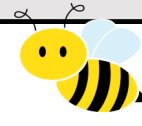




The IIB Gardener



May, 2019



Barbara Ann Ketchum

1952-2019

Barb Ketchum, a member of the Mason Sycamore Steering Committee, passed away suddenly on our Spring IIB District Meeting. She will be



Creek Garden Club and our District IIB April 10th. Her last big project was planning greatly missed.

What follows on this page, are fond memories collectively, present a image of this remarkable

from some of her garden club friends who, woman. The background photo is a Lenten

rose (*Helleborus orientalis*) that Barb took for a IIB Photographers' project.

Barb shared a special place in my grand-daughter Lucy's life. It was Lucy's favorite time going to Barbs to set up her fairy garden and Barb bought Lucy her first grumpy troll.. ~Sharon Rodgers

I have a photo hanging in my bathroom of coneflowers, with butterflies and a tree frog. Barb took that on one of our spur-of-the-moment road trips. ~Marty



Each time I spent with Barb was special.

I will truly miss Barb's leadership skills, but most of all I will miss her friendship. ~ Diann Jackman

Barb was quiet but had creative ideas, many that we implemented. One was making bees out of donated golf balls. ~Lynn Keelan

You knew if Barb was along we were going to have a great time!

One of my favorite memories was one garden club Christmas party when we had a white elephant gift exchange. Barb unwrapped some black "skeleton" flamingos to go in her yard. We laughed so hard at her gift and how she was going to pawn them off on the next person. I think she secretly left them in another persons yard. She had a great sense of humor. ~Susan Linton

I miss you dear friend. ~Jennifer Hansen.

Barb was a blessing from God. ~Janet Houston

Barb knew how to think "out of the box!" ~Sue Wittick

It was a joy working with Barb. ~Kathy Mikuska

My favorite Memories with Barb Ketchum are all the fun projects we created and shared in our club.



I always think of Barb when I look at the plantings around the Museum, which will continue to be a living memorial for her. She and her husband put in countless hours there during her term as president.

Barb was a Special person always giving to others and caring about their needs.

She loved travel, gardening, riding her horse, eating out, road trips even if we made a wrong turn.

Barb was a very friendly, caring, and helpful individual. ~Julie Partee

I met Barb at the 2019 Flower Show. She was friendly and helpful!

A very creative person!

She was quick witted, kind and generous.

I was always amazed at how much Barb could get done and coordinate at the same time. A true multi-tasker!

Barb was my garden club mentor.

Barb always went out of her way to make me feel welcome and included. She was one of those people who are such a joy to know. I will forever think of her riding her horse on the wooded trails in heaven. ~Vickie

Barb was kind, friendly, competent, creative, and productive. ~Jenny Bond

Barb Ketchum welcomed us to IIB events.

I will always remember our times in the pool..

Introducing the New IIB District Steering Committee members for 2019-2021



The new IIB Steering Committee will begin its term of service on June 1, 2019. The members are Anne Crimmins, District Director (Hartland Home and GC); Ronnie Polad (GC Greater Lansing), Treasurer; Laura Grainger (Mason Sycamore Creek GC); Jolanta Piecuch (Meridian GC and Williamston Red Cedar GC); and Ann Schoals (GC Greater Lansing).



Anne
Crimmins



Ronnie
Polad

Anne and Ronnie were introduced in the April IIB newsletter. Jolanta, and Ann are introduced below.



My name is **Jolanta Piecuch**. I have a Master of Science degree in chemistry, a certificate in Environmental Protection Chemistry and taught high school chemistry. I am originally from Poland and learned English at the age of 34 when I came for the first time to the United States. Contrary to many gardeners, I did not start gardening as a child laborer in my family garden because we did not have a garden. Instead I grew up among houseplants.



I believe that learning and planning is the most important part of creating anything, gardens included. For the past 21 years I have been gardening in my front and back yard, my basement, and all rooms in my house (houseplants). I quickly became very proficient in gardening, and I still love learning about different gardening and environmental issues we are facing today. I am passionate about native pollinators and as an MSU Certified Pollinator Champion, I keep my small, city garden pollinator friendly.

