

Marshall Area Garden Club

GARDEN CLIPPINGS



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Anyone who would like to be more involved in regional and state garden club activities, please consider these two events. The MAGC will pay for your travel and registration if you would like to attend.

District IIB Spring Meeting, Tuesday, April 4, at Eagle Eye in Bath, MI.

86th State Convention of Michigan Garden Clubs, June 7&8, Holiday Inn, Ann Arbor.

Contact **Natalie Rector**, 967-6608 for more information.

Lansing Home and Garden hosts Flower Show

There will be a Standard Flower Show during the Lansing Home and Garden Show at the MSU Pavilion March 16-19. There are many opportunities to create a flower design, enter horticulture specimens, or help at this event.

Contact **Natalie Rector**, 967-6608, if you would like a complete book of all categories and rules. You would need to deliver your exhibit either March 15 or March 16.



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A Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held
Saturday, April 1, in Battle Creek's Bailey Park, 9am to 1pm
Environmental Chairman, **Mick Woods**

June Flower Show



The Flower Show committee recently met at Oaklawn Hospital to plan for the flower show to be held, June, 14, 15 & 16, titled "A Child's Garden of Art." We made decisions on the physical arrangements for the lobby, how to best display the student art work with our floral designs.

The student art work will be available in May to view and select the 12 pieces needed for our show. We will need 12 people to make flower arrangements to go with the art. This will be fun! Design workshops will be held in May. A bird's nest (not a real nest) is available for any one that would like to create a decorative nest for the creative crafts class.

Floral designers aren't the only volunteers needed for this event. We will need at least 50-100 cut specimens of horticulture. When planning for your summer garden, think about what you will have in bloom in June to exhibit and let Horticulture Chair, **Shirley Clutter** know. Hospitality Chair, **Pam Munsie** will need people to greet and meet people during the shows open hours on Thursday afternoon and evening and Friday morning and afternoon. Clean up volunteers will also be needed after the show closes at 3pm on Friday.

Please consider and decide what area you will be able to contribute to, for this fun event.

Marlene Glotfelty, Flower Show Chair



February 21 Meeting

MAGC members who came out for the February meeting were rewarded with a great, informative presentation. This month's meeting is sure to be also worthwhile. Speaker **Dr. Leah Knapp** will provide facts about the discoveries that have been made, concerning the miracles that nature provides in plant hormones. With her help, we can learn to transfer the knowledge to practical uses in our own backyard gardens. Leah is an avid native plant gardener, with over 200 species of plants in her Marshall garden. She is Professor of Biology at Olivet College.

Social Time 6:30pm, Program 7:00pm,
Business Meeting 8:15pm
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MAGC members who signed up in September for meeting refreshments are as follows:

February: **Richard Williams** and **Mike Love**

March: **Brenda Marshall** and another volunteer needed!

April: Volunteers needed!

May: **Ellen Thornton** and **Julie Greene**

June: Volunteers needed!

Thank you to **Jamie Evans**, **Steve** and **Ann Rhodes**, **Ellen** and **Lee Thornton** and **Alice Schneider** for providing meeting refreshments for earlier meetings. Contact **Karla Love**, (269.781.0009) if you can help with the March, April or June dates.

March 19th Meeting



Our March meeting introduces speaker **Linda Whitlock**, Coordinator of the Master Garden Program in Kalamazoo County. Linda will offer helpful advice on how to lure healthy pollinators to our gardens and explain why the practice is so vital for our flowers, fruit and vegetables. She plans on giving tips on when to plant so that nectar and pollen are available throughout the growing season. Don't miss this informative program on aiding hummingbirds, bees, butterflies, and bats when they visit our gardens.

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Do you enjoy **organizing and interacting** with people? We have a volunteer job for you as Coordinator of Garden Hosts for the 2017 Welcome to My Garden Tour. This position helps to fill the schedule for July 8 and 9, sends notifications of shifts to the hosts/ticket takers and checks that hosts/ticket takers are present on the days of the tour. Contact **Mike** and **Karla Love**, 781-0009, for more details.

The Welcome to My Garden Tour host, ticket taker, and information booth sign-ups will begin at the February meeting.

MGC Workshops Offered

Interested in learning some new skills and working with some great folks? Consider attending two educational workshops, held at the DeWitt Fire Station, 911 W. Main Street, Dewitt.

Winter Blues, Wednesday, Feb 22
10:00- noon, Project: Sculpture Form Design. A creative design featuring a three-dimensional sculptural form.

Hold your Breath, Wednesday, April 26, 10:00-noon. Project: Underwater Design. A Creative design having components including some or all plant material, submerged in water to create interest. Those components underwater must contribute artistically to the overall design.

If you are interested in any of the above, contact Kathi, at dominguezk@comcast.net

MAGC Artists

Congratulations to **Angela Mabin**, for being selected again this year to exhibit at Art in Bloom at the Grand Rapids Art Museum. This 3 day event celebrates the combined beauty of art and floral design. You can see her work and others, March 24-26. Details at www.artmuseumgr.org

Thanks to **Claudia Edwards-Houser** for contributing a lovely stained glass type hanging as a door prize at the February meeting. Claudia creates the artwork herself, and has graciously offered to continue to donate these creations at more MAGC meetings.

MAGC Board Meeting Info

The next board meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Edward Jones meeting room, 429 E. Michigan Ave. on the east end of Marshall. All board members, committee chairs and ANYONE interested is welcome to attend.

West End Landscape Plans

One of our main items of the Feb. 7, board meeting (above) will be reviewing the design plans and plant selection for the revamping of the west end median area, between MacDonald's and Applebee's. There are 5 large beds across three areas and they are over 20 years old. This project will seek to replant and freshen up our entrance to town. **Natalie Rector** has drafted a grant to The Marshall Community Foundation for the landscape project. Landscape designer, **Allison Mowery**, will be on hand at this meeting to share her plans and visit with those interested. We will do this right at 7pm, so you can leave after this, if you don't want to stay for the additional board meeting items.