


# Garden Clippings

Newsletter


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MAY & JUNE 2023  
MARSHALL AREA  
GARDEN CLUB,  
INC.




 W. Michigan Ave. Median Gardens Spring Clean-up Crew...thank you to all who came out to help.

 [Membership report....](#)

 **May 16th 7 pm program:**  
Monarch butterfly development and life span – Jean Harvey Clark – Methodist Church

 **June 20th 7 pm program:**  
Floral arrangements from your garden – Denise Wilson – Methodist Church

 **July 11th 6 pm club picnic**  
at Wilder Creek Conservation Club, 19833 D Drive South. Bring a salad or dessert for the buffet. Dinnerware provided.

The garden club membership renewal is entering its final month, and as of this writing, still looking for nearly 1/3 of our 2022 membership numbers to submit their dues. That may be done at our May 16 scheduled meeting at Marshall United Methodist Church on Old US 27 North, or by mail to the club P.O. Box address. Our renewal fee has not changed. Still \$20 per individual or \$30 per couple. Make checks out and send to; Marshall Area Garden Club, Inc. (MAGCI), P.O. Box 924, Marshall, MI. Please send so your payment might be received by May 31. Preparations for the annual "Garden Tour" will be on our heels soon and attention will be focused there. Should there be a 100% renewal from last year's membership numbers and with the addition of recently joined members, our total has increased to 107. Final note, be on the lookout for upcoming announcements of Historic Marshall city urns and Fountain Circle flower plantings. The more hands helping, makes large jobs small. Be a part of a significant city beautification project that is appreciated by residents and visitors alike!

VP for Membership, Bruce Gillespie



Announcement of the  
**Proposed Slate of  
 Officers 2023-24**

for vote at the May 16 meeting:

- President – Mike Love
- 1st VP Programs – Karen Deppe and Nancy Chapman
- 2nd VP Membership – Bruce Gillespie
- Recording Sec – Tom Kendell
- Corresponding Sec – Shirley Larson
- Treasurer – Linda Gillespie



Last month's speaker offered her contact info if you need to report a pesticide problem:

*Julie Yocum*

SW MI Lead Pesticide Inspect  
 Michigan Dept. of Agriculture  
 & Rural Development  
 Main: 1-800-292-3939  
 Cell: 269-370-6126  
 Email: [yocumj@michigan.gov](mailto:yocumj@michigan.gov)



**Welcome New Members -**

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- Mitch and D.J. Robbins, 305 N. Liberty St, Marshall  
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**MAGCI MEMBERS IN THE NEWS**

- Marshall Area Garden Club member Coco Sweezy was in an art exhibition at the Three Rivers Carnegie Center for the Arts from March 12 to April 11. The exhibition is called Los Artistas of the Great Lakes.
- Marshall Area Garden Club member Marty Overhiser will be presenting on hostas at the Marshall Farmer's Market on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.



**2023 Marshall FFA  
& Agriscience Program**

# PLANT SALE

**Friday, May 19th ~ 9 am to 6 pm**  
**Saturday, May 20th ~ 9 am to 2pm**

House Plants/Annuals/Geraniums: Grown by  
FFA members & Botany Students

Perennials: \$7-18 in gallon pots, Red Barn GH, Centreville

*At the CC Fairgrounds, Marshall (boys/girls building)*

## GARDEN CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

### May

- Final Month for Garden Club Dues – Please submit payments before [May 31st](#)
- May 16 – MAGCI Meeting – *Monarch Butterfly Development and Life Span*
- May 19-20 – Marshall FFA Plant Sale at the Calhoun County Fairgrounds
- May 22 – Marshall Hazardous Material drop-off (household only) 2:30-5:30pm at the fair
- May 26, 9am – Planting fountain circle beds and city urns
- May 27 – 10:30am - Hosta Presentation by Marty Overhiser at the Farmers Market

### June

- June 3 – Community Plant Exchange at the Farmers Market. Please pot some plants to share.
- June 6-7- MGC state convention in Grand Rapids. Let Alice know if you'd like to attend.
- June 15 - Calhoun County Fair entry deadline to exhibit at Floral Hall during the fair.
- Clean-up and planting at community garden beds – dates and times TBD at Carver Park, Adam Crosswhite Memorial bed, Floral Hall flower beds, Fair Quilt Garden and Ketchum Park
- June 20- MAGCI Meeting – Flower arrangements from your garden.
- June 20- Houseplant propagation project kits for the Marshall Library plant propagation event

### July

- July 8-9 *Welcome to My Garden* tour. All members are encouraged to support the tour. Sign-up with Shirley Larson for a tour shift at the May & June meetings and bring your cookies for the tour refreshment stand on July 8
- July 11 – Club Picnic -6pm at the Wilder Creek Conservation Club. Meat, cold drinks, and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to share on the buffet
- July 15 - 10:30am – Beekeeping presentation by Duane Dupee at the Farmers Market

### August

- Aug 5 - 10:30am – Flower Arranging presentation by Janet Schoenmeyer and Cherie Riser at the Farmers Market
- Aug 11 – Garden Club Fair Display set-up at Floral Hall for fair week (time TBD)
- Aug 13-19 - Calhoun County Fair



## Planting the Fountain Circle Beds and the City Urns

**Friday, May 26 at 9 am**

Come and help us plant the fountain circle beds and city urns. Just bring your gloves trowel. Doug and Natalie always have such a great selection of plants for each bed and urn. It's always a fun morning and a great way to work alongside members you may not have met before. Hope to see you there.

Alice Schneider



## July 8 and 9 Garden Tour details

Tickets for the "Welcome to My Garden" tour are now on sale online at our web site [marshallareagardenclub.org](http://marshallareagardenclub.org) or can be picked up at my home (Gillespie) at 345 High Street. Tickets will be delivered to the ticket partners by Memorial Day to purchase at their businesses (cash or check). Prices are \$10 for adults, \$2 for children and on the days of the tour the price will be \$15.00 for adults. Remember, volunteers receive a free ticket for working the tour. Please contact Shirley Larson to schedule your volunteer slot for either July 8 or July 9. Sign-up sheets will be available at the May and June club meetings. We also need homemade cookies or packaged goodies for the complimentary refreshment table. Please drop off your sweets at the Holcomb's house at 406 High Street the week before the tour or at the Grantier's house at 751 E Mansion on tour days. Linda Gillespie and Shirley Larson



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