

THE GARDENER

BRINGING YOU THE LATEST BUZZ STRAIGHT FROM THE GARDEN

DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Good morning from snowy Michigan!

I'm watching the downy woodpecker picking seeds from the bird feeder outside the kitchen window at my sister's house this snowy morning. We're snowed in! So, we're going to spend the day quilting. We were inspired by designs shown at the **IIB Quilting Group**, which met recently in Okemos. We are still working out how often and when we will meet so if you are interested, contact Linda Mogyoros (Meridian GC) at 517.712.2622 or turtlehatch@att.net. The group is a mix of novice and experienced quilters and we hope to learn from each other.

Thanks to all of you who invited me and members of your steering committee to your holiday functions. It was so nice to meet so many of you in person, talk about gardening, laugh and enjoy great food!

This newsletter is yours. Send us your photos and articles of your club having fun. Your adventures may inspire others. We are unsure of the impact of this newsletter and are considering alternative ways to communicate. All suggestions are welcome. We invite you to use midistrictIIB@gmail.com to communicate with us.

I'm already looking forward to Spring! My pile of catalogs is increasing, and my restraint is decreasing!

Happy Gardening Dreams!

Anne

TREASURER'S REPORT OF DISTRICT FINANCES

District IIB finances are in good shape. We are gearing up for the 2020 State Conference in June. We need lots of volunteers and every club that participates will share in the revenue from the conference. Please contact Ann Schoals if you are willing to help out.

If you help out, make sure that you don't pay sales tax for items for which you will be reimbursed. Sales tax exemption forms were sent to every club president to be used when purchasing items or negotiating for services. This also pertains to any items purchased for IIB as well.

Each club is also being asked to submit a Silent Auction item for the conference. Individuals are also welcome to submit items for the auction, as well as vendors you do business with who may be interested in donating. See the District Website (www.mgcdistrict2b.weebly.com) for the conference silent auction donation and description forms.

Ronnie, District Treasurer

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE FOR BARBARA ANN KETCHUM

MICHIGAN GARDEN CLUBS, INC. (MGC) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1500.00 FOR THE BARBARA ANN KETCHUM SCHOLARSHIP, A CHECK FOR HAZEL ANDERSON TO BE APPLIED TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021, A STUDENT ENROLLED IN PLANT BIOLOGY AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MGC SCHOLARSHIP FUND COME FROM MEMBER CLUBS AND INDIVIDUALS IN SUPPORT OF MGC OBJECTIVES, SPECIFICALLY THESE:

1. TO OPERATE ON A NON-PROFIT BASIS AND SOLELY FOR THE BENEVOLENT, CHARITABLE, SCIENTIFIC AND
2. EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES CONDUCIVE TO THE WELL-BEING OF THE COMMUNITY AND USEFUL TO THE
3. PUBLIC.
4. TO AID IN THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES, TO PROTECT CIVIC BEAUTY AND
5. ENCOURAGE THE IMPROVEMENT OF ROADSIDES AND PARKS AND PROMOTE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT.
6. TO ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST IN ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING BOTANICAL GARDENS AND HORTICULTURAL CENTERS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND THE ENJOYMENT AND EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC.
7. TO ADVANCE THE FINE ART OF GARDENING, OF LANDSCAPE DESIGN, OF FLORAL DESIGN AND THE STUDY OF HORTICULTURE.
8. TO FURTHER HORTICULTURAL EDUCATION, CONSERVATION AND LANDSCAPE DESIGN THROUGH GIFT SCHOLARSHIPS.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY PUBLICITY THAT MSU GENERATES REGARDING THIS GIFT.

IF THERE ARE ANY EVENTS ON CAMPUS RECOGNIZING THE RECEIPT OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP, PLEASE INFORM OUR MGC AGENT DESIGNATED TO WORK WITH MSU, JOLANTA PIECUCH, SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR FOR MSU, JOLANTAPIECUCH@YAHOO.COM OR (517) 655-9869.

ALYCE DOSS, SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR, MICHIGAN GARDEN CLUBS, INC., 4740 HEDGESTONE CT., HOLLAND MI 4942, 616 335-3394, AGDOSSDESIGNS@GMAIL.NET.



Meridian Holiday Luncheon December 16, 2019



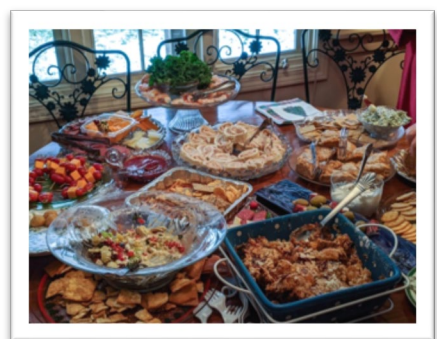
Marshall City Street
Urns filled for the Holidays November 29
Members of the Marshall Area Garden Club
 filled the downtown urns with snowmen and Christmas trees, then added evergreen boughs and ornaments. Pictured are volunteers: Cherie Riser, Jamie Evans and Pam Munsie.



Mason-Sycamore Creek Garden Club
December 3: So much fun at our annual holiday gathering sharing great food, lots of laughs and a garden gift exchange. What an awesome group of garden loving friends! A few of us decked the halls with an impromptu wreath making session.



The Garden Club of Greater Lansing Christmas Tea, December 16, 2019





THE 2020 CORN PROJECT

ORGANIZED BY

THE GARDEN CLUB OF GREATER LANSING &
VANATTA'S GREENHOUSE AND FLOWER SHOP

The 2020 Corn Project of the Garden Club of Greater Lansing (GCGL) is under way. GCGL partners with Van Atta's Greenhouse and Flower Shop to provide 3" soil filled pots and seeds to kindergartners and first graders in the greater Lansing area. This project fosters future gardeners and promotes a love of nature. It is one of the many programs that is funded by our annual greens market.

This is the 41st year that the Garden Club of Greater Lansing will be presenting its Corn Project. It was started in 1979 by the late Mae Burgess with just 7 schools in Lansing. Last year we served 28 schools and over 3,000 students from Potterville to Haslett. This year's co-chairs, Sandy Oleson and Sherry McCue, are busy contacting schools and gathering supplies. This year's delivery date is Tuesday, April 14. Volunteer drivers may sign up at the February club meeting.

Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club December 1 - Today we made over 70 "Cups of Love" and delivered them to several places in our area.



DeWitt Millennium Garden Club Wildflower Meadows Award

Contributor: Bernadine Bennett

One of Michigan Garden Clubs' primary projects, for the next two years, is promoting **Pollinator Gardens**. Our activities at MGC and the local clubs all align with this overall initiative. While much has been done to promote awareness of the importance of all pollinators to the overall health of our eco-system and to Michigan's agriculture/floriculture industry,

it is incumbent on each and every one of us to stand up and **BEE counted** for recognizing and acting upon the fundamental importance of pollinators and what each of us CAN do, as individuals, to provide pollinator habitat, preserving and protecting one of our most important natural resources.



We can have an impact when we teach not only our youth about pollinators, but also our communities, and our legislators. DeWitt Millennium Garden Club, Inc. did that in November. **Schroeder Homes** has had a 15 acres Wildflower Meadow Pollinator Garden, only a few blocks from downtown, for several years. Residents drove by it daily, but never gave it too much thought, as it changed colors from yellow, to lavender, and to blue, and to white, depending on what plant was blossoming at the time. Just another garden among the 9 areas on Bridge Street that DMGC tends each year.

National and State Garden Clubs' attention to the restoration of the declining population of pollinators in the world and the pollinator sign, designed for Carol Brodbeck's service as MGC Past President, reminded DMGC that we had a wonderful garden project right there in our area which we could get registered in the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge. Schroeder Builders registered this wonderful garden and DMGC presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation and 3 pollinator signs, to go next to their street signs, in a little ceremony at the offices. What a pleasant experience for everyone!

Schroeder's efforts now have a huge potential to make a lasting difference and fundamental change in how the public, and they, themselves, think about pollinators and connect them with the health of our environment. They have invited the public to walk the paths and enjoy the meadow.

