

November 2017

Michigan Garden Clubs (MGC), District IIB Newsletter

The IIB GARDENER



Lynn Keelan

It is with great pleasure that I am able to say that District IIB is alive and striving to be the best ever. I am pleased to be your District Director and with the help of my Steering Committee we have plans to remain an active, involved, sharing and enlightened district. I am a member of the Howell Garden Club, a past president for two years, 1st VP, 2nd VP and presently Membership Chairman. I have been active in our District Flower Show, IIB Designers and in planning two district meetings. I will represent our district at all meetings within the state, and be a part of the Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. (MGC) Executive Committee and Board of Directors. I look forward to proudly representing our 16 clubs. Let's plan on having a great two years and beyond with my theme "Growing our Minds and Gardens." It is never too late to learn.

District IIB Steering Committee

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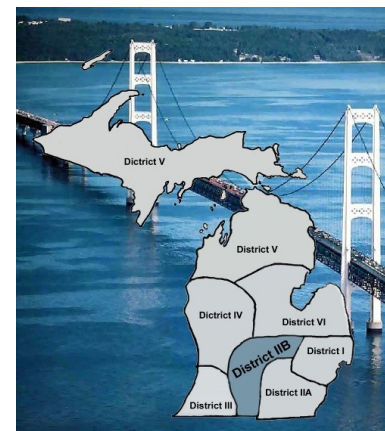
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District IIB Clubs

1. Across the Fence Post Garden Club
2. Brighton Garden Club
3. DeWitt Millennium Garden Club
4. Eaton Rapids Home & Garden Club
5. The Garden Club of Greater Lansing
6. Grand Ledge Garden Club
7. Green Thumb Garden Club
8. Hartland Home & Garden Club
9. Howell Garden Club
10. Looking Glass Garden Club
11. Marshall Area Garden Club
12. Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club
13. Meridian Garden Club
14. Sherwood Garden Club
15. Webberville Garden Club
16. Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club



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Carol Brodbeck, President, mgc17president@aol.com, 734-434-3795

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Bunny LaDuke, Treasurer, rhladuke@aol.com, 269-808-2206

District IIB Newsletter

The Steering Committee will publish this newsletter monthly to feature MGC news, district events and the projects and activities of IIB clubs. Each month, beginning with the December issue, 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. This month features our district.

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 information for the newsletter to Sue Wittick.

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 Members

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

I am excited to be part of the new District IIB steering committee and look forward to getting to know the people and clubs of the District. I am a five-year member of the Meridian Garden Club, its webmaster, and immediate past treasurer.



The steering committee will meet soon with MGC Treasurer, Bunny LaDuke, for a briefing on and the handover of District finances. We want these finances and our actions to be transparent to the 16 clubs of the District and their members, so we plan to place regular financial reports and our meeting minutes on a new District website.

That brings me to developing a District IIB website and Facebook page. There are so many interesting things occurring among the clubs in the District--programs, schools, tours, trips, new gardens and more. A website can be a vehicle for sharing information about those activities within the District, bringing us closer together, as well as a resource for information that you want or need. So let me know how these tools can be most useful to you and what kinds of information you would like to see collected on a secure website. Let me know, too, what use you would like to make of a District Facebook page. Would you like to let a larger public know more about what your club is doing? Have a place where you can share photos of your events? Share information about local nursery sales to a broader audience? Share special photos from our gardens? Drop me a note at plbryso@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Barb Ketchum, Member Services to Clubs, Events



I have been a member of the Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club for 9 years, six as President. I am currently Secretary and Events Chair. In 2016, I was co-chair when our club and the Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club put on the Spring District Meeting.

I am looking forward to getting to know more of you in District IIB through my role in Member Services and Events. As Sue indicated below, one of the goals of the steering committee is to share information about all the clubs in the district, including events, fundraisers, and speakers. I would also like to create a section on the District web page with help for putting on the spring and fall meetings.

