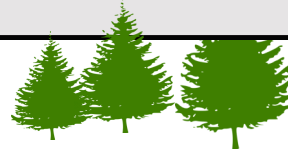




The IIB Gardener



December, 2017



Lynn Keelan
District Director

As your new District Director, I am busy learning with the help of my steering committee. Sue Wittick has produced our first IIB Gardener newsletter, which I hope you found informative. We have had a wonderful meeting with the Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. treasurer Bunny LaDuke. Bunny is a fountain of information and ideas. Peggy, our district treasurer, will be able to fulfill her duties with meeting state requirements under the 501c3 designation, non profit. Peggy also has a website for our district. Barb and Carol Grainger have been diligently working to get a Spring 2018 IIB District Meeting off the shelf.

This group is just bursting with ideas to improve our district, bring you more educational opportunities and fun outings. We have a meeting planned with Brighton Garden Club, which is most eager to host our Fall 2018 District IIB Meeting. We welcome all your ideas too. I am proud to be a part of this exciting tenure. I wish you a wonderful holiday season with family, friends and fun.



Across the Fence Post Garden Club

IIB Club of the Month

The Across the Fence Post Garden Club was organized and federated in 2001. We are an evening club because of our working members. We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at our members' homes and take turns hosting the meetings. We currently have seven members, one out of state.

Because our members are located in several towns, we provide garden club services to Laingsburg, Morrice, Perry and Shaftsbury. In Laingsburg, Morrice and Shaftsbury we provide large flower pots and fill them with annuals in the summer and greens in the winter. Our club members clean five flower beds in Laingsburg and two flower beds in Perry during the spring, summer and fall months.

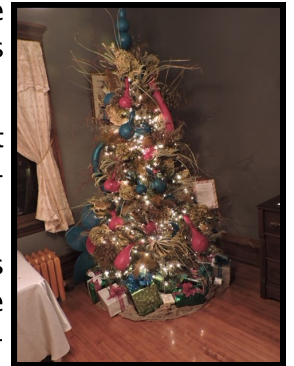


The club's only money-making project is in May during the Laingsburg Spring Festival. We decorate a float to be pulled in the Saturday parade while club members walk with the float. We also sell perennials and run a bake sale to provide money for the club's projects and donations.



The club's members are part of the state's Roadside Cleanup Project working on M-52 south of Perry in April and September cleaning approximately five miles of M-52.

The most current project taken on by some of the garden club members is to decorate a Christmas tree with dried perennials at the Turner-Dodge House in Lansing. We are very proud to have our 2016 tree voted the favorite tree by the audience.



Although we are not a large garden club, we are devoted to our gardening projects and do the best we can with what we have.

We ask that IIB Club Presidents make this newsletter available to all their members. To be added or removed from the e-mail distribution list for this newsletter, please contact Sue Wittick.

District IIB Steering Committee

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

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

Barb Ketchum, Mason-Sycamore Creek Garden Club, 517-331-2027, baketchum15@gmail.com, Member Services to Clubs, Event Coordinator

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

Any IIB club member is welcome to attend District IIB Steering Committee meetings. The next meeting will be held on December 11th at Aubree's Restaurant, 4433 E. Grand River Howell to discuss plans for the fall, 2018 District Meeting with representatives of the Brighton Garden Club. On December 15th, the committee will meet with former district directors at the Great Lakes Restaurant in Fowlerville.

Fall 2017 IIB District Meeting



We dined...



we learned about National Trails...



and how we love to shop!



Fall 2017 IIB District Meeting Report Madeline Masterson, Chair



A fine time was had by all on October 11 at the Eagle Eye Banquet Facility in Bath, even if the weather wasn't so fine. We were content to be inside enjoying ourselves. 164 members of District IIB registered for the event and a total of 161 people attended including guests. 15 of the 16 IIB clubs had representatives in attendance. The lovely decorations and centerpieces set the mood for the theme of "Autumn Treasures." There were treasures galore to be found at the very successful Silent Auction which offered 5 themed baskets and 7 other beautiful items. More treasures were available from the 12 carefully chosen vendors who offered everything from trees to honey.

