

Marshall Area Garden Club, Inc.

GARDEN CLIPPINGS



MAGCI OFFICERS 2017

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Ann Rhodes**

Well, it is October 4th and I feel like we should all be thinking about Halloween/fall decorations, fall bargains on plants at our favorite garden center, servicing all our fall clean-up equipment such as leaf blowers, dividing and transplanting, and getting our snow removal equipment serviced and ready to go. However, this feels like an unusual fall - leaves are falling early because of tree stress; we are watering much later in the year hoping to give perennials like our hydrangeas a fighting chance over winter; and finding that the ground is almost too hard to dig when transplanting. This unusual fall makes you wonder what our Michigan winter will bring?!?!

But let's not get ahead of ourselves in terms of fall/winter activities for our garden club. We have set ***Saturday, October 14th at 8:00 a.m. for Carver Park cleanup (October 21st as backup)***. The West End gardens should be okay for this winter. Member **Natalie Rector** would like to leave the flowers at the Fountain Circle as long as we can, so watch for an announcement on that cleanup.

Speaking of Natalie - she has done a great job working with the city for the club's West End project and negotiating a reasonable budget for the purchase of Fountain Circle flowers. Her efforts in those areas have resulted in the club's next project for city beautification - **tackling the downtown urns**.

At our September meeting Natalie proposed and members supported the following resolution: ***The Marshall Area Garden Club, Inc. - at the request of the City of Marshall - will take on the responsibility of planning, designing, and planting the 16 urns in downtown Marshall for ONE calendar year starting this November.***

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President's Letter Continued.....

In doing so we are making no financial commitment. It will be the City's responsibility to maintain all plantings and to find the funding for 2018 summer annuals and some transition plants for fall and on through next Christmas.

I realize that our club already has quite a work load with our commitments to: West End, Fountain Circle, and Carver Park. However, one of our club's objectives is to "...encourage community beautification..." This one-year cooperative effort with the city will give us a chance to continue to add significantly to the ambiance of Marshall. So please look for future announcements regarding how you can help with this new community project! Members **Cherie Riser, Diane Peart** and **Connie Purcell**, have volunteered to work with Natalie, but more volunteers are needed!

President, **Steve Rhodes**

District IIB would like help judging Yearbooks (membership directories) for recognition. Let **Steve Rhodes** know if you'd like to volunteer for Yearbook and General Awards Judging.

Info: Wednesday, Oct. 25, 10:00am-4:00pm
Trinity Church, 3355 Dunckel Rd., Lansing, MI (Rooms 163 and 164)

Please arrive a bit early so the judging can begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.
Bring your lunch. Light snacks and some beverages will be provided.

We could use at least 30 people so if each District Director could bring 4 or 5 from their district, we can have five 3-person judging teams in each room.

The more people we have, the quicker the job gets done!

October 17th Meeting

Our October meeting offers something new. Pierce Cedar Creek Institute, Program Coordinator, **Ellen Holste** will delve into early Michigan History; specifically 1600-1800 AD. She'll remind us how tumultuous events were occurring during that period which affected Michigan's indigenous people. We'll learn how the settlers and various armies impacted their land and the environment.

Ellen has presented this program at Pierce Cedar Creek and is well versed on entertaining her audience while still educating them, so this will not be a boring, textbook presentation. Ellen is a doctoral graduate from MSU with degrees in Forestry and Ecology. Membership Chairman **Shirley Clutter** suggests inviting a friend or neighbor to the meeting, who might be interested in the topic. They might end up joining our club!

