

Marshall Area Garden Club

GARDEN CLIPPINGS



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President's Message

Happy 2015!!! As you read this, Ann and I will be hard at work in Florida getting one home ready to sell. We hope to have everything wrapped up and to return in May. Being away from our Marshall home for such a long time is a new adventure for us....

As you know from looking at our directory, and from the news Janet provides in our newsletters, we have a full 2015 approaching - starting with our first meeting of the year on January 20th. At that meeting, we will have a program on "Birding with the Best", by Richard and Brenda Keith from the Kalamazoo Nature Center (this is a program that is a little different from the one described in our directory). In addition to the January kick-off program, 1st VPs Natalie Rector and Diane Peart have lined up great programs that will take us all the way through June.

BUT, before that, as described in more detail elsewhere in this newsletter, Janet Schoenmeyer has done a great job organizing a club bus trip on March 20, to Meijer's Gardens and the Grand Rapids Art Museum.

Then of course - it is Garden Tour time! To get us ready for Garden Tour, your Garden Tour Planning Committee, along with your Board of Directors, held their first meeting in December. Gail and Mick Woods, your Tour Co-Chairs, will continue to keep you informed as the tour date approaches

Again, Happy 2015 and Ann and I look forward to seeing all of you in May.

President,
Steve Rhodes

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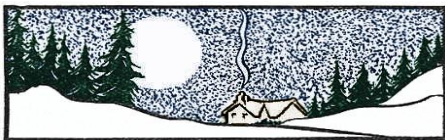
Garden Tour Updates

Our club has been approached by the Calhoun County (Cal Co) Quilters' Guild, about holding a quilt show in Marshall on the same weekend as our garden tour. Your Board of Directors and Garden Tour Committee unanimously approved the concept of this collaboration at our December board meeting. **Natalie Rector** will share more details with the club at the January 20 meeting.

President, **Steve Rhodes**

Mick and I are moving forward now, towards finalizing plans for our July 11 & 12 Silver Anniversary "Welcome to my Garden Tour." (Gulp!) We are grateful for the committee members, who have graciously offered to continue to help. We are hoping to hold a Garden Tour Committee Meeting in the near future. I will send out an email when we are ready to touch base on that. Thanks again for all that you do for MAGC.

Garden Tour Chairmen, **Gail and Mick Woods**



I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to everyone, for their condolences on the recent loss of my mother, **Joyce Woods**. She is dearly missed, and your words of comfort really did help me through those first difficult days.

Member, **Gail Woods**

January 20 Meeting

Come join us for the first meeting of the new year, to learn about bird banding from experts, **Richard and Brenda Keith**. The Keiths started volunteering at the Kalamazoo Nature Center in the 80's. They now work with other researchers collecting various samples from birds for study. Brenda has taken blood, feather and fecal samples, as well as helped Rich collect thousands of ticks from birds before they are released. Samples are used in important research on West Nile Virus, Avian Influenza and the spread of Deer Ticks and Lyme disease in Southwest Michigan.

Besides banding birds, Rich and Brenda also work on other related research projects such as the Michigan Breeding Bird Atlas I and II, winter feeder surveys and Christmas Bird Counts.

Please plan to attend and learn some new valuable information about our backyard visitors.

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

1st VP's of Programs, **Natalie Rector** and **Diane Peart**

Garden Club Member Updates

Member **Tammy Albrecht's** phone number: 269-967-2141.

Member **Kevin Redmond's** email address: kpredmond@outlook.com.

Michigan District 11B Director **Barb Benner's** phone number: 269-945-2986.

MAGC Trip Info



Celebrate the first day of spring, by traveling to Grand Rapids on Friday, March 20th with other MAGC members. Travelers will meet at United Methodist Church's southeast parking lot; 721 US 27 North. (Please carpool). The 46-seat chartered bus will depart at 9am, and arrive at **Frederik Meijer Gardens** between 10:30-10:45am.

Exhibitions to explore:

Splendors of Shiga:

Treasures from Japan will display more than 60 Japanese historical objects from the 17th century to the present.

Lena Meijer Tropical Conservatory:

The conservatory features tranquil waterfalls and streams winding around lush vegetation. From the massive Bismarck Palm, a native of Madagascar, to the fragrant Orange Jessamin, a native of the tropical Americas, visitors will find plants from tropical habitats all over the world. It is also home to the **Fred and Dorothy Fichter, "Butterflies Are Blooming"** tropical butterfly exhibition. Butterflies from around the world fly freely in the Tropical Conservatory.

Visitors will also want to enjoy the Taste of the Gardens Café and Meijer Garden Gift Shop.

Departure from Meijer Gardens:
1:15pm

Arrival at Grand Rapids Art Museum:
1:30pm

The **Grand Rapids Art Museum** features works from Durer and Rembrandt to creative experiments of today. The museum's collections consist of more than 5,000 objects, including fine examples of 19th and 20th Century American and European painting and sculpture, works on paper, and design and modern craft.

The GRAM also begins a weekend exhibition called "**Art in Bloom**", that celebrates the combined beauty of art and floral design on March 20. This wonderful and unique event showcases floral arrangements inspired by works of art from the Museum's collection, created by a selection of the region's most talented floral designers. Bid in the silent auction on paintings by talented West Michigan artists, and most importantly—remember to vote for your favorite floral designer. MAGC member, **Angela Mabin** will be one of the featured participants. Google "ArtinBloomGRAM" to see pics of last year's winners.

Departure from GRAM: 3:30pm.

Arrival at Marshall: 5:15pm

Cost of the trip: \$35.00. Each MAGC member is permitted to invite one paying guest if they so wish.

Deadline for registration fee: Monday, February 2.

Please make check out to Janet Schoenmeyer, 621 East Drive, Marshall. Include name and phone number of each participant.



Certificate of Appreciation Awards

The Marshall Area Garden Club recently awarded certificates to area homeowners in appreciation for creating and maintaining gardens of excellence for the enjoyment of the community and visitors in 2014. The homeowners included:

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Maybee

222 W. Mansion St.

Mr. and Mrs. William Letarte

224 N. Grand St.

Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Harrington

707 E. Mansion St.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brockie

515 Hobart St.

Mrs. Sharon Collins

148 W. Mansion St.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Williams

208 W. Prospect St.

Mr. and Mrs. Jase Bolger

216 W. Mansion St.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Robbins

305 N. Liberty St.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Harnden

401 W. Mansion St.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Goodstein

612 N. Kalamazoo Ave.

A certificate was also awarded to Marshall's Environmental Program Coordinator, **Cheryl Vosburg**, and the Marshall Area Conservation Committee, in recognition of the recent tree plantings throughout the City of Marshall.

Chairmen, **Mike and Karla Love**