DMGC appreciates the huge and spectacular pollinator gardens, which surround the entire beautiful subdivision properties on Bridge, Geneva and Herbison Streets. We thank them for their environmental forethought and registering of the garden.

All non-club members may register their pollinator gardens. Help a friend register and report it to your president or officer responsible for the count in the president's report. It is interesting to see who is registered. I found General Motors' Delta Township pollinator garden registered with NGC. Who would have thought?!

DISTRICT IIB STEERING COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETINGS

Meets every 3rd Wednesday at 1:00 PM, Michigan Nature Association, Okemos, MI

MICHIGAN GARDEN CLUBS, INC. 2020 CONFERENCE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meets Monthly

Contact Ann Schools to help create a wonderful event hosted by District IIB!
Pre-Conference, Conference, and Post-Conference support is needed.

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DISTRICT IIB MEMBER CLUB MONTHLY MEETINGS

Looking Glass Garden Club

1st Monday

Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club

1st Tuesday

Webberville Garden Club

1st Wednesday

The Garden Club of Greater Lansing

2nd Monday

Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club

*2nd Monday
(except July & August)*

Across the Fence Post Garden Club

*2nd Tuesday
September through June
(except November)*

Hartland Home & Garden Club

2nd Wednesday

Dewitt Millennium Garden Club

2nd Thursday

Brighton Garden Club

2nd Thursday

Meridian Garden Club

*3rd Monday
(except Jun, July & August)*

Marshall Home & Garden Club

3rd Tuesday

Howell Garden Club

3rd Wednesday

Grand Ledge Garden Club

4th Tuesday

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

IIB Photographers will meet on Monday, February 24th, 1:30-3:30 at the Michigan Nature Association, 2310 Science Parkway, Okemos. Melinda Pope (Meridian Garden Club) will be presenting mixed media techniques with photos. We will also be finalizing plans for our photography display at the District IIB flower show, *Lost in a Good Book*. All garden club members are welcome to attend. Contact Sue Wittick, witticks@gmail.com, [517-242-8259](tel:517-242-8259), for more information about this interest group.

IIB Crafters will meet on Thursday, February 6th, 1:30-3:30 at the Michigan Nature Association, 2310 Science Parkway, Okemos. Garden Club members will be working on a variety of projects to create items for District IIB to sell at the MGC State Conference in Lansing, in June 2020. Projects include making reversible, washable, microwavable bowl cozies, note pads in various styles, containers with alcohol ink designs, and painted wooden signs to hang in gardens or place on counter tops. Many hands will be needed to measure, cut, stitch, glue, sand, and paint so please come to help! Contact Sue Wittick, witticks@gmail.com, [517-242-8259](tel:517-242-8259) if you can participate.

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The **Small Miracles Flower Show** will be included as a part of the Greater Lansing Orchid Society Show and Sale, February 22-23 in the MSU Plant and Soil Science Building. The schedule for *Small Miracles* is posted on our district website, <https://mgcdistrict2b.weebly.com/flower-shows.html>, password 2bgardeners. Contact Sue Wittick, witticks@gmail.com, [517-242-8259](tel:517-242-8259), for additional information or to sign up for classes 113 and 114.

Orchids will be available free to members willing to create designs and will be distributed at the IIB Designers' workshop on February 19th at the Michigan Nature Association, 2310 Science Parkway, Okemos.

The project for **IIB Designers** on the 19th is creating Duo Designs (Handbook page 78). It is a Creative Design organized in one container or containers joined to appear as one and organized as two designs, back-to-back. These designs are entered in separate classes and are shown with two class numbers in flower show schedules.



Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. 2020 EVENTS LISTING

- February 1 **GERANIUM, SUCCULENT, AND HERB GARDEN ANNUAL PLANT SALE** supporting Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club projects, Contact Diann Jackman, President of MSCGC, (517) 676-1827 or (517) 230-1328 or gardenclubofmason@gmail.com.
- February 4 **"Ingham County Rural, A Township Tour Through the Seasons"** & Business Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mason Area Historical Museum, 200 E. Oak St., Mason, MI, Open to District IIB Club Members. Take a tour of the plants that grow along our roadsides, photographed through the four seasons. Also included is our agricultural heritage with farms and barns. There is also a bit of history of Ingham County and of some of the early settlers. (MSCGC)
- February 19 **"Harvesting and Saving Seeds: How to plant seeds and the math behind it."** presented by Sharon Rodgers, Mason Sycamore Creek Youth GC, Activity: Winter Plant Project on Seed Rulers, 5:30 p.m., Mason Public Library, 145 W. Ash Street, Mason (MSCYGC)
- February 6 **DISTRICT IIB Crafters** will meet on Thursday, February 6th, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Michigan Nature Association, 2310 Science Parkway, Okemos. Garden Club members will be working on a variety of projects to create items for District IIB to sell at the MGC State Conference in Lansing, in June. Projects include making reversible, washable, microwavable bowl cozies, note pads in various styles, containers with alcohol ink designs, and painted wooden signs to hang in gardens or place on counter tops. Many hands will be needed to measure, cut, stitch, glue, sand, and paint so please come to help! Contact Sue Wittick, witticks@gmail.com, 517-242-8259 if you can participate.
- February 10 **"Host Plants for Caterpillar and Larva"** presented by Jolanta Piecuch, Williamston Red Cedar and Meridian Garden Clubs and Chemist, 12:00 Noon, Williamston Area Senior Center, 201 School St., Williamston. Bring a dish to pass along with presentation and workshop ideas to share for next year programming. (WRCGC)
- February 10 **"Let's Learn About Orchids"** presented by Jerrie Nichols, The Orchid Society, 9:30 a.m (GCGL)
- February 10 **"MSU Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)"** presented by Katie Brandt, MSU Educational Programs Manager who teaches at the MSU Organic Farmer Training Program, 10:15 a.m. (MGC)
- February 13 **"Safety Tips for Gardeners in Public Places"** presented by Clinton Sheriff Larry Jerue, (DMGC)
- February 12 **"Michigan Native Wildflowers"** presented by Sara Thomas (HH&GC)
- February 10 Annual Christian's Greenhouse Gift Certificate Sale, Pre-Order Starts
- February 19 **DISTRICT IIB Designers "Seeing Double"** – Meridian GC - Refreshments, 10:00 a.m. to Noon, Michigan Nature Association, Okemos, Duo Design – Handbook page 78 – A Creative Design organized in one (1) container or containers joined to appear as one. Organized as two (2) designs, back-to-back, and entered in two (2) separated design classes with the schedule specifying both class titles. Orchids pickup for the Orchid Show.
- February 20 **DISTRICT IIB Quilters**, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m., Michigan Nature Association, Okemos
NOTE: Future meetings planned to be held the third Thursday of the month. (See Session Supply List).
- February 22-23 **Greater Lansing Orchid Society Show & Sale**, MSU Plant and Soil Sciences Conservatory
[Event URL: https://greaterlansingorchidsociety.com/GLOSShow.html](https://greaterlansingorchidsociety.com/GLOSShow.html)
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- February 25 **"Rain Gardens"**, 1:00 p.m., presented by Sue Spagnuolo, Executive Director, Eaton County Conservation District, Log Jam Restaurant, 110 W. Jefferson St. Grand Ledge. (GLGC)
- February 24 **DISTRICT IIB Photographers** will meet on Monday, February 24th, 1:30-3:30 at the Michigan Nature Association, 2310 Science Parkway, Okemos. Melinda Pope (Meridian Garden Club) will be presenting mixed media techniques with photos. We will also be finalizing plans for our photography display at the District IIB flower show, *Lost in a Good Book*. All garden club members are welcome to attend. Contact Sue Wittick, witticks@gmail.com, 517-242-8259, for more information about this interest group.
- February 26 **"Decorative Egg Workshop"** presented by Lillian VanHouten, Howell GC-Vice President (HGC)
- March 1-2 **33rd Annual Wildflower Association of Michigan Conference**, MSU Kellogg Center
Event URL: <https://www.wildflowersmich.org/index.php?menu=30>
- March 3 **"Create a Butterfly Garden in your own Backyard"** presented by Michele Stanton, 6:30 p.m., Mason Historical Museum, 200 East Oak St., Mason, MI (MSCGC)
- March 9 **"Pollinators, Bees and Butterflies"** presented by Logan Rowe, Conservation Zoologist with Michigan Natural Feature Inventory and Michigan State University -Extension, 6:30 p.m., Williamston Area Senior Center, 201 School St., Williamston. *NOTE: Christian Greenhouse Gift Certificate are due. Preorder and sale continue.* (WRCGC)
- March 9 **"Native Perennials", 9:30 a.m.** presented by Stephanie Hahn, Plant Sales Manager, Van Atta's Greenhouse & Flower Shop. Hosted by the Garden Club of Greater Lansing at Van Atta's, Lansing (GCGL)
- March 11 **"Cuttings-A Form of Multiplication"** presented by Judy Cornellier, Naturalist, founder and president of Livingston Land Conservancy (HH&GC)
- March 12-15 **"Lost in a Good Book" NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS Flower Show** presented by MGC District IIB, MSU Pavilion, 4301 Pavilion, Lansing, MI. The schedule for the flower show is posted. <https://mgcdistrict2b.weebly.com/flower-shows.html> (Password = 2bgardeners)
- March 16 **"Morgan Composting"** presented By Justin Morgan, Dairy Doo (MGC)
- March 18 **"What can we grow in a Hoop House?"** Mason Sycamore Creek Youth Garden Club presented by Mary Backus, EMG (Mason), 5:30 p.m., Mason Public Library, 145 W. Ash St., Mason, MI (MSCGC)
- March 23 **DISTRICT IIB Photographers**, 1:30 p.m., Michigan Nature Association, Okemos
- March 23 **"Attracting Songbirds to your Yard", Community Event; Open to the Public** presented by Earl Wolf, Retired State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources Park Naturalist & Exhibit Designer, (WRCGC) DNR Design Eastern Bluebird Nesting Boxes available at the event, \$20 Requested Donation, Limited quantity of 70, 6:30 p.m., Mason City Hall – Sycamore Room, 201 W. Ash Street, Mason (MSCGC)
- March 24 **"Tool Talk"**, 1:00 p.m., presented by and Sipes and Terri Pline, Grand Ledge Library. (GLGC)
- March 25 **"Bluebirds! Bluebirds! Bluebirds!"** presented by Earl Wolf, retired State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources Park Naturalist & Exhibit Designer, Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club Member, 6:30 p.m., Livingston County Public Safety Complex-EMS, 1911 Tooley Road, Howell (HGC)
- April 7 **"Starting Your Own Cut Garden"** presented by Jamie Chandler, VanAtta's Greenhouse & Flower Shop, MSCGC Business Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mason Area Historical Museum, 200 East Oak St., Mason (MSCYGC)
- April 8 **"Garden Planning: What do we want to plant? What works, what doesn't?"** presented by MSCGC Youth Garden Team, 5:30 p.m., Mason Public Library, 145 W. Ash Street (MSCYGC)
- April 8 **"Introduction to Ikebana-Japanese Flower Arranging"** presented by Lauren Paul, president of the Detroit Chapter of Ikebana International (HH&GC)
- April 9 **"Environment-Pollinators-Survival"** 6:30 p.m, presented by Zachary Huang, Associate Professor of Entomology at MSU. Zacary Huang is also a member of the District IIB Photographers Special Interest Group. Redeemer united Methodist Church, 13980 Shavey Road, DeWitt, MI. (DMGC)
- April 13 **"Water in Today's Society"** presented by Pat Lindemann, Ingham County Drain Commissioner, 9:30 a.m. (GCGL)

