

# Garden Clippings

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## President's Report:

Hello -

During this last bit of winter I hope everyone is having fun planning the changes you want to make in your garden and contemplating the new plants you want to try come spring. I've fallen for a double morning glory variety that I just ordered seeds for that will hopefully beautify a telephone pole behind my garden come summer and am anticipating the enjoyment I'll get from several new varieties of basil I'll be trying out.

### Things to think about: Special Projects

Please let me know if there are any projects or activities that you would like the garden club to support. I'm asking for ideas from garden club members and would very much like to hear from you.

**District IIB Flower Show: March 17-20 at the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing**, in coordination with the Lansing Home and Garden Show. There's still time if you would like to register and take an entry for Horticulture. They are also looking for volunteers to host. Volunteering to host gets you free admission to the Lansing Home and Garden Show (\$10 savings) and is an easy and enjoyable stint of perusing the flower show, reading the judge's entry comments, and making sure everything stays tidy. Send me an email if you have any questions.

**Horticulture Entry:** You can look at the flower show schedule on the district 2B website

[mgcdistrict2b.weebly.com](http://mgcdistrict2b.weebly.com).



Contact Sue Wittick at 517-242-8259 to pre-register.

**Hosting:** Contact Kathi Dominguez if you would like to host. There are still time slots available during the week and on the weekend.

*Kathi Dominguez*

*District IIB HOST Committee*

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517-927-4665

**April/May: May Plant Exchange** When you can't wait anymore this spring and you're out in your garden, think about the plant exchange we'll be holding the beginning of May at the Farmer's Market. Take the opportunity to pot some plants up to share as you're dividing and moving plants. If you have a ton of old pots cluttering the corners of your garage or potting shed, consider sharing extra pots with other members to use for the plant exchange.

I hope to see you in-person at the March meeting!

 *Alice Schneider*

## Membership dues are coming due....

## Treasurer Report:

Bank balance as of 11:36 AM on February 25th is \$20,276.13.

### Outstanding checks:

- Impact Solutions  
\$207.29 - Membership Applications
- Name Tag, Inc. 120.79 - PayPal Transaction - Name Tags and Art set charge
- Alice Schneider - \$47.60  
- Postage and supplies for directories
- MGC, Inc. - \$25.00 - ad in conference book

Submitted by *Linda Gillespie*

Not only is a welcomed change of our weather season upon us, it is also time to begin our garden club membership renewal campaign. Those dues have not changed and remains; \$20 per individual or \$30 per couple. This is still a great bargain in this current time where all of us are victims of consumer inflation.

Please send payment checks to: Marshall Area Garden Club; Inc. (MAGCI)

P.O. Box 924  
Marshall, MI. 49068 - 0924

These garden club members are exempt from the 2022 renewal fee: David and Noonie Chapple, Wanza Grantier, Kathryn Kinney, Viloshinee Murugan, and Joe Myers.

V.P. for membership, *Bruce Gillespie*

## MI Avenue planters

Choose Marshall has placed their table tops on half of the planters downtown for the winter and asked the Garden Club to return the birdhouses in the other 10 until it is time to plant summer annuals. Thanks to Randy Boehmer for helping put the birdhouses back onto their anchor system for the rest of winter. The birdhouses are to denote spring and provide something interesting to get us from Christmas to spring.

Doug Crane has the summer flowers on order and will again help us to create spectacular color for the coming season.

*Natalie*



## 2022 Welcome to My Garden Tour

We are pleased to announce that we have secured six beautiful gardens for the 2022 Garden Tour. Pam and Carol met with the participants on October 25<sup>th</sup> as an opportunity to answer questions and get to know each other. Several members of the Garden Tour Committee then met on January 27<sup>th</sup> for an informational meeting. Steve and Ann Rhodes have offered to help with the tour ticket and map. Linda Gillespie offered to assist with map accuracy. We will again partner with Janet Ostrum at Bayberry House Interiors for the Garden/Vintage Market on the lawn in front of the Kellogg Community Credit Union. Visitors can order tickets for the tour online or purchase them at several local stores. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 the day of tour. Refreshments will be served at the Holcomb garden on High Street and we will follow the same guidelines as last year with packaged snacks and bottled water. There will be a Quilt Show at the Methodist Church Friday and Saturday of the tour and area museums will be open for visitors to enjoy. Please contact Shirley Larson if you are willing to work a shift at one of the gardens:

John and Kim Galloway, 18200 B Drive North

Melanie Snodgrass, 323 North Madison St.

Andrew Okoniewski and Tim Wackerle, 334 North Marshall St.

Jack and Charissa Kurtis, 329 North Eagle St.

Mike and Robin Holcomb, 406 High St.

Mike and Karla Love, 419 Brewer St.

March 15th  
meeting returns to  
in-person at the  
United Methodist  
Church, 7 p.m.  
program, 8 p.m.  
business meeting.

## “Attracting bluebirds and other next box birds”

Earl Wolf, retired DNR naturalist, will speak on “Attracting bluebirds and other next box birds” at the March 15 garden club meeting. He is originally from South Bend, IN, and considered his absorbing childhood of collecting snakes, turtles, and all things nature; mostly via summers at YMCA Camp, as his inspiration to becoming a naturalist. He received BS in Natural Resources and Natural History Interpretation from the University of Michigan. His career involved working at the Developing Environmental Center at Highland State Recreation Area in Milford, serving as the Naturalist at the Gillette Visitor Center, PJ Hoffmaster State Park, Muskegon performing Sand Dune Ecology interpretation, and lastly became the Exhibit Designer for the Michigan State Parks.

Most recently Earl has lived in seven different countries in the southern hemisphere each winter doing volunteer work with his last stop: Easter Island (Rapa Nui) in the winter of 2020. Earl is a member of the Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club.

## Garden Tour Committee members:

2022 Co-chairs: Pam Munsie and Carol Riggs

2023 Co-chairs: Lucy Robinson and Nancy Isham

Volunteers: Shirley Larson

Sign, Tables & Tents: Randy Boehmer

Ticket Sales: Linda Gillespie

Graphics: Alice Schneider, Claudia Edwards Houser, Steve Rhodes

Refreshments: Nancy Isham

Publicity: Janet Schoenmeyer

Info booth: Paul and Diann Godbold

Submitted by: *Carol Riggs*

## umbel nursery and farmstead

offers a unique selection of annuals, perennials, shrubs, vegetables, and herbs in a beautiful farm setting. Located in Parma, Michigan, Erin and her family also offer garden classes, design services, and consultations for landscaping projects. This April 19th 7 p.m. presentation at the Marshall United Methodist Church on 27 North will give everyone a chance to hear about this wonderful gardening resource in central Michigan. MAGCI will hold a business after the program





Webmaster Tom Kendall is looking for pictures of gardens and past MAGCI activities. Please send your photos to [kendallt@gmail.com](mailto:kendallt@gmail.com).

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