

Marshall Area Garden Club, Inc.



GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Happy 2018!!!

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2018**

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Ann Rhodes**

Come spring - and it always comes - 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 - what I am not sure about is how these extra-low temperatures will affect the upcoming growing season. In the meantime we are having trouble keeping up with how much of our birdseed the deer and our resident possum(s) are eating !!!!

I know that I am a day late getting my newsletter message to Editor **Janet Schoenmeyer** - and that she will not accept the "dog ate my homework" excuse.... actually, right now I am having a devil of a time typing this new year message because I have our youngest cat sitting on the keyboard!!!!

As I reflect on what our club will tackle in 2018, I cannot help but think back on all that this club has done for Marshall since its beginning- and will continue to do for the coming years. I would like to list every volunteer and volunteer hours our club has contributed, but Janet only allows me a limited space. Let me finish by saying thank you to our club's founders - past leadership members - but most importantly every volunteer that has pulled a weed in Carver Park - risked your life planting at the Fountain Circle - and cooked in the sun as you hosted at Garden Tour!

And as we look forward to 2018 - we are FINALLY a 501c(3) corporation, and have the grant from the Marshall Community Foundation to show for it - thanks to **Natalie Rector** and **Marlene Glotfelty** for your leadership on getting the club to renew our commitment to the West End project - **Karla** and **Mike Love** for their commitment to the Garden Tour - and countless others I should name - but I know that if I go on, Janet really will call me on the "dog ate my homework" excuse....

President **Steve**

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November Meeting

Thanks to Chairman **Marlene Glotfelty** and all the members who volunteered to create flower designs for the evening's program on November 21.

Class 1, Miniature Arrangements:
Cherie Riser, Julie Greene, Marianne Slick and Marlene Glotfelty

Class 2, Low Arrangement for Table:
Rosalie Clark, Linda Gillespie, Janet Schoenmeyer and Claudia Edwards-Houser

Class 3, A Large Floor Design:
Brenda Bates, Pam Munsie, Alice Schneider and Brenda Ulrey

Class 4, A Table Centerpiece for One:
Ellen Thornton and Marlene Glotfelty

First time flower arrangers were **Linda Gillespie, Marianne Slick and Rosalie Clark.**

Mike and Karla Love provided yummy punch and lovely table linens. **Dr. Phil Glotfelty** gave a short, but meaningful invocation.

Our November meetings are always a fun addition to the holiday season because we have the opportunity to visit with members and taste their delicious contributions.

Refreshment Volunteers Needed!

Here is the Refreshment list of sign ups and openings for the following months:

January - **Marty/Lucy Overhiser and Natalie Rector**

February - **Marlene Glotfelty and ??**

March - ??

April - **Brenda Marshall and ??**

May - **Ellen/Lee Thornton and ??**

June - **Shirley Larson and ??**

Call **Karla Love** at 781-0009 with questions or to sign up.



January 16th Meeting

Our scheduled speaker, **Brett Riser** has canceled, due to accepting a new job in Bad Axe. Instead, Soil Conservationist **Megan Fawcett** will be our speaker.

Megan will be discussing the Natural Resources Conservation Services' role in leading conservation efforts to restore pollinator habitat, what programs they offer to assist landowners, and restoration projects that she has been a part of at the local level.

Originally from Maryland, Megan completed her Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Management from West Virginia University in 2003. After college she travelled all across the country, working on various wildlife research projects. She completed her Masters of Science in wildlife ecology in 2007 and moved to Michigan soon afterwards. In 2009 she began work with the Branch County NRCS, to assist with Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Compliance. In 2010 she moved to the Marshall office as a Soil Conservationist and have been in that position ever since.

As shown by her work history, Megan has much experience and knowledge to share. Don't miss this great presentation that kicks off the first meeting of 2018.

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

I heard a bird sing in the dark of December; a magical thing and sweet to remember. We are nearer to spring than we were in September....

Oliver Herford

MAGCI Member Updates

Welcome new members:

Margaret Zorn, 327 N. Division St., Phone # 781-9558 Email: mzorn2550@aol.com

Phyllis Rabbideau, 102 Chauncey Ct., Phone # 789-8174 Email: Phyllis.Rabbideau@gmail.com

2ND VP of Membership, Shirley Clutter

Member Matt Holzberger's mother passed away in November.

Member Sharon Linklater is recovering from broken legs incurred from an accident in October. She has returned to Marshall after a long stay at Mary Free Bed Hospital.

Past member Joan Oates passed away in September. Joan held the office of 2nd VP of Membership while her husband, Ken was President in 2005-2007.

Corresponding Secretary, Kathy Fryar

MAGCI News

Lynn Keelan, member of the Howell Garden Cub, has agreed to the position of District Director of District 11B. District 11B is comprised of 15 clubs in Southwest Michigan, one of which is our MAGCI. This position was left unfilled for quite a few months, so her stepping forward is really appreciated.

Marshall's Grand Street Pocket Park, was completed and celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony on October 23.

MAGCI contributed \$500 towards the project. The source of our club's funding was through income received from our "Welcome to my Garden" Tour and Garden Market.

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



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

Patrick and Laura Crouse, 632 East Dr. Refreshment site)

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.

Jim and Cindy Monaweck, 15477 Tau Rd.

Scott and Holly Harndon, 401 W. Mansion St. (drive by)

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



Star Members



If there was an award for MAGCI Star Members, Bruce and Linda Gillespie, would win the prize. Since the Gillespies joined our club in 2017, they have worked on every MAGCI project. Not only are their names included in every project on the back page of this newsletter, they also helped with the West End Gardens, Fountain Circle plantings, Garden Tour, and Linda created an arrangement for the November meeting.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM MAGCI MEMBERS!!!!

Thank Goodness for MAGCI Volunteers!

Thanks to all those who put MAGCI garden beds to sleep this fall.

Carver Park Volunteers:

Jeff Greene, Steve and Ann Rhodes, Randy Boehmer, Mike and Karla Love, Bruce and Linda Gillespie, Natalie Rector, Duane Dupee and Tom Taft, (who also hauled the debris to the Landfill).

Fountain Circle Volunteers:

Natalie Rector and Marty Overhiser

Thank you to the following MAGCI members for helping with the fall cleanup of perennials at the Calhoun County Fairgrounds on a chilly 25 degree morning in November: **Ann and Steve Rhodes, Linda and Bruce Gillespie, Jamie Evans, Shirley Clutter, Marianne Slick, Margaret Zorn and Karla Love.** Maintaining the beds at the Fairgrounds is an agreement with the CCAIS office for free use of the area where we stage the Garden Market during the Garden Tour. We will schedule a spring cleanup in late April.

Thanks to all the members who decorated the downtown urns:

Shirley Clutter, Tom and Diane Peart, Linda Gillespie, Natalie Rector, Sandy Purcell, and Ann and Steve Rhodes. Cherie Riser and Janet Schoenmeyer created the decorative bows.