- April 13 **"Hosta - The Friendship Plant"** presented by Grey Gitzen, President of the Michigan Hosta Society, 6:30 p.m., located at Williamston Area Senior Center, 201 School Street, Williamston. THIS IS A COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM. Christian Greenhouse Gift Certificate Sale continues. (WRCGC)
- April 15 **2020 Spring Tea**, Dunham Hills Golf Club, 13561 Dunham Road (HH&GC)
- April 20 **"Basket Weaving Demonstration"** presented by Juanita Elkins and Marlene Cosgrove, Association of Michigan Basket makers and the Crossroad Weavers Guild (MGC)
- April 22 **DISTRICT IIB Designers "Line Up" Design Project**, 10-12 Noon, Michigan Nature Association, Okemos (MGC, Inc. District IIB), 10:00-12:00 noon – Williamston Red Cedar--Refreshments
Design Project: Creative Line Design – Handbook page 74 – A creative design where line is dominant with a minimum of plant material and other optional components. The line may be straight, curved or a combination.
- April 22 **"Design to Completion"** presented by Jan Bills of Royal Oak, MI, a certified landscape designer and contributing author for State-by-State Gardening Magazine, 6:30 p.m., Livingston County Public Safety Complete – EMS (HGC)
- April 22 **"Opening Day for the Sunflower House Learning Center"** presented by MSC Youth Garden Team, 5:30 p.m., Sunflower House Learning Center, 707 W. Ash St., Activity will be early plantings. (MSCYGC)
- April 22 **"Garden Party"** hosted by Robbie Decker at her Residence, Howell Garden Club Member (2014), 6:00 p.m. (HGC)
- April 24 ARBOR DAY**
"Tree Wrapping and Sale" Elementary School Program in partnership with Ingham Conservation District (WRCGC)
- April 27 **DISTRICT IIB Photographers**, 1:30 p.m., Michigan Nature Association, Okemos
- April 28 **"Tour of the Eaton County Courthouse & Grounds & Tour of Rose Acres"**, 1:00 p.m., Tour of the Courthouse and historical memorabilia with a garden tour of gardens where the GLGC Geraniums are grown. Meet at The Lutheran Church, Grand Ledge at 12:30 p.m. to carpool to Charlotte. (GLGC)
- April 22 **"Making the Most of your Farmers' Market"** presented by Donna Frawley, owner of Frawley's Fine Herbarry and author of numerous cookbooks will wow us with her culinary expertise and knowledge of herbs, 6:30 p.m., Livingston County Public Safety Complete – EMS (HGC)
- April 22 **"A Tisket, a Tasket, Bring Your Lunch Basket & HGC Member Garden Walk"**, TBA (weather dependent), Country Ranch Property of HGC Member Karen Wright, Bring a lunch and a lawn chair. (HGC)
- May 5 **2020 Spring Potluck & Plant Exchange**, 6:00 p.m., Wolverine Engineers & Surveyor's, 312 North Street, Mason (MSCGC)
- May 13 **"Planting the Sunflowers and Annual Seeds"**, Activity includes a Mother's Day Make & Take in The Potter's Shed, presented by MSCGC Youth Garden Team, 5:30 p.m., Mason Public Library, 145 W. Ash Street. Bring a plant to exchange and a dish to pass. (MSCYGC)
- May 11 **Annual Meeting & Plant Exchange**, presenter Bethany Troy "The Plant Geek", MSU Horticulture – Judith DeLapa Perennial Garden located within MSU Horticulture Demonstration Gardens, Brookshire Inn & Golf Course, 205 W. Church Street, Williamston. (GCGL)
- May 11 **"Succulents Tough Enough for Michigan"** presented by Tammy Voss, Member of the Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club, Former Science Educator for 25 years, Master Gardener, enjoys hybridizing lilies., Williamston Area Senior Center, 201 School St., Williamston (GCGC)
- May 11-16 NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS Convention "Perfect Vision 2020", held at Potawatomi Hotel, Milwaukee, WI.**
- May 12-13 **GERANIUM SALE** supporting Grand Ledge Garden Club, J&K Steamboat, 3621 W. Jefferson, Grand Ledge. Contact Lori Mugford, GLGC Committee Chair at (517) 719-0376 or lorimugford@yahoo.com
- May 14 **Annual Membership Meeting Installation of Offices, Plant Exchange**, 6:30 p.m., Redeemer United Methodist Church, 13980 Shavey Road, DeWitt, MI. (DMGC)
- May 19 **Memorial Tree Dedication Ceremony** and Club Meeting, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 517 S. Clinton, Grand Ledge (GLGC).