I am a member of the Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club where I am currently the 2nd vice president, and I am also a member of the Meridian Garden Club too.

It is an honor to be a part of the famous District IIB Steering Committee, and I hope that our group's work will be as good as that of the former committee.

I am a member of both IIB Photographers and IIB Crafters.



My name is **Ann Schoals**, I have been with the Garden Club of Greater Lansing since 1989. I am closing out my second term as president of our club. I enjoy gardening and entering flower shows to generally win fourth place! I also like to knit and read and am known around Bath as the "Crazy Cat Lady".

I work part time as a manager of a small public housing complex in Bath and enjoy going to our boat in AuGres in the summer.

I hope I can bring some of my talents (whatever they may be?) to help out with the IIB District Steering Committee. The group has so much enthusiasm! It should be fun working with them.

District IIB Incoming Steering Committee Members

Anne Crimmins, District Director
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Ronnie Polad, Treasurer
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Jolanta Piecuch
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Laura Grainger
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Ann Schoals
PO Box 12, Bath, MI 48808-0012; bathien@frontier.com; 517-281-1101



Send us
your ideas
for IIB!

District IIB Steering Committee



Lynn Keelan, Howell Garden Club, 517-304-3329, boomerage47@yahoo.com, 2765 Earl Lake Road, Howell, 48843-8613 - District Director

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

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

Any IIB club member is welcome to attend District IIB Steering Committee meetings. The next IIB Steering Committee Meeting will be May 14, 1:30 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

After a very fickle April, I am ready for May with its lawn mowing, garden planting, and spring blooms!

This is my last month as IIB Director serving on our current Steering Committee. Sadly the team lost Barbara Ketchum in April, but we have accomplished much together and saved our identity as District IIB.

Several other districts will have new leadership as well as MGC itself. Janet Hickman (District V) will be installed as MGC President in June and Monica Taylor (District IV) as first Vice President. They will rise to the challenge of growing membership and furthering the mission and objectives of our organization.

I am so proud to be a member of our wonderful district. I enjoyed visiting clubs, attending club and district events, and installing club officers. We are an active group of gardeners, sharing an awesome array of talents that result in outstanding meetings, flower shows and a multitude of projects and activities. It will be exciting to see new directions emerge for IIB from the ideas of a brand-new Steering Committee.

I am grateful to Peggy, Sue and Barb for serving with me. We developed strong friendships as well as a strong leadership team.

Peggy Bryson, Treasurer, Website Administrator

Generous donors at the April 18 District meeting contributed over \$1,000 toward an MGC scholarship to be awarded in the name of Barb Ketchum, recently deceased District IIB event coordinator. If you wish to contribute, please send your check, payable to MGC District IIB, to district treasurer Peggy Bryson by May 20.



As the fiscal year draws to a close, I am happy to report that District finances are in great shape. (You can find monthly treasurer reports and checking account reconciliations on the District website under District News / Financial.) There is plenty of funding available for Grow and Share grants, so if your club needs a little help funding a community project, don't hesitate to apply. The application is simple to complete and turnaround time is faster than you might expect. You can find the form 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. 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, 517-242-8259.



Sue Wittick, Communications, Fund Raising, Interest Groups

It has been a joy to work with District IIB as a member of our Steering Committee. Now I'm excited to see what new directions the new group will take!



Lynn, Peggy and I are leaving the district with a newsletter, a logo, a website, a variety of Interest Groups, and money in the treasury. As a IIB member, I have developed many new friendships, increased my understanding of our 16 clubs, and expanded my pride in our standing among the other MGC districts. It all feels good!

Thank you for sharing so many super ideas and for supporting our efforts. It's all our wonderful members who make IIB so strong.



A Life Celebration for Barb Ketchum will be held at her home on Saturday, May 18 from 1 - 4 pm.

Barb's husband's name is Bruce and the address is 1036 W. Barnes Rd, Mason.

If you would like, you could bring a spring bulb or two to plant along the trail where Barb loved to ride her horse.



At our District Meeting on May 18th, members generously contributed over \$1,000 toward a scholarship in memory of Barb Ketchum. This scholarship will be given by District IIB to a deserving student at MSU, Barb's alma mater. Additional contributions may be sent to IIB Treasurer, Peggy Bryson, before May 20th. Depending on the amount collected, we may be able to give more than one scholarship—perhaps one in the fall of 2019 and one in the fall of 2020.

