

Marshall Area Garden Club

GARDEN CLIPPINGS



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President's Message

The Marshall Area Garden Club is coming off a great 2016, and 2017 looks even better. Thanks to YOU and all the members who contribute in many ways and they are all appreciated.

Karla and Mike Love have the July 8 & 9 *Welcome to My Garden* tour all set with new and exciting gardens. Be sure to mark it on your calendar, to attend, volunteer and invite friends to attend.

Marlene Glotfelty is coordinating a MAGC Flower Show in June. The exact date will be decided and details will be worked out this coming Saturday, 1:30pm, at the Marshall District Library. ALL members are invited to attend to learn about the event.

Janet Schoenmeyer and **Pam Munsie** have great programs for the monthly meetings. Don't forget every third Tuesday of the month to join us at the United Methodist Church at 7 p.m.

Ann Rhodes has sorted out the process for the club to become incorporated and eligible for 501c3 tax exempt status. This affords us some liability protection and the ability to receive grant funds for projects. We'll be voting on this and amending the by-laws to accommodate. The major change will be moving to a new calendar year which means we will be re-electing officers in May 2017.

Rotation of officers is in our by-laws and a good way to keep the club fresh and moving forward. Please consider yourself or someone who is too shy to volunteer for some of our future officers.

Happy 2017!
Natalie Rector

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January 17, Meeting

Slip out of that comfy chair and warm house and come to our January meeting to gain some knowledge about invasive plants. Our speaker is retired Albion College professor, **Barb Raffail**. Barb also holds a Master Degree from the University of Missouri at Columbia and a Ph.D. in Botany from Southern Illinois University.

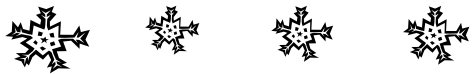
Barb promises to teach us a thing or two about Michigan's native plants that are being threatened by invasive species. Most of us have knowledge about the bad effects of Purple Loosestrife and Garlic Mustard.

Unfortunately, there are other plants that are destructive to the environment for different reasons.

Barb will also give us information on how some native plants can prove to be beneficial in our gardens too. Please join us for an instructive and fun evening.

Social Time 6:30pm, Program 7:00pm, Business Meeting 8:15pm.

1st VP's of Programs, **Pam Munsie and Janet Schoenmeyer**



You may never see a coyote in the wild, but you may find their tracks in the snow, even within Marshall's city limits. Coyote tracks' front print paws are larger than the rear ones. Overall, the footprints are oval shaped. Make sure your animals are not left outside, if you suspect a coyote in the area.

*Source: Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust
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2017 Summer Flower Show

Last fall, a budget for a flower show in 2017 was approved and so it is time to start planning. Tentative plans are to have a Small Standard Flower Show at Oaklawn Hospital in June. Student art work displayed at the hospital will be used as a theme for the show.

The first committee meeting will be held at the Marshall District Library on Saturday, January 7, 1:30 to 3:00 pm in the conference room. If you would like to help, but cannot attend this meeting or if you have questions, contact **Marlene Glotfelty**, (781-7897)



Natalie Rector and Jamie Evans represented MAGC at Brooks Nature Area's Trick & Trails Event on October 29. The two members handed out Halloween candy to approximately 300 children in two hours! Natalie and Jamie were such good sports, that they even agreed to wear costumes. Natalie is obviously a farmer. We think Jamie was some kind of spider lady?

Congratulations!

Congratulations to MAGC member, and Past President, **Steve Rhodes** for receiving a Michigan Garden Clubs' Life Membership. Steve was presented the award at our November meeting.

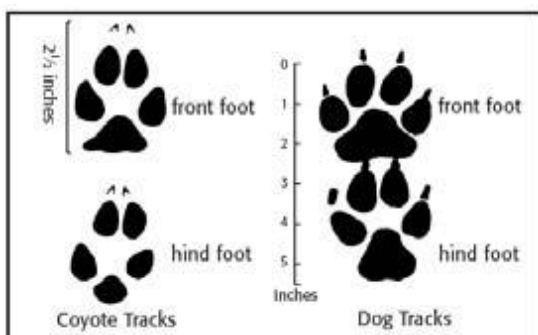
The MAGC has the tradition of presenting all past presidents the award, as a thank you for all the extra time and effort they have given our club to ensure its success.

In addition to holding the President's office in 2013-2015, Steve also has been Garden Tour Co-Chairman from 2013-2016, and MAGC Yearbook Editor 2013-2016. He also created and developed the MAGC website and MAGC Facebook page.

The \$100 Lifetime Membership award goes toward a scholarship program which offers financial aid to students majoring in fields of study related to horticulture and the environment.

Applicants must be planning a career related to gardening, landscape design, environmental issues, floral design or horticulture.

Dog and Coyote Comparison Tracks



Thank You!

It seems like a long time ago, but less than two months have passed since some hardy club members cleaned up the Fountain Circle beds on November 12 in record time!

Because of such a large crew, **Steve** and **Ann Rhodes**, **Pat Karr**, **Randy Boehmer**, **Duane Dupree**, and **Ed and Marci Pelfrey** were able to complete the task of removing all the annuals in a half an hour. **Steve** and **Ann Rhodes** returned a few weeks later to pull up the newly planted chrysanthemums that were replacements from an auto accident.

Natalie Rector cleaned up Carver Park all by herself.



November Meeting

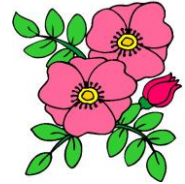
A big thank you to Chairman **Marlene Glotfelty** and all of the flower designers that contributed to the November meeting's program. It was fun looking at all of their efforts and listening to the trials and tribulations they endured while trying to create their masterpieces.

Thanks also to hostess **Karla Love**, who worked so hard to make sure the punch bowl was always full and the table linens looked just right.

Thanks to **Reba Lark** for offering to give a lovely invocation before we attacked the delicious potluck offerings.



**Welcome to my Garden Tour Participants
July 8 & 9, 2017**



Mary and John Gehrig, 612 N. Kalamazoo Ave.

Nancy and Tom Isham, 735 E. Mansion St.

Casey and Phil Nager, 126 W. Prospect St.

Denise and Victor Nobbs, 705 W. Green St.

Sandy Purcell, 516 S. Marshall Ave.

Ann and Steve Rhodes, 612 Hill Rd.

Marianne Slick, 324 N. Linden St.

Garden Tour Chairmen, Mike and Karla Love