

Garden Clippings

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MARSHALL AREA
GARDEN CLUB, INC.



MARCH 18TH MAGCI MEETING

Designing a Garden

With Katie DeVine and Becky Moore

I hope you are able to join us to hear Katie DeVine and Becky Moore speak about their journey designing new garden spaces for a business.

Katie DeVine owns *Devine's Flowers & Botanicals* here in Marshall. Becky is a certified Floral Designer, Horticulturist and Master Gardener.

KATIE: We are a multi-business commercial property . Our location at 810 Industrial Road offers a flower & plant shop, two salon suites, gardens, commercial kitchen, yoga/healing studio, venue, Doctor's Office, Baseball Training Facility and Warehouse.



Our green space initially focused on herbs and cut flowers. We are continuing to expand each year to feed the kitchen, flower shop, community events and ecosystem.



Becky and I plan to share what it's like to start a new garden for a business. When starting a new garden, most of us are anxious to start buying the plants we like without thinking about a garden design or layout. Buying the plants should actually be one of the last steps. We will introduce some steps

we've taken in the design and explain how we approached the garden layout at the business.



MARSHALL
AREA

Garden Club

Tues. March 18
MARCH MEETING
7pm at the church

Tues. April 15
APRIL MEETING
*A Look into the Life of the
Honeybee and Beekeeper*
Ryan Mestdagh
7pm at the church

May/June Newsletter
Send any info to Alice by 4/15
at confabwithalice@gmail.com

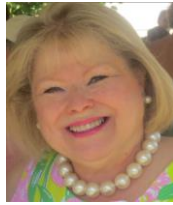


OUR GIFT TO THE MARSHALL COMMUNITY

DIRECTORY UPDATES

A big **WELCOME** to new member Bradley Donahue. Please add him to your directory.

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DEBBIE: After many years of success with our annual garden tours, the Marshall Area Garden Club wanted to take this special year to give back to our community the gift of gardening. We hope to educate and inspire a new generation of gardeners with the magic of gardening.

First with our library project, followed by our garden festival, and culminating with our fairground events.

IT'S A GIRL!



It's been a long time since the garden club welcomed a new baby! Her name is **Eloise Jane Ann** and she was born January 31st at 8:01am to garden club members **Brittany and Anthony Martin**.



CONGRATULATIONS!

As we take a year's sabbatical from our popular garden tour to present our garden festival, we will continue our work to beautify Marshall with our community projects, such as plantings at Fountain Circle, the urns on Michigan Avenue, Carver Park plantings, along with several other projects.

The Garden Festival will include tours of the extensive gardens of DeVine's Flowers & Botanicals Boutique, including several classes, soil testing, member tablescape displays, highlighting floral arrangements, along with a garden and vintage market. We are also showcasing the gardens of several area churches and the gardens of a local flower farm.

It is with great anticipation that we will inspire new generations to love the enchantment of nature and experience growing plants, both flowers and food, while learning what is needed to sustain a healthy ecosystem.

Everything this year will be free of charge or minimal fees to learn and participate. Come join us as we make our community more sustainable, increase our area's natural beauty, and build community. Come join us!



JUNE PLANT EXCHANGE



KARLA: The Marshall Area Garden Club, Inc. will partner with the Marshall Area Farmers Market on June 7th providing our annual **FREE PLANT GIVEAWAY** on the first Saturday in June. This event draws new and returning guests to the market, so

save the date to help pass out the plants and think about what plant material, seeds, corms, or rhizomes you have to share with the community on this date.



THE GARDEN YEAR

JUDY: Greetings fellow gardeners! I am Judy Milton. I moved to Marshall last fall (from the Clare area) and joined the garden club in November 2024. I am a lifelong gardener – my especial love is landscaping, but I started getting into growing vegetables in the last few years. I also have an abiding interest in environmental stewardship. At the Feb 2025 meeting I presented and you accepted a proposal for a monthly publication for the public – *“The Garden Year”*. The purpose of this is to advance the club objectives to “stimulate the love of gardening, encourage home and community beautification, promote better horticultural practices and encourage all forms of conservation.” I see this as an informative and entertaining way to present topics relating to these objectives to the public. I welcome input from all of you – would you like to write about a garden practice, environmental issue, favorite plant? Contact me at 912/659-3512 or miltonjudy4@gmail.com. Let’s get the good word out!

MEMBERSHIP



BRUCE: It is February and, although you're likely thinking about what at home landscape projects you plan to pursue in the spring, I have to remind you that club membership renewal time is also here. Membership dues are still \$20 per individual and \$30 per couple . My request is to please be prompt. When the weather turns more seasonable, our focus usually becomes more fragmented and the ability to remember paying club membership dues takes a backseat.

2025/26 ENVIRONMENTAL CHAIR



LYNN: Dear MAGCI Friends,

At the upcoming May meeting, some of us in the garden club will be taking on new leadership positions. I have volunteered to be the Committee Chair for Environmental Stewardship. My job will be to gather insight on local

environmental happenings and report them to you.

I have a tendency to look for the good. My plan is to point out what people in our community are doing right. I'll always welcome your insight on individuals that deserve kudos for their actions in environmental stewardship.

I also plan to report simple ways that each of us can positively impact the environment of our small town. We are blessed to live in this historic town along the Kalamazoo River. Act locally, think globally. “The Earth is what we all have in common.” -Wendell Berry

FLOWER SHOW AT THE LIBRARY

Palette of Blooms - June 27-28



ALICE: The garden club is partnering with Marshall District Library, and their “Color Our World” summer reading program, and hosting a Small Standard Flower Show called *“Palette of Blooms”* at the end of June. This flower show will celebrate color, the color wheel, and the joy of reading. I really hope that you will all consider supporting the

show by entering something in the Horticulture and Design classes. In addition to the June flower show, Duane Dupee will be giving a gardening talk at the library for the public on May 15th, where we will also talk about the flower show and how to enter. The garden club is also sponsoring two youth programs at the library in June where kids will make botanical sun catchers and small arrangements based on the color wheel. **More to come at the next meeting. Please say YES!! when asked to help support the show by entering something.**