

Garden Clippings

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MARSHALL AREA
GARDEN CLUB, INC.



MARSHALL'S PLANTERS



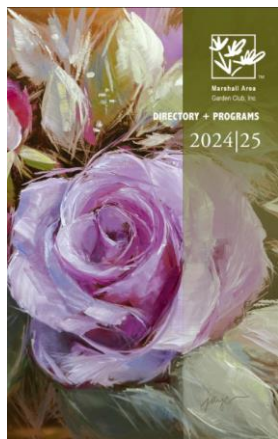
Natalie: The planters on the main street of Marshall have been exceptionally nice this summer. Thanks to lots of rain when it was hot and that the city is fertilizing them three times a week rather than just once. Thanks to Doug Crane, Bosserd Farms, for selecting annuals that will be successful and he also puts them outside earlier than most so they are larger when we plant them. This year, you could already see them in full flower as soon as we planted them in the fountain circle beds. The pots consist of Snow Princess alyssum, supertunia mini blue beined (the pale pink ones) and Supertunia magenta, all Proven Winners. Garden Club plans, plants and weeds the pots and fountain circle and the city pays for the plants and waters them,



MARSHALL
AREA

Garden Club

MAGCI NEW DIRECTORIES



Pick up your new 24/25 MAGCI club directory at the September meeting. Natalie Rector and Jeanette Dyer have done a lovely job. Jeanette painted the cover artwork!

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Mike: Thank you to the Garden Club members who planted the planters downtown: the end result is spectacular! The same goes for the club's work at the Fountain Circle, the West End Gardens, Carver Park, and the Locomotive Engineers Memorial. Our club can be proud of our efforts.



Sat – Sun. Sept 7 - 8

HOME TOUR

Enjoy the homes and the flower arrangements by volunteers from the garden club!

Mon. Sept 9, 2:30-5:30pm
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF

Calhoun County Fairgrounds

Tues. Sept 17, 7pm
GARDEN CLUB MEETING
Steve Wright on “Home Gardening from Seed to Table”

More Fair Pictures



MAGCI Floral Hall Display



Special Projects

Fair Planters at Floral Hall entrances



Fair Quilt Garden (with 175 in center)

WE NEED YOUR HELP FINDING SPECIAL GARDENS

Pam Munsie and Carol Riggs are asking us all for our help. They are asking members to send in their suggestions for gardens deserving a **Certificate of Appreciation**. So, as you are taking your daily walk or run, or driving to do an errand, and you take notice again of that garden you always enjoy looking at to see what’s blooming or what changes are being made – jot down the address and let Pam and Carol know about it. Certificates of Appreciate are just that – an acknowledgement and **Thank You** from the garden club to people who are making things better through their own gardening efforts. And those gardens could be on the tour one day. Help out and give Pam and Carol a call about the great gardens in your neighborhood.

GARDEN CLUB FAIR DISPLAY

The theme this year for the 175th Calhoun County Fair was “Timeless Traditions and Old Fashioned Fun” The club’s display had a replica of a sideshow tent that was shown in a 1903 picture from the Calhoun County fair. Everyone had a fun time filling the stage with plants and flowers, historical fair photos and fair newspaper articles spanning 1848-2014, as well as articles and photos highlighting family fun through the ages. The garden club did receive a blue ribbon for our display and many compliments.



Left to Right: Back Row - Carol Riggs Alice Schneider, Bev Zalewski, Tim Wackerle, Mike Holcomb, Andy Okoniewski. Front Row- Joanne Lindquist, Laurel Piotrowski, Karla Love, Cherie Riser, Melanie Sheperd, Tom Kendall, Robin Holcomb. Not shown: Linda and Bruce Gillespie, Judy Cieslak, Lucy Robinson, Natalie Rector, Marty Overhiser and Ellen Thornton (who loaned her beautiful flower and animal quilt for the display)

Sat. Sept. 21, 12-3pm

FLOWER SHOW

Meridian Historical Village
in Okemos, M

Yesteryear



A Small-Standard Flower Show

Saturday
September 21, 2024

Meridian Historical Village
Okemos, Michigan 48864

“Yesteryear”

a Standard Flower Show

presented by Meridian Garden Club
in Meridian Historical Village,
Okemos, Michigan
Open to the Public
12:00 noon to 3:00 pm.

Tues. Oct. 15, 7pm

GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Doug Ferrell on “Parks
and Trails in Calhoun
County”

Hopefully you can make the
October meeting and learn
about some of the fun
resources you’ve never
checked out before.