This would include document templates (such as budgets, speaker contracts, etc.) and suggestions to make planning easier. Another idea is to have a page devoted to recommended speakers or projects. If you have any suggestions for either of these sections or any way to make this website really work for your club, I would love to hear



Sue Wittick, Communications, Newsletter, Graphics/Printing

I've served as VP and Treasurer of the Meridian Garden Club and also produced a website, several yearbooks, lots of print materials, and fund-raising products. I chaired the effort to bring our club to 501(c)(3) status (before it was so popular). I've taken pictures of everything since joining the club in 2008 and make them available through our club's website. I served on the MGC Board of Directors, the Finance, Nominating, Bylaws, NGC Convention and Website committees while in the position of Scholarship Chair. I designed ads and created the program book for the NGC Convention held in Grand Rapids. I'm an accredited flower show judge and have a passion for floral design, graphic design, and photography as well as gardening and all things crafty.



It is our goal as a Steering Committee to foster the sharing of information between clubs. We can't do that without your help! If your club produces a newsletter, please add the four of us to your distribution list. If you can spare an extra copy of your yearbook, that would also be helpful – and PDF file versions won't take much room in my crowded office! If you share your events and projects for the newsletter, other clubs may gain ideas for activities they would like to try. If you have room at your meetings for visitors, post the dates and a bit about the speaker or make –and–take that will be featured.

Let me know if you would like some support with the design of a club logo, brochure, or flyer. I am proficient with PhotoShop, CorelDraw, Excel, Word, Publisher, and PowerPoint and may be able to help if you run into problems.

Our newsletter will be sent electronically to club presidents around the first of each month and they are asked to forward it to their membership. If anyone would prefer being on my e-mail list, I will be delighted to add your name. Each month we plan to feature one club so we get to know each other a little better. You can anticipate learning about Across the Fence Post Garden Club in the December issue.



Carol Brodbeck, MGC President

Dear Members of MGC District IIB,

Thanks for all your input, suggestions, understanding, patience, and support during the past five months without having an elected District Director. I know that it had to have been difficult, but you rallied together, as a strong group that you are, and offered a solution.

We could not be happier with your nomination of Lynn Keelan as your 2017–2019 District Director. I wished you could have been present at the November 2 MGC Board Meeting when she was approved MOST enthusiastically—and then greeted warmly with a round of applause when she joined us in the Board meeting. We are looking forward to her leadership in District IIB. I would also like to thank Sue Wittick, who helped to establish a District IIB Steering Committee with Peggy Bryson and Barb Ketchum, which rallied to support and assist Lynn.

Thanks to Janet Hickman, MGC First Vice–President, who served as interim District Director, and Rosemary (Bunny) LaDuke, MGC Treasurer, who served as interim District Treasurer. Madeline Masterson, Sue Kropschot, and others on the Fall District Meeting planning team, hosted an excellent meeting. Thank you and congratulations on a job well done....and thanks for all who attended.

I am looking forward to the future enthusiastically as we work together to carry out the mission of Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. “to provide leadership in education, resources and networking opportunities for its members to promote love of gardening, floral design, landscape design and civic environmental responsibility.”

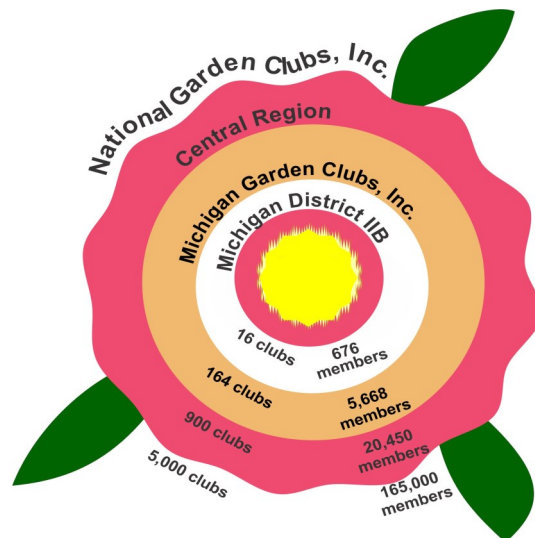
Janet Hickman, MGC 1st Vice–President



It is my great pleasure to announce that Lynn Keelan has agreed to be the Director for District IIB. Her appointment by President Carol Brodbeck was approved by the entire MGC Board on November 2, 2017. This means that the interim measures to provide support to IIB clubs, that were to take effect November 1, are no longer necessary.

