

Marshall Area Garden Club

GARDEN CLIPPINGS



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Fun Stuff coming soon!

Spring brings all kinds of new and fun activities for our own gardens and for the Club. It's also a busy time, so mark your calendar now for these events. They all need help from our members to make them successful, and FUN.

May 23 with alternative day as May 24, is the target for planting the West End Median. You've all seen the current state out there and it will look so great when planted and blooming. We have agreement from Eaton Proving Grounds and from Marshall FFA to help with this event. We can still use club volunteers and we'll rely on our expertise to work with the volunteers to be sure plants aren't too deep or too shallow. Lots more later on this. The newspaper article has already generated two phone calls of community folks being interested in helping. Let's not forget how much this project can add new momentum to our club, and hopefully new members as well.

June 14-16 is the Small Standard Flower Show. Marlene Glotfelty has all the details. Mark your calendar to submit items to this show. It's a great coordination with the school children's art show in the Oaklawn Hospital lobby. It's another outreach to stimulate interest in our club.

The Annual Garden Tour and Garden Market, July 8 & 9, is a great time to give a couple hours of your time to the club in return for hearing many compliments and thanks for the event. Contact **Karla Love**.

President, **Natalie Rector**

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Go to website:
MarshallAreaGardenClub.org, to see
Angela Mabin's "Art in Bloom" floral design entry.

A Child's Garden of Art, A Small Standard Flower Show



June 14, 15, 16 are the dates for the Flower Show sponsored by our club and held at Oaklawn Hospital. Flower shows are fun for members to enter and a great opportunity to show our community some of what we do.

In the Design division, we are using art work from students of area schools as our design theme. The art will be available to us in late April or early May. The designs include an underwater design, line mass and a designer's choice, emphasizing color. In the Creative Crafts section, there is a class for decorating a bird's nest. Four entries are needed for each class. There will be workshops for all the design classes in early May or earlier. If you did not receive a schedule in March, it will be available at the April garden club meeting. If you would like a schedule before April 18, please call **Marlene Glotfelty**, phone # 781-7897.

Please consider growing a flower, knowing its botanical name and bringing it to the show on Wednesday, June 14. A container and a tag will be available at the show when you enter.

And don't forget to plant a few annuals to display at the Flower Show. We need to FILL Oaklawn Hospital's lobby. If everyone brings just a few exhibits, we will have a show wealthy of the Club's quality! **Shirley Clutter**, phone # 269-579-1255.

Hosts/hostesses will be needed to be present during the show on June 15 & 16. Help will also be needed to clean up after the show closes. Please call **Pam Munsie**, phone # 781-8207, to volunteer for a shift.



April 18 Meeting

Our April meeting features a presentation from **Sandy Wilkins**. She and her husband Jim are avid gardeners. They have opened their garden to the public many times and have been featured on local television shows and in magazines.

Sandy loves hostas, but is interested in all aspects of gardening and beautifying her own personal piece of earth. Her program will discuss the possibilities of placing plants to accentuate spots of interest. She'll also offer tips on using art and lawn ornaments to add to the beauty of the landscape.

We will also be voting on changing the by-laws at this meeting, so please make an effort to attend.

Social Time 6:30pm, Program 7:00pm.
Business Meeting 8:15pm.
1st VP's of Programs, **Pam Munsie** and **Janet Schoenmeyer**

MAGC Member Updates

Welcome new members:

Claudia Crawford, (269) 223-2552
Email: claudie564@sbcglobal.net
Address: 808 Clinton St.

Bruce and Linda Gillespie, (248) 321-0046
Email: rwinghocky@gmail.com
Address: 345 High St.

Marianne Slick, (248) 719-4792
Email: marianneslick@wowway.com
Address: 324 N. Linden St.

Jamie Evans' new email:
Jamie9815@gmail.com

Shirley Clutter's new phone #:
(269) 579-1255

Fountain Circle Flower Chairman **Marci Pelfrey** is requesting help with choosing the flowers for the project and also planning the design of the beds. Please call her at 781-9202.

