

Marshall Area Garden Club

GARDEN CLIPPINGS



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President's Message

As I write this, Ann and I are busy trying to wrap up our family responsibilities down here in Florida so we can return to Marshall by the first week in May. We miss being home and look forward to returning.

April is always the start of a busy time for our garden club, but before I address some of our tasks, I want to extend some thanks. First, a big thanks to **Janet Schoenmeyer**, for a very successful trip to Grand Rapids on March 20, due to her pre-planning, continual oversight, good cheer, and outstanding leadership. I'd also like to thank **Marty Overhiser** and other former presidents for putting together an outstanding slate of officers for the club's 2015-16 year. That said, I want to thank all you have agreed to stand for office - your future leadership is appreciated. Thanks also to **Natalie Rector** and **Marty Overhiser** for stepping in to help **Gail** and **Mick Woods** on the planning for our 2015 garden tour - and of course - a big thanks to our garden owners who have agreed to be on our tour. Special thanks also to **Natalie Rector** for standing in for me the past few months and for working with the CalCo Quilt Guild to coordinate their show on the same weekend as our garden tour.

Now to some work: Although we have all of the gardens for our 2015 "Welcome to My Garden" tour, we have a lot of work to do in terms of identifying and organizing our volunteers. You will start receiving phone calls and you'll see the sign-up sheets at our club meetings, so be sure to sign up and take a turn during the tour. If you can't attend a meeting or don't receive a call, let me know.

President, **Steve Rhodes**

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April 21 Meeting

Mark Hanner is our speaker for the April meeting. Mark will discuss and illustrate how some of the same themes found in Japanese gardens can be incorporated into our backyard gardens. Mark and his wife Becky are also the owners of Stone Garden Pottery Shop in Otisville, a town northeast of Flint and about a two hour drive from Marshall. The Hanners' garden has been on local and state tours and Mark has 25 years of gardening expertise to share with MAGC members.

Social Time 6:30pm, Program 7:00pm,
Business Meeting 8:15pm.
1st VP's of Programs, **Natalie Rector**
and **Diane Peart**



May 19 Meeting

Member **Marty Overhiser** will present the evening's program by discussing landscape architect, **Jens Jensen**. Mr. Jensen was commissioned by families across the Midwest in the 1920's to 1940's to landscape their properties. His work often consisted of open spaces and pathways, which allowed one to stay in the shadows while viewing the light. Marty will educate us on Mr. Jensen's work and elaborate on the fact that Marshall's **Harold C. Brooks** commissioned him to design the grounds of the house he purchased in 1921.

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Election Roster

Please note the proposed slate of MAGC officers who will be up for election at the June 16th meeting. If any other members are interested in holding office, they can also be nominated at the May meeting. Many thanks to these members who have agreed to serve on the MAGC Board.

President - **Natalie Rector**
First VP Programs - **Pam Munsie** and
Janet Schoenmeyer
Second VP Membership - **Lucy Overhiser**
Recording Secretary - **Shirley Clutter**
Corresponding Secretary - **Kathy Fryar**
Treasurer - **Ann Rhodes**

MAGC Member Updates

Member **Natalie Rector's** phone number: (269) 967-6608.

If you missed Natalie's presentation on pruning at last year's April meeting, you can hear her speak on the subject at the Marshall District Library on May 5, at 7-8:15pm. For more information, phone the library at 781-7821, Ext. 10.

Sincere condolences to member **Karla Love** on the passing of her brother on March 26.

Children's Flower Program



Plans are being made for MAGC to provide a **one hour** program, on flowers and flower arranging, for 25 kids in grade 1-3 at the Marshall District Library. The date for the program is Monday, June 15 at 11 am.

Our program will follow the library theme for the summer, which is "Every Hero has a Story". The program will include botany (parts of a flower), stories about flowers (hero), horticulture (growing flowers) and flower arranging. Each child will make a flower arrangement to take home. Flowers, containers and oasis will be furnished by the garden club.

We will need someone to talk briefly about the parts of a flower, to talk about growing flowers and to demonstrate making a flower arrangement. Many helpers will be needed to help the children putting the design together. We will also need flowers from members' gardens. **Pam Munsie** and **Cheryl Begg** have volunteered to be story tellers. There will be one committee meeting in mid-May to complete the plans. Please call **Marlene Glotfelty**, 781-7897 if you would like to help.


According to the hummingbird.net web site, Ruby throated hummingbirds have already been sighted in southern Michigan. Put out those hummingbird feeders ASAP!



HELP NEEDED!

MAGC members are requested to provide treats at intermission for the play, Of Mice and Men on Saturday, May 9. If you would like to donate cookies, pop, etc., please sign the donation sheet at the April 21, meeting or contact **Cheryl Begg** (781-4855). Donations can be brought to the Franke Center on May 9 or contact Cheryl and she will pick up your offering.

The Carver Park cleanup is Saturday, April 18, at 2:00 p.m. - bring tools. Watch for the dates for planting annuals in Carver Park and the Fountain Circle later in May!

 **Host/ Hostesses and Ticket Takers are very much needed to make our July 11-12 Garden Tour a success. Please help the Chairman by signing up to volunteer for this very important fundraising MAGC event!**

We will be serving cookies/candy at the refreshment area during the July 11-12 Garden Tour. If you would like to donate cookies or candy for the event, please sign the sheet at the April 21, May 19, or June 16 meetings.

You can also contact **Cheryl Begg** (781-4855). Drop off donations at Cheryl's home, 225 N. Grand St. on Saturday morning, July 11, or at The Harvester 9am on Saturday, July 11, or call Cheryl and she will pick up your donation.



**"Welcome to my Garden" Tour
and Garden Market
Saturday and Sunday,
July 11 & July 12, 2015**



Garden Tour Participants:

Chuck and Mary Crosby, 609 Ventura Way
Matt and Becky Samra, 609 N. Kalamazoo Ave.
David and Rosie Clark, 403 N. Kalamazoo Ave.
Mike and Karla Love, 419 Brewer St.
Martin and Lucy Overhiser, 215 N. Marshall Ave.
Tom Franke, 410 N. Eagle St.

Garden Tour Chairmen, **Mick and Gail Woods**
Garden Market Chairmen, **Jamie Evans and Diane Peart**

