

Garden Clippings

Newsletter

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MARSHALL AREA
GARDEN CLUB, INC.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

JANUARY 16TH MEETING

6:30pm at the Library or ZOOM

This will be a hybrid meeting . You can meet in person at the library at 6:30pm or join the meeting remotely by ZOOM.



MARSHALL
AREA

Garden Club

Tues. Jan. 16

JAN. MEETING

6:30pm at the library

Or join by ZOOM

Tues. Feb. 20

FEB. MEETING

**Back to 7pm at the
church**

March/April Newsletter

Send any info to Alice by 2/15
at confabwithalice@gmail.com



I hope you are able to join us for the January meeting. **Ian Stewart** will talk about “Reimagining Place with Outdoor Structures”.

Since the library is hosting the ZOOM meeting for us through their system, you will need to register for the meeting (see the library registration link below). They will send you the ZOOM meeting ID and password information by e-mail. You can also attend the meeting in person at the library. We have some great door prizes and the drawing will include everyone attending (in person or by ZOOM).

See you at the meeting.

Library Registration Link:

<https://www.yourmdl.org/event/reimagining-place-with-outdoor-structures>

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Please update your directory



Nancy Chapman's new phone # is 734-417-4096

NOV ARRANGEMENTS

Class 1: A Bountiful Autumn Harvest
Chela Vansickle, Nancy Isham, Karla Love, Amy Frenz



NOV ARRANGEMENTS

Class 2: For this is Thanksgiving Day – A holiday table setting for 2
Janet Schoenmeyer, Gail Woods, Cherie Riser, Karen Deppe



PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE

A change to the bylaws has been proposed to clarify nametag replacement requests. The following statement will be added to the bylaws, pending club approval at the January meeting.

Article XI Responsibilities of members.

The Garden Club will provide a name tag to all new members. After the initial name tag, all additional tags will be paid for by the member at the cost of procurement.

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



As 2024 begins, it is a good time to access the Marshall Area Garden Club, Inc.'s accomplishments in 2023. I believe it is safe to say that we are, by far, the largest service club in Marshall. When the club was formed in Janet Schoenmeyer's living room 37 years ago, who would have thought that this organization would blossom in the manner it has?

Our organization has supported so many worthwhile projects in our community, and the MAGCI has made the city of Marshall literally bloom with our downtown urns program, our yearly commitment to the fountain circle, Carver park, and the west end medians garden project.

A key to our success are the new members we attract. Recently, we have attracted new members who have demonstrated a love of nature and a commitment to participate in beautifying our environment. These members are greatly appreciated. We know there are many like-minded people in our community who would be a perfect fit for our organization but have not been asked to join. Let's ask them. I, for one, would not have joined our club if I had not been asked to join, and my decision to join has been one of the best decisions I have ever made. In 2024, let's make it a point to provide others with the opportunity to join MAGCI: it's inexpensive and a lot of fun.

Mike Love,

MAGCI president

NOV. CLEAN-UP CREW AT WEST END

Natalie Rector: The fall cleanup crew at the West End entrance outdid themselves this year.....we were done in 20 minutes. Catmint, sedum and cora bells were topped off. We leave the grasses and hydrangea for winter interest. Thanks to Bruce and Linda Gillespie, Jamie Evans, Doug Crane, Jeff Greene, Karla and Mike Love.



NOV ARRANGEMENTS

Class 3: Glorious Fall Colors
 Clarice Grado, Lucy Robinson, Lauren Bruggeman, Melanie Sheperd



NOV. ARRANGEMENT DONATIONS

Thank you to all the members who made floral arrangements for the November meeting and who delivered them to local assisted living facilities around Marshall the day before Thanksgiving. **Many thanks go to Lauren Bruggeman, Karen Deppe, Amy Frentz, Clarice Grado, Nancy Isham, Pat Jendryka, Karla Love, Cherie Riser, Lucy Robinson, Janet Schoenmeyer, Melanie Sheperd, Gail Woods, and Chela Vansickle!**

MEET A MEMBER

Lynn Sleight



The newsletter is starting a new section where different members are highlighted to help us all get to know each other better.

Lynn joined the club in 2022. She is passionate about the environment and started a large butterfly and pollinator garden last year. Here is Lynn in her garden last October, with her kaleidoscope of zinnias still going strong. The picture below is one of her zinnias touched by an early frost.

Lynn: Grma Lynn's Butterfly Garden

I'm looking forward to spring 2024 with great anticipation. After last year's long and hardworking summer of yard transformation, covering over four thousand square foot of grass with thick layers of cardboard and mulch, and growing oodles of zinnias, the time is coming. Waiting in my cold, damp soil is an amazing assortment of native perennial wildflowers seeds. They're going through the all-important process of stratification. These winter-sown seeds were carefully selected to serve as both nectar and host plants for the anticipated butterflies.

I'm new to Marshall and the Marshall Area Garden Club. But, I'm not new to gardening. My name is Lynn Sleight and I'm the proud caretaker of Grma Lynn's Butterfly Garden on the corner of Marshall Ave and Fair Street. I'm an avid reader. Douglas Tallamy is my go-to author for growing native plants. Tallamy also has numerous inspirational YouTube videos. Check it out.

I expect that the upcoming spring will involve lots of time staring at the ground, waiting for the tiny seedlings to push their way through the soil. But, I also know that native perennials are slow growers. There probably won't be too many perennial flowers this year, just the tender green leaves. In time, two or three years, I'll see the rewards of my work. The flowers will bloom. The butterflies will come.