The continental breakfast, delicious luncheon, and afternoon warm cookies added to the festive day. The main speaker, Mark Weaver of the National Park Service, gave a very interesting overview of the North Country National Scenic Trail, much of which is located in Michigan, and answered lots of questions. It is good to also learn about something new and different at a District Meeting.

Financially, this meeting was highly successful and well worth the effort, yielding surplus funds of \$726.94. This surplus is shared by MGC, Inc., District IIB and the hosting club. Of course, District Meetings always contain a Business Meeting which was conducted by MGC 1st VP, Janet Hickman. It was well organized and went quickly. It contained important reports, and helped to connect us to MGC, Inc. At the end of the day Janet discussed with us the lack of a District IIB Director and, perhaps most importantly of all, a committee was formed to address the matter. It was this committee that then presented a candidate for the Director position along with a Steering Committee to share the responsibilities. It may prove to be an excellent model for the future.

So, important things happen at District Meetings in addition to having a great time with your own and other club members. If you did not make it to this meeting, plan on not missing the next one!

Peggy Bryson, District Treasurer, FaceBook Administrator, Website Administrator, Recording Secretary

The District Steering Committee had a very productive meeting on November 16 with Bunny LaDuke, MGC Treasurer. We learned that there is a new form for district event budgets and final reports. In order to avoid shortfalls due to unexpected expenses, event planners are asked to submit event budgets reflecting expected revenues at least 10% higher than expected expenses. We also learned that budget surpluses from District meetings go to the District's bank account, not the MGC general accounts, and it is from those funds that Plant America Grow and Share project grants will be made to clubs.



Thanks to great attendance and the generosity of silent auction participants, the 2017 Fall District Meeting produced a budget surplus (after sales tax) of \$726.94. That has boosted the balance in the District checking account to \$804.83.

Barb Ketchum, Member Services to Clubs, Events

The **Spring 2018 District Meeting** is on the schedule! Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, April 18** at the Eagle Eye Conference Center in Bath. The theme for the meeting is Partners in Gardening. This meeting is all about the District and our Garden Clubs as partners.



I will be co-chairing this meeting in my role as part of the District Steering Committee along with Carol Grainger from the Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club. We need your help to make this meeting a success. We are asking for volunteers from any club for each of the following roles:

- ❖ Registrar
- ❖ Printing
 - ❖ Displays
 - ❖ Vendors (We have two already)
 - ❖ Silent auction
 - ❖ Room décor
 - ❖ Centerpieces
 - ❖ Table Hostess
 - ❖ Room set up and cleanup



Please contact me if you (as a member of our district) or your club is interested in taking responsibility for any of these tasks, or if you have ideas, questions, or suggestions!

We are also asking each club to donate one basket for the silent auction, or for smaller clubs to provide items for a joint basket with another small club. If you can't wait to get started, contact me with your idea for a basket theme. We want to be sure to have a variety of baskets.

You may be asking yourself, "What happens to the profit from this meeting?" Any profits go to our District with the goal to provide grants to clubs for your projects. More about grants will be coming in the year ahead.



I am looking forward to getting to know all of you!

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*



Central Region, NGC

www.ngccentralregion.org

Login: *member*
Password: *7states*

Michigan Garden Clubs

www.michigangardenclubs.org

Login: *2bmember*
Password: *membermgc*

District IIB Steering Committee Member News (continued)

Sue Wittick, Communications, Newsletter, Graphics/Printing



Did you notice the masthead on this newsletter? Lynn Keelan came up with the idea of two bees to represent us, so this may lead to a new logo for District IIB. Let us know what you think!

Thank you for sending all the positive comments about our new steering committee and our November newsletter. Your support makes our efforts feel worthwhile, and your ideas help us all improve.

I created a directory of IIB members in an Excel file from the rosters each club submitted to MGC with your dues. Please send me updates when you add new members! Members – let me know by January 1st if you DO NOT want your contact information shared with other clubs. After that time, I'll share the file with any IIB member who requests it.



I like the idea of all our club meetings being open to any member of our district. If your club would like some occasional visitors from other clubs, be sure to use *The IIB Gardener* to tell us all about your upcoming programs.

I encourage you to share your club's activities. Another club's good ideas might be the basis for your new project! The deadline for submissions to this newsletter will always be the 20th of each month.