Peggy's address is 5512 Jessael, Bath, 48808-9791, Your check should be made payable to District IIB.

Memorial donations may also be made to Chum Therapeutic Riding, <https://www.chumtherapy.net/> or the Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club (in care of Diann Jackman, President, 768 W Howell Rd, Mason, MI 48854.)



Volunteers Needed



District IIB will be hosting the **Michigan Garden Club Conference in June 2020**. We are seeking **volunteers** to work on the Conference Committee to plan and manage the event. If you would like to be involved, give me a call or send me an e-mail message. Planning these events can be fun and rewarding, and there are opportunities for everyone who wants to help!



Please let me know if you are interested **by May 15, 2019!**

Anne Crimmins, 248-342-7129, anne.dave@comcast.net



IIB Quilters

To join the IIB Quilters Interest Group, contact Anne Crimmins, 248-342-7129, anne.dave@comcast.net

NGC AWARDS for District IIB



CS-2(A) Kellogg Civic Achievement

Large Club

Brighton Garden Club 1st Place MI 1st Place Dist. IIB

CS-3(A) Fisher Garden Center

Large Club

Brighton Garden Club 1st Place MI 1st Place Dist. IIB

CS-4(A) Food Bank Donation

Large Club

Brighton Garden Club 1st Place MI 1st Place Dist. IIB

EC-1 Lucille Droege Mauntel Conservation

Large Club

Brighton Garden Club 1st Place MI 1st Place Dist. IIB

EC-5(A) Pollinators—Large Club

Brighton Garden Club 1st Place MI 1st Place Dist. IIB

MP-4(5A) Video/CD/DVD/Flash Drive

Medium Club

DeWitt Millennium Garden Club (M) 1st Place MI 1st Place Dist. IIB

Pub-1 (2A) Newsletter—Medium Club

Garden Club of Greater Lansing 2nd Place MI 1st Place Dist. IIB

DeWitt Millennium Garden Club 3rd Place MI 2nd Place Dist. IIB

Large Club

Brighton Garden Club 1st Place MI 1st Place Dist. IIB

Pub-2 (5A) Publications, Brochure

Medium Club

DeWitt Millennium Garden Club 2nd Place MI 1st Place Dist. IIB

Y-5 Youth Horticulture—Small Club

Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club 1st Place MI 1st Place Dist. IIB

MGC AWARDS

#1 Civic Beautification—Large Club

Brighton Garden Club 2nd Place MI 2nd Place Dist. IIB

#2 Civic Beautification/Wildflowers

Large Club

Brighton Garden Club 1st Place MI 1st Place Dist. IIB

#6 Elsie Cook Award for Landscape

Design Large Club

Brighton Garden Club 1st Place MI 1st Place Dist. IIB

#8-3 Native Trees—Small Club

Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club 1st Place MI 1st Place Dist. IIB

#9 Carolyn Gray Award of Merit

Small Club

Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club 1st Place MI 1st Place Dist. IIB

Medium Club

Garden Club of Greater Lansing 3rd Place MI 1st Place Dist. IIB

#14 Environmental

Large Club

Brighton Garden Club 1st Place MI 1st Place Dist. IIB



MGC AWARDS (continued)



#15B Share the Harvest

Large Club

Brighton Garden Club 1st Place MI 1st Place Dist. IIB

#15C Share the Harvest

Large Club

Brighton Garden Club 1st Place MI 1st Place Dist. IIB

#15C Share the Harvest

Small Club

Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club 2nd Place MI 1st Place Dist. IIB

#16 Holiday Trees

Medium Club

Garden Club of Greater Lansing 1st Place MI 1st Place Dist. IIB



Yearbooks

DISTRICT IIB				
YB-1	2	Mason Sycamore Creek	2nd	1st Place District IIB
	3	Grand Ledge Garden Club	2nd	1st Place District IIB
	3	The Garden Club of Greater Lansing		2nd Place District IIB
	3	Howell Garden Club		3rd Place District IIB
	3	Hartland Home & Garden Club		
	4	DeWitt Millennium Garden Club		2nd Place District IIB
	4	Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club	1st	1st Place District IIB
	5	Meridian Garden Club	1st	1st Place District IIB
	5	Brighton Garden Club		2nd Place District IIB