Lynn attended the District Directors meeting as a guest until her appointment was ratified and she could fully participate as a board member for the majority of the meeting. The volunteers, who stepped forward at the Fall District Meeting on October 11, will assist Lynn, serving as a district steering committee. I met with some of them after the board meeting, to begin the transition.

I was very impressed with the organization of the District Meeting and the enthusiasm of the members of IIB who I have had the pleasure of getting to know. I was equally impressed with the number of IIB members who volunteered to help judge awards this year. You have a great group of clubs and people and I am confident that you will be served well by your new District Director and steering committee. They are eager to get to work.



Past District Directors

- * Lynda Foster, Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club
- * Barb Benner, Thornapple Garden Club
- * Kathi Dominguez, DeWitt Millennium Garden Club
- * Jeannette Foster, Bulb and Blossom (currently a member of the Grand Ledge Garden Club)
- * Micki McCormick, Williamston Red-Cedar Garden Club (currently living in Florida)
- * Nancy McGilliard, the Garden Club of Greater Lansing (currently a member of the Great Lakes Gardeners in Midland)
- * Lois Speer, Brighton Garden Club
- * Marlene Glotfelty, Marshall Garden Club
- * Lois Snover-Hanson, Meridian Garden Club
- * Dianna Leipprandt, Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club
- * Lucille Hicks, The Garden Club of Greater Lansing

Thanks
Lynda!



District IIB Members Currently Serving on the MGC Board of Directors

Bernadine Bennett, Designer of MGC "Thru the Garden Gate" Newsletter, DeWitt Millennium Garden Club, bbennett42@comcast.net, 517-281-6998, 517-668-6592

I am the graphic designer and layout person for the MGC newsletter, *Thru the Garden Gate*. I started with the last issues for Deannie Picciotti, did the Gate for Marilyn McIntosh, and am now working on the second issue for Carol Brodbeck.

Previously to this assignment, I was the Yearbook Award Chair. I gave this up when the previous newsletter editor resigned. I volunteered to help and here I still am.

In our local club, I have held the offices of President, Vice President, and Past President, which is a position on our board. At the present time I am a member of these committees: Yearbook (co-chair), Bylaws, Garden Beautification, Geranium Sale Fundraiser, History and Photography (co-chair), Youth Gardening Projects Committee, Boxes on the Bridge, Downtown Planters and MGC Life Memberships. Our 63 club members are very busy with the nine gardens they plant and maintain and the several civic projects, like the Annual Spring Speaker and participation in DeWitt activities such as the Farmer's Market.



Jenny Bond, MGC Corresponding Secretary and President of the Michigan Association of Accredited Judges (MAAJ), The Garden Club of Greater Lansing, Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club, jbond@msu.edu, 517-676-2676

Jenny has been the MGC Corresponding Secretary for the last three years. She is also in charge of making stationery, envelopes, and note cards available to all Board members who need them, and serves as a Scholarship Agent to Michigan State University under the leadership of the MGC Scholarship Chair, Alyce Doss.

As current President of the Michigan Association of Accredited Judges (MAAJ), she is responsible for leading the group's activities. Last week an enrichment day was held in Okemos for anyone interested in learning all about the changes made this year in the NGC *Handbook for Flower Shows*. David Robson, one of the authors, shared information and exhibited samples of the new types of design.



Ann Campbell, MGC Chair for NGC Scholarships, MGC Scholarship Agent for Lake Superior State University, Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club, a2fcampbell@aol.com, 517-242-2829

I am currently serving on the MGC Board as the Chair of NGC Scholarships for Michigan. I am also the MGC scholarship agent for Lake Superior State University. As NGC scholarship chair for Michigan I have reviewed the work done by the 3 previous agents and familiarized myself with the qualifications necessary to fulfill this position. I have searched out colleges and universities in Michigan that offer degrees in the fields of environmental studies required to meet the qualification for this scholarship. To date I have contacted five new colleges and added them to the list. I have also confirmed information with the schools already on the approved list. I have compiled forty packets and will mail them tomorrow morning.

In early October I mailed out MGC scholarship information to Lake Superior State and am waiting to hear from their Financial Aid Department with the name and information on their selection for an MGC scholarship.



