

Marshall Area Garden Club

GARDEN CLIPPINGS



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President's Message

Ah, spring! According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, this year spring begins with the vernal equinox on March 20, at 12:57 p.m. EDT. ☺ That is not too far away via the calendar, but seems light years away according to the Weather Channel's ongoing predictions of our next round of arctic clippers. Even though it will be a while before we can get out and dig in the dirt, there is still plenty for us to be doing this time of year.

As mentioned at our January meeting and noted elsewhere in this newsletter, we still need volunteers for our August flower show ("A Wedding to Remember"). Please contact **Marlene Glotfelty** glotfeltyp@gmail.com. We also need volunteers to make or bring treats (not necessarily sweet) that we will sell at the Civic Players' production of "*Big: The Musical*" on Sunday, March 16. Please contact **Ann Rhodes** (rhodes@msu.edu) to let her know what you will bring that day. You can also sign up for both of these events at our next meeting on February 18th.

Speaking of our next meeting - our speaker will be **Tim Banfield**. Tim will present a show & tell on how to get started designing and creating residential outdoor entertainment spaces for your family. Since everyone is experiencing cabin fever this time of year, why not use this meeting as an opportunity to bring a guest so we can show them what they are missing by not belonging to the Marshall Area Garden Club!

Finally, the recent passing of club member and former club president **Ken Oates** reminds us once again that the saying "Life is short" is all too true. So, please take a moment to hug a loved one, call that friend you have been meaning to call, do something for someone, and pay it forward..

President, **Steve Rhodes**

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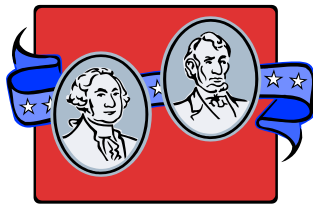


February 18th Meeting

Registered landscape architect, **Tim Banfield** is our speaker for the February meeting. Tim will offer practical solutions to create functional and aesthetically pleasing outdoor rooms for our back yards. Don't miss the chance to learn tips on how to effectively use common materials in unique ways to add design and an interesting flow to your landscape.

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

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Spring District 11B Meeting

The Webberville Garden Club is hosting the Spring District IIB Meeting. It will be held on April 9, 2014 at the Woodshire Place Banquet Facility, just east of Fowlerville from 8:30am - 3:00pm. Continental breakfast, vendors, general business meeting and two delightful speakers will round out the day.

Morning speaker, **Brenda Wellman** will provide inspiration and advice on creating Fairy Gardens. Afternoon speaker, **Rachel Cavanaugh** will explain how club members can follow her example by starting a community garden and a composting campaign in their city.

Cost: \$28.00 per person. Registration deadline: March 15. For more information, phone **Steve Rhodes**: (269) 274-1771.

Help Needed!

Hosts are needed for the District 11B Flower Show that will be held at the Farm Lane Pavilion on March 13-16 in East Lansing. Shifts are three hours long. Host duties include watching over the plants and designs to ensure that visitors do not touch the entries or staging and to answer visitors' questions concerning the entries. Contact **Kathi Dominguez**, Hospitality Chair (517) 927-4665, or **Steve Rhodes** (269) 274-1771, for specifics.



Past President (2005-2007) and member **Ken Oates** passed away in January. Condolences were sent to his wife Joan and a memorial donation of \$25 was sent to the Fountain Clinic in his name.

Corresponding Secretary, **Judith Mansfield**



Congratulations to member **Sharon Linklater** for receiving a Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. Lifetime Membership. **Carl Fedders**, the city of Marshall's Director of Public Services, presented her the award at MAGC's January meeting. The city paid for the cost of the \$100 award. Sharon volunteers all around the city of Marshall by cleaning up parking lots, weeding and edging the sidewalks around the Fountain Circle. The downtown area looks great because of her efforts.

March 18th Meeting

Our March meeting introduces **Sherri Snyder**, co-owner of Gull Lake Landscape Co. in Richland. Sherri and husband Bruce have learned through trial and error what plants and shrubs grow the best in the correct location. Members will learn about using the right soil, and paying attention to sun and shade conditions to acquire beautiful results for their own gardens.

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


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Help Needed!

Volunteers are needed to bring sweet or savory treats to the Franke Center's March 16th performance of *Big-The Musical*. Only four MAGC members have agreed to help at present, so please consider signing up for this MAGC money making project.

Goodies can be dropped off at the Rhodes' 612 Hill Rd. address anytime Saturday, the 15th or at 2pm, March 16th at the Franke Center.

Refreshment Chairman **Ann Rhodes**  is also in need for someone to work with **Marlene Glotfelty** in providing treats for the March 18th MAGC meeting. Please phone Ann at (269) 274-1850 to offer your services.

Wildflower Conference

The 27th annual Michigan Wildflower Conference will take place Sunday, March 2 and Monday, March 3, at MSU's Kellogg Center, East Lansing. The **Michigan Wildflower Association** is designed for persons who are interested in Michigan native plants and their habitats. Both days feature informative speakers and nature related vendors. Cost of each day's activities range from \$65 to \$75, depending on whether lunch is added. Contact **Laura Liebler** for more information (734-662-2206) or the WMA website.



The White Clover (*Trifolium Repens*) is the traditional variety of clover recognized as a shamrock. A shamrock has three leaves. Those that have four leaves are rare and are the traditional 'lucky charms'. Experts claim that there are about 10,000 three-leaf clovers for every four-leaf clover.

Clover is in the same family as the pea, so it is a legume. White Clover provides nitrogen to turf grass, reduces a lawn's water needs and converts bare soil into biologically active soil that benefits organisms above and below the soil surface. Clover leaves naturally produce anthocyanin, a red pigment which is believed to have certain health benefits.

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MAGC By-Laws (Proposed Revisions)

Article I - Beside The Marshall Area Garden Club add (MAGC)

Article III - Section 2 - Delete

Article IV - Section 1 - Dues will be payable no later than the regular May meeting.

Article V - Section 4 - The **second vice president** along with a committee, shall collect the annual dues update the records, notify delinquent members and send the finalized membership report to the treasurer of the Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.

Article V - Section 7 - Delete "by a committee appointed by the president."

Article X - Change to "The Robert's Rules of Order."

Article XII - Delete

Article XIII - Becomes Article XII - At the end of the last sentence should read: "and the president's meeting at the State Convention."

Article XIV - Becomes Article XIII

Article XV - Becomes Article XIV

MAGC Standing Rules (Proposed Revisions)

1. The Special Projects Committee will consist of all past presidents and past garden tour chairs. The funds for Special Projects come from remaining money left after all budget needs are met.

6. Change "rose bowl" to gift.

8. Add words: " up to \$50.00".

9. Delete "The combination will be given to all elected officers and the Garden Tour chair." Also delete "and the West End caretaker."