Youth Awards

Grade	Place	Garden Club	School	Teacher	Student	Project
2	1 st	Williamston RC	Discover Elem.	Jane Johnson	Madeline Sanborn	Poster
3	2 nd	Williamston RC	Explorer Elem.	Discover Elem.	Faye Hollosy	Poster
4	2 nd	Williamston RC	Explorer Elem.	Discover Elem.	Addisen Heaven	Poster
5	2 nd	Williamston RC	Explorer Elem.	Discover Elem.	Oliva Sokol	Poster
1	3 rd	Williamston RC	Discover Elem.	Discover Elem.	Hadley Edbergh	Poster
4	1 st	Williamston RC	Explorer Elem.	Discover Elem.	Ellie Gardner	Sculpture
5	2 nd	Williamston RC	Explorer Elem.	Discover Elem.	Kate Petersberg	Sculpture
12	1 st (tie)	Williamston RC	Williamston HS	Discover Elem.	Hailey Gauss	Essay

District IIB AWARDS

Marilyn J. Lee Awards for Civic Beautification

Williamston Garden Club
Howell Garden Club
DeWitt Millennium Garden Club

District IIB Award
District IIB Award
District IIB Award



Important Notice

Environmental Studies School will be coming to District IIB beginning in 2021. Ron Overton (Looking Glass GC) is Chair.

IIB Photographers

We are thrilled to report that one of our members was recently announced as one of 24 winners in the International Photography Competition for the National Garden Club's National Conference in Biloxi!, April 28-May 3. Jerry Bayer (Williamston Red Cedar GC) submitted a photograph of a very complex and dewy spider web. Congratulations, Jerry!

You can view all the winning photos on this link: <https://youtu.be/OxWIJ5sj-OE>

IIB Photographers will meet on May 20th, 1:30—3:30 pm, at Michigan Nature Association, 2310 Science Parkway, Okemos. The topic of discussion and practice will be **Cell Phone Photography**. We will start with the basics and continue until our time is up with groups for both I-Phones and Android phones. Bring your phones and your questions for a fun and educational afternoon!

To join the IIB Photographers Interest Group, contact Sue Wittick, 517-242-8259, witticks@gmail.com.

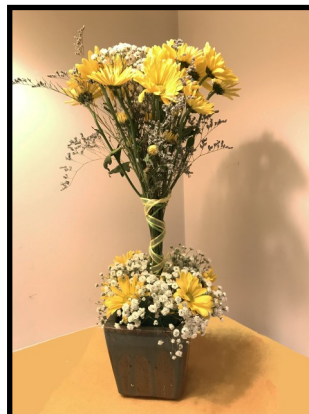


IIB Designers

The design group met on April 24th to make **topiaries**, a design class listed in the NGC Handbook for Flower Shows under Botanical Arts-Design.



Designs by Lois Snover-Hanson



Design by Sue Wittick



Terri Tomak with her design

To join IIB Designers, contact Kathi Dominguez, dominguezk@comcast.net, 517-669-5112. Our next meeting will be July 17th.

IIB Crafters

If you would like to join the IIB Crafters Interest Group or have a craft to share, contact Sue Wittick, 517-2428-259, witticks@gmail.com.



IIB Youth Gardeners

This group is looking forward to a tour of Christian's Greenhouse on May 21st, 6:00-8:00 pm.



If you would like to join the fun and have not participated previously in the IIB Youth Gardeners Interest Group, meet there (3750 E. Grand River Ave., Webberville) and bring a young person (elementary through HS grades) with you!

To join the IIB Youth Gardeners Interest Group, contact Ronnie Dush, ronniedush@gmail.com, 989-307-0248.