Mon. Oct. 21, 2:30-5:30pm

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS
WASTE DROP-OFF**

Bailey Park, Battle Creek
(lot south of CO Brown
Stadium)

**CLUB MEMBERS SUPPORTING THE
175TH CALHOUN COUNTY FAIR**

Thank you to all the club members who made a commitment and brought entries to the fair to make sure that Floral Hall and the 175th anniversary of the Calhoun County Fair was a success.



Here is Jan Schoenmeyer with the two arrangements she made for the fair.



Also, Bev Zalewski in Floral Hall bringing in her and her husband’s combined eighteen entries for weaving, quilts and needlework! Thank you again to everyone who exhibited entries in Floral Hall.

FLOWER SHOW AT THE LIBRARY

Looking for committee volunteers

The garden club is putting on a flower show in the library next June, in addition to holding several youth activity events to support the flower show. I am really hoping to get volunteers this fall to help on the flower show committee. It will be a lot of fun and a great chance to get creative. I hope you will consider helping. There will be a sign-up sheet at the September meeting, or you can give Alice a call or e-mail.

CUP/SAUCER & MUG DRIVE

For Assisted Living Arrangements

Are your cupboards bursting with cups and saucers and mugs that you never use? Would you be willing to donate some of them for a good cause? We are doing a new activity this December making holiday arrangements for assisted living facilities in donated cups and saucers and mugs. We are asking members to bring in their cups/ saucers and mugs that are appropriate for a holiday arrangement to the Sept., Oct. and Nov. meetings. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the upcoming meetings for people who are willing to do arrangements. Then in early December we’ll have a fun arrangement workshop, make all the arrangements, and deliver them.



OCT. END – DATE TBD

FLORAL HALL BEDS

Clean-up and Compost Club Party

There will be a mass e-mail asking for club members to help clean-up the Floral Hall flower beds and to bring as many totes of compost as you can from the city compost center sometime the end of October.

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 to each winner.. Bev Zaewski and Alice Schneider judged this year. The winners are as follow



- Division 1: Plants - **Paula Riegler** (succulent garden)
- Division 2: Arrangements - **Jan Schoenmeyer** (lunch box arrangement)
- Division 3: Annuals - **Sarah Lundy** (marigolds)
- Division 4: Bulbs/corms/tubers - **Sara Mowy** (Dalia)
- Division 5: Perennials - **Cheryl Kappler** (Variegated hosta)
- Division 6: Roses - **Tina Otis** (miniature orange rose)
- Division 7: Other - **Sarah Lundy** (herb planter)

GARDEN TOUR RECAP



Linda: Thanks to all the volunteers, committee members and especially our outgoing chairpersons Nancy Isham and Lucy Robinson.

The end result was successful with 800 visitors, including children, viewing our garden owners' absolutely lovely gardens. Tickets sales were \$8,053 with a net profit of \$5,433.

Welcome to our new chair **Deb Benedict**.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Bruce: We're just about ready to embark on another year for Marshall Area Garden Club, Inc., as we resume monthly meetings in September.

Our club membership has dropped somewhat after the latest membership renewal drive. Presently, we're at 101 active members. I do suspect that number will grow as we approach the calendar year end. Perhaps some of our annual Garden Tour visitors have a spark of interest to join and come attend one of the last three meetings and speakers of 2024. And if anyone reading this knows of such individuals who inquired about more information of MAGCI, extend an invitation to any monthly meetings or refer them to our website at; www.marshallareagardenclub.org for further details.

Even though the membership renewal drive is over, I'm disappointed that nearly 25% from our roster was late in providing the necessary fee from the deadline of May 31. This date appears in the yearly directory and new directories will be available this September. I had begun this past campaign at the February meeting with a verbal announcement. And repeated such at the three succeeding meetings. Also, in April and May, sent out emails to members who had not paid promptly. I sent my last email reminder in June and even our Treasurer followed up twice with her own email reminders. This is because the State of Michigan Garden Clubs had already sent out their paperwork to be filled out concerning our active membership numbers.

So, if you are not receiving "Garden Clippings" or informative emails from our officers, perhaps you should be sure we have your correct electronic mail address or check your Spam Folders occasionally to see if they reside there.

I definitely want a more cohesive process for 2025, to take out some of the duplication involved in sending reminder notices after the May 31 date. This should be an attainable goal from all of us.

Bruce Gillespie
VP Membership