- May 27 **“Planting Vegetable Raised Beds”**, 5:30 p.m., Sunflower House Learning Center, 707 W. Ash Street, Mason (located in Bicentennial Park behind the Historic Pink School House. Youth Gardeners will be planting the raised planting beds. Shovels and gloves provided. (MSCYGC)
- June 2-8 **NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK**
- June 3-5 **“Pollinator Garden Thyme in Michigan”**, 89th Annual Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. Annual Meeting and Convention, The Crown Plaza, Lansing. Contact Ann Schoals to volunteer some time and/or talent for the event and in exchange your local club will receive a percentage of the proceeds from the event.
Registration Forms will be released statewide March 2020.



Ann Schoals, 2020 State Conference Chair
Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. State Meeting & Convention
JUNE 3-5, 2020 at The Crowne Plaza, Lansing, Michigan
To Join? Call: (517) 281-1101 or E-Mail: bathien@frontier.com

District 2B hopes to create a wonderful garden herb themed event – I know you’re going to DIG IT! Get in where you fit in and let’s have fun hosting this conference. This conference travels to each District in the State so it’s going to be a while before it’s back!

In case you’re wondering...no task handled will be refused. If you enjoy pre-planning creating the vision, it’s underway but we’d enjoy additional help. We will have many tasks to handle a few days prior to the event in preparations like assembling participants/goodie bags, set-up to directing incoming participants, Authors with their book signing following their session, assisting speakers, exhibitors, sponsors, organizing or assembling the “Make & Take” session, survey collection and more - we need you!!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

2020 MICHIGAN GARDEN CLUBS ANNUAL MEETING & CONVENTION

Hostess, Registration Table, Name Tags, Protocol, Signage, Silent Auction, Vendors, Program, Goodie Bags, Make N Take, Speakers, Staging/AV, Hospitality and Advertising all need volunteers.

Contact Ann Schoals to help create a wonderful event hosted by District IIB! Pre-Conference, Conference, and Post-Conference support is needed. (517) 281-1101 OR BATHIEN@FRONTIER.COM

- June 8 **Annual Garden Club Celebration & Recognition Meeting**, 6:00 p.m., Williamston Area Senior Center, 201 School St., Williamston (WRCGC)
- June 9 **Field Trip to Grand Oak Herb Farm & Tea Party, Installation of Officers**, 1:00 p.m. Tour of the ground gardens and a lesson on growing Lavender. Cost \$25 for each ember and will refund \$15 on the day of the trip just in time to go shopping in the gift shop. Meet at Noon Emanuel Lutheran Church, 517 Clinton St., Grand Ledge. Grand Oak Herb Farm is located at 2877 Miller Road, Bancroft, MI. (GLGC)
- June 10 **“Water Tables and Pollution from Microplastics”**, 5:30 p.m., Sunflower House Learning Center, 707 W. Ash Street, Mason (located in Bicentennial Park behind the Historic Pink School House. Michele Beloskue, Director of the Ingham County Conservation District. Youth Gardeners will be planting the herb beds. Shovels and gloves provided. (MSCYGC)
- June 12-13 **MSU Master Gardener College “Gardening Visions for 2020 and Beyond”**, Michigan State University Extension, Kellogg Center, East Lansing. Questions Regarding Master Gardener College? Contact Betsy Braid at (517) 884-7081, braidbet@msu.edu.

- June 22 **Red Cedar Jubilee Parade** (WRCGC)
- June 24 **"It's National Pollinator Week!"**, 5:30 p.m., Sunflower House Learning Center, 707 W. Ash Street, Mason (located in Bicentennial Park behind the Historic Pink School House. Youth Gardeners will harvest Spring peas, and flowers from the Native and Cut Flower garden beds. Shovels and gloves provided. (MSCYGC)
- July 8 **"It's Harvest Time!"**, 5:30 p.m., Sunflower House Learning Center, 707 W. Ash Street, Mason (located in Bicentennial Park behind the Historic Pink School House. Youth Gardeners will harvest flowers, herbs, and vegetables and do an assessment for invasive pests and disease and how to treat organically. Gloves and tools provided. (MSCYGC)
- July 11-12 **22nd Annual LACASA Garden Tour**, Charitable event raising funds to benefit abused women, children and victims of interpersonal violence. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (HGC)
- July 15 **DISTRICT IIB Designers "Flower Show Schedule Development"**, Michigan Nature Association, Okemos (MGC, Inc. District IIB), Refreshments-Everyone, Kick-off Meeting for 2021 District IIB Flower Show – 10:00-12:00 noon, work on FS Schedule 12:00-1:00 – Lunch. Please bring dish to pass. After lunch we'll continue with FS Schedule development. (MGC District IIB Designers)
- July 22 **"It's Harvest Time Again!"**, 5:30 p.m., Sunflower House Learning Center, 707 W. Ash Street, Mason (located in Bicentennial Park behind the Historic Pink School House. Youth Gardeners will harvest flowers, herbs, and vegetables and do an assessment for invasive pests and disease and how to treat organically. Gloves and tools provided. (MSCYGC)
- August 5 **"It's Harvest Time Again and Again!"**, 5:30 p.m., Sunflower House Learning Center, 707 W. Ash Street, Mason (located in Bicentennial Park behind the Historic Pink School House. Youth Gardeners will harvest flowers, herbs, and vegetables and do an assessment for invasive pests and disease and how to treat organically. Gloves and tools provided. (MSCYGC)
- August 19 **"Native Plant Patch Field Study" & Picnic**, 5:30 p.m., presented by Daniel Auer, Program Director at Woldumar Nature Center, 5739 Old Lansing Road, Lansing. (MSCYGC)
- September 9 **"Fall Harvest Night! – One Potato, Two Potato, Closing Beds & Worm Renderings"**, 5:30 p.m., Sunflower House Learning Center, 707 W. Ash Street, Mason (located in Bicentennial Park behind the Historic Pink School House. Youth Gardeners will harvest final flowers, herbs, and vegetables and prep the planting beds for the winter, prep soil with worm renderings. Gloves and tools provided. (MSCYGC)
- September 23 **"Fall Harvest Make & Take!"**, 5:30 p.m., Sunflower House Learning Center, 707 W. Ash Street, Mason (located in Bicentennial Park behind the Historic Pink School House. Youth Gardeners will create a fall themed garden project, supplies provided. (MSCYGC)
- October 21 **DISTRICT IIB Designers Session, "Skyscraper" Design Project**, Refreshments - DeWitt & Grand Ledge, Michigan Nature Association, Okemos. Parallel Design – Handbook page 75. A design consisting of three (3) or more groupings of plant material and optional components with a strong parallel placement in a single container and/or base.

DISTRICT IIB CLUB ACRONYM KEY

Across the Fence Post (CFP)	Marshall Area Garden Club (MAGC)
Dewitt Millennium Garden Club (WMGC)	Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club (MSCGC)
Brighton Garden Club (BGC)	Meridian Garden Club (MGC)
Eaton Rapids Home and Garden Club (ERHHC)	Sherwood Garden Club (SGC)
Grand Ledge Garden Club (GLGC)	The Garden Club of Greater Lansing (GCGL)
Howell Garden Club (HGC)	Webberville Garden Club (EGC)
Looking Glass Garden Club (LGCC)	Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club (WRCGC)



ORCHID SHOW AND SALE, FEBRUARY 22-23

Each year the Greater Lansing Orchid Society (GLOS) sponsors an orchid show and sale during the last weekend in February at the MSU Plant and Soil Sciences Conservatory, 1066 Bogue St., East Lansing, MI 48824.

Saturday, February 22nd

11:00 a.m. - Sales open to the public

12:00 noon - Exhibits to the public open at the conclusion of judging

5:00 p.m. - Show closes

Sunday, February 23rd

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. – Open for photographers, tripods welcome.

11:00 a.m. - Sales and Exhibits open to the public

4:00 p.m. - Show closes

Various exhibits of orchids in bloom offered by a variety of regional Orchid Societies including GLOS, vendors, floral arrangements created by individuals, orchid photography and art. Free educational talks, workshops and advice on caring for orchids and, of course, hundreds of orchids for sale by many commercial orchid growers of the region.