Social Time 6:30pm, Program 7:00pm.
Business Meeting 8:15pm.
1stVP's of Programs, **Cherie Riser** and **Janet Schoenmeyer**



Refreshment Hosts Needed

Thank you to **Reba Lark** and **Sandy Purcell** for providing the September meeting refreshments. Here is the list of sign ups and openings for the following months:

- October - **Linda Gillespie** and **Karla Love**
 - November - Appetizer Buffet provided by all members.
 - January - **Marty/Lucy Overhiser** and **Natalie Rector**
 - February - **Marlene Glotfelty** and ??
 - March - ??
 - April - **Brenda Marshall** and ??
 - May - **Ellen/Lee Thornton** ??
 - June - **Shirley Larson** and ??
- Call **Karla Love** at 781-0009 with questions or to sign up.

November 21st Meeting

Please consider volunteering for one of the four creative flower design classes featured at our November meeting. You will have an arrangement all ready to grace a Thanksgiving table or front porch. If you're not preparing the holiday meal, you can use the class entry as a hostess present. This is not a competition event, so learning some new skills is an extra bonus. Also, remember, this is our entertainment for the evening, so few volunteers will make the evening short lived. Please phone **Marlene Glotfelty**, 781-7897, to volunteer for this fun project.

Please bring a passing dish, hearty appetizer or dessert to share. Drinks and tableware are provided.

Please note: The meeting takes place at 6pm.

Holiday Gift Ideas for Gardeners

Book Suggestions:

Small Space Container Gardens; Transform your Balcony, Porch or Patio with Fruits, Flowers, Foliage and Herbs
Author: Fern Richardson

The Northern Gardener: From Apples to Zinnias Author: Mary Lahr Schier

Succulents: The Ultimate Guide to Choosing and Growing 200 Easy Care Plants Author: Robin Stockwell

The Flower Book (flower design info)
Author: Rachel Siegfried

Other Suggestions:

Birding Apps for I Phones

Electric heated birdbaths



Welcome to my Garden Tour, July 14 & 15, 2018

We are pleased to announce the five of the six gardens on tour for the "Welcome to My Garden" Tour on July 14th and 15th, 2018:

Patrick and Laura Crouse, 632 East Dr.

Cora Keiper, 521 Sibley Lane

Leah Knapp, 815 Jones St.

Randall and Karla Ramon, 209 S. Liberty St.

Richard and Diane Thompson, 12310 15 Mile Rd.

We are working on adding a garden around the 15 Mile Road and A Drive intersection. We are also, looking for a chairperson or co-chairs to lead the 2019 Garden Tour. If you have an interest, we invite you attend the Garden Tour committee meetings and we will pass on the valuable resources to organize future tours. Give us a call at 269-781-0009.

Garden Tour Chairmen, **Mike and Karla Love**



October Events

Sandhill Crane Fest

October 14 & 15, Noon to 7pm each day. Guided nature walks-fine art vendors-live animal displays. Free!

Pierce Cedar Creek Institute

October 14, 9:30-Noon. Guided nature hike through old woodlots to see the oldest, largest and most distinct trees on the property.

Members free. Non-members; Adults, \$6
Children \$3

Register at 269-721-4190

Certificates of Appreciation Awardees

The Marshall Area Garden Club, Inc. annually awards certificates of appreciation to gardeners in the greater Marshall area for beautifying the community. Homes and businesses are chosen for new landscaping or continually maintaining a pleasing garden for all to enjoy while walking or driving in our communities.

The 2017 recipients are:

Angie Weatherly, 207 S. Liberty St,
Austin and Stephanie Kimball, 223 N. Eagle St,
Duane and Karen Mestemaker, 592 Lyon Lake Rd,
Gene and Jennifer Snook, 333 N. Madison St,
John and Kelly Merucci, 115 E. Prospect St,
Katie and Rick Boyer, 310 N. Linden St,
Mark Sears, 204 Elizabeth St, Albion,
Pam and Chip Iceberg, 1202 O'Keefe Rd,
Timi Perry, 301 N. Liberty St,
Brewer Woods Condo Assoc. principal gardeners: **Judy and Ron Borowitz** and **Dave Davis**.

Certificates of Appreciation Committee, **Mike and Karla Love**