Additional Information for Club Yearbooks

Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. Incoming Officers

Janet Hickman, President

6136 Recreation Dr., PO 1278, Bellaire, MI 49615-8405; mgcpresident2019@gmail.com; 989-600-1390

Theme: *Plant America – Grow and Share*

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Nancy Smith, 4th Vice-President (Gardening & Conservation)

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Rosemary (Bunny) LaDuke, Treasurer

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Lois Anderson, Secretary



National Garden Clubs—Central Region

Jodi Meyer, Director; lulumeyer1957@gmail.com; 812-385-5891; Theme: *Bee A Petal Pusher-Plant America*

National Garden Clubs

Gay L. Austin, President-Elect; GayLAustin@gmail.com; 601-684-3952; Theme: *Plant America*



Janet Hickman, MGC, President-Elect

Janet lives in Bellaire, Michigan on Intermediate Lake with her husband Andy. Prior to moving to Bellaire they lived in Midland, Michigan for 40 years, where they raised two daughters. Janet has a BS degree in Chemistry from the University of Kansas and worked for The Dow Chemical Company for 31 years in Research, Regulatory Affairs and Marketing.

Janet is an Advanced Master Gardener. She is an NGC Master Gardening Consultant and an Environmental and Landscape Design Consultant. Since moving to Bellaire three years ago,

Janet and Andy are enjoying reclaiming and transforming the overgrown and neglected landscaping and shoreline around their home. Last year they put in a new pollinator garden along their driveway and are utilizing native plants to provide improved wildlife habitat along the shoreline. They have registered their lake property with The Million Pollinator Challenge, and have certified their property as a National Wildlife Habitat and a Monarch Way Station.

Janet served in various capacities in her club in Midland, Great Lakes' Gardeners, including President. Since moving up north, she joined The Friendly Garden Club of Traverse City. She has served three terms as MGC, Inc. Gardening Study School Chair and one term as Third Vice-President.

Janet and Andy are proud grandparents of 2 granddaughters, ages 4 and 1, and a grandson, age 3.

BLUE STAR MEMORIAL

**A tribute to the Armed Forces
that have defended the
United States of America**

Join the **Webberville Garden Club** on Saturday, May 25th at 11 am for the dedication of their **Blue Star Memorial** with a reception to follow. It all will happen at 118 Grand River Ave., in Webberville. Contact Julie Hath with any questions (517-468-3273, jhath@tds.net)

Now every club in District IIB will have a **Blue Star** Garden! Check it out on the map posted on our IIB website by clicking on "District Information." (Login info can be found on page 9 of this newsletter.)



News You can Use

Boxwood blight is detected in Michigan

Boxwood blight, a serious fungal disease that attacks boxwoods, has been detected for the first time in Michigan. The disease was found in Oakland County in three separate locations: a landscape firm, a homeowner's yard, and holiday wreaths for sale at a retail store. The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) was also notified by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection that infected boxwood may have been sold at other retail locations in Michigan.



"Boxwood blight is a devastating disease that has caused significant losses to homeowners and the nursery industry in states that already have the disease," said Gina Alessandri, director of MDARD's Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division.

[Read more on MichiganGardener.com...](#)

Protecting Bees



Various groups have published bee-friendly plant lists, but these lists often lack experimental data and rarely emphasize woody plants (flowering trees and shrubs)—a major component of urban landscapes.

Two researchers at the University of Kentucky set out to document which woody plants attracted bees in urban areas, and after countless hours of field work they published their results. You can access their easily-searchable database, selecting a variety of criteria specific to the conditions where you wish to plant. Click [here](#) to access this data base and other useful information generated from their research.

Butterfly Gardening in Your Own Backyard. On Friday, May 10, 6:00-7:00 pm, Michele Stanton, owner of the Butterfly Café plant nursery, 660 Grovenburg Road, Mason, will discuss how and why to garden for butterflies, bees and hummingbirds. Registration is required; call [517-676-9088](tel:517-676-9088).



This is a cool web site which helps you select native plants that attract beneficial bees and insects. Patty Cotter (Meridian GC) thought it would be helpful for our pollinator gardens.

She also reports that Holly Harper, Entomology Graduate Student at MSU, and Logan Rowe, Dept of Entomology, have a created great presentation called "Good Guys in the Garden."

Click [here](#) for the MSU Dept. of Entomology Plant Search Tool.



Thanks, Patty, for the tips!