Please note that I am sending several attachments with this newsletter:

- * A map of District IIB showing the location of our clubs
- * An updated list of IIB Club Presidents
- * A list of Life Members from District IIB (a work in progress which may need YOUR input)



New District IIB Website, Peggy Bryson



The new District IIB website, though still under construction, is now open for business. Check it out at mgcdistrict2b.weebly.com, password: 2bgardeners. The basic structure is up and information and forms are being posted as they're received. The intent is to create a useful resource for clubs and their members. You'll find the District newsletters, Steering Committee minutes, the March flower show schedule, MGC and NGC awards presented in 2017, documents and forms for planning District Meetings, and an event calendar.

Your help is needed to fill the gaps in information about member clubs. We would like to include a good profile of each of the clubs in the District (including activities, events and programs), as well as speakers, venues and vendors for meeting planning. What other kinds of information you would find helpful on the site? Would you like to see information that would help in planning field trips (e.g., nurseries and garden centers, public gardens)? Or information that will help in planning a meeting? Or do you want to know what's going on around the District (e.g., other clubs' programs, flower shows, garden tours, fundraisers)? What resources would make the club President's job easier? There's a comment button on the website, or you can send me your thoughts by e-mail.



District IIB Facebook Page, Peggy Bryson



You may be asking "What District Facebook page?" A good question, as our Facebook page is not up yet. Before opening it, your input is needed to identify how you would want to use a Facebook site. Do you want a secret group that is only open to District club members? Or would you like a page where club members and any interested members of the FB community can share tips, photos, announcements, comments and so on? Send e-mail to me at plbryso@gmail.com.



The National Gardener Magazine is a primary path of communication between NGC and all garden club members. It is published in January, April, July, and October. The cost is \$8/year or \$21 for three years.

Subscribe online: <http://www.shopgardenclub.org/shop/category.aspx?catid=7>
Or call 800-550-6007



Jean Goetz, MGC 2nd Vice President in Charge of Civic Affairs, Meridian Garden Club,
goetzj88@gmail.com, 517-349-4791



A lot is happening this month to promote pollinators and to encourage legislators to pass Senate Bill 298. We all need to work together and make the Black Swallowtail our Michigan state butterfly! We can do it...together!

Presentation: The Black Swallowtail presentation on the MGC website has been updated with additional informational slides and can easily be downloaded and presented at a club meeting.

Handouts: The MGC website has handouts and sample letters to help educate our members.
www.michigangardenclubs.org

Pins: Black Swallowtail pins can be purchased for \$5 each. Send the order to me (735Knightsford Lane, Okemos, MI 48864) with your club check, payable to MGC.

Influence legislation: Send letters and or email messages to state senators urging support of SB 298, perhaps at club meetings. This site will help members identify their state senator: <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/findyoursenator/michiganfys.asp?lookup=Y>

Ask for support: Schools or nature-related organizations or businesses may be willing to write letters. MGC Legislation Chair, Sue Leahy, would love to hear of your efforts and success (leahys100@msn.com).

Be creative: Have very young children color a butterfly. Create a poster to display around your town. This week Sue Leahy and I are staffing a table at the Meridian Mall in Okemos. We have a tri-fold poster, handouts, Black Swallowtail pins, and a free butterfly fan to distribute to children by our local Girl Scouts while we talk to their parents. Sue Wittick created the fan which will be on the MGC website for anyone to use.



Karen Motawi, MGC Database Manager and Loda Lake Chair
Big Rapids Garden Club, kandkmotawi@gmail.com



It may be hard to imagine, but Michigan Garden Clubs have been formally involved with the U.S. Forest Service and the management of the Loda Lake Wildflower Sanctuary since 1949. We may think that concern about our environment is a recent phenomenon, but we have some charming correspondence in the MGC archives that indicates our members were very concerned about the loss of wildflower species many decades ago. We now have laws on the books to protect many of those species.



In the last few years, we have turned our attention toward making the sanctuary more accessible to the public as an educational facility, not just a place to preserve the wildflowers by hiding them away.