CLASSES OFFERED

Saturday, February 22nd:

11:00 a.m. -- Repotting Your Orchid -- Jerrie Nichols

1:00 p.m. -- Windowsill Orchids -- Dawn Kittle

2:30 p.m. -- Phalaenopsis Orchids -- TBD

4:00 p.m. -- Tour the Show with an Orchid Judge - meets in Conservatory, not in classroom

Sunday, February 23rd:

Special photo session starting at 9:00 am

11:30 a.m. -- Phalaenopsis Orchids -- TBD

1:00 p.m. -- Tour the Show with an Orchid Judge - Doris Asher - meets in Conservatory

2:30 p.m. -- Meeting/Auction - International Phalaenopsis Alliance (IPA) - Russ Vernon

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

GLOS Vice-President and Show Chair, Pete Ostlund

GLOS President, Dawn Kittle

American Orchid Society Judge, Doris Asher, at 517-332-0004, More info: <https://greaterlansingorchidsociety.com/GLOSShow.html>

Small Miracles Flower Show

The *Small Miracles* Flower Show is being co-chaired by IIB members, Jenny Bond and Sue Wittick. It will be held in conjunction with the Greater Lansing Orchid Society Show and Sale, February 22-23, in the MSU Plant and Soil Science building. The schedule for the flower show is posted on the IIB website:

Website URL: <https://mgcdistrict2b.weebly.com/flower-shows.html>

Password = 2bgardeners

Orchids for designers to use will be distributed at the meeting of the IIB Designers Interest group on February 19th. Contact: Sue Wittick (witticks@gmail.com or 517-242-8259) for more information or to sign up for a design class.

Small Miracles

Floral Designs with Orchids February 22 - February 23, 2020

Entries may be placed on February 21
between 1:30-7:00 p.m.
Judging arrangements begins at 8:30 a.m. February 22
Show open noon-5:00 p.m. February 22
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. February 23

Plant and Soil Science Conservatory
Michigan State University
1066 Bogue Street, East Lansing



"Small Miracles" is a part of the
Greater Lansing Orchid Society
Show and Sale



Design Classes

Class 107 How Did They Do That?

Professional class for wreaths, swags, garlands, or a design from classes 108-112 below.

Class 108 Lovely Distractions

Corsages, bridal bouquets, hair pieces, and other personal adornments.

Class 109 Warming up the Audience

A design in a small cup or small container, in any style. No more than 8" height, width, or depth.

Class 110 Natural Delights

A creative line design incorporating wood. Not to exceed 16" in height, width, or depth.

Class 111 Abracadabra

A creative tubular design having dominant cylindrical forms throughout, composed of any materials. Plant material and other optional components complete the design. Design not to exceed 14" in height, width, or depth.

Class 112 Making Mysteries

A creative transparency design with see-through elements (translucent, diaphanous, grid-like materials) integral to the design and permitting some components to be viewed through others. Design not to exceed 12" in height, width, or depth.

Note: Designers must register for the following classes. Only the first four entries for each class will be accepted.

Class 113 Ohhs and Aahs

A cascade design staged in a black niche 36" high and 22" wide (provided by committee.) Design will be placed on a table skirted in black.

Class 114 Leaping Out of the Box

An exhibition table staged on a table skirted in black and fitting into a space 22" wide. Design to be created artistically to suggest the service of food, not functionality. It should include, at a minimum, a plate or bowl, beverage container, and napkin. Plant material, including at least one orchid, must be used as needed for the overall design. A background panel may be used.

Top Awards

Trophy for Best Orchids in Use (Classes 108-114)
Trophy for Best Orchids in Use (Professional Class 107)

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

Popular Vote Award (Classes 108-114),
chosen by votes from viewers on Saturday,
and placed by winning exhibit on Sunday morning.



There will be space available for exhibitors to
finish their designs at the show site on Friday
afternoon from 3:00-6:30 p.m.

Floral arrangements will be judged according to the
rules and requirements of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

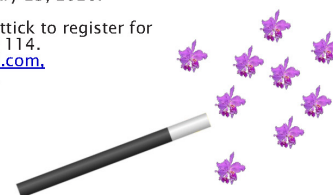
Call Jenny Bond (517-676-2676); jbond@msu.edu
if you need orchids for your designs
or have questions.

Pre-registering for all design classes with
Sue Wittick (witticks@gmail.com, 517-242-8259)
is encouraged.

Design Rules



1. It is helpful if entry tags are completed in advance.
2. An Exhibitor may enter as many Classes as desired, but only one exhibit per Class. All design work must be the work of the Exhibitor. Plant material need not be grown by the Exhibitor.
3. No artificial flowers, fruit, or foliage are permitted. Lace leaves and ribbon buds are permitted only in Class 108.
4. Fresh orchid(s) must be used in every design. If you know the botanical name of the orchid(s) you are using, put the name on the entry card.
5. Leaf shine, dye, paint etc. may be used ONLY on dried plant material.
6. All plant material used in the designs should have been cut from a plant. None should be planted in soil.
7. An underlay is permitted with all designs. Designs are staged on black skirted tables 28" above the floor.
8. American Orchid Society's (AOS) "Certificate of Meritorious Arrangement" may be awarded to an outstanding exhibit in any flower arrangement class. Corsages are also considered arrangements for the purposes of this award. If an exhibitor does not wish to accept the AOS award "Not for AOS judging" MUST be noted on the entry tag. This does not disqualify the item from consideration for a ribbon in its class or the trophy.
9. Judges' written comments on the entry tags will remain with the entry until Show closing.
10. No entry may be removed from the Show before 4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 23, 2020.
11. Contact Sue Wittick to register for Classes 113 or 114. witticks@gmail.com, 517-242-8259.



A Standard Flower Show

Lost in a Good Book



Presented by
District IIB of Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.
Member of Central Region
Member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Open to the Public

Show Dates: March 12-15, 2020

Thursday, March 12	3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday, March 13	12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 14	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 15	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

This flower show is included with
The Lansing Home and Garden Show
in the MSU Pavilion
At the Corner of Mt. Hope and Farm Lane, East Lansing, MI

Sponsored by ShowSpan

Admission Prices

Adults: \$10.00 Children Ages 6-14: \$4.00 Children Under five years Free

Don't miss out! There are just a few more openings available for you to enter the March flower show design or photography classes. See below for the openings. Contact the consultant to add your name.

They are most willing to answer your questions and make suggestions regarding your entry. The schedule for the flower show is posted on the District IIB website,

<https://mgcdistrict2b.weebly.com/flower-shows.html>

(password = 2bgardeners)

CALL FOR DISTRICT IIB VOLUNTEERS

We are now looking for volunteers to serve as floor hosts during the show. Some time slots are two hours, some three. It's a great way to learn about flower shows, meet members from other clubs, and enjoy the home show. Below is the schedule of days and time slots that need volunteers. Please let Kathi Dominguez know soon as possible as slots fill in quickly.

DISTRICT IIB STANDRD FLOWER SHOW VOLUNTEERING SCHEDULE

Thursday 3/12/20

8 people for each time slot
3:00 p.m.-6:15 p.m. | 6:15 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Friday 3/13/20

7 people for each time slot
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. | 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Saturday 3/14/20

9 people for each time slot
10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | 12:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. | 3:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. | 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Sunday 3/15/20

7 people for each time slot
10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | 12:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. | 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Contact Kathi Dominguez if you can help our on a shift during the show.
Contact Kathi on her Mobile: (517) 927-4665 or by E-Mail: dominguezk@comcast.net.



DISTRICT IIB FLOWER SHOW HOSTING DUTIES

PARKING – Parking for HOSTS is in the vendors' lot, which is located on Farm Lane across the road from the **east side** of the Pavilion. Enter through **Door U** and pick up your HOSTESS badge at the **Show Span** desk, just inside the door. Please arrive about ten minutes before your shift begins so that you can get over to the arena, store your belongings and learn any special instructions from the HOSTS who have finished their shift.

IMPORTANCE of HOST BADGE - The Show Span desk at **Door U** has a roster of our Flower Show hosting names, so if you are replacing someone who could not fill their shift, please be ready to give them both your name and who you replaced. The badge states HOSTESS. It does not have your name on it, so please feel free to wear your garden club name badge.

