

# Garden Clippings

Newsletter

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MAY & JUNE '24

MARSHALL AREA  
GARDEN CLUB, INC.



MARSHALL  
AREA

*Garden Club*

**Sun. May 19 @ 9am**

**PLANTING THE FOUNTAIN  
CIRCLE BEDS &  
DOWNTOWN URNS**

**Mark your calendars now.  
Come and help plant!**



**Natalie:** Sorry for a Sunday, but it is the least traffic to be at the fountain circle, there are few cars parked on main street for us to deliver flowers to each of the 16 pots and the city worker will be there on Monday to water them.

If enough show up to help, we will also weed Grant Street Park.

**Thanks if you can help. All flowers will be delivered to their locations by 9 a.m**



## MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MEETING

### Albion's Community Garden



I hope you are able to join us on May 21st, 7pm for our May program. Trisha Franzen, a professor at Albion College, will talk about how the Albion Community Gardens were started and have since blossomed and grown into a wonderful community asset and resource. The Albion Community Gardens bring together growers in the Albion area to collaborate for better connections with food and land. These gardens offer local residents opportunities to garden, grow their own food, make new friendships, and create green spaces in an urban environment.



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT



**Bruce:** I certainly learned about pruning at the March garden club meeting. I already have been practicing the three "D's"; (Dead, Diseased or Damaged), of tree or bush pruning. But the type of cut, when possible, really enlightened me. Thank-you to our speaker; Brett Myers, for such an informative presentation.

By now, we have had our April club meeting, and the membership renewal drive continues. Thanks to those who have promptly paid those fees. If you're still in need to submit your \$20 individual or \$30 per couple membership dues, you still can do it at the scheduled garden club meeting on May 21 - at our usual venue. I accept cash or checks at my usual station when entering the meeting room.

Anyone still needing to pay membership renewal dues after the May meeting, should send checks only - made out to MAGCI at the following address.

MAGCI  
P.O. Box 924  
Marshall,  
Michigan 49068-0924

Reminder: Any updates of your membership information in regards to home address, phone number or email address should be communicated promptly to keep records current.

Mon. May 20

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS  
WASTE DROPOFF**

Calhoun County Fairgrounds  
2:30-5:30pm

Tues. May 21

**MAY MEETING**

Albion's Community Garden  
7pm at the church

Tues. May 31

**MAGCI CLUB DUES**

Renewal Deadline

\$20/person \$30/couple

Send Dues to Club PO Box:

Marshall Area Garden Club  
PO Box 924, Marshall MI  
49068

**GARDEN TOUR  
TICKET SALES**



**Linda:** Tickets online will be available on June 1st. Advanced purchase prices are still at a great deal of \$10.00, good for both days. On the Saturday and Sunday of the tour, the price is \$15.00. New this year the children's tickets are free and will be available at the Ticket/Information Booth or at any of the gardens. Cash or check only is accepted at all locations.

**GARDEN TOUR  
VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP**



**Judy:** Garden tour is coming up on July 13th and 14th. Volunteers are needed to work a Saturday or Sunday morning or afternoon shift as a ticket taker or host/hostess at each of the six gardens on the tour. A sign-up sheet will be available at our next meeting or you may call Judy Cieslak at (734)765-9686 or Shirley Larson at (269) 986-7408 to choose your spot.

**2024 Welcome to My Garden TOUR**

**Save the dates July 13 & 14 to volunteer**



**Karla:** Recently one of our gardens needed to step away from the 2024 tour and Bosserd Family Farm at 14721 Verona Road graciously agreed to fill the spot. The other five gardens are: Ghiban Garden -347 High Street, Bouwens/McIntosh Garden - 340 N. Mulberry Street, Keiper Garden - 521 Sibley Lane, Overhiser Garden -215 N. Marshall Avenue, and Mankerian Garden -301 S. Liberty Street. Please sign up to volunteer for garden shifts at a club meeting or call Shirley Larson at 269-986-7408 to reserve your spot on the schedule. You will receive a complimentary ticket for volunteering.

Please click "like and follow" on the Marshall Area Garden Club Facebook Page. When we post Garden Tour announcements and Club Meeting announcements and you SHARE these Facebook posts we are expanding our marketing reach to a wider group of gardeners, more so, than newspaper ads.