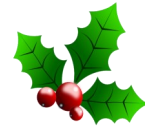
Contributions by our Michigan Garden Clubs have been extremely important in this effort, making possible (with the help of matching grants) a new road, parking area, pavilion and reconstructed boardwalk. A new deer fence has protected a large field of prairie plants, and this past summer we were able to pave and resurface handicap-accessible paths from the parking lot to the boardwalk.

Of course, the work never ends. The projects on the books for next year are the reprint of the brochure/map and the repair and replacement of signage along the trails. If you haven't visited recently, start thinking of stopping by as you plan your getaways for the coming year!

NGC Schools (<http://michigangardenclubs.org/> Education

Environmental Studies School, Course IV, April 17 & 18, Holland, MI
Landscape Design School, Course IV, April 24 & 25, Kalamazoo, MI





All Club members in District IIB are welcome to attend.

To be held at the DeWitt Fire Station, 911 W. Main Street, DeWitt, MI 48820. Please RSVP to Kathi Dominguez – 517-927-4665, dominguezk@comcast.net

Bring: Handbook for Flower Shows – revised 2017 – and your old handbook too. Each workshop has a project theme. Please bring all supplies needed to participate.

Flower Show Planning Sessions:

March 15-18, 2018 – “We Love Michigan” Flower Show – MSU Pavilion

July 18, 2018 – 10:00-12:00 noon – Workshop; 12:00-1:00 – Lunch; Followed by the Flower Show Schedule Planning Meeting 1:00-4:00 pm – DeWitt Fire Station

Workshop Projects:

Wednesday – February 21, 2018 “Up, without a Ladder”

10:00-12:00 noon; Meridian GC to provide refreshments; DeWitt to provide coffee
Project: Armature, a Creative Design featuring an Armature form (grid-like structure). (Handbook page 77)



Armature Design

Wednesday, April 25, 2018 “Over the Edge”

10:00-12:00 noon; Williamston Red Cedar to provide refreshments; DeWitt to provide coffee

Project: Cascade, a design with an emphasis on a downward rhythmic movement (Handbook page 73)

Spring Fling Flower Show, set up 9:30 – 10:00, viewing 11:00-noon

Wednesday, July 18, 2018 Design Project to be determined

10:00-12:00 noon; DeWitt and Grand Ledge to provide refreshments; DeWitt to provide coffee; everyone to contribute to a potluck lunch

Following lunch, we will continue planning for the 2019 Flower Show. Bring old FS schedules and your new *Handbook for Flower Shows*.

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 “Anything Goes” Participant’s choice of design type

10:00-12:00 noon – Howell GC and GCGL to provide refreshments; DeWitt to provide coffee



2018 District IIB Standard Flower Show “We Love Michigan”



The design classes are a popular feature of this show, but there are still openings that must be filled by the end of December. To register for a design, please call one of these consultants:

Sue Lohman (517-281-0606, sclohman@comcast.net) has three openings for Class 10, *Harbor Lights*. This is a creative design containing reflective materials giving back images of light to the viewer.

Jodie Szalankiewicz (517-897-6099, jodiesz419@gmail.com) has openings for Class 12, *Life on the Road in Michigan*, for the designer’s choice of style and materials.

Ann Campbell (517-517-242-2829, a2fcampbell@aol.com) has openings for *Music in the Park*, an exhibition table design.

Linda Mogyros (517-694-7914, turtlehatch@att.net), has an opening for Class 5, Art



Volunteers Needed

- * Fund Raising Committee for District IIB, Contact Sue Wittick
- * Civic Beautification Chair, Michigan Garden Clubs Board of Directors Contact Carol Brodbeck, brodbeck@aol.com.
- * Habitat for Humanity Chair, Michigan Garden Clubs Board of Directors Contact Carol Brodbeck.
- * Environmental Issues/NGC Backyard Wildlife Habitat Chair, Michigan Garden Clubs Board of Directors Contact Carol Brodbeck
- * A pair of people to develop a Book of Evidence for our March 2018 Flower Show to submit for state and national awards. Contact Lois Snover-Hanson, 517-694-8091, if you can help us win an award.
- * A place to hold a small summer 2018 flower show. If your club would like to host, please contact Lois Snover Hanson.
- * District Historian – Is there someone who would like to compile the history of District IIB? This will take some research, looking at old yearbooks, and talking to lots of nice people who have been in the district awhile. Let's document all the things that have made us special over the years!



