

District 2B Presidents Meeting

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

4:45 pm - 6:15 pm

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Meeting ID: 873 0103 5223

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Invited:

Janice Thelen: thelenjanice@hotmail.com , Looking Glass Garden Club

Missy Koos, Dewitt Millennium Garden Club

Julie Hath, Webberville Garden Club

Lynn O'Shaughnessy, Brighton Garden Club

Karen Wright, Howell Garden Club

Monica Taylor, MGC, 1st VP and President Elect and

Laura Grainger, MGC, Technology Chair, DIIB Steering Committee, Technology and Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club

Ronnie Polad, District IIB Steering Committee Treasurer & Garden Club of Greater Lansing

Peggy Bryson, District IIB Steering Committee, (Weebly) and Meridian Garden Club

Agenda:

Welcome & Introductions.

- Roll Call – Type your name and club into the Chat Box. We will do a live mic roll call with the question – Roster Challenges and Garden Tours (limit time to 2 minutes, please)
- Carol was to collect the rosters and the check with a copy of the roster gets sent to Ronnie Polad.
- Original instructions we to send the link. That does not work. New people are added to the bottom. Carol to update the list to move the new members into the alpha list and will be uploaded as the new version. MGC is still working on the “Teams” processes.
- Deb Plichta is in charge of the club rosters.
- Webberville Garden Clubs has sent in the roster with the check. Carol to check for e-file on the roster from Webberville. Carol to send check to Ronnie.
- Brighton Garden Club has
- Monica said that if we have questions about the rostering process, we should contact Nancy Ryan.

Club Tours:

- Scott Sunken Gardens Tour with Garden Club of Greater Lansing. This is a new garden replacing the old Scott Sunken Garden. A new statue will be added. July 12th at 10:00 AM and then on to Cooley Gardens and then on to Blue Star Memorial in Francis Park. The Tour ends with the club meeting. Box lunches can be ordered.
- Lynn O'Shaughnessy is conduct tours of her Circle Garden. She wants clubs to confirm their tour times and those clubs who have not scheduled yet are invited to set a date and time with Lynn directly.
- Missy Koos, DeWitt Millennial GC is doing a treasure hunt, using QR codes to find the treasures, at the end of the month. Laura suggested that the treasure hunt could be included in the youth group activities list. Missy gave a brief description of the event and suggest that the event is added to the D2B Facebook page and District website.

Big Needs:

- Youth Programs – A communications leader for the District to help MGC act as a conduit with MGC to communicate information about what is going on in the District. Monica explained that MGC needs a Chair for Youth Activities to take Ronnie Dush's place.
- Fall meeting – September 30 in Marshall is asking clubs to let committee know if they want to sell any items that will be used in a common auction/bid booth that can be used to help make money to pay for the event. There will be a profit sharing with MGC 50/50 on all event revenue. Vendors are being considered. Karla Love will be providing meeting details.
 - B2 earrings are available to sell
 - Karla has 2-3 potential vendors
 - Reduced rate for vendors is suggested because of the reduced time to sell.
 - Presenters have not been confirmed and clubs are welcome to send suggestions for program.
 - Agenda items review
 - Janice T. thought the offerings from different clubs that could be sold is a good idea. Ronnie's concern is that splitting the profits may be difficult, if each club had different things to sell.
 - Lois Snover Hansen would like to be included in the program to talk about the District's Spring Show. She would like to show some artistic examples for the Spring Show.
 - Carol said that the District should consider a Horticulture Show at the Fall Meeting. This is to be investigated.

Statewide Events and Announcements

- Lynn O'Shaughnessy to provide an update on the registry site for Doug Tallamy's program. Homegrown National Park. This program is to support more people to support natives in their gardens. This project is to increase acreage into the collection. The link to register a garden on the national map is on MGC's website front page. You just register your best estimated surface area that has natives.
- Send Club brochures and marketing materials to DD (e-files or paper) for central library/document collection.

District Updates

- Need each clubs FB and/or website addresses on Weebly – make sure each club has a member assigned to keep track of information on the D2B Weebly site and the D2B Facebook page. Peggy Bryson and Nita Campbell help clubs update their information and add events onto the calendar, post announcements, etc. on the Weebly page.
 - Each club can submit items to the Facebook page and Facebook Group site.
- Laura reminded us that the events can also be posted on MGC's calendar – MGC website.
- Not all clubs officers are still not familiar with the District 2B Weebly. Laura gave a brief overview of the Michigan Garden Clubs, District 2B Weebly. You will need to login to gain access by using 2bgardeners.
 - When listing events, make sure to include if the event is open to the public and who is the contact for organizing
- When posting to the 2B Facebook page: If you join Michigan Garden Clubs District 2B, then you can post and "share" an event. You post to your club's page and then you can then share to the District 2B site. Ronnie explained that once you have POSTED something to the 2B Facebook page and Ronnie has approved your posting, your future posts will be accepted. Ronnie looks for other club's events and posts and tries to share to the District 2B FB page. We can all help with this.
- SIGs – (also, D2B SIG Facebook Groups) need members to lead each Special Interest Group.

- If your club has an expert who can lead a portion of the FB Group page postings, manage workshops, and other SIG activities, please send their name to me.
- Weebly Page Club information (Update with new leadership information if you have changes in club meeting times or officers.)
- Sharing to other MGC special interest group's pages is suggested again.
- ZOOM training – Clubs that still need help on Zoom, please contact me or Laura Grainger for help. Clubs lose numbers when not meeting with members – even if by remote meetings only. See the Annual Report from MGC as to the use of MS Office and Zoom.
- Newsletter deadline for next publication. We need your articles and calendars for August Newsletter. Deadline is July 1, 2021
- Plant markers are still available and for sale. We get a price break when we order 100. We just sold 150 to Audubon Society.
- Reminder of the Weebly website will be migrated and changed this fall. Peggy Bryson provides support now to the website management. Plbryson@gmail.com
- Across the Fencepost, resigned their club to being part of the MGC membership. Carol called Julie Partee, President and extended invitation to keep those five club members involved.
- MGC issued club grand award for Plant America to Brighton Garden Club

Task List:

- Karen Wright asked about Howell Garden Club becoming 501(c)(3). She is advised to go the MGC Website to find the contact and handbook for GTEP. GTEP@MIGARDENCLUBS.ORG

Next Meetings

3rd Wednesday of the Month

- July 21, 2021 05:00 PM (Time and location TBD)