May 16 Meeting

Popular speaker Carol DeVries returns, to give advice on putting together containers so they will be easy to maintain. Some of her helpful hints, such as combinations of plants and shade or sun requirements can easily be used for filling window boxes too. She will explain how to select the right plants to make a beautiful arrangement, how to keep the container looking fresh throughout the summer, and how to overwinter the container.

Carol is an Advanced Master Gardener and past president of both Grand Valley's Dahlia and Daylily Societies.

Election of officers will also take place during the business meeting.

Social Time 6:30pm, Program 7:00pm,
Business Meeting 8:15pm
1st VP's of Programs, Pam Munsie and Janet Schoenmeyer



Election Roster

Many thanks to the following members who have agreed to serve on the MAGC, Inc. Board. Proposed slate of officers to be voted on at the May 16, meeting:

President: **Steve Rhodes**

1st VP's of Programs: **Cherie Riser and Janet Schoenmeyer**

2nd VP Membership: **Shirley Clutter**

Corresponding Secretary: **Kathy Fryar**

Recording Secretary: **Brenda Marshall**

Treasurer: **Ann Rhodes**



2017 Welcome to my Garden Committee Report

The committee met early in April to discuss details for publicity, garden market, honey hoe sales, refreshments, properties and volunteer needs, and all is moving forward nicely.

We welcomed **Shirley Larson** as the Chair of Hosts and Ticket Takers. We will be asking all current members to help with the tour by signing up for a shift as host, ticket taker, serving refreshments or to help weed and detail several gardens before the tour. Please call Shirley to volunteer at (248) 705-5375.

Please help by supplying your very special homemade cookies (or cookies that look homemade) for the refreshment stop by calling **Cheryl Begg** at (269) 781-4855.

At our April 18 club meeting we will have tickets ready for \$10 pre-sale by Garden Club members, and the tour posters and bookmarks will be available for distribution.

Call us if you have any questions or to volunteer (269) 781-0009.

Mike and Karla Love, Garden Tour Chairs

Spring Events

The Southwest Michigan Daffodil Show at Fernwood Botanical Garden, Niles MI. Wednesday, April 26 and Thursday, April 27
More info: www.fernwoodbotanical.org

MSU Spring Program, "Creativity in Bloom" Saturday, April 29. Featuring speakers, **Janet Macunovich, Art Cameron and Daedre McGrath**. Details and Registration : www.hrt.msu.edu/springprogram.

Marshall residents may call Marshall Area Conservation Committee volunteer, **Jim Cury** to reserve a tree to be planted in their yard on April 29. The cost is only \$20. Call Jim at 781-6725. for more information.



Important Club Update



Our club has obtained its nonprofit corporation status, so we will need to vote on new bylaws at the April 18, meeting, as well as approve the name change from the Marshall Area Garden Club to the new organization that will be known as the Marshall Area Garden Club, Inc. The new name will take effect June 1, 2017. We will also need to approve transferring the assets, which are primarily the bank accounts and the few other items in the storage shed, from the Marshall Area Garden Club to the Marshall Area Garden Club, Inc. Election of new officers will take place on May 16, with the new officers of the new corporation taking office as of our new fiscal year, which will be June 1, 2017.

We will be applying for a sales tax license as well as our tax-exempt status as of June 1, 2017.

This change will require some reporting that we don't currently do, but we will work with the Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. to do this properly over the next year. It will cost the club \$50 one time to acquire the tax-exempt status under the auspices of the Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc., and it will cost us \$20 each year to maintain our nonprofit corporate status with the state. We will be required to collect and remit sales tax on any items we actually sell, like the honey hoes. but we will be exempt from paying sales tax on items we purchase as soon as we acquire tax-exempt status. And we will be able to accept donations as a 501(c)(3) corporation as well as receive grants from other similar organizations.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need more info before the April vote. Thanks to everyone for their comments and input, and as I noted earlier, our bylaws will have to change very little, thanks to the work of the club over the past years.

Ann Rhodes, Treasurer