News from around our District



Grand Ledge Garden Club

District Library Project

Thanks to our club, the Grand Ledge Area District Library building on E. Jefferson St. in Grand Ledge has newly renovated front landscaping. Due to a recently completed large addition to the library, a lovely garden entryway to the existing building was lost to progress. This courtyard and the plantings were put in place in a special landscaping project by Grand Ledge Garden Club in 2003 and the area had been maintained by the club since that time. Webster the Cat sculpture had also been donated to the library for placement in the courtyard.

After the renovation of the library was completed, GLGC offered to assist the library in renovating the front entry landscaping on E. Jefferson St. and assumed responsibility for maintaining that area. With the assistance of Kim Dible of Dible-Glasser Landscaping, the renovation plans were drawn up and work began during the summer of 2017.

With an emphasis on making the area low maintenance and drought tolerant, some of what was already there was pruned, perennial shade plants, ground covers and shrubs were added, and the beds were mulched. The beloved Webster the Cat statue was saved from the old courtyard and placed in front of the building. Each spring the club will add their signature red geraniums to their annual flower arrangements in pots and to the planter below the Veteran's Memorial that stands at the corner of the building.

Current club President Cindy Langenberg said, "The Grand Ledge Garden Club and the Grand Ledge Area District Library have had a long history. The beautification of the library's 1931 Room's exterior will give residents of Grand Ledge and visitors to our town a pleasant view on this historic stretch of Jefferson Street. The Garden Club looks forward to the maturation of the new plantings. We hope the town's folk will appreciate this newly planted site."



Webster

Come visit us on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/382377982099994/>

Meridian Garden Club, Linda Mogyoros, Vice President

It has been a very busy fall for Meridian Garden Club. Hosting the District IIB Fall Meeting, "Autumn Treasures," was a lot of fun and a great way to learn about other members who were on the committees.

We closed the gardens of the Historical Village. All the extra plants were potted up for our spring plant sale. We are now getting ready for our Holiday Luncheon for our December meeting. Eight teams are setting their tables in very creative ways that will be so beautiful. It was a lot of fun last year and we are looking forward to more fun this year. We sold bulbs and gloves in the fall and on December 2nd will sell holiday arrangements in the Meridian Mall.

We wish all a peaceful and joyful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year from our club to yours.



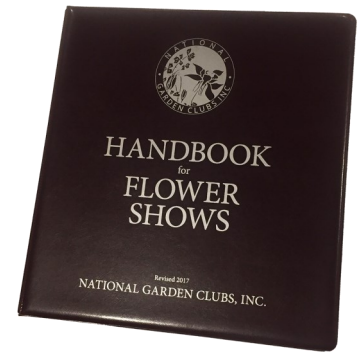
News from your club could be listed here!



Judge	Status	Member Club
Jenny Bond	Accredited	The Garden Club of Greater Lansing
Barbara Church	Master	The Garden Club of Greater Lansing
Kathi Dominguez	Accredited	DeWitt Millennium Garden Club
Lisa Emerson	Accredited	Looking Glass Garden Club
Lynda Foster	Accredited	Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club
Marlene Glotfelty	Master	Marshall Garden Club
Julie Hath	Student	Webberville Garden Club
Lucille Hicks	Emeritus	
June Knostman	Emeritus	The Garden Club of Greater Lansing
Sue Kropschot	Student	Meridian Garden Club
Dianna Liebrandt	Master	Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club
Bunny McComb	Emeritus	The Garden Club of Greater Lansing
Irene Murray	Emeritus	The Garden Club of Greater Lansing
Tempest Petovello	Emeritus	The Garden Club of Greater Lansing
Lois Snover-Hanson	Master	Meridian Garden Club
Mary Weathers	Accredited	Meridian Garden Club
Ann Wiseman	Emeritus	The Garden Club of Greater Lansing
Sue Wittick	Accredited	Meridian Garden Club

The new Handbook for Flower Shows is available through the NGC website in both print and digital editions. <http://www.gardenclub.org/schools/flower-show-handbook.aspx>

The cost of either version is \$25.00. On the same web page you can find a list of the corrections to the book.