Following your shift, your HOSTESS badge must be returned the Show Span desk at **Door U** before you depart the building. **PLEASE do not** leave the HOSTESS badge in the flower show arena, as the Show Span desk has a limited number of our badges to distribute. Arriving hostesses need to get into the show and over to our flower show arena in time to learn specifics of their host job and before on-duty hosts depart.

DISTRICT IIB - FLOWER SHOW – The flower show is located in the auditorium arena, on the west side of the Pavilion. Ask the Show Span desk for directions to our spot. When you arrive at the arena, go behind the show curtain, up the stairs to the auditorium seating area and sign-in at the host table (red book) under your date/time slot. Ask departing hosts if there are special instructions for you to follow. Please help yourself to water/snacks.

SECURITY – There is no secure area to leave purses, so please lock all valuables in your car. Coats can be stored behind the curtain in the auditorium seating. Keep items such as car keys, phone and money in your pocket. Show Span employs security personnel who walk through the show/building so our exhibits and staging will be safe. Show Span employees are positioned at each pavilion entry door and will request to see your exhibitor badge.

JOBS TO DO WHILE OUT ON THE FLOOR – Visitors may ask for a general layout of the show. We have Divisions of Horticultural, Designs, Botanical Arts-Design and Educational Exhibits. All classes are listed in the schedule, which is on the HOST table. Wander through the exhibits to check plants and designs. Please straighten brochures and entry cards. Pick up litter and brush crumbs from entry tables. Answer visitor questions and encourage them to read the judges' comments on backside of design entry cards. At the District IIB Educational Exhibit table there is a book where visitors can leave their contact information should they be interested in joining an MGC garden club. Only provide water to horticulture if there is a note requesting the host to water. Otherwise, the exhibitor is responsible for watering their entry. Children are welcome, so we'll have to watch them closely. Please ask visitors not to touch or disassemble any of the exhibit entries.

AT THE END OF YOUR SHIFT – **PLEASE** Watch for incoming hostesses. Inform new hostesses of any pertinent information. Fetch your belongings, and then exit through **door U**, **RETURNING YOUR BADGE TO THE SHOW SPAN DESK.**

Have fun...talk with other club members and visitors...

On behalf of the flower show committee, we thank you for volunteering to host and appreciate you showing up with your friendly smile to represent our area garden clubs.

Kathi Dominguez, Host Chair – cell: 517-927-4665 dominguezk@comcast.net



CALL FOR MGC 2020 CONVENTION EXHIBITORS

GARDEN-RELATED ITEMS, BOOKS, DÉCOR, HANDMADE POTTERY, TOOLS, AND NATURAL PRODUCTS

FOR QUESTIONS? SUBMITTING A FORM?

Contact Georgia Styka Georgia Styka
MGC Conference Chair – Vendor Exhibits

MAIL VENDOR CONTRACT FORM to:

2176 Belding Court, Okemos, MI 48864
Contact 517-349-4508 or gstyka@aol.com.

EXHIBITOR BOOTHS:

INCLUDES: 10' x 10' booth, one 8' table, white table linen and skirting, two chairs, a wastebasket, and electrical options depending on location.

SPACE IS LIMITED TO 20.

CALL FOR SPONSORSHIPS, ADVERTISING & “IN-KIND” DONATIONS

EVENT GIVEAWAYS / SAMPLE ITEMS FOR PARTICIPANT BAGS

Do you know of a great garden-related event, tour, business, product(s)?

We invite showstoppers that bring fresh ideas or items to 89th Annual Michigan Garden Club's State Meeting & Convention this June 4, 2020 in Lansing, Michigan at The Crown Plaza. We seek to showcase companies that want to grow and show their goods and services even in print - a great way to promote with a niche group of Gardeners'.

We seek Sponsors and Donors to help support our event with co-branding advertising opportunities!
Giveaway items for Participant Bags are a BONUS!

FOR QUESTIONS? SUBMITTING AN ITEM OR FORM?

Contact Laura Grainger, MGC 2020 Conference Chair
Donations, Sponsorships, Conference Program Design/Advertising
Mobile: (517) 648-4795 or E-Mail: data@michigangardenclubs.org

MAIL COMPLETED FORMS TO:

Laura Grainger, Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.
P.O. Box 621, 144 W. Ash St., Mason, MI 48854



Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.
SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT
 2020 Annual Conference
Crowne Plaza Hotel 925 S. Creys Road, Lansing, Michigan
June 4, 2020



Organization Name (as it should appear): _____

Address: _____

Website: _____

Contact Person and Phone number:

Sponsor Level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Emerald Green Sponsor	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,500 to provide 300 attendee bags for program materials with conference logo (Includes logo on bag, logo on MGC website and business name in sponsor listing in conference program book)
Amber Sponsor	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,000 Conference Program Printing (includes half page B & W ad, logo on all materials printed for event and all online materials)
Gold Sponsor	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$750 (Includes full page, back cover color ad, logo on all event materials and write-up about sponsor on MGC website, plus 2 free lunch reservations)
Silver Sponsor	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500 (Includes full page inside cover color ad and write-up about sponsor on MGC website)
Bronze Sponsor	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$300 (includes full page color page ad) 4 available
Ruby Sponsor	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250 (includes half page B & W ad)
Program Ad Only B&W	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100 Full Page 7.25" x 10"
Program Ad Only B&W	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 50 Half Page 7.25" x 5"
Program Ad Only B&W	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 25 Quarter page 3.75" x 5"
Cash or In Kind Donation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Includes name in sponsor listing in conference program book

Cash Donation: Amount: \$ _____
 501c3 Non-Profit EIN 38-6081577

In-kind Goods/Services: _____
 (i.e table favors, items for goodie bags like snacks, seed packets, coupons, gift certificates)

Signature: _____ Position: _____

Date: _____ Email: _____

WHERE TO SEND		MAIL OPTION	ONLINE OPTION
Completed Sponsorship form	Due by April 15, 2020 THANKS IN ADVANCE	Laura Grainger P.O. Box 621 Mason, MI 48854 517-648-4795	Email completed and signed form to : data@michigangardenclubs.org
Payments & Donations	Due by April 15, 2020	Checks payable to Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. % Ronalee Polad 5711 Lansing Road Charlotte, MI 48813	Credit Cards & Paypal www.michigangardenclubs.org Use the gold DONATE button in the upper right hand corner
Ad Graphics	Camera Ready Art due by April 15, 2020	Laura Grainger P.O. Box 621 Mason, MI 48854 517-648-4795	Graphic file to: : data@michigangardenclubs.org
In-Kind Goods or services & QUESTIONS	Call or email to make arrangements	Laura Grainger P.O. Box 621 Mason, MI 48854 517-648-4795	Email: data@michigangardenclubs.org

Pollinator Garden Thyme



Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.
89th Annual Conference
June 3-5, 2020
Lansing

Vendor Contract

Thursday, June 4th, 2020

8:00am to 5:00pm

Name of Business: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Descriptions of goods or services: _____

Rental fee: \$50.00 - Box lunch: \$20.00 How many? _____

(check should be made out to Michigan Garden Clubs)

Do you need to be near an outlet? Yes No (electrical equipment needed _____)

(Set up starts at 6:00 am and must be completed by 8:00am. Vendors will park on the west side of the hotel. Carts will be provided for use to transport supplies from the parking lot to the Conference Center. Takedown can occur no earlier than 5:00pm. Each vendor will receive and 8 ft. table, linen, skirting, 2 chairs, and a wastebasket. Any electrical requirement will be subject to additional charges based on equipment needed other than an outlet.)

