

Garden Clippings

Newsletter

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MARSHALL AREA
GARDEN CLUB, INC.



THURSDAY, MAY 15th 6:30 PM
GARDENING TALK with Duane Dupee
Marshall District Library



Make gardening an engaging activity for the whole family this summer with suggestions from Duane Dupee. Learn about planting a vegetable garden, organic practices, the role of pollinators, and the benefits of growing your own plants whether for food or beauty. Duane is a long time MAGCI member, has

been on our club's "Ask the Expert" panels in the past, and given gardening talks on numerous topics. After the garden talk, learn more about the community flower show at the library in June. I hope you come and listen to this informative and entertaining talk.



Tues. May 20th
MAY MEETING
7pm at the church
OUTDOOR PONDS with
Greg Potter

Tues. June 17th
JUNE MEETING
7pm at the church
Ask the Experts – Bring your questions!
Doug Crane
Marty Overhiser

SATURDAY, MAY 17th 9:00 AM
PLANTING THE FOUNTAIN CIRCLE & DOWNTOWN URNS – PLEASE HELP!



NATALIE: Please come and help plant if you can. We need people that can plant the downtown planters, which can be done standing. Plants will be placed in the 20 planters and awaiting anyone to show up and plant them. Don't forget, there are two planters at Carver Park and two at the entrance to City Hall. Start at any planter and start planting! We also need a few hardy souls to plant at the fountain circle, which requires kneeling down and the ground is usually harder than we'd like, but small trowels will work to plant the annuals. The Hospital fun run is also this same morning, so parking might be a problem but then the traffic should be less dangerous around the circle as generally parts of the circle are blocked off. Doug Crane will do his usual magic with picking out showy flowers to thrill, fill and spill!

MEMBERSHIP DUES



BRUCE: The May 20th meeting at Marshall United Methodist Church, is the final call for club members to pay their yearly membership dues. As of this writing, I still have 29 known members of MAGCI - still outstanding as NOT submitting their renewal fees. The cost is still \$20 for an individual, or \$30 for couples. Please bring cash or check to the next meeting, if you are attending.

For those who cannot be there, it is requested you send your dues (check or money order made out to MAGCI), to the Marshall Area Garden Club secure post office box.

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DIRECTORY UPDATES



Marianne Slick has rejoined the club. Welcome Back! Please add Mariannes's contact info to your directory.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 7

FARMERS MARKET 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. Call Karla if you can volunteer to work the club's plant exchange booth or help at the Farmers Market on June 7th.

MON.- WED., JUNE 23-25 WE NEED YOUR GREENS!

The garden club is partnering with Marshall District Library and putting on two youth flower arranging programs on Thursday, June 26th. We need a lot of small leafed greens for all of the kids' arrangements. Their arrangements will be displayed at our flower show Friday June 27- Saturday June 28.

Please help!

- 1) Clip some greens from your yard/garden suitable for small cup sized arrangements.
- 2) Bring your cut greens to the library Mon.-Wed., June 23-25, between 10am and 8pm.

Please have your greens in water and in a container that you don't need to get back. **THANK YOU!**

FRI. JUNE 27 & SAT. JUNE 28

"PALETTE OF BLOOMS" FLOWER SHOW



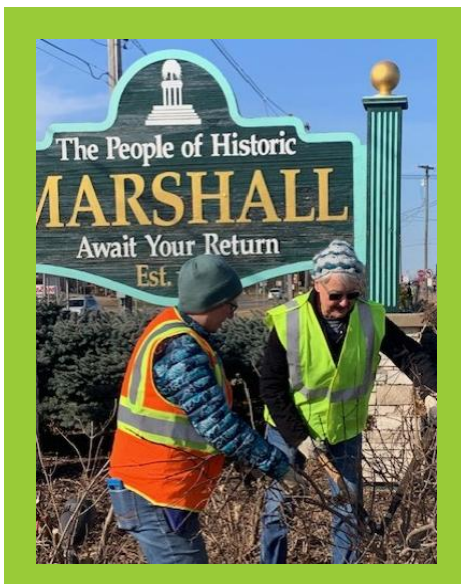
All hands on deck! I'm hoping everyone in the club will try and bring something to our "*Palette of Blooms*" flower show at the library. The success of this community show really depends on our club members participating. Everyone has some type of annual or perennial that they could enter. Flower show schedules and entry kits were distributed at the April meeting and will be available at the May meeting as well. You can also download the schedule from the club's website. Please help support this club activity by entering.

WEST END MEDIAN BEDS SPRING CLEAN-UP DONE



NATALIE It takes a village, and when the West Entrance to town needs a spring clean up, the Marshall Area

Garden Club shows up ready to work. In just an hour, the crew cleaned up dozens of catmint and sedum, 40 grasses and thousands of hydrangea blossoms. Not to mention the fast food garbage that needed picking up. Roses were cut back and the hydrangea were trimmed back so we can see the Marshall city sign. It's important to do the clean up early, before the daffodils bloom and the Karl Foerster grasses green up. Thanks to the city crew who came by and picked up all the debris. **It wouldn't have happened without Janet and Jim Schoenmeyer, Jeff Green, Randy Boehmer, Doug Crane, Linda Gillespie, Wanza Grantier, Nancy Isham, Pam Munsie, Alice Scchneider, Nancy Reincke, Natale Rector, Bev Zalewski & Lynn Sleight. Thank you to everyone who helped.**



JULY 12 & 13 GARDEN FESTIVAL



DEBBI: GARDEN TOUR VS. GARDEN FESTIVAL - the same, but different. You will be touring seven gardens, but different types of gardens. There will be five local church gardens and two commercial gardens instead of six residential gardens. You can visit the Vintage Market, but in a different place. Instead of the Vintage Market downtown across from the fountain, it is being relocated to DeVine's Flowers and Botanicals on Industrial Road.