Dates for your Calendars

December 2, 2017 – Meridian Garden Club holiday sale, Meridian Mall, 10–2, holiday arrangements, pressed flower art, pressed flower cards, lighted wine bottles

December 2, 2017 – The Garden Club of Greater Lansing, Greens Market, 9–noon, Grace United Methodist Church, 1900 Boston Boulevard, Lansing, selling hand-made items for holiday decorating including wreaths, swags, roping, boxwood trees, kissing balls, table centerpieces, bags of assorted greens, and supplies for your own creative use. For preorders, custom orders, or information, call Joanne at 323-0264, Jenny at 676-2676, or Reba at 484-7371. Visit us online at: gardenclubofgreaterLansing.org

December 11, 2017 – Steering Committee meeting, Aubree’s Restaurant, Howell

December 15, 2017 – Steering Committee meeting, Great Lakes Restaurant in Fowlerville.

February 21, 2018 – IIB Designers Meet at DeWitt Fire Station, 10 a.m. – noon, practicing armature designs

March 15–18, 2018 *We Love Michigan*, District IIB Flower Show, MSU Pavilion

April 18, 2018 – Spring IIB District Meeting, Eagle Eye Conference Center, Bath. Conference Chair Barb Ketchum hopes that all clubs will lend a hand!

April 24, Spring Fling Flower Show, DeWitt Fire Department, hosted by IIB Designers, viewing from 11:00–noon

May 21, 2018 - May 24, 2018 - National Garden Clubs Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

June 5–6, 2018 – Michigan Garden Clubs Convention, Kalamazoo

October 22–23, 2018 NGC Central Region Convention, Frankenmuth, Michigan

October 25, 2018 – Fall District IIB Meeting, Brighton Garden Club hosting

Your club events could be listed here!

Special Events



**Michigan Garden Club
2018 Convention**
"Bzzzz Michigan"... Celebrating Pollinators
Tuesday June 5:
Interclub Meet, Share & Learn Workshops
Wednesday June 6:
General Sessions and Educational Workshops
June 5 - 6, 2018
Radisson Plaza Hotel
Kalamazoo, Michigan

**2018 MGC Convention
June 5 - June 6
Kalamazoo**



**2018 NGC Central Region
Convention
October 22 - October 23
Frankenmuth, Michigan**



**2018 NGC Convention
May 21 - May 24
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

It's All About...The Ins & Outs of Gardening

2018 Winter Symposium

Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018

at MSU Plant & Soil Sciences Bldg.

1066 Bogue Street

East Lansing, MI 48824.

Speakers:

Janet Macunovich, Professional Gardener/Author/Garden Guru, will present *Admitting You're Hooked* including overwintering perennials, and *When Trashing the Landscape is a Good Thing* addressing ways to incorporate recycled and found materials in your landscape.

Dr. John Biernbaum, MSU Professor of Horticulture, will present *Compostponics* discussing making, amending or blending compost for gardening in containers and beyond.

Scott Alan Stokes, Co-Owner of Southern Exposure Herb Farm, will present *Pearls of Herbal Wisdom* including the uses of herbs in our daily lives plus garden-to-table ideas.

The flyer containing a registration form was sent as an attachment with this newsletter.

Capital Area Master Gardeners

<https://mgacac.wordpress.com/events/>

CAPITAL AREA MASTER GARDENERS

IT'S ALL ABOUT....

THE INS & OUTS OF GARDENING

2018 WINTER SYMPOSIUM



Saturday, January 27, 2018
8:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

MSU Plant and Soil Sciences Building
1066 Bogue Street
East Lansing, MI 48824

Southwest corner of Bogue & Wilson

MSU Curious Gardener Workshop Series, http://www.hrt.msu.edu/our_gardens/garden_calendar presents:

"Get Lit" Lighted Winter Porch Pot - Wednesday, December 6, 3-5 p.m.



MSU Master Gardening Program

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/master_gardener_volunteer_program

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/>

MSU Extension Service offers *Introduction to Lakes Online*, which explores the many dimensions of inland lakes including riparian rights, shorelines, ecology, aquatic plants, and citizen involvement through this online program. There are no prerequisites - just a passion for Michigan's 11,000 inland lakes!

