 15th for those paying by check and February 22 for those paying by credit card.

To register or for additional information click [here](#) or contact Diane Brown, [Rytlews1@msu.edu](mailto:Rytlews1@msu.edu), 517-676-7207.





*Your club news could be listed here!*

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



# February 2019



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 <sup>A</sup> 
3 <sub>B</sub>	4 <sub>C</sub>	5 <sub>D</sub>	6	7	8	9
10	11 <sub>E, F, G</sub>	12 <sub>H</sub>	13 <sub>I</sub>	14  <sub>J, K, L</sub>	15	16
17	18 <sub>M</sub>	19 <sub>N</sub>	20 <sub>P, Q</sub>	21 <sub>R</sub>	22	23 <sub>S</sub>
24 <sub>T</sub>	25	26	27 <sub>U</sub>	28		