

Garden Clippings

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Marshall Area Garden Club, Inc.

Treasury Report

The MAGCI checking account balance as of February 28, 2021 is \$15,894.66. We received \$20.00 for a membership and one invoice of \$249.90 for maintenance and renewal for the MAGCI Weebly website.

The 2021-2022 budget will be emailed for review and comments in April and voted on in May, 2021.

Linda Gillespie, Treasurer

July 10 and 11, 2021

30th annual "Welcome to My Garden"

Weatherly Garden – 207 S. Liberty

Sweezy Garden - 223 N. Eagle

Knafel Garden – 311 N. Madison

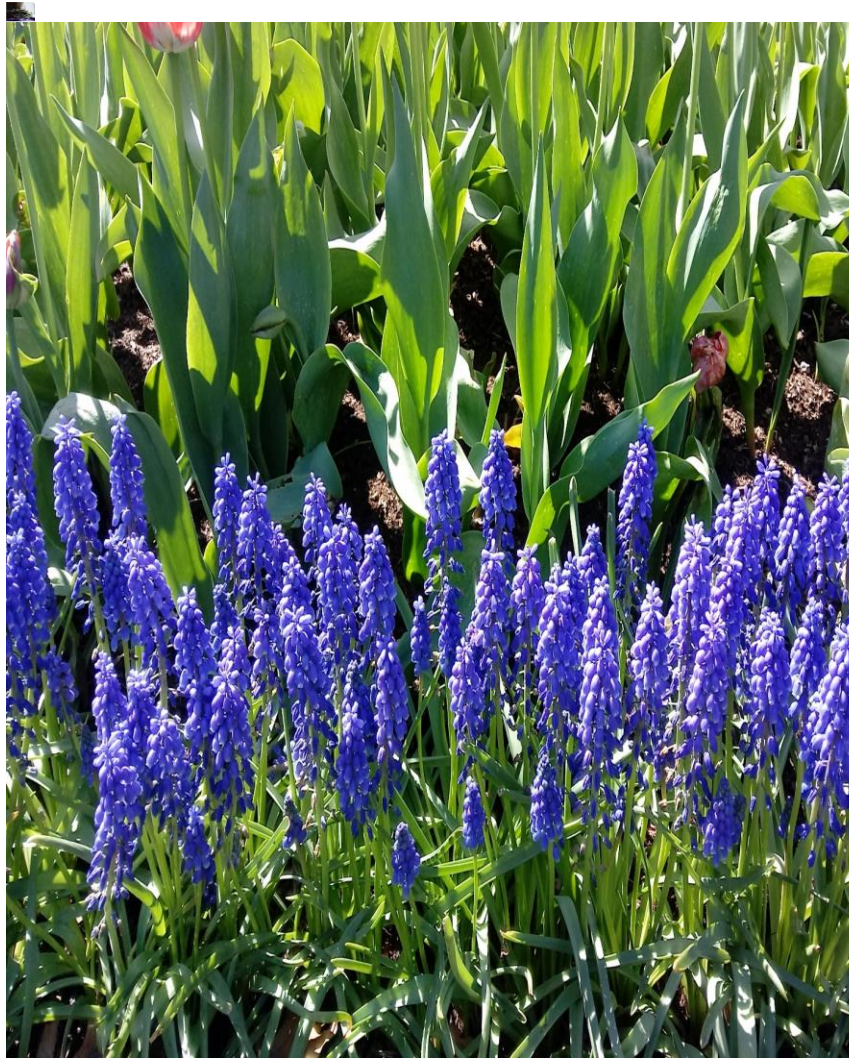
Piotrowski Garden – 428 N. Kalamazoo

Harvester Shop – 135 W. Mansion

Mead Garden – 205 Lyon Lake Rd.

Vintage Garden market to be held at the Fountain Circle both days.

Carol Riggs and Pam Munsie, Co-chairs



I recently came upon some Ralph Waldo Emerson wisdom; he tasks us to “Make yourself necessary to somebody.” The Emerson quotation got me thinking about our garden club and the positive impact we have in our community.