Vendor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please sign and return this form and your check to:

Georgia Styka 2176 Belding Ct. Okemos, MI 48864 (phone # 517-349-4508)

Deadline for returning form and check is May 1st, 2020

MGC 2020 STATE MEETING & CONVENTION SPEAKER LINE-UP



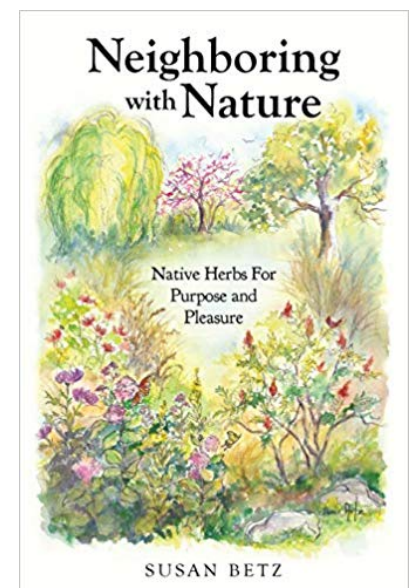
SUSAN BETZ

Susan Betz has been actively involved in growing and using herbs to educate the public about gardening and the natural world for over 35 years. She is an Honorary Master Gardener, a member of the International Herb Association, Garden Communicators, National Garden Bureau and the Ecological Landscape Alliance. Susan is a life member of the Herb Society of America and received the Helen D. Conway Little Medal of Honor in 2018. She is a charter member of HSA's Native Herb Conservation Committee, the Society's sustainable garden initiative. Susan serves on HSA's Notable Native Herb program and is a contributing author to HSA's Notable Native Herb fact sheets published annually. She is the author of *Magical Moons & Seasonal Circles*, *Stepping into the Circle of the Seasons* and *Neighboring with Nature/Native Herbs for Pleasure and Purpose*.

Topic of Presentation

A Green Revival: Cultivating Gardens for People, Place and Plants.

A positive shift and a new way of thinking about our gardens, neighborhoods and community green spaces has taken shape and is now a reality. Shrinking property boundaries, life in the digital age, and tightly packed schedules is provoking a yearning for a deeper relationship with the natural world. People are taking charge of their home environments by consciously choosing to create gardens and outdoor spaces inspired with a focus on homemaking, placemaking and regional ecology. The best outdoor spaces are created in harmony with nature, demonstrate respect for the web of life and honor three essential relationships: plants to place, plants to people, and plants to other plants.





PAT LINDEMANN

Title: Greening of the Drains

Patrick Lindemann was first elected as the Ingham County Drain Commissioner in 1992, an office he has re-defined to reflect his environmental stewardship ethic and systems approach to stormwater management. He has received international, national, and state recognition and awards for his innovative drain projects.

Two of his award-winning projects, the Tollgate Wetland Stormwater facility in the City of Lansing and Lansing Township; and the Towar Rain Garden Drains in East Lansing and Meridian Township are first-Of-their-kind urban retrofit projects based on Low-Impact Designs (LID) that better protect the environment while saving costs. Drain Commissioner Lindemann is known for finding such win-win solutions. These projects were highlighted in the Clean Water Action publication on American Rivers entitled “The Greening of Stormwater: Michigan Communities—saving money, beautifying neighborhoods and protecting lakes and streams” authored by Dave

Dempsey. Patrick has been named the 2007 “Hero of the Lakes,” by Clean Water Action, a national advocacy organization that has over a million members. During his 26 years in Office, he has overseen the construction and maintenance of millions of dollars of drain improvements that have opened the way for hundreds of millions of dollars of new economic growth in Ingham County.

Mr. Lindemann has received many awards for his creative and innovative projects. Organizations such as the Sierra Club, David Dempsey Award for Distinguished Service for the Environment, 2013, Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation, Dengal Habitat Award and National Stormwater Congrol program: Excellence Award.



VIRGINIA FROELICH

Title: Plants that Will Make you Itch, and Make You Twitch...and Maybe Even Kill You – a humorous, yet informative, look at “plant criminals” we may be harboring in our homes and gardens.

Virginia is very active in the State Gardening community. She is the current Michigan Garden Clubs’ Life Membership Chairperson (2015-present), National Garden Clubs Gardening Study, Landscape Design and Environmental Studies Consultant. She has addressed local garden clubs and presented programs to various women’s organizations and Master Gardener associations including “2011 Growing Great Gardens”, an educational event cohosted by The Taylor Conservatory Foundation, The Taylor Garden Club and Wayne County Community College. In 2012, Virginia was a featured speaker in Schoolcraft College’s Transition Center Luncheon Series.

Virginia is a recipient of the 2009 Wayne County Master Gardener Association “Unsung Hero Award.”

Virginia earned a Master of Science in Administration, Central Michigan University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree, with majors in both English and Psychology, from Detroit’s Wayne State University. Additionally, she completed post graduate work, along with several legal assistant courses at Madonna University. She retired following a 35-year career as a writer and editor at Ford Motor Company.



JEANNE HAWKINS

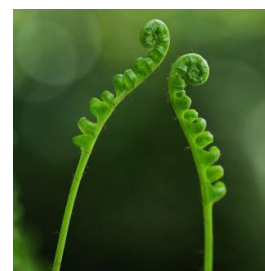
Title: Thyme for Tea

You just never know what Jeanne might be wearing, it could be a flowerpot hat, or flowing robes. Hers and gardening are her life-long passions.

She is the past president of the Michigan Herb Associates whose motto is “Each One Teach One”. Jeanne has presented programs to herb groups around the state of Michigan. Along with herbs, Jeanne has a beautiful wildflower garden.

MERRY KIM MEYERS

Title: Learn to Speak Plant: Conquering Scientific Terms and Names...You'll leave having a learned a once terrifying language



WYNNE WRIGHT

Title: The Art and Science of Lavender Farming



Wynne is an Associate Professor of Community Sustainability at Michigan State University (MSU). Developer of on-line lavender curriculum sponsored by MSU, Kansas State University and US Lavender Growers Association. Secretary of US Lavender Growers Association and Coordinator of Great lakes Lavender Growers Association.

Wynne has a Ph.D. in Sociology and published “Growing Lavender in Michigan” Advice for a Purple Garden, MSU Extension. As well as being on the staff of Michigan State University, Wynne also owns and operates, Sixteen Sprigs Lavender Farm.

RONNIE DUSH, Chairman of the Michigan Garden Club, Youth Activities YOUTH GARDENING ACTIVITIES PANEL

Ronnie will lead a panel discussion on “What Michigan Garden Clubs around the state are doing in the area of Youth Activities. Find out how your Club can increase its participation in youth gardening activities for children 5-18 years of age. It will be a fast moving, inspirational and information packed session with Question and Answer period at the end.

LaNITA (NITA) CAMPBELL

Title: Cocktail Gardening—From Garden to Glass

Nita Campbell has been growing herbs for the past 35 years. She started after reading Rosalyn Creasey’s book the Edible Landscape and proving to her husband that herbs aren’t just from McCormick’s.

Cocktails in the Garden starts when the lovage comes in bloom...all the neighbors are invited over for the harvesting and making of Bloody Mary’s and the sampling of herbal creations.



Million Pollinator Garden Challenge *Powered by S.H.A.R.E.*

Welcome to the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge Map powered by the Pollinator Partnership.

Register your pollinator habitat below. It is free and easy! Explore other pollinator friendly SHARE landscapes all over the globe! See if your favorite organization is participating by looking for their logo to the right.

<https://www.pollinator.org/mpgcmapp/>

JOIN THE MILLION POLLINATOR GARDEN CHALLENGE

Million Pollinator Garden Challenge: A nationwide call to action to preserve and create gardens and landscapes that help revive the health of bees, butterflies, birds, bats and other pollinators across America. We will move millions of individuals, kids and families outdoors and make a connection between pollinators and the healthy food people eat.



The Million Pollinator Garden Challenge is a project of The National Pollinator Garden Network (NPGN) an unprecedented collaboration of national, regional, conservation and gardening groups. Its eight-founding private nonprofit members were convened in fall 2014 to propose public/private sector efforts to help restore critical pollinator populations in support of the **President’s Executive Strategy to “Promote the Health of Honeybees and Other Pollinators.”** www.pollinator.org/fedhealthstrategy.htm.

POLLINATOR PARTNERSHIP

A non-profit 501(c)3 organization-- the largest in the world dedicated exclusively to the protection and promotion of pollinators and their ecosystems.