District IIB Members Currently Serving on the MGC Board of Directors (continued)

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



A very warm welcome to Lynn Keelen, our new District IIB director. It was a joy to meet you at our Board meeting last week! I look forward to knowing and working with you in the future. This monthly newsletter to club presidents is an excellent idea! It encourages communication among clubs and the sharing of ideas and efforts to support our local communities and MGC objectives.

The MGC 2nd VP helps to promote civic affairs for MGC. That includes the Blue Star Memorial program, Civic Beautification, Garden Therapy/Plant It Pink, Habitat for Humanity, Historian, and Legislation. Our Habitat chair recently resigned because of health issues, and our Civic Beautification chair is vacant. Give Carol Brodbeck a call if you can contribute in those areas. We would love to have new members on the MGC Board, and we welcome your participation and ideas.

This month I'll focus on our legislative efforts. The focus of our MGC President, Carol Brodbeck, for the next two years is promoting pollinators and pollinator gardens. Pollinators are in decline nationwide and we need member support to increase their numbers and habitats. We can each help by planting native host and nectar plants in our gardens. Even patio pots can be assembled to help.

Last winter our Birds, Bees and Butterfly committee studied Michigan butterflies and discovered that Michigan is one of only three states that does not have a state butterfly! Sad. They also recommended that we choose the Black Swallowtail for that honor because it is found in every county and overwinters in the state rather than flying south like other butterflies. It is also large and incredibly beautiful!

Sue Leahy is leading our legislative efforts to make the Black Swallowtail our state butterfly. Senate bill 298 (SB298) is sitting in the Government Operations Committee at the capitol. It will graduate out of committee and be voted on the senate floor with your help! Write a letter, email your senator, sign a petition to make this happen! Legislators listen to the voices of their constituents! Be heard. There is detailed information on the MGC website along with educational handouts and brochures to educate our club members. Each club needs to help.



We have a lovely, new pin for members to purchase (\$5) and proudly wear to promote the Black Swallowtail. The first order of 300 sold out in a week! Another 500 were ordered and 100 already sold! They are a hit! Please take club orders when you meet, then phone or email me and we will arrange delivery. MGC receives all profit. Checks should be written to MGC, Inc.

Rose Houk, MGC Group Tax Exemption Program, DeWitt Millennium Garden Club, 517-668-0535
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Welcome IIB Director, Lynn Keelan! I am the Chair of the Group Tax Exemption Program for MGC, Inc. Basically my committee helps clubs become members of an elite group of garden clubs that hold charitable tax exempt, tax deductible status, which often makes a difference regarding fundraising or grant applications. I would be more than happy to answer any questions you have about the program and how it could prove beneficial to IIB clubs. I look forward to working with all of you.

MGC Mission Statement

The mission of the Michigan Garden Clubs is *"to provide education, resources, and network opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral and landscape design, and environmental responsibility."*

This is accomplished through the following major areas of interest:

- * Flower Arranging
- * Environmental Conservation
- * Landscaping
- * Horticulture
- * Community Service
- * Gardening Study
- * Scholarships
- * Youth Activities
- * Social Activities

MGC supports the **Wildflower Association of Michigan (WAM)**, whose mission is *"encouraging the preservation and restoration of Michigan's native plants and native plant communities."* For more information see <http://www.wildflowersmich.org/>

District IIB Members Currently Serving on the MGC Board of Directors (continued)

Sue Leahy, MGC Legislation Chair, Meridian Garden Club, leahys100@msn.com, 517-349-3346

As Legislative Chair I'm currently working to get the Black Swallowtail butterfly adopted as the State Butterfly.



Did you know that 47 of the 50 states have a State Butterfly, State Insect, or both? Unfortunately, Michigan is not one of them. Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. believes Michigan should join those states that celebrate the value and presence of butterflies by passing **SB 298** which makes the *Black Swallowtail* the official State of Michigan butterfly.

