

# Garden Clippings

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MARSHALL AREA  
GARDEN CLUB, INC.



## NOVEMBER 19th MEETING

**6:30pm** at the United Methodist Church

## FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS and MAGCI HOLIDAY POTLUCK PARTY!

I hope you are all able to come to the November meeting and enjoy our annual club holiday party. We will start at 6:30 with an appetizer potluck as we have done in the past. Bring something to share if you can. But don't worry about it if you're coming straight from work – there's always plenty of food. Plates, tableware and beverages will be provided. The arrangement theme this year is "**Holiday Memories**". Members have volunteered to design a floral arrangement in one of the following three classes and will talk about their designs and the holiday memories that inspired them.

**Class 1: Family and Friends** – A table setting for two

**Class 2: A Holiday Memory** – A still life design

**Class 3: Welcome Home for the Holidays** – A wreath design



## NEW DIRECTORIES



**LAST CHANCE:** Remember to pick up your new 24/25 MAGCI club directory at the November potluck party on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>.

**CORRECTIONS:** Oops! There are a few mistakes in the new directory. Page 4 under environmental: the correct spelling is Mark Stuart. On page 15 Karen Deppe's correct number is 269-419-0919. Sorry for the mistakes. Please correct your directories.

## HOME TOUR FLOWERS



**Chela:** I would like to thank the following MAGCI members for providing flower arrangements for the homes at this year's Historic Marshall Home Tour:

Floral designers: **Carol Riggs** and **Pam Munsie**, (Fountain home), **Cherie Riser** and **Janet Schoenmeyer** (Murray home), **Laurel Piotrowski** and **Judy Cieslak** (Crosby home), **Chela Vansickle**, (Benedict home & Withee Schoolhouse), **Kathy Needham Fitzpatrick** and **Clarice Grado** (St. Mary's Rectory), and **Shirley Larson**, **Nancy Isham**, and **Tom Turcotte** (Klein home).

Many thanks to all the participants.  
Chairperson, **Chela VanSickle**

## Downtown Planters & Fountain Circle Beds



**Natalie:** Nancy Isham and I cleaned out the summer flowers from the planters on main street. I left the ones I planted to fall flowers

but they may not make it through the upcoming weather. We will deal with those as they die or freeze.



A big **THANK YOU** to all the people who came out and cleaned up the Fountain Circle beds for winter!

Mike Love  
John Sweezy  
Nancy Isham  
Wanza Grantier  
Amy Frenz  
Laurel Piotrowski  
Natalie Rector  
Nancy Reincke

**REMEMBER**  
**NO DECEMBER MEETING**

**Tues. Jan 21st**

**JAN MEETING**

*Learning about ecosystems.  
What can you find or create in  
your own garden?*

*Dr. Leah Knapp*

*7pm at the church*

**Newsletter**

Please send any information (and pictures) that you would like in the Jan/Feb newsletter to Alice by Dec. 15 at [confabwithalice@gmail.com](mailto:confabwithalice@gmail.com)

## HOME TOUR FLOWERS



## Membership Message



**Bruce:** There has not been any new garden club members joining since my last article. We are still holding at 101.

The fact that there hasn't been any change since our annual garden tour in July, is surprising. From my past experience, there is usually some positive interest from tour attendees who oo'd and ah'd at our select gardens, and is a spark that ignites desire to become associated with MAGCI.

Any one who hears or knows of individuals inquiring about how to become members of Marshall Area Garden Club Inc., direct them to contact myself or any club officers, and we'll see about providing a membership application to them pronto.

Remember, our last meeting of 2024 is November 19, at the United Methodist Church. This meeting begins at 6:30 pm, and is a potluck affair. Members who plan to attend are encouraged to bring prepared snacks and desserts.

After consumption of such goodies, presentations of floral arrangements constructed by several volunteer members will commence.

**NOTE:** There will be no raffle drawing conducted this night. We must vacate the conference room area by 8:30 pm.

*Bruce Gillespie*  
VP Membership

## MEET A MEMBER

### TIM WACKERLE & ANDY OKONIEWSKI

Tim and Andy joined the club several years ago and their beautiful garden was on the 2022 garden tour. Thank you both for all your help with club projects and activities over the years!



**Tim:** We moved to Marshall in 2018, purchasing the home at 334 N Marshall Ave. The home was in a state of great disrepair and neglect with an unfinished addition and a yard that would make any avid gardener cry. We spent the first 4 years renovating the home and completing the addition and are happy to report that the majority of the renovations are complete. While renovations on the house were underway, Andy wasted no time starting the work to complete his vision on

the gardens. Andrew is the main architect for the garden and has a style that he would call 'Dense Eclectic', striving for a thick, lush look with year-round flowers and color. The garden is mostly shade with lots of large trees surrounding the property so it's home to many different varieties of Hosta, ferns, Lungwort, Bleeding Hearts, Astilbe, Coral Bells, and Hellebore, just to name a few of our favorite shade perennials. In the areas of the garden that do get more sun, we have a rich collection of Day Lilies, Asiatic Lilies, Hydrangea, and many different climbers, such as Honeysuckle, Wisteria, and Clematis. In the future, we hope to install stamped concrete garden pathways and a new patio in the center of the main garden on which to place a large pergola.