**FARMERS MARKET & PLANT BOOTH**

**Saturday, June 1st**

**June 1st Farmer's Market - 125 W. Green St - volunteers needed**



**Karla:** MAGCI is volunteering to help with the Farmer's Market and we are also providing the Free Plant Giveaway on Saturday, June 1. We will need four volunteers from 7:00 to 10:00 am and four volunteers from 10:00 to 1:00. The early duties for the helping at the Farmer's Market include setting up the market booth, the music booth, umbrellas, cones, and no parking signs, and helping vendors unload their goods. The market opens at 8 am and during the market one volunteer sits at the market front booth and two volunteers count customers on each end of the area. When the market closes at 1 pm everything needs to be put away in the little barn.

For the Free Plant Giveaway we will need four volunteers from 7:30 to 9:30 am, four volunteers from 9:30 to 11:30, and two volunteers from 11:30 to close. Duties will be to organize the plants brought in by shade versus sun, help guests determine if a plant is right for their garden spot, encourage folks to join the garden club (we will have brochures), and to sell Welcome to My Garden tour tickets at \$10 each.



## Month of May

### PLANT EXCHANGE PREP

Remember to pot up plants as you move and divide things in your garden this spring and share them at the plant exchange on Saturday morning, June 1.

## Saturday June 1

### PLANT EXCHANGE

Marshall's Farmers Market

8am – 1pm

- *Bring your plants to the club's booth in the morning to share.*

## Saturday June 1

### NEED VOLUNTEERS

Marshall's Farmers Market

- *The garden club needs volunteers to help set-up and man the market this Saturday.*
- *Please call Karla Love if you are willing to help out!*

## Friday, June 14, 5pm

### FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE

Help support this 175<sup>th</sup> fair by entering something in Floral Hall.

## Tuesday, June 18

### JUNE MEETING

Tips and Tools for Pain-Free Gardening

7pm at the church

### DIRECTORY UPDATES

#### Please update your directory

We had a new member join the club in April. Please say hello to Sarah Simmons and welcome her when you see her at the next meeting.

#### Sarah Simmons

phone: 248-850-6125

email: [slsimmons48138@gmail.com](mailto:slsimmons48138@gmail.com)

#### Address correction for Shirley Larson

220 Chauncy Ct. (all other info stays the same)

## June 1st Farmer's Market - 125 W. Green St - volunteers needed

You may sign up to help on June 1st at the April or May Garden Club meeting or contact Karla at 269-753-9772 or [0499klove@gmail.com](mailto:0499klove@gmail.com).

## Plants needed for the June 1st Free Plant Giveaway

May is the perfect time to divide and repot your perennials and herbs to share with the Marshall Community at the June 1st Free Community Plant Giveaway held at the Farmer's Market at 125 W. Green St. You can bring your potted plants that morning to the Market including some info such as the name of the plant, its growth habits, its color, when it flowers, and if it requires full sun, partial sun, or shade.

Plant identifier cards will be available at the club meetings. If needed, you can drop your plants off prior to June 1 at Mike and Karla Love's home at 419 Brewer St, Marshall. This is a great time to find some new additions for your landscape.

## MEET A MEMBER

I'd like to introduce two members to you. Robin and Mike Holcomb joined the club in 2021 and were on the garden tour in 2022. Both Robin and Mike have been active in a number of club activities, from helping plant and weed in different club supported gardens, to helping design the garden club's display at the fair. Last year they volunteered to help organize the refreshment table at the garden tour and will be heading that again for this year's tour. **Thank You!**

## Mike and Robin Holcomb



**Robin:** We love the cottage feel of our gardens and using a variety of plants and ornamental trees to create color and interest from spring to fall. I enjoy the shopping for new plants and rescuing from clearance racks. Mike enjoys adding underground sprinklers and soaker hoses to make sure they are all well cared for. He also enjoys his tiny raised vegetable beds to snack on while he's working outdoors and sharing with the neighbors. I enjoy collecting houseplants as well and search for interesting shades of green and heights to keep it looking visually pleasing. I think of my outdoor and indoor gardens as nature's art and enjoy the added water features of fountains throughout to bring sound to the senses and a magical place grandchildren will always remember.



We had a hard time picking just one picture to show of our gardens because these are our two favorite spots. We love sitting on front porch to socialize with neighbors and walkers and watch hummingbirds and butterflies. The back gives us privacy when we want to have quiet moments.

## CALHOUN COUNTY FAIR

### 175 years of fun!

The Calhoun County fair was started in 1848 and has been going strong ever since.