We make a difference to Marshall with our creation of aesthetically pleasing venues: the planting and maintaining of the Fountain Circle, Carver Park, the West-end median strip, and the downtown urns. The “Welcome to my Garden” tour is a part of our town’s fabric: the tour draws visitors, and multiple visitors have become regular visitors and even residents. We are also necessary because we are a great place to make and meet friends. Ralph would be proud of us.

Mike Love, President

"Waking Up your Gardens this Spring"

with Linda Whitlock

Tues, March 16, 2021

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.



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Seeking volunteers
for 2021-2022 officers
as follows:

- President
- First VP for Programs
- Recording Secretary

If interested, contact
Natalie Rector at
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Spring is here and your gardens have had a long winter's nap. Master Gardener and retired Consumer Horticulture Educator with MSU Extension, Linda Whitlock, will explore a variety of tasks that you can complete in your flower gardens, vegetable gardens, and lawn to help insure that they get off to the best possible start. Do not let all of your hard work go to waste; join us and your gardens will thank you for "waking them up" in the best possible way! She owns Secret Gardens LLC and holds a Master's Degree from the University of Michigan. A link to this Zoom program and club meeting will be sent out by email to all MAGCI members several days before the program. The Marshall District Library is co-sponsoring this educational outreach.





“Building a Circle Garden”

Tuesday, April 20 - 6:30 to 7:30 pm

“Believe that you can do anything you set your mind to” and Lynn O’Shaughnessy of Howell, MI did just that. Join us to be inspired as you see this 100-foot diameter geometric design go from a vision in a photo, her dream, to a reality, in less than a year, using just a shovel and a wheelbarrow. This beautiful design is home for all Michigan natives for pollinators, some of which are highlighted in the talk. This program is provided in conjunction with the Marshall District Library on Zoom. A short business meeting will follow.

2021-22 MAGCI Membership Appeal By the time you read this, our garden club will have gone 12 months without a group meeting at our normal venue at United Methodist Church on US 27. Who knew in early 2020, that we would be battling a global pandemic which would impact our daily life routine so dramatically? Even though the club has not been able to hold in-building meetings, as most of us are accustomed to, we have our community projects which still need to be completed. We can do so safely by following the protocol recommendations set forth by Center of Disease Control (CDC) and broadcast across most media sources we’re familiar with. So, remember to open future copies of Garden Clippings to see what may be on agenda and when. As a group, we can whittle large jobs down to small tasks – when more volunteer. I will continue as 2nd VP for Membership for another year. And as was done last year, I would like to begin the task of collecting garden club membership dues now for the 2021-22 fiscal year. Generally, it seems to take three months to go through all the motions on receiving and recording payments from active members. Newest club associates, who joined after June 2020, are not required to submit renewal fees. Renewal costs are still unchanged: **\$20 per individual** and **\$30 per couple**. Preferred method of payment would be by check, due by June 1, 2021 and mailed to: Marshall Area Garden Club, Inc. (MAGCI) P.O. Box 924, Marshall, MI 49068-0924. *Please include your updated email, address, and phone number with your dues payment.*

Bruce Gillespie, VP for membership

Beech leaf disease added to Michigan's invasive species watch list

The Michigan departments of Natural Resources and Agriculture and Rural Development recently announced the addition of beech leaf disease to the state's invasive species watch list.

Invasive species on the watch list have been identified as posing an immediate or potential threat to Michigan's economy, environment or human health. These species either have never been confirmed in the wild in Michigan or have a limited known distribution.

Beech leaf disease is associated with the microscopic worm *Litylenchus crenatae*, a nematode that enters and spends the winter in leaf buds, causing damage to leaf tissue on American beech and European and Asian beech species. Infestations result in darkened, thick tissue bands between leaf veins, creating a striped effect on the leaves, leaf distortion and bud mortality. Trees weakened by leaf damage become susceptible to other diseases and can die within six years. 🌿🌿🌿🌿



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