

# Marshall Area Garden Club



## ***GARDEN CLIPPINGS***

### **MAGC OFFICERS 2016**

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### **President's Message**

Be sure to mark your calendar for July 9 and 10. That will be the second year for Welcome to My Garden Tour and the Quilts in Bloom events to be held on the same weekend in Marshall. Coordinating these two events makes it twice as nice to invite friends and family in for the weekend and or let your out of town friends know about the events. Often, quilters and gardeners have similar interests and will attend both events. It is our biggest fund raising event. And while it helps our club, it also brings visitors into town and benefits the community.

These events don't happen by themselves. Be sure to volunteer for hosting in the gardens or several of the other volunteer services we need to make the show run smooth. And while you're thinking about that, consider volunteering to take over the overall coordination of garden tour as our faithful **Steve and Ann Rhodes** would like to move onto other commitments, such as being on the tour next year. As overall chair or co-chair of the event you have a great bunch of folks who help on sub-committees; so you don't have to do it all alone, we just need that overall coordination to make sure it all gets accomplished.

We also move into the busy season and will be needing volunteers for planting and maintaining the Fountain Circle and Carver Park beds. Please find time amongst your other projects to take a turn at these two special gardens that everyone who comes to town sees and enjoys.

Happy Spring and hope to see you at the next club meeting.

President, Natalie Rector

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## April 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting

April's speaker is naturalist **Ilse Gebhard**. Ilse worked as a Research Chemist in Medicinal Chemistry for 30 years at the Upjohn Company in Kalamazoo, Michigan. After retirement in 1995, she has had the time to pursue her life-long interest in nature.

Ilse is dedicated to improving habitats to sustain Monarch butterflies. In addition to her yard landscaped with native plants, she has established two native plant butterfly gardens. All three are registered Monarch Waystations and she actively promotes making Michigan the state with the most Monarch Waystations.

Ilse will show the process of establishing a native plant garden and the rationale for doing so, at Tuesday's meeting.

Social Time 6:30pm, Program 7:00pm, Business Meeting 8:15pm.

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Annual dues will be received at the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and the May 17<sup>th</sup> meetings. Dues are \$20/person and \$30/couple. We accept cash or checks made out to the Marshall Area Garden Club. We welcome members to mail dues to: **Lucy Overhiser**, 215 N. Marshall Ave., Marshall, MI 49068.



## Special Projects Proposal

The Board of the Brooks Nature Center approached the Marshall Area Garden Club in 2007 about sponsoring a sign at the entrance of the preserve - see the picture that prominently displays our sponsorship in the lower right hand corner.

After almost 10 years in the elements, the display sign is ready to be updated. Board members of the Brooks have received bids and estimates for a new sign - ultimately accepting a bid for \$2,000. The new sign will have hinged windows, so information can be exchanged in and out, depending on the season - calling attention to nesting birds in the spring or animal tracks in the winter, etc.

Having talked with Board members of the Brooks, and given that our name has always been associated with the sign, as immediate past president of MAGC, I recommended to our other past presidents and Garden Tour Chairs that MAGC support the new sign in the full amount from our Special Projects money. (Our current balance related to Special Projects is \$3,456 with \$2,714 in Reserved Operating Funds.) A majority of our previous past presidents responded in the affirmative.

Thus, we (previous Past Presidents and Past Garden Tour Chairmen) would like to bring this proposal forward for an MAGC vote at our April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Past President, **Steve Rhodes**

## May 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Our May meeting features Director of Environmental Health for Calhoun County, **Paul Makoski**. Paul has worked in his position for 31 years, so is extremely knowledgeable on a range of subjects, including ticks, ants, cockroaches, mosquitoes and poisonous plants that are found in our area.

He is also an avid gardener, so please bring your questions to the meeting about any mysterious plant you've encountered. There is a very good chance that he can identify it and let you know how to safely eradicate it.

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Door prizes for the February meeting were two bouquets of tulips purchased at **Amy Frenz's** shop, The Harvester, and a \$5 gift certificate from the Paper and I store.

Door prizes for the March meeting were plant cuttings provided by member **JoAnn Dickey**, a succulent plant donated from speaker **Kathleen Krajenka** and a shamrock plant purchased from Horrocks.

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Member **Ethel Hazzard** and her husband, **Vernon Hazzard's** new address:  
MapleWood Assisted Living #132,  
200 Westbrook Ct., Marshall, MI 49068

## District IIB Flower Show Entry



MAGC won First Place in the Club Competition Section, titled "Abacadabra", at the Standard Flower Show held at the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing on March 17-20. **Amy Frenz**, owner of The Harvester, graciously sold the flowers used for the project, at cost. Committee members were **Marlene Glotfelty**, **Brenda Ulrey**, **Brenda Bates**, **Vera Hazel** and **Janet Schoenmeyer**.

Chairman, **Marlene Glotfelty**



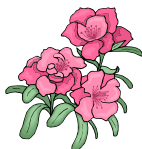
## Hazardous Waste Disposal

Electronics and Styrofoam Collection  
Saturday, April 30, Battle Creek Dept. of  
Public Works, 150 S. Kendall St., 9-1pm

Household Hazardous Waste, Saturday,  
May 7, Toeller Building, 190 E. Michigan  
Ave, Battle Creek, 10:00 to Noon

Environmental Chairman, **Mick Woods**

## **Welcome to my Garden Tour July 9 and July 10, 2016**



### **Garden Tour Participants:**



**Sharon Collins, 148 W. Mansion St.\***

**Dean and Linda Nielson, 323 W. Hanover St.\***

**Tom Stachnik and Pam Sigren, 740 Verona Rd.\***

**Dennis and Susan Paul, 502 E. Hanover St.\***

**Wayne and Brenda Marshall, 348 N. Madison St.**

**Kelly and Teresa Patterson, 518 Sibley Lane**

To date, these six gardens have been confirmed for our 2016 “Welcome to My Garden” tour. Of these six, four are what we might call “pocket” gardens (indicated by the \*). As such, one of our themes for this year’s tour will focus on addressing the question: “How can I create a garden in a limited space?” Many of our tour visitors are working with a smaller space, or they are trying to get started with their gardens, and seeing how great a garden can be in a smaller space will be inspiring. And one of the gardens is very focused on vegetables, so we will have something for everyone! Garden Tour Chairmen, **Steve and Ann Rhodes**