Flower Show Erratum



There was an error in the April issue of IIB Gardener in the listing of the winner of the District Director's Award for Horticulture. It was awarded to Sherry Sevic (Webberville GC) for her Streptocarpus 'Falling Stars,' which is pictured here.

Congratulations Sherry!

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

Password: *7states*

MGC District IIB

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

Password: *2bgardeners*

The Hartland Home and Garden Club held its annual Tea on April 24. Eighty-four attendees listened to Carolyn Graves, a storyteller. The tables were cheerfully decorated by individual members and served as a beautiful backdrop for several sandwiches, scones with cream and preserves, followed by several dessert choices. The basket contest helped raise even more money for the continued renovation of the native garden for the Cromaine Library.

Each table was uniquely and beautifully set and provided charm to the occasion.



The Meridian Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale on Friday, May 17th in the Meridian Township Farmer's Market Pavilion, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. Perennials, "garden goodies," baked goods, tomato plants, and native plants from *Designs by Nature* will be featured. The sale will last from 9 am—2 pm. District IIB volunteers will also be selling our pollinator pins and earrings.

Across the Fence Post Garden Club will participate in the Laingsburg Spring Festival on Saturday, May 18th. Members will be walking with their "float" in the parade and handing out milkweed seeds to viewers. They will also have a fund-raising booth in front of the Early Childhood Development Center, selling perennials and baked goods. The parade begins at 11 am. Their booth will be open from 9 am—2 pm. The photos below are from last year's event.





The DeWitt Millennium Garden Club will hold its annual geranium sale with pick up of orders (previously placed) on Tuesday, May 14th from 3-7 pm, on Wednesday, May 15th, 10 am—6 pm., 911 West Main Street, DeWitt.

The Garden Club of Greater Lansing learned how to make Tussie Mussies at their April meeting. Lois Snover-Hanson (Meridian GC) was the presenter.



*Your club news could be listed in the next IIB Gardener newsletter!
Please send articles to Anne Crimmins by the 20th of the month for the next issue.*

- A May 1 May Day 
- B May 1 **Webberville GC, *The History of May Baskets***. 6 pm, Spartan Center, 202 N. Main St., Webberville.
- C May 6 **Looking Glass GC, *Invasive Species—What’s the Big Deal and What Can You Do?*** Presented by Phyllis Higman, Michigan Natural Features Inventory, and Clair Peterson, MSU Applied Spatial Ecology and Technical Services. 6:30 pm, United Methodist Church, Wacousta.
- D May 7 **Mason Sycamore Creek GC, *Business Meeting and Potluck***. 6 pm, Wolverine Engineers, 312 North Street, Mason. Bring a dish to pass.
- E May 8 **Hartland GC, meeting, *Hoedown at the Cromaïne Library***. 6:45 pm, 3688 Hartland Road, Hartland. Short business meeting; then work in the garden.
- F May 8 **Mason Sycamore Creek Youth GC, *Pollination Fun and Honeybees***, presented by Donna Craft, Bunker Hill Bee Farm + ***Mother’s Day Make & Take***. 5:30 pm, Pink School House, 200 E. Oak St., Mason.
- G May 9 **DeWitt Millennium GC, *Annual Membership Meeting, Installation of Officers, Potluck, and Horticulture Give and Take***. 6:30 pm, Redeemer United Methodist Church, 13980 Schavey Road, DeWitt. Bring a dish to pass and division from your perennials to swap.
- H May 9 **Green Thumb GC, *Hanging Basket Sale***. 12-3 pm set up for sale.
- I May 9 **Brighton GC, *Woodchucks, Chipmunks and Deer—Oh My!*** Presented by Holly Vaughn, Wildlife Communications Coordinator, Michigan Department of Natural Resources. 10:00 am, Brighton.
- J May 10 **Green Thumb GC, *Hanging Basket Sale***. 1-6 pm.
- K May 11 **Green Thumb GC, *Hanging Basket Sale***. 10 am-1 pm.
- L May 12 **Mother’s Day** 
- M May 13 **Williamston RC GC meeting, *The Development of a Fern Garden***, presented by Jane Johnson. 12 noon, Williamston Area Senior Center, 201 School Street, Williamston.
- N May 13 **The GC of Greater Lansing Annual Meeting, *Planting a Garden Symphony***, presented by Sandra Wilkins. 9:30 am—3 pm, Grand Ledge Country Club, 5811 E. St Joe Hwy., Grand Ledge. ***Plant Exchange*** at 2 pm.
- O May 13 **Mi Nursery and Landscape Association** presents 2018 Community Landscape Beautification Award to **Meridian GC**. 10 am to noon, Meridian Township Hall, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos.
- P May 14 **Across the Fence Post GC, *Finalize Plans for Laingsburg Spring Festival***, 6:30 pm, at the McDonald’s Restaurant in Perry.
- Q May 14 **IIB Steering Committee meeting**, 1:30 pm, Michigan Nature Association, 2310 Science Parkway, Okemos.
- R May 15 **Grand Ledge GC, *Geranium Sale***. 10 am, 6398 St. Joe Hwy, Grand Ledge.
- S May 17 **Meridian Garden Club *Plant Sale***. 9 am—2 pm, Meridian Township Farmers Market Pavilion, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos.
- T May 17 **Meridian Garden Club *Work on Meridian Police and Fire Station Gardens with HS athletes***. Set up 8 am, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. Work with students 9 am—noon.
- U May 18 **Barbara Ann Ketchum, *Celebration of Life***. 1—4 pm, 1036 W. Barnes Road, Mason.
- V May 18 **Across the Fence Post GC, *Handing out Milkweed Seeds with our “Float” in the Laingsburg Spring Festival Parade + a Fund Raising Booth with Perennials and Baked Goods for sale***. The parade begins at 11 am. Sales from 9 am—2 pm.
- W May 20 **Meridian Garden Club *Opening the Gardens in the Meridian Historical Village and Installation of Officers***. Business meeting begins at 9 am. Meridian Township Hall, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos.
- X May 20 **IIB Photographers meeting, *Cell Phone Photography***, 1:30 pm, Michigan Nature Association, 2310 Science Parkway, Okemos.