The District IIB Steering Committee publishes this newsletter monthly to feature MGC news, district events and the projects and activities of IIB clubs. Each month we plan to report on one club in greater depth so, eventually, we will all have a deeper appreciation of what makes us unique and of the love of gardening that connects us. Our January 2018 issue will feature the Webberville Garden Club.

The deadline for submissions will be the 20th of each month with the newsletter coming out around the 1st. It will be sent as an e-mail attachment. Send submissions for the newsletter to Sue Wittick.



NGC Awards

Award #	Category	Class	Club	Club size	Place in MI	Place in IIB
12-2	Publications	Newsletter	Garden Club of Greater Lansing	Medium	second	first
			Meridian Garden Club, Inc.	Large	first	first
13-5	Publications	Brochure	Meridian Garden Club, Inc.	Large	second	first
63-1	Website		Meridian Garden Club, Inc.	Large	first	first

MGC Awards

7B	Photography		Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club	Small	first	first
9	Carolyn Gray Award of Merit		Meridian Garden Club	Large	second	first
65-JA	Junior Garden Club Horticulture		Howell Garden Club		first	first

Yearbook Awards

Club	Place in MI	Place in IIB
Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club	second	first
Howell Garden Club		second
Green Thumb Garden Club		third
Hartland Garden Club		Honorable Mention
The Garden Club of Greater Lansing		first
DeWitt Millennium Garden Club		second
Thornapple Garden Club		third
Meridian Garden Club	first	first
Brighton Garden Club		second

Youth Awards

Smokey Bear - Woodsy Owl

Grade	Award	School	Sponsoring Club	Student
1 st	first	St. Mary School	Williamston Red Cedar GC	Michael Edwards
2 nd	second	Discovery Elementary	Williamston Red Cedar GC	Madeline Niederquell
2 nd	Honorable Mention	Scott School	DeWitt Millennium GC	DeKan Dowdy
3 rd	first	Explorer Elementary	Williamston Red Cedar GC	Jesse Turner
4 th	second	Explorer Elementary	Williamston Red Cedar GC	Jesse Turner
4 th	third	Union City Elementary	Green Thumb Garden Club	Skyler Fraley
5 th	first - tie	Explorer Elementary	Williamston Red Cedar GC	Allison Kane

Youth Awards



Youth Sculpture

Grade	Award	School	Sponsoring Club	Student Winner
6 th Grade	1st	Union City Middle School	Green Thumb Garden Club	Mackenzie Hale
6 th Grade	2nd	Union City Middle School	Green Thumb Garden Club	Heidi Norton
6 th Grade	3rd	Union City Middle School	Green Thumb Garden Club	Landon Galvin
6 th Grade	Honorable Mention	Union City Middle School	Green Thumb Garden Club	Joey Johnson
8 th Grade	1st	Union City Middle School	Green Thumb Garden Club	Dustin Heckman
8 th Grade	2nd	Union City Middle School	Green Thumb Garden Club	Jaydin Cover

Club of Distinction

Club	# Members	Size	Points Earned	Award Level
Across The Fence Post Garden Club	6	Small	350	Club of
Brighton Garden Club	88	Large	1880	Diamond Club
DeWitt Millennium Garden Club	60	Large	3025	Double Diamond Club
Garden Club of Greater Lansing	52	Medium	3200	Diamond Club
Grand Ledge Garden Club	46	Medium	1420	Diamond Club
Green Thumb Garden Club	39	Medium	1055	Platinum Club
Hartland Home & Garden Club	29	Small	1285	Platinum Club
Howell Garden Club	32	Medium	2060	Diamond Club
Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club	27	Small	820	Gold Club
Meridian Garden Club	82	Large	4440	Triple Diamond Club
Webberville Garden Club	33	Medium	720	Gold Club
Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club	37	Medium	3100	Double Diamond Club
Marshall Garden Club	87	Large	745	Gold Club

MGC Club of the Year - Meridian Garden Club



*Happy Holidays from Lynn Keelan
and the District IIB Steering Committee!*