How can you help make this happen? There are 4 ways that you can help:

1. Email or write to the Chair of the Government Operations Committee, Senator Arlan Meekhof, senameekhof@senate.michigan.gov with a copy to your senator. Several different senators represent District IIB. If you don't know who your senator is, please go to the Michigan Garden Clubs website and click on "Find Your Senator". <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/FindYourSenator/michiganfys.asp?lookup=Y> When you enter your address, the the site will tell you who your senator is.
2. Contact like-minded organizations and clubs in your community and ask them to also contact Senator Meekhof with a copy to their local senator asking them to support the Bill. Ask like-minded organizations and clubs for a "letter of support." Please send "letters of support" to Susan Leahy, Legislation Chair, MGC at leahys100@msn.com
3. Work with schools and youth groups in utilizing the *Black Swallowtail Curriculum* that can be found on the Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. website.
4. Buy (\$5) and wear a Black Swallowtail pin. Pins may be purchased from Jean Goetz at goetzj88@gmail.com.

[The Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc website](#) has additional information including brochures, model letters, and an excellent curriculum for use with schools. Some Clubs have made seed packets promoting Black Swallowtail host and nectar plants. Others have sold Black Swallowtail plant plugs at their annual plant sale. If your Club has some creative ideas to promote the Black Swallowtail, please share them through this newsletter. If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact me.

2018 District IIB Standard Flower Show "We Love Michigan"

Show chairperson, **Lois Snover Hanson**, says to be looking for the Flower Show Schedules that are circulating now for the Mid-March 2018 Standard Flower Show, "**We Love Michigan.**" The consultants listed for each design class are waiting for your calls to fill the entry slots and the deadline is January 1. The schedule will be available soon on the District's new website.



Decorations for the walls and paraphernalia for creative staging will be needed. Check your closets and attic for posters, lighthouses, and Michigan souvenirs that you are willing to lend to the effort. Contact Lois at 517-694-8091 if you have any questions.

Lois has been serving as Flower Show Chair in District IIB for many years. In addition to the large flower show in March at the Lansing Home & Garden Show, she is planning an April show in conjunction with IIB Designers and possibly a summer show.

Everyone is welcome to attend the gatherings of our IIB Designers group of flower arrangers. The sessions are held from 10 – noon in the DeWitt Fire Station and clubs take turns providing refreshments. Often planning for various flower shows takes place in the afternoon.

The group will meet next on February 21 to create armature designs for a class called "Up Without a Ladder." In April, they will stage a small show featuring flowering spring bulbs as well as creating cascade designs for a class called "Over the Edge."

No experience necessary – we are all learning together!



Recent National Garden Clubs Life Members

Marlas Greiger, Howell Garden Club

Jenny Bond, Garden Club of Greater Lansing

Lillian VanHouten, Howell Garden Club



MGC Life Members

These IIB members received honorary Life Memberships in the last two years. We are also trying to compile a more comprehensive list of all IIB Life Members. If your name should be included, please contact Sue Wittick.

Richard VonTersch, Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association, from the Meridian Garden Club

Terri Pline, Grand Ledge Garden Club

Madeline Masterson, Meridian Garden Club

Helen Eisele, Webberville Garden Club

Carrie Zagumny, Thornapple Garden Club

Nancy Webb, Webberville Garden Club

Steve Rhodes, Marshall Area Garden Club

Sue Leahy, Meridian Garden Club

Phyllis Irwin, The Garden Club of Greater Lansing

Brenda Hershberger, Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club

Diane Haines, Thornapple Garden Club

Judy Chapman, Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club

Diane Brown, Brighton Garden Club

Marlas Greiger, Howell Garden Club

Cristy Lee Bennett, The Garden Club of Greater Lansing

Bernadine Bennett, DeWitt Millennium Garden Club

Tammy Voss, Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club

Judith Turnbull, Brighton Garden Club

Janet Sudac, DeWitt Millennium Garden Club

Pat Molitor, DeWitt Millennium Garden Club

Cindy Mann, Brighton Garden Club

Bill Fullmer, DeWitt Millennium Garden Club

Barbara Amundsen, The Garden Club of Greater Lansing

Ann Wineman, DeWitt Millennium Garden Club

Bette Shattler, Grand Ledge Garden Club

Linda Pung, DeWitt Millennium Garden Club

Rose Ann Lipsch, Thornapple Garden Club

Dess Johnson, Grand Ledge Garden Club

JoAnn Backus, DeWitt Millennium Garden Club



Volunteers Needed

- * Civic Beautification Chair, Michigan Garden Clubs Board of Directors (Contact Carol Brodbeck.)
- * 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

Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club

- * Greens Sales – wreaths, garlands, grave blankets, etc. Sale ends on November 8 and greens are delivered to club on November 20.
- * November 9 we will be honoring our Garden Volunteer of the Year at the Chamber of Commerce recognition dinner.
- * Regular monthly meeting on November 13. Having speaker from Nature Conservancy.
- * Sunday, December 3 we will be creating "Cups of Love," small holiday arrangements in holiday mugs. These will be delivered to local care facilities and shut ins.
- * Regular December meeting on December 11 will be our Christmas party. We have appetizers and desserts and also bring items to contribute to the local food bank.

Your club news could be listed here!

Please send information about them to Sue Wittick and Barb Ketchum by November 2 for the December issue.

Websites to Visit

- Brighton Garden Club, <http://www.brightongardenclub.com/>; <https://www.facebook.com/Brighton-Garden-Club-144710462210881/>
- DeWitt Millennium Garden Club, <https://www.facebook.com/DeWitt-Millennium-Garden-Club-105296826181139/>
- Eaton Rapids Garden Club, <https://www.facebook.com/Eaton-Rapids-Home-Garden-Club-816072348451766/>
- The Garden Club of Greater Lansing, <http://gardenclubofgreaterlansing.org/>
- Green Thumb Garden Club, https://www.facebook.com/pg/Green-Thumb-Garden-Club-114465651949248/about/?ref=page_internal
- Hartland Home and Garden Club, <http://hartlandgardenclub.blogspot.com/>; <https://www.facebook.com/Hartland-Home-and-Garden-Club-507134492755743/>
- Howell Garden Club, <https://www.facebook.com/Howell-Garden-Club-106238506146721/>
- Looking Glass Garden Club, <https://www.facebook.com/Looking-Glass-Garden-Club-148223608565444/>
- Marshall Area Garden Club, <http://www.marshallareagardenclub.org/>; <https://www.facebook.com/Marshall-Area-Garden-Club-103434616387036/>
- Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club, <https://www.facebook.com/Mason-Sycamore-Creek-Garden-Club-224636370921296/>
- Meridian Garden Club, <http://meridiangardenclub.weebly.com/>; www.facebook.com/MeridianGardenClub/
- Michigan Garden Clubs, <http://michigangardenclubs.org/>
- Michigan Garden Clubs Newsletter, Thru the Garden Gate, Fall 2017, <https://docs.google.com/viewer?url=http%3A%2F%2Fmichigangardenclubs.org%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2017%2F09%2FThru-the-Garden-Gate-Fall-2017.pdf>
- Michigan Garden Clubs District V, <https://www.facebook.com/districtv/>
- National Garden Clubs, Central Region, <https://www.ngccentralregion.org/>
- National Garden Clubs, Inc., <http://www.gardenclub.org/>
- NGC Newsletter: [2Fmichigangardenclubs.org%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2017%2F08%2FKIT-August-20173989.pdf](https://www.michigangardenclubs.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/FKIT-August-20173989.pdf)
- Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club, https://www.facebook.com/MIWRCGC/?ref=py_c

Dates for your Calendars

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

December 2, 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. Wreaths, Swags, Roping, Boxwood Trees, Kissing Balls, Table centerpieces, Bags of assorted greens and supplies for your own creative use.

Your club events could be listed here!

Please send information about them to Sue Wittick and Barb Ketchum by November 20 for the December issue.

NGC Central Region

Director: Fran Stueck, franstrueck@Yahoo.com, 319–472–3032 Vice Directors: Loretta Daisy

Member States: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin

2017–2019 Theme: “Partners in Planting America”

2018 Events

- April 24–26 Indiana State Convention, Michigan City, IN
May 8–10 Missouri State Meeting, Blue Springs, MO
May 21–24 NGC Convention, Philadelphia, PA
June 6 MGC Convention, Kalamazoo, MI
June 21–22 Iowa State Meeting, Mason City, IA

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