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 future submissions for the newsletter to Anne Crimmins, anne.dave@comcast.net.

May Garden Club Meetings and Special Events (continued from previous page)



- Y May 21 **Grand Ledge GC, Memorial Tree Dedication Ceremony and Club Meeting.** 1 pm, Trinity Episcopal Church, 210 E. Jefferson, Grand Ledge.
- Z May 21 **Marshall Area GC, Horticulture Customs of Michigan's Chippewa and Ottawa Tribes,** presented by Gail Woods. 6:30-9:00, Marshall United Methodist Church at 721 US 27 North.
- AA May 21 **IIB Youth Gardeners, Tour of Christian's Greenhouse,** 3750 E. Grand River Ave., Webberville. 6:00-8:00 pm. Bring a young person (elementary through HS grades) with you!
- BB May 22 **Mason Sycamore Creek Youth GC, How Do We Get Water in our Homes?,** presented by Ken Baker, DPW Director, City of Mason + **Planting Vegetable Gardens.** 5:30 pm, Pink School House, 200 E. Oak St., Mason.
- CC May 22 **Howell GC, Avid Gardener Cautions,** presented by Dr. Francisca Kartono. 6 pm, Hulbert Safety Complex-EMS, 1911 Tooley Road, Howell.
- DD May 23 **Green Thumb GC, Planting Annuals in Community Gardens.** 6 pm., meet at Veteran's Park, Broadway & High Streets, Union City. Community Center, 555 Brighton Street, Brighton.
- EE May 25 **Webberville GC, Blue Star Memorial Dedication.** 11 am with reception to follow, 118 Grand River Ave, Webberville.
- FF May 27 **Memorial Day**
- GG May 29 **Howell GC Club Outing, Telly's Greenhouse and Garden Center,** 3301 John R Road, Troy.

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			1 A, B May Day	2	3	4
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12 L MOTHER'S DAY	13 M, N,	14 P, Q	15 R	16	17 S, T	18 U, V Barb Ketchum Celebration of Life
19	20 W, X	21 Y, Z, AA	22 BB, CC	23 DD	24	25 EE
26	27 FF MEMORIAL DAY	28	29 GG	30	31	