

Garden Clippings

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President's Note

Hello Everyone and Welcome Back!

The goldenrod are in bloom and the walnut leaves are starting to fall. For me these signs as a child always meant the end of summer and the approach of fall. I hope everyone had a glorious summer and that we'll all be seeing each other again at our upcoming Sept. 20 garden club meeting. Not only will we be distributing the new 22/23 club directories then, but we'll also have cake and punch to celebrate our club's 35th anniversary. I'm looking forward to our next meeting and the fun things planned in this upcoming year.

Best Regards,

Alice



The Marshall Area Garden Club is 35 years strong! Join us to celebrate this milestone with cake and punch at the **Tues, September 20th program and meeting at 7 p.m.** at the United Methodist Church of Marshall. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. and a short business meeting will follow the program. Linda Whitlock, Master Gardener and retired educator with MSU Extension, returns to talk about "The Art of Companion Planting with Bulbs, Tubers, and Rhizomes" - Just in time for fall planting.

"Gardening for the Health of It"

Tues, October 18th, 7:00 program, 6:30 social time We know that gardening provides physical exercise, absorption of the sun's vitamin D, and a connection with the earth and nature; but there are other health benefits. Join us to hear the evidence based conclusions from MSU Consumer Horticulture Educator, Chris Imler, as he discusses why we are going to live longer!



Home Tour Flowers

MAGCI members provided flower arrangements for the following homes at this year's Historic Marshall Home Tour:
Floral designers: Carol Riggs and Pam Munsie, (Barrows home), Cherie Riser and Linda Gillespie, (Donahue home), Ellen Thornton and Doug Crane, (Jerant and Vincent home), Angela Mabin and Lucy Robinson, (Munden home), Marlene Glotfelty and Chela Vansickle, (Thompson home), and Shirley Larson and Nancy Isham, (Wirtz home). Many thanks to all the participants and special thanks to club member and Harvester owner, Amy Frentz, for ordering the flowers and selling them at cost.

Chairperson,

Janet Schoenmeyer



Membership Notes

It's the start of a new year for our garden club, as we peaked with the home garden tour in July and a renewed involvement with the Calhoun County Fair display inside Floral Hall. My writing is to inform readers that our active members of Marshall Area Garden Club, Inc., has shrunk over the past year. The renewal campaign finished in mid-July and current total stands at 90. The latest member is Karen Ghiban, also of High Street. It's remarkable that a city street of just three blocks, has a total of eight garden club members. Not saying it's a competition, as we will welcome new club members from any street or address - even if not within Marshall. The door for accepting new garden club members is always open. If you know or hear of individuals wanting to be involved, invite them to attend a scheduled meeting of most months at the First United Methodist Church on Old US 27. We have interesting subject matter speakers and membership applications are readily available. I'm hoping our club members will be 100+ strong again by this time next year.

Bruce Gillespie
VP Membership



The 2022 "Welcome to My Garden" Tour was a financial success! 900 tickets were issued (80 free) with a net profit of \$6,382.76. We did receive \$700 from the Vintage Garden Mart with a grand total profit of \$7,082.76.

Most of the tickets were sold online and at the ticket partners on the last days before the tour.

We are looking forward to new ideas which will include moving the Information/Ticket Booth to in front of the Marshall Welcome Center.

Linda Gillespie
Ticket Chair

Calhoun County Fair Exhibits

A big thanks to all the members that entered exhibits in the Calhoun County Fair this year. Your efforts really made Floral Hall shine and helped make the 174th Calhoun County Fair a success. The garden club gives a ribbon to the best exhibit in each Floriculture Division, along with a premium. Longtime member Beverly Zalewski judged again this year. Congratulations to club member Lucy Robinson for winning multiple awards with her lovely window box planter.

Winners of the MAGCI Floriculture Awards of Distinction

- Divison 1 Plants – Beth Letts
- Divison 2 Arrangements – Diana Kidder
- Divison 3 Annuals – Sarah Kelly
- Divison 4 Bulbs, Corms, Tubers – Beth Letts
- Divison 5 Perennials, Biennials, Shrubs – Sarah Kelly
- Divison 6 Roses – Candace Ivey
- Divison 7 Other– Lucy Robinson



MAGCI put together a great display at the Calhoun County Fair this year using one of the stages in Floral Hall. The fair theme was “Make It, Bake it, Grow It at the Calhoun County Fair” and our club display showed a raised bed garden scene overflowing with flowers, plants, and fun colorful design. Many thanks to all the members who helped with the display. It was a great club project that highlighted our club to fair visitors all week long.

Fair Booth Committee



Please look at our website: marshallareagardenclub.org and check out our Facebook page:



[marshallareagardenclub](https://www.facebook.com/marshallareagardenclub) Every time you share a Facebook post about MAGCI, that's free advertising!

Save the dates this fall:

Tues, September 20 and Tues, October 18 –
MAGCI Programs and Meetings.

Tues, November 15 - Marlene Glotfelty will present a “Michigan Holidays” Flower Show. Twelve club members will design one floral arrangement in three classes with the class descriptions following the theme of Michigan Holidays. More information will follow.



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