MSU HORTICULTURE GARDENS

SPRING MAKE & TAKE

Saturday, March 14, 2020 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 retro garden event is sure to bring out the flower-child in everyone! Join us for 3 workshops plus gourmet snacks and beverages! Attendees will create their own groovy macrame plant hanger, stellar seed sprouting jar, and far-out hanging terrarium!

Featuring staff members of the MSU Horticulture Gardens!

\$59 2020 members / \$69 General

Register on-line:
www.hrt.msu.edu/sp-register

12:30- 1:00 PM

Registration

1:00-2:00 PM

Macrame Plant Hanger

2:00-2:15 PM

Break

2:15-3:15 PM

Seed Sprouting

3:15-4:00 PM

Gourmet Snacks and Beverages

4:00-5:00 PM

Hanging Terrarium



**IIB Crafters
Fund Raising Workshop**

February 6, 2020

Michigan Nature Association

1:30-3:30 p.m.

District IIB has an opportunity to do some fund raising at the MGC state conference June 3-5, 2020, so we be making a variety of easy garden-related craft items to sell. All materials will be supplied.

Contact Sue Wittick with your fund raising ideas and/or if would like to participate in this workshop.

witticks@gmail.com, or 517-242-8259

Hartland Home & Garden



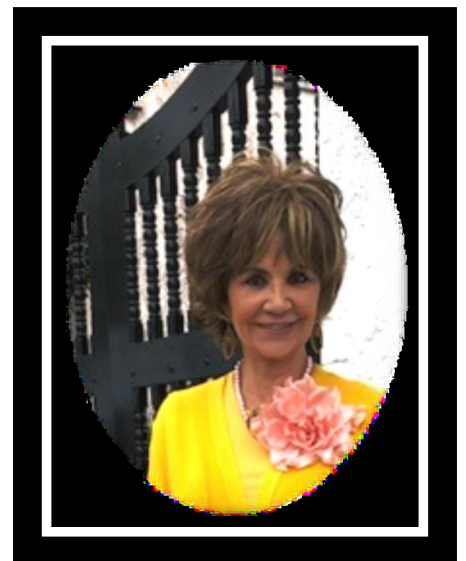
SAVE the DATE for the **Hartland Home & Garden Club 2020 Spring Tea**
Wednesday, April 15, 2020, 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Dunham Hills Golf Club
13561 Dunham Road,
Hartland, MI 48353



A Cuppa Tea
*featuring Guest Speaker **Barbara Kincaid***
presenting:
"Afternoon Tea, Vintage Fashion & Hats"

Barbara Kincaid is a Vintage Fashion Historian. In her presentation, she shares the history of the ritual of tea, its beginnings and how it changed over the years. You will see how Victorian ladies dressed for this important nineteenth century event. Barbara brings vintage fashion and hats from her collections to emphasize their place in history. She dresses in related vintage attire ready for "a cuppa tea" with her friends.

Contact Kathy Mikuska, HHGC Spring Tea Chair
pretzel2dog@yahoo.com (810) 750-5167





Free Program! Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club

Attracting Songbirds to Your Yard

Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club will host a program focusing on Eastern Bluebird life history, habitat and nesting preferences. The program will offer tips in nesting box placement, management and issues with predators and competition. Presented by Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club member Earl Wolf, retired DNR State Park Naturalist/Exhibit Designer, and an expert on Bluebirds. Bluebird cedar songbird nesting boxes will be available for purchase for \$20. Thank you Lowe's stores for donating wood!

DATE: Wednesday, March 25, 2020
WHERE: Mason City Hall Sycamore Room
201 W. Ash St., Mason
TIME: 6:30pm
Any Questions Call 517-230-1328

National Garden Clubs, Inc. is proud of its college scholarship program.

It offers financial aid to students majoring in fields of study related to horticulture and the environment. Applicant must be planning a career related to gardening, landscape design, environmental issues, floral design or horticulture.

<http://gardenclub.org/scholarships/>

2020 MSCGC GERANIUM SALE FUNDRAISER COLOR CHART

HANGING IVY BASKETS

Ivy League Red
Ivy League Orchid
Ivy League Deep Pink



Ivy League Red



Ivy League Orchid



Ivy League Deep Pink

HANGING BASKETS

Calliope Dark Red
Americana Salmon
Calliope Magenta



Calliope Dark Red



Americana Salmon



Calliope Magenta

3 GALLON BUSH POTS

Tango Dark Red
Americana Salmon
Americana Pink
Rocky Mountain Deep Rose



Tango Dark Red



Americana Pink



Rocky Mountain
Deep Rose

4 1/2" POTS

Tango Dark Red
Americana Salmon
Americana Pink
Rocky Mountain Deep Rose
Calliope Medium Pink Flame
Rocky Mountain White



Calliope Medium
Pink Flame



Rocky Mountain
White

**2020 MASON SYCAMORE CREEK GARDEN CLUB
GERANIUM SALE FUNDRAISER**

Customer Name:

Club Member Name:

Phone #:

Tentative delivery date: May 5, 2020

	COLOR	QUANTITY	X PRICE Includes tax =	SUBTOTALS	TOTAL ALL ↓	
HANGING IVY 11" pots	Ivy League Red		X \$15.75 =			Hanging Ivy & Hanging Baskets: 1) = \$15.75 2) = \$31.50 3) = \$47.25 4) = \$63.00 5) = \$78.75 6) = \$94.50 7) = \$110.25 8) = \$126.00 9) = \$141.75 10) = \$157.50 Bush Pots: 1) = \$18.00 2) = \$36.00 3) = \$54.00 4) = \$72.00 5) = \$90.00 6) = \$108.00 7) = \$126.00 8) = \$144.00 9) = \$162.00 10) = \$180.00
	Ivy League Orchid		X \$15.75 =			
	Ivy League Deep Pink		X \$15.75 =			
	HANGING IVY		TOTAL =		→	
HANGING BASKETS 11" pots	Calliope Dark Red		X \$15.75 =			
	Americana Salmon		X \$15.75 =			
	Calliope Magenta		X \$15.75 =			
	HANGING BASKETS		TOTAL =		→	
HERB/ SUCCULENT BOWLS	12" Herb Bowl		X \$12.00 =			
	10" Succulent Square Planter		X \$23.50 =			
	MISCELLANEOUS		TOTAL =		→	\$
BUSH POTS 3 Gallon	Tango Dark Red		X \$18.00 =			
	Americana Salmon		X \$18.00 =			
	Americana Pink		X \$18.00 =			
	Rocky Mountain Deep Rose		X \$18.00 =			
	BUSH POTS		TOTAL =		→	\$
4 ½ INCH POTS	Americana Pink		X \$3.75 =			4 ½ Inch Pots: 1) = \$3.75 2) = \$7.50 3) = \$11.25 4) = \$15.00 5) = \$18.75 6) = \$22.50 7) = \$26.25 8) = \$30.00 9) = \$33.75 10) = \$37.50
	Calliope Medium Pink Flame		X \$3.75 =			
	Americana Salmon		X \$3.75 =			
	Rocky Mt Deep Rose		X \$3.75 =			
	Rocky Mt White		X \$3.75 =			
	Tango Dark Red		X \$3.75 =			
	4 ½ INCH POTS		TOTAL =		→	
				Total Sale	\$	

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CASH OR CHECKS ACCEPTED. PLEASE MAKE CHECK OUT TO THE MSCGC MEMBER.

DISTRICT RESOURCES



NATIONAL
WWW.GARDENCLUB.ORG
 USERNAME: MEMBER
 PASSWORD: CONSERVE



MICHIGAN
WWW.MICHIGANGARDENCLUBS.ORG
 USERNAME: MEMBER
 PASSWORD: MCGGROW



REGION
WWW.NGCCENTRALREGION.ORG
 PASSWORD: 7STATES



RESOURCE & CONTACT INFORMATION

[HTTPS://MGCDISTRICT2B.WEBLY.COM](https://MGCDISTRICT2B.WEBLY.COM)
 PASSWORD: 2BGARDENERS



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 Join Facebook Group (MGC District IIB Members only)

"Share" to the District Group & Page your club's events, garden project news, gardening articles and event photo highlights. This is a collective forum to promote each other's clubs.