

Marshall Area Garden Club



GARDEN CLIPPINGS

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2016 Garden Tour Update

Our Garden Tour side lamp post banners are being put up downtown as we write this update. So our tour is just around the corner!

You all will see the volunteer schedule in this newsletter. There are still a couple of spots to fill, so if you can help out, please let **Marlene Glotfelty** know (269-228-1601). In particular, we could use help selling honey hoes at the Garden Market.

The gardens are almost ready to go, and are looking GREAT - some showers would be helpful to keep them looking good. Some of our garden owners could use help weeding, so please let us know if you have some time to pull weeds.

As most of you know, **Pam Sigren** had a bad fall last month, but she is being a real trooper and keeping her garden on tour. **Marty Overhiser** and **Steve Rhodes** are working with Pam to coordinate work that needs to be completed over the next few weeks. **Pam Munsie** will be organizing a work crew just before the tour to make sure everything is perfect.

Garden Tour Chairmen, **Steve** and **Ann Rhodes**

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* Please pay your dues, if you haven't already, to **Lucy Overhiser**. Or please inform her if you don't intend to renew. (215 N. Marshall Ave., Phone: 781-4676).

* No MAGC meeting in August. New year begins Tuesday, September 20th.

June 21st Meeting

MAGC's last formal meeting of the year speaker is **Carol DeVries**. Carol will give some helpful hints on how to maintain a lovely garden throughout the growing season. She promises to show us that by using some wise planning and good timing, we'll achieve success.

Carol has plenty of experience and expertise in gardening with perennials. She is an Advanced Master Gardener and past president of both Grand Valley's Dahlia and Daylily Societies. Come see and learn for yourself what steps you can take to make your garden the envy of the neighborhood.

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

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June 21 Election Roster

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July 12th Picnic

Please plan to attend our end of the year picnic at Wilder Creek Conservation Club, on Tuesday, July 12, 6pm. Meat, cold drinks and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass for the potluck.

The address: 19833 D Drive South. Check page 11 in your MAGC program book, if you're unsure of the location. We have access to the building, in case of inclement weather.

This is a great opportunity to meet and thank the garden tour participants for all of the time and effort they have put into the endeavor. Please consider attending, if possible.

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Program Ideas Needed!

Program Chairmen **Pam Munsie** (781-8207) and **Janet Schoenmeyer** (781-2712) would appreciate any topic suggestions for next year's programs or names of possible speakers. We also welcome our garden club members to volunteer to give a presentation. The subject matter could cover a wide range of topics. Examples of topics: landscaping, horticulture, floral design, environmental issues, birds, reptiles, mammals, or gardening.

Also, thanks to all the garden club members who attended this past year's meetings. It takes time and effort to coordinate the programs, but members who take the time to show up, even when they aren't crazy about the topic or the weather is lousy, make it all worth it!

Food for Thought

All pesticides are designed to kill. Some are very targeted, such as B.T., (Bacillus thuringiensis), which primarily affects moths and butterflies. However, most pesticides are broad and indiscriminate.



When you make the choice to treat your landscape with rodenticides or grub treatments or mosquito foggers or any other pesticide treatment, you have an intent of ridding yourself of a specific creature that you find distasteful.

But nothing in nature exists in a vacuum. Everything is connected. When you affect one population, it has a ripple affect across the populations that depend upon and coexist with it. When you spray insecticide, for instance, it does not just kill the bugs you don't like, but kills all insects; including honeybees, butterflies and ladybugs. Likewise, when you spray, the insects do not simply disappear off the face of the earth. Many live a short time before they perish. In this time, they may be consumed by natural predators, like songbirds, small mammals and other insects. Pesticides may have a direct toxicity to these animals or may build up in their fat or blood and cause illness or death over time.

Even so-called "green" chemicals are still intended to kill and though they may be derived from natural sources or biodegrade quickly, They are still highly toxic to you and other organisms.

Source: Audubon Society of Rhode Island

MAGC Member Updates

Member **Mary Berry** once again lent her professional weaving skills, and demonstrated wool carding to Marshall's elementary school children during Michigan Week.

Member **Melanie Wheeler** will be teaching a class on painting Michigan landscapes with pastels this summer at the Battle Creek Art Center.

Member **Jan Williams** and her husband **Pete**, displayed their artistic offerings of ceramic pieces and mixed media sculpture at the Sheen Center Gallery recently, in New York City.

Members **Gail and Mick Woods, Steve and Ann Rhodes, Marlene Glotfelty** and her husband **Dr. Phil**, attended the Michigan Garden Clubs State Convention in Frankenmuth earlier this month.

Get well wishes were sent to member **Pam Sigren** who broke her leg recently.

Member **Judy Babcock** received condolences due to the recent loss of her husband, Dan.

Congratulations to member **Pat Karr**, on the birth of her first grandchild!

Congratulations also to member **Hannah Frentz** who completed high school graduation requirements. Hannah was home schooled. She has enrolled in KCC's School of Nursing.

Corresponding Secretary, **Kathy Fryar**

Thanks to MAGC Volunteers



Thanks to **Natalie Rector, Randy Boehmer, Jamie Evans, Amy Holzberger, Jeanetta Stout, Marci Pelfrey** and her daughter **Salina, Sharon Linklater** and **Janet Schoenmeyer** for planting the annuals at the Fountain Circle.

Those who helped at Carver Park with plantings were **Randy Boehmer** and his friend **Gretchen, Steve Rhodes, Marty Overhiser, Marlene Glotfelty, Jaime Evans, Natalie Rector,** and **Tom Taft. Marty Overhiser, Tom Taft, Steve Rhodes** and **Natalie Rector** pulled double duty by returning to spread mulch after the plantings were completed.

Marty Overhiser and **Steve Rhodes** helped move some impatiens and hosta at **Pam Sigren's** garden. **Natalie Rector** has been lending a helping hand in the **Collins'** garden.