

Marshall Area Garden Club

GARDEN CLIPPINGS



President's Message

Happy 2014!!!

I don't know about everyone else, but come spring, our ground cover and hosta gardens are going to love having been blanketed in snow all winter. The snow keeps the deer from eating our ground covers and gives the hosta time to sleep. ☺

As you know from looking at our Directory, and from the news **Janet Schoenmeyer** provides in our newsletters, we have a full 2014 approaching - starting with our first meeting of the year on January 21. At that meeting, we will have a program on photography presented by our very talented garden club member, **Jeanette Dyer**.

In addition to Jeanette's kick-off program, 1st VPs **Angela Mabin** and **Natalie Rector** have lined up great programs that will take us all the way through June. Then of course - it is Garden Tour time! To get us ready for Garden Tour, your Garden Tour Planning Committee, along with your Board of Directors, will start meeting in January.

Before spring arrives, the Club will hold a fund raiser by providing intermission refreshments at a Civic Players performance of "Big, The Musical", on Sunday, March 16th. This is something that **Cheryl Begg** started last year and it was fun along with being successful. We will have a sign-up sheet ready to go at the January meeting.

In addition to our normal activities related to Garden Tour, and planting flowers at Carver Park and at the Fountain Circle, our big initiative this year will be the Flower Show in August that we will stage under **Marlene Glotfelty's** leadership.

Again, Happy 2014 and I look forward to seeing all of you at our January 21st meeting.

President Steve

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January 21st Meeting

Kick the winter doldrums by attending our first meeting of the year. Member **Jeanette Dyer** is offering her time and expertise by teaching us some of her camera skills. Jeanette has been the photographer for all of our garden tour tickets and posters for many years. Don't miss the chance to gain tips on topics such as lighting techniques, the best time of day for shooting and pointers on framing your prize photos.

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

1st VP's of Program, **Angela Mabin** and **Natalie Rector**



The Battle Creek Audubon Society meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at Binder Park Zoo's Cross Administration Building in Battle Creek. The programs are free to the public, but you can join the Audubon Society for \$18(family), \$12(individual) a year to help support their efforts. Phone 269-979-1351 or watch news related articles for upcoming programs.

Environmentally conscious citizens of any age are encouraged to join the **Marshall Area Conservation Committee (MACC)**. This volunteer group works to protect, preserve and enhance Marshall's natural resources. The committee holds evening meetings 4-6 times a year. For more information, contact **Cheryl Vosburg** at 269-781-3985.

Thank You!

It seems like eons ago, but on October 26th some MAGC members tackled cleaning up the Carver Park and the Fountain Circle flower beds. Thanks to: **Steve and Ann Rhodes, Ben and Reba Lark, Tom Taft, Brenda Ulrey, Marty and Lucy Overhiser, Kevin Redmond, Duane Dupee, Mike Love, Marci Pelfrey, Sharon Linklater, Marlene Glotfelty, and Janet Schoenmeyer** for all of their efforts.



Caring thoughts were sent to member **Ken Oates**, who is experiencing a major health problem. Ken would enjoy hearing from MAGC members. His address: 200 Carriage Lane, Jackson, MI 49202.

Cor. Secretary, **Judith Mansfield**



Welcome New Members

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November Holiday Program

Thanks to all the members who contributed their talents towards creating flower designs for the November meeting's program.

Door designs celebrating fall or Thanksgiving were offered by **Brenda Ulrey, Natalie Rector, Karla Love** and **Angela Mabin**. Those who used a gourd as a container or as an accessory for a design suitable for a Thanksgiving table were **Richard Williams, Claudia Edwards Houser, Sandy Purcell, Jamie Evans** and **Kevin Redmond**. Christmas wreaths or plaques of dried or fresh plant material placed on a door were made by **Mary Toyzan, Gordon Toyzan**, (who made three wreaths), **Kathy Fryar, Julie Greene**, and **Marlene Glotfelty**. **Ellen Thornton** and **Cheryl Begg** decorated a table for a Christmas morning brunch. **Janet Schoenmeyer** and **Brenda Bates** created non-functional exhibition tables. **Marlene Glotfelty** and **Brenda Bates** decorated a holiday table set for six.

Charlie Ulrey built the impressive stands for the doors. **Dr. Phil Glotfelty** provided the doors and transported them.

Committee Chairman, **Marlene Glotfelty**



When Nature is in slumber

Idle in the deep

Nonetheless, she's dreaming of

True promises to keep.

Eventually, she'll awaken

Revitalized by sleep.



Styrofoam Disposal

You can drop off your #6 Styrofoam on Saturday, January 11, at First United Methodist Church parking lot, 111 E. Michigan Ave., Battle Creek, from 10am to 2pm.

Typically, #6 Styrofoam is used in foam cups and plates and packing material. Foam packing peanuts cannot be accepted as they are made out of another type of foam. All material brought to the collection site must be clean. Dirty or soiled material cannot be accepted.

Environmental Spokesperson, **Mick Woods**



Save the Date

"Welcome to my Garden" Tour
and Garden Market
Saturday and Sunday,
July 12 & July 13, 2014

Special Projects

Please inform Special Projects Chairman, **Cheryl Begg** if you have any ideas of a project that is worthy of MAGC funding. One of the objectives must be to stimulate the love of gardening, encourage home and community beautification, promote better horticulture practices or encourage any form of conservation. Profits from past "Welcome to my Garden" garden tours are the source of these funds.

Cheryl's phone number: 781-4855 or email: cjbegg4@gmail.com.



You Are Cordially Invited.....

MAGC is hosting a wedding themed Small Standard Flower Show at the Old Maple Grove Church during the Calhoun County Fair in August. All MAGC members are invited and encouraged to attend and participate in some capacity for the event. At the November meeting, members gave many great suggestions for the flower show title. The selected name for the show will be announced at the January meeting.

A flower show offers many opportunities for creativity in the floral design section and for exhibiting home grown horticulture. A Small Standard Flower Show requires 12-19 floral designs and at least 20 horticulture entries. The show will be judged by a panel of National Garden Club approved judges. MAGC members will also have the chance to join one of the many committees needed to ensure the flower show's success. The committees are: Schedule, Staging, Entries for design and horticulture, Special Exhibits, Classification, Placement Judges, Clerks, Consultants, Awards, Publicity, and Hospitality. There will be a description of the committees at the January meeting.

Questions? Call Marlene at 781-7897 or email at glotfeltyp@gmail.com.
Flower Show Chairman, **Marlene Glotfelty**