

Marshall Area Garden Club

GARDEN CLIPPINGS



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Garden Tour Updates

The 2016 Garden Tour Committee is still incomplete. We need someone to be responsible for soliciting and assigning the volunteers to the gardens - AND - we need someone to oversee refreshments. Please help us find these committee members.

We have one garden committed and need **FIVE** more. Before we send out letters of solicitation, committee members are holding an online discussion regarding who on the committee might want to personally ask one of the listed potential gardeners. Once that is determined, letters of solicitation will go out before the end of October.

We NEED Garden Tour co-chairs!!! Although Ann and I will co-chair this year, we plan to offer our recently renovated garden for the 2017 or 2018 tour - if that happens, we will not be chairs of the tour. So we need someone(s) to step up and work with us this year! We have everything organized and we will work with the new co-chairs until they are comfortable with the process. And, all kidding aside, chairing the garden tour is really fun and rewarding!

Last but not least, here are the final numbers for the 2015 "Welcome to my Garden" tour. Tour revenue was \$7,597, as reported earlier, and expenses were just over \$2,300, so our net was approximately \$5,200. Garden Market and honey hoe sales netted another \$1,000. Well done, everyone!

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

October 20th Meeting

WMU professor of Biological Sciences, Dr. Todd Barkman is our October speaker. Todd will discuss our favorite garden plants in Michigan and how they are related to other plants around the world. He has conducted research in northern Borneo where beautiful orchids grow in the wild. He will also tell us about the discovery of the world's largest plant, Rafflesia.

Dr. Barkman has devoted his life to the study of plants. He received his BS and MS in Botany from MSU. His PhD was earned at the University of Texas. Dr. Barkman frequently travels between Michigan and Malaysia, so he has accumulated a wealth of information he would love to share with us. Come join us for a fun and interesting evening.

1st VP's pf Programs, **Pam Munsie** and **Janet Schoenmeyer**



"I don't think there's anything on this planet that more trumpets life than the sunflower. For me that's because of the reason behind its name. Not because it looks like the sun but because it follows the sun. During the course of the day, the head tracks the journey of the sun across the sky. A satellite dish for sunshine. Whatever light is, no matter how weak, these flowers will find it. And that's such an admirable thing. And such a lesson in life."

Source: Calendar Girls movie

Contributor: **Pam Munsie**

November 17th Meeting 6:30pm Potluck & Design Program

November 17 is the date for our once a year holiday program presented by MAGC members. The theme for the design program is "A Most Wonderful Time of the Year". The four classes of design and participating members are:

"A Sound of Christmas": **Cheryl Begg, Julie Green, Vera Hazel** and a friend of the garden club, **Pat Doyle.** "Fond Memories from the Farm": **Alice Schneider, Marty Overhiser, Janet Schoenmeyer, Pam Munsie.** "Welcome to Our House": **Brenda Ulrey, Ellen Thornton, Richard Williams, Claudia Edwards-Houser,** "Little Friends": **Cherie Riser, Shirley Clutter, Jamie Evans, Sandy Purcell.**

If you have not had the opportunity to sign up to create a design, there is one extra green jingle bell available for the "Sound of Christmas" class and one topiary frame available for the "Welcome to our House" class. If you would like to participate please call Chairman **Marlene Glotfelty,** (781-7897)

Please bring a dish to pass for the November 17th meeting. We will provide table service, but if you bring your own, it will cut down on landfill usage, (As demonstrated by our September meeting.) Dinner will begin at 6:30pm, with a "Show & Tell" of the MAGC members' design creations described above, immediately following.



Help Needed!

Fountain Circle Flower Chairmen, **Marci Pelfrey** and **Sharon Linklater** have set Clean-up and tearing out the annuals for 10am on Saturday, October 24.

Carver Park Chairman, **Tom Taft** has set Clean-up for the same day, October 24, at noon. Rain date: October 31 at noon.

Please show up and help at one of these venues, for whatever time you are available; if only for an hour.



Tree Program Offered

Pierce Cedar Creek Institute is offering a program called "Lunch and Learn: Forest History of Michigan." It is being held on Friday, October 23, from 10am to 1pm.

The event will begin with a program on the forests of Michigan presented by **Matt Dykstra**. Covering the formation of the earliest forests after the retreat of the glaciers to present time, the presentation will discuss forest ecology and human impacts. The program will be followed by a lunch prepared by Chef Paul Vugteveen served on the Institute's grounds.

Cost is \$16 for its members, \$20 for non-members. The Nature Center is located at 701 W. Cloverdale Rd. , Hastings, MI. Phone (269) 721-4190 to register.

MAGC Member Info

Congratulations to Founding MAGC member and Past President, **Marlene Glotfelty** for being chosen as a nominee for Marshall's Athena Leadership Award.

Marlene has contributed her time and talent to MAGC in many different capacities throughout our club's history. Her volunteerism and sharing of her knowledge throughout the years, has not only benefited this club, but also the Marshall community.

Sincere wishes for happier, healthier days were sent to MAGC members **Angela Mabin** and **Sharon Linklater**.

Corresponding Secretary, **Kathy Fryar**



Hello?

As a MAGC member, have you invested any time and effort to ensure the future of this club recently? If you are able bodied, do you have any plans to volunteer for a project or a committee?

If you have paid dues towards membership in the Marshall Area Garden Club, it would be encouraging to see you shiny face at one of our meetings.

Picking up your 2015-2016 MAGC Directory that member **Steve Rhodes** compiled and worked so diligently on, would also be a great move!

Editor, **Janet Schoenmeyer**

**Marshall Area Garden Club Programs 2015 - 2016
Marshall United Methodist Church, 721 Old US 27**

October 20 - *Sex Life of Flowers* - Dr. Todd Barkman

November 17, 6:30 p.m. - *Holiday themed floral designs by members and pot luck* - Chairman, **Marlene Glotfelty**

No MAGC meeting in December

January 19 - *Michigan Farm Markets* - **Amanda Shreve**

February 16 - *Michigan Trees* - **Dr. Dan Skean**

March 15 - *Succulents* - **Kathleen Kajenka**

April 19 - *Attracting Butterflies* - **Ilse Gebhard**

May 17 - *Bugs, Ticks and Poisonous Plants* - **Paul Makoski**

June 21 - *Maintaining Your Garden* - **Carol DeVries**

July 9 & 10 - *Welcome to my Garden Tour and Garden Market*