The Garden Festival will include everything you love about the Garden Tour, but more. Extras will be Master Gardeners available to answer your pressing garden questions, relevant talks from a variety of experts on topics appropriate for beginning gardeners to expert gardeners. A new feature will be creative and inspiring tablescapes to uplift your next entertaining functions to another level. And on top of all these wonderful activities, as The Marshall Area Garden Club's gift to the community, it's all free! Come and celebrate all things gardening on July 12 and 13!



JUDY: GARDEN FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS
Lots of volunteers are still needed for the garden festival. Several people signed up at the April meeting, but we still need many more. **The sign-up sheets will be available before and after the May meeting.** Please check your calendar so you can sign up for at least one two-hour shift. **If you will not be at the May meeting, please contact Shirley Larson (269 986-7408) or Judy Cieslak (734) 765-9686 to pick a time.**



ROBIN: GARDEN FESTIVAL REFRESHMENT TABLE
A friendly reminder! Mark on your calendar that the week before the July 12-13 Garden Festival is baking time! Our refreshment table by the information booth at the town hall will be counting on your talents. Further details on delivery directions will be forthcoming.



LINDA: GARDEN FESTIVAL RESALE BOOTH
At the MAGCI Garden Festival we will be having a club Flower & Garden Merchandise Resale Booth. **We will need donations of vases, pottery, wreaths or any items used as garden decorations.** The items should be clean and can be dropped off at my house at 345 High Street or brought to any of our meetings. **All proceeds from donated items sold at the resale booth will go to the club.** I will also be selling my tea pot garden towers and the club will receive half of the purchase price. Anyone that wants to volunteer a few hours to help sell, please let me know.



WEST END MEDIAN BEDS SPRING CLEAN-UP continued



SPRINGING INTO ACTION

West End Median Beds: Natalie Rector



Natalie: Thanks to the many volunteers, the West End entrance to town was cleaned up for spring and the daffodils are blooming. The Daffodils were Shirley Clutter's idea and planted in memory of her, Diane Peart and Edward Westrick. The catmint and coral bells should be sprucing up soon. There is a possibility that with the bowling alley being torn down and a new motel going in, that the east end beds may be altered. I'm in contact with MDOT and we will try to stay ahead of any developments.



Carver Park: Doug Crane



Doug: Carver Park always needs attention at this time of year because the maple tree seedlings are sprouting - if pulled when they're young, it's easy. Give these seedlings a year to root and they're very difficult to remove. There's also other weeding that can be done if anyone wants to volunteer. Take a moment to pull some maple seedlings the next time you are down at that end of town. The Korean Spice Viburnum will soon be in bloom - it's one of the best smelling early season shrubs around.



Fountain Circle Beds/Urns: Natalie Rector & Doug Crane

Planting the Fountain Circle and Planters on Main Street: Saturday, May 17th, 9 a.m.



Doug: For the fountain beds, we will be planting supertunias from Proven Winners - east and west beds will be Saffron Finch (yellow) and Royal Velvet; north and south beds will be Bubblegum (pink) and fuchsia. We've also got some new landscaping dahlias that don't get really tall but do have a lot of flower power, and we can use a few of them in the center. Urns will be a mix of supertunias and other trailing plants.



CARVER PARK CLEAN-UP



MAGCI Club Members brave a spring drizzle to help clean-up Carver Park. A big THANK YOU to Randy Boemer, Bruce Gillespie, Duane Dupree, Mike & Karla Love, Doug Crane, Nancy Isham, Linda Gillespie, and Alice Schneider.

Floral Hall Flower Beds: Alice Schneider

Alice: We planted a number of new Echinacea perennials last year, so here's hoping they fill out and thrive this year. We'll be planting zinnias and glad bulbs again this spring to fill in some bare spots. I hope you will help out at future "weeding parties" this summer to keep the beds looking nice for fair week.



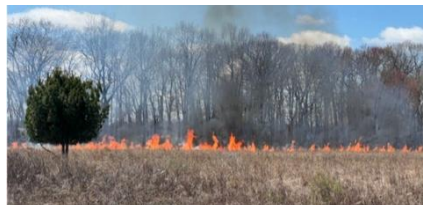
Fairground's Quilt Flower Bed: Deb Glen and Nancy Chapman

Thank you to Deb and Nancy for volunteering to take over these beds. We look forward to seeing your design later this summer.

Adam Crosswhite Memorial Beds/Urns: Nancy Isham & Nancy Reincke

A big Thank You! to both of you for keeping these beds and the monument looking so nice.

Brooks Nature Area: Janet Schoenmeyer & Ian Campbell



Jan: Brooks Nature Area scheduled a controlled burn on April 17. Prairie fields require fire to thrive and help maintain ecosystems. Burned areas help suppress the growth of invasive species and release nutrients back into the soil.