

Marshall Area Garden Club

GARDEN CLIPPINGS



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President's Message

I'd like to start my first "President's Message" by expressing for all of us three heartfelt thanks.

The first *Thank You* goes to **Cheryl Begg** for two outstanding years of boundless energy and leadership – I hope I can follow your footsteps and those of all of MAGC's past presidents.

The second *Thank You* goes to **Deb Lyons** for all of her efforts and leadership the past five years as Chair and/or Co-chair of our "Welcome to My Garden" tour. Ann and I enjoyed working with you this year.

The third *Thank You* goes to last year's Board for your ongoing leadership.

Now that I've started this message by saying *Thanks* – it is going to be difficult to stop. One of the reasons I agreed to be President is because Ann and I admire and value the great volunteer culture our garden club has – everyone pitches in and helps and we get things done. So, a **BIG THANKS** to everyone who worked on any of our projects in the past year, and I look forward to working with all of you this coming year.

Speaking of this coming year, **Angela Mabin** and **Natalie Rector** have put together an outstanding set of programs starting with a **HOT SEPTEMBER KICK-OFF** – and I don't mean football. For our September program they have planned a homemade salsa tasting contest – see the details in this newsletter or visit our club's website at www.marshallareagardenclub.org.

I hope to see all of you at our September 17th meeting and I hope you will bring a guest and help us grow our membership.

President, **Steve Rhodes**

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September 17 Meeting

The new year starts off with an opportunity to use some of those hundreds of tomatoes that are inundating your garden. Join the fun by bringing in your own salsa creation and entering the Salsa Taste of the Season Contest!

Salsa Contest Rules:

Call or email **Natalie Rector** by September 10, indicating you will bring a salsa dish to enter, and share your recipe. (269-781-6608 or rec33not@gmail.com preferred). Show up by 6:15 on the 17th with your salsa entry in hand. Judges will do a blind taste test. Prizes of \$50, \$25, and \$10 will be awarded. Chips will be provided.

Even if you don't bring an entry, there will be something to learn. **Jan Seitz**, retired MSU Family and Consumer Science Educator will also be present to share her knowledge & experience on safely preserving salsa. Her enthusiasm comes from 34 years of teaching food safety throughout the state of Michigan.

Social Time: 6:30pm, Program: 7pm.
Location: United Methodist Church, 721 Old US 27 North.

1st VP's of Programs, **Angela Mabin** and **Natalie Rector**



Garden Tour Results

Our income from this year's "Welcome to my Garden" Tour was \$6,344.00. That is a \$467.00 increase from last year. Sixteen honey hoes were sold.

Ticket sales Chairmen, **Lois Zuehlke** and **Marci Pelfrey**



Thank you to all who have generously donated door prizes for our District IIB meeting being held September 25th at beautiful Southern Exposure. **Amy Frentz** and her committee will soon be building gorgeous theme baskets with these donations and those yet to come. We still have a few items on our wish list to meet our goal. Please consider donating one of the items listed below:

Picnic Basket Theme: Picnic basket, table cloth, napkins, tableware, glasses.

Food Basket Theme: Shelf stable jams, vinegars, salsa, specialty crackers.

Bird Basket Theme: Birdhouse, feeders, seed, suet, etc.

Children's Theme: Wagon, small tools, seeds, chair, apron, books. (*More items especially needed for children's theme category*).

Misc: Wine glasses, coasters, napkins, garden ornaments.

Please drop off items at **Janet Schoenmeyer's** house (621 East Drive - 781-2712) by September 13, or call **Amy Frentz** (964-7463) to schedule a time when she can pick your items up. Thank you for all your help.



Welcome New Members

Deb Palik

Susan Hess

Home Tour Flower Project

MAGC will be providing flower arrangements for the September 7-8 Historic Marshall Home Tour. The Historical Society provided an \$80 flower allowance this year, since this is the tour's 50th anniversary. MAGC volunteers will be providing 3 or 4 flower arrangements per home.

Flower designers are: **Diane Peart, Jamie Evans and Natalie Rector**, (Franke home) **Karla Love and Cherie Riser**, (Loomis home) **Connie LeFleur, Ellen Thornton, Margaret Day and Carol Paul**, (Godbold home) **Kaye Harwood and Ed Waidley**, (Berry home), **Brenda Ulrey and Janet Schoenmeyer**, (Merrild home) **Pam Munsie and Pam Sigren**, (Samra home) **Judy Weatherly and Shirley Clutter**, (Lehman home) and **Marlene Glotfelty**, (Lang home).

Many thanks to the Flower Haus for ordering the flowers.

Chairman, **Marlene Glotfelty**



Thank you notes and best wishes were sent to Past President, **Diane Lincoln** and her husband/MAGC member, **Roger** who moved to Florida. Past President/Past Garden Tour Co-Chairman, **Ken Oates** and his wife **Joan** remain as club members, but moved to Jackson, MI. They also received a note of thanks for their years of service to MAGC. Members **Cheryl Begg** and **Pam Sigren** received caring thoughts due to health issues they are experiencing.

Corr. Secretary, **Judith Mansfield**

Calhoun County Fair, 2013



MAGC's Calhoun County Fair display looked great, due to the efforts of **Mary Berry, Shirley Clutter, Margaret Day, Jamie Evans, Karla Love, Linda Noble, Diane Peart, Sandy Purcell, Jeanetta Stout, Ellen Thornton, and Jean Winnie**. The club partnered with Fredonia Grange and also received contributions of petunias from K Drive Greenhouse Co. The charming raised bed garden scene consisting of filled flower boxes made a beautiful display in Floral Hall.

Chairman, **Alice Schneider**

Awards of \$10 each were given to horticulture entrants, **Sarah Kelly, Jeffrey McFadden, Robin Murray, Velvet Potter, and Tina Quigley**. No awards were given for design entries.

Chairman, **Marlene Glotfelty**

Marlene Glotfelty, Janet Schoenmeyer and **Brenda Ulrey** created flower arrangements for the side altar at Maple Grove Church during Fair Week.

Garden Tour Thanks



Our 2013 “Welcome to My Garden” tour was a wonderful weekend and success. The gardens were equally different and beautiful, and we can’t thank the garden owners enough for their gracious willingness to share their gardens. The weather was very cooperative this year until about ten days before the tour, when several gardens were hit with damaging hail, but gardeners know this happens, and the gardens were so beautiful that this didn’t detract from a very successful tour. The volunteers working the tour, the committee members who helped organize and run the event, and the city joined together to make it a great weekend. Thanks to all who were involved!

It is worth mentioning again that the proceeds from the Garden Tour go toward making our city a more beautiful place. The plantings around Fountain Circle, the West End gardens, and Carver Park, just to name a few, are funded by the Garden Club, and members provide planting and weeding!

We are looking forward to another spectacular year in 2014, and **Gail and Mick Woods** will be Co-Chairs. One of the great pleasures of the Garden Tour is getting to work with so many of our members. We are continually impressed with the cheerful willingness of members to get involved and work to make this event such a success!

With sincere thanks,

Ann and Steve Rhodes and Deb Lyons, 2013 Garden Tour Chairs