Entertainment at the Calhoun Fair - Marshall, Mich 1903

## CALHOUN COUNTY FAIR

### Help support this 175<sup>th</sup> fair

- **Enter something in the fair!**  
June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5pm is the entry deadline.
- **Volunteer - Floral Hall display!**  
The fair theme this year is "Timeless Traditions and Old Fashioned Fun" and we are going to have a fantastic display celebrating 175yrs of fair history and Marshall's history. Contact Alice if you'd like to help with the display this year.
- **Volunteer - Floral Hall flower beds!**  
Help tend the Floral Hall flower beds this spring and summer with a fantastic group of MAGCI volunteers! Keep an eye out for those e-mails asking for help, and come if you can. The more the merrier.

## TREE PLANTING INITIATIVE

Let's make a difference in Marshall



- Looking for club members to be part of a working group that plants & maintains trees.
- If you want to help, contact Alice at [confabwithalice@gmail.com](mailto:confabwithalice@gmail.com)

## July/Aug Newsletter

Send any info, plus a picture if possible, to Alice by 6/15 at [confabwithalice@gmail.com](mailto:confabwithalice@gmail.com)

## SPRINGING INTO ACTION

### West End Median Beds: Natalie Rector



**Natalie:** Thanks to the hardy souls that helped with clean-up at West End. Thanks to Doug Crane, Jeff Greene, Jo Lindquist, Laurel Piotrowski, Bruce and Linda Gillespie, Nancy Reincke, Janet Schoenmeyer, and Deb Glen. Now that the grasses and hydrangeas have been trimmed, the daffodils have space to shine. The roses are a challenge to trim and haul away but they are beautiful during the summer. Hope you all enjoy the plantings as you drive by.

### Carver Park: Doug Crane

**Doug:** I cleaned it up in late March when I had an afternoon available prior to that final snow event. I got it mulched in early April when Lowe's had their big mulch sale. I've attached three pictures, one of which shows the maple tree seedlings which pull easy



at the seedling stage, but turn into brutes as they get older.

If anyone wants to pull the maple saplings out, it would be **much appreciated**. Otherwise, people should stop by to enjoy the chartreuse flowers of the donkey's tail plants (euphorbia myrsinites), a fun plant for early spring color, but sometimes it's an aggressive seeder.



### Fountain Circle Beds/Urns: Natalie Rector & Doug Crane

**Planting date set for Sunday, May 19 at 9am.**

**Doug:** It's always an exciting time during the third week of May when we plant the fountain circle beds and the twenty urns in downtown Marshall. I'm especially excited to use two new supertunias from Proven Winners in our plantings this year. Saffron Finch is a beautiful yellow spreading petunia and Vista Jazzberry is a bright lavender petunia that has earned the title of "Annual of the Year." Not to be outdone by Proven Winners, the BallFloraPlant company has hybridized a group of vigorous and floriferous verbenas. The Edurascape Verbenas flower beautifully and consistently through the heat of the summer, and they're loved by butterflies. Bring your trowels and gloves to help us plant up a beautiful summer in Marshall!



### Floral Hall Flower Beds: Alice Schneider

**Alice:** The goal this year is to have the Floral Hall beds absolutely bursting with color come August for this historic 175<sup>th</sup> fair. I've purchased some neat zinnia seed varieties to plant this spring that I hope will really grab people's attention when they walk by them. I would also like to get some more perennials planted as well for long term coverage. If you have any echinacea, rudbeckia, anemone or other hardy August blooming perennials that you might be moving or dividing this spring, please consider donating a section for Floral Hall.

### Fairground's Quilt Flower Bed: Linda and Bruce Gillespie

**Linda:** Design for the Fairgrounds Quilt Garden is in rough draft form now, mulling over the flowers to order. We went in August to see the quilt gardens in Indiana and have a few new ideas. **We are still looking for someone to assist this year and hopefully take the project over next year. If anyone is interested in working with us to learn the process please let us know.**



### Ketchum Park: Mitch Robbins

Mitch heads the Ketchum Park Advisory Committee, which is a volunteer group dedicated to maintaining and improving Ketchum Park. The garden club is proposing another \$700 to be spent on the purchase of native plants for Ketchum Park.

### Adam Crosswhite Memorial Beds/Urns: Nancy Isham

**Nancy:** Nancy Reincke and I will be clean up the beds and replace anything that needs it.

### Brooks Nature Area: Janet Schoenmeyer & Ian Campbell

**Jan:** Brooks Nature Area will be needing help in the spring; (usually late April/early May) to work on trail maintenance. The work consists of using loppers to cut down any branches that are sticking out into the walking paths.