

Garden Clippings

Newsletter

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MARSHALL AREA
GARDEN CLUB, INC.



SEPTEMBER 19th MEETING

6:30pm at the MARSHALL DISTRICT LIBRARY

Autumn in the Garden: Tips for Over-Wintering Non-Hardy Plants, and Preparing our Gardens for Winter

I hope you can join us at the library to hear Duane Dupree's talk on getting your garden prepared for winter and how to over-winter those non-hardy plants you love and want to keep going for next year.

Duane is an avid gardener and has a wealth of knowledge on many topics. He's a frequent lecturer, has been on the MAGCI "ask the expert" panels in the past, his beautiful gardens have featured on numerous garden walks, including a 5 county walk benefitting Audubon Society, featured in Better Homes and Gardens magazine. Make sure to make the meeting and get your gardening questions answered.

Please note the location and time change for our September meeting. The church was not available on Sept. 19th, so we will be meeting at 6:30pm, Sept. 19th at the Marshall District Library instead. We will be starting half an hour earlier because the library closes at 8:30pm.



MARSHALL
AREA

Garden Club

Sat-Sun Sept. 9-10

MARSHALL HOME TOUR

Mon. Sept. 18

2:30-5:30pm

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS
WASTE DROP-OFF**

Fairgrounds

Tues. Sept. 19

SEPT. MEETING

6:30pm at the library

Time and location changes



Mon. Sept. 25

12-5:00pm

SCRAP TIRE DROP-OFF

(Passenger vehicle tires only.

No business or farm tires)

Athletic Fields/W Mich Ave

Mon. Oct. 2

PLANT PARENTING 101

LECTURE AT THE LIBRARY

6:30pm

By Duane Dupree

Wed. Oct. 4

DISTRICT 2B

FALL MEETING

Register by Sept. 14

Fall Rocks on Oct 4

The Fall District 2B meeting will be held on Wed, Oct 4 in DeWitt, MI from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$30 for our members and includes Brunch, Lunch and the Educational Program. Registration is due to the District by Sept 15 with one check made out by our club treasurer. If you would like to go and carpool with garden club members, contact Karla Love at

0499klove@gmail.com by Sept 14 or call 269-753-9772. You will make your \$30 check out to the Marshall Area Garden Club.

Tues. Oct. 16

OCT. MEETING

**NOTE: Back to 7:00pm
at the church**

GARDEN TOUR REPORT

Congratulations to all our members and other volunteers in participating in our very successful 2023 Welcome to Our Garden Tour. Thank you to Nancy Isham and Lucy Robinson for chairing this event. We had over 700 paying visitors that attended.

Ticket sales totaled \$8,423.97 with a net total of \$5,176.16 after expenses and fees. These monies will be spent on operating our club and our garden projects that help beautify our city.

Linda Gillespie

Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

September is the beginning of a new year for Marshall Area Garden Club, as we'll soon be beginning our monthly meeting schedule again. The membership renewal drive is over and I concentrated on the annual Garden Tour of July 9 & 10. That event brought us two new members. They are; Liane Smith and Shannon Aikins. So if you see them in attendance, give them a warm welcome. Those individuals also brought our current active membership total to 100. I'm happy to see we are still at or above the century mark

Should anyone know of a person interested in joining our club, invite them to attend a scheduled monthly meeting to hear our guest speaker and meet with other MAGCI members. New membership is always open and applications are available at the welcome table I'm usually present at.

Bruce Gillespie

VP Membership

CAROL RIGGS on HOME TOUR



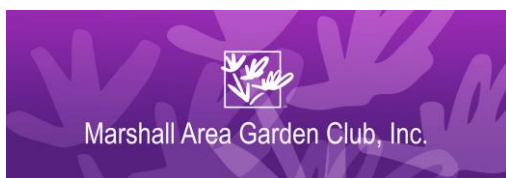
MAGCI member Carol Riggs is on the Marshall Home Tour this year and volunteering to do home tour flower arrangements as well! You might remember that Carol was also on the Welcome to My Garden tour several years ago and shared her amazing garden with us all. Hopefully you'll be able to go to the home tour this year (Sept. 9-10th) and see Carol's charming house and garden. Thank you Carol!

CLUB DIRECTORIES

Remember to pick up your new 2023/24 club directory at the September meeting. Jeanette Dyer designed the cover again this year. Thank You!



NEW CLUB BANNER



Jeanette Dyer also designed a new club banner that we hung over the garden club's fair display this year in Floral Hall. The banner is 2'x6' (outdoor vinyl grade with grommets for hanging) and can be used at the tour's information booth, the club's plant exchange at the Farmers Market, and other club events as well.

NOV/DEC NEWSLETTER

If there's something you would like in the next newsletter, please send Alice an e-mail by Oct. 15 with the information, and a picture if possible (confabwithalice@gmail.com)

HOME TOUR FLOWERS

MAGCI members will be providing flower arrangements for the following homes at this year's Historic Marshall Home Tour:

Floral designers included:

Carol Riggs & Natalie Rector (Banfield Home)
Janet Schoenmeyer & Laurel Piotrowski (Howe Home)
Nancy Isham & Shirley Larson (Wirtz Home)
Marlene Glotfelty & Alice Schneider (Novess Home - Villa on Verona)
Chela VanSickle (Withee Home)
Pam Munsie & Kathy Needham-Fitzpatrick (Lazar Home)
Melanie Sheperd & Karla Love (Riggs Home)

Many thanks to all the participants.

Chairperson, Chela VanSickle

MARSHALL DISTRICT LIBRARY'S SEPTEMBER PLANT PROGRAM and OCTOBER LECTURE by DUANE DUPREE

(MAGCI Special Project – Supported by members)

Visit Marshall District Library during the month of September & adopt a baby houseplant from the Little Free Plant Library. Plants propagated by a Marshall Area Garden Club member will be available for adoption. Then join local resident & garden club member Duane Dupree on Monday, October 2 at 6:30 p.m. for Plant Parenting 101. Duane will give an introduction to the care & feeding of houseplants & propagation techniques, as well as which plants are safe for pets & information about the Marshall Area Garden Club. Registration required at www.yourmdl.org/events; All ages welcome.

Shauna Swantek

MDL Head of Programming & Community Engagement (and MAGCI member)



MAGCI AWARDS OF DISTINCTION GIVEN

The garden club gives special awards at the Calhoun County Fair for each floriculture division in Floral Hall. The club awards a ribbon and a \$10 premium. The winners this year are as follows:



- Div. 1 Plants: Shirley Baker (Christmas Cactus)
- Div. 2 Arrangements: Denise Banfield (Breakfast Tray Arrangement)
- Div. 3 Annuals: Sarah Lundy (Sunflower)
- Div. 4 Bulbs/Tubers/Corms: Charlie Letts (Dahlias)
- Div. 5 Perennials: Sarah Lundy (Queen of the Prairie)
- Div. 6 Roses: Candace Ivey (Madame A Meilland rose)
- Div. 7 Other: Dick Kellogg (Patio Planter)

MAGCI's FAIR DISPLAY AT THE CALHOUN COUNTY FAIR

Garden club members put together a fantastic display at the Calhoun County Fair this year using the fair's theme of **"Boots, Barnyards and Family Fun"**.



The club's display was on one of the stages in Floral Hall and received many compliments throughout fair week. And we won first prize for the display. Working on this was a lot of fun, highlighted the club to the community, and was a wonderful addition to the fair.

A big Thank You to everyone who grew "boot" containers, window boxes of vegetables and flowers, and helped put this display together.

