

Marshall Area Garden Club, Inc.



GARDEN CLIPPINGS

MAGCI OFFICERS 2018

PRESIDENT:
Steve Rhodes

1st VP's of PROGRAMS:
Cherie Riser
Janet Schoenmeyer

2nd VP of MEMBERSHIP:
Shirley Clutter

RECORDING SECRETARY:
Brenda Marshall

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:
Kathy Fryar

TREASURER:
Ann Rhodes

Question: Is the spring equinox really the first day of spring?

Answer: Astronomically speaking, the first day of spring is marked by the spring equinox, which falls on March 19 or 20 every year. This spring equinox falls on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 12:15 P.M. EDT. Meteorologically speaking, the official first day of spring is March 1, (and the last is May 31).

Those "fun facts" aside, as far as I'm concerned as soon as the calendar says March 1, IT IS SPRING and I start looking for snow drops, hellebore flowers, and robins, (which, as we know in Michigan, may be wishful thinking on my part.) Regardless, for all of us January 1 is the beginning of a new year, and spring, whenever it finally arrives, the beginning of a new year of gardening.

This year, our club will also begin its first complete year under our new by-laws as a nonprofit 501 (c) 3 corporation. Our fiscal year begins at the June meeting, thus moving up some important dates for club actions. Two items in particular are significant - electing new officers and approving a new budget. Both of these actions must be finalized by our June meeting. That means we will vote on officers and the budget at our May meeting - which means our election slate and proposed budget must be presented and entered into our records at the April meeting - with final elections and approval at our May meeting.

I am happy to announce that each of our current officers have agreed to have their names on the 2018-19 slate of elections for their current positions. (President: **Steve Rhodes**; 1st VP for Programs: **Janet Schoenmeyer** and **Cherie Riser**; 2nd VP for Membership, **Shirley Clutter**; Recording Secretary: **Brenda Marshall**; Corresponding Secretary: **Kathy Fryar**; and Treasurer: **Ann Rhodes**.)

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President's Message continued....

However, the nominating process is an open process until we present our formal slate at the April meeting. Therefore, if you would like to self-nominate or nominate someone else (please secure their permission first!), please let me know in writing or via e-mail prior to or at our April meeting.

President Steve

Award given to Natalie Rector

Congratulations to Past President **Natalie Rector**, who received Michigan Garden Club's Lifetime Membership Honorarium Award. Natalie is a Charter Member and was president in 2015-2016. She provided leadership for the club to undertake a \$15,000 renovation of Marshall's west end gardens. She also coordinated the plantings at the Fountain Circle and Carver Park. She is liaison to the city for all of the downtown Marshall plantings. Natalie is presently Chairman of the downtown urn plantings. She and her crew decorated the urns for the Christmas holiday.

The \$100 fee our club paid for this award to honor Natalie, provides scholarships for deserving university students of Michigan in the fields of horticulture, floriculture, environmental studies, landscape architecture, biology and botany and all related fields of study pertinent to the aims and goals of Michigan Garden clubs.

The MAGCI budget needs approval at the May 15, meeting. Committee Chairmen need to start thinking now, about what amount of funding their projects will require for the coming fiscal year. The Board will meet prior to the April 17, meeting to review the budget before presenting to club members.

March 20 Meeting

Water Features to Fit your Budget and Space

Please join us for our March meeting. Speaker **Chris Ostrander**, will share some of his favorite water feature projects and try to inspire members to take the plunge. He'll give advice on such diverse subjects as choice of water filters, pumps, wintering your pond, tools to fight algae, and deciding whether to add koi to your pond.

Chris has been in the landscaping business for over 20 years. After a few years of running a full-service landscape company, he decided to specialize in one area; water features. In 2007, He decided to start his own company, Living Water Landscape Service. He is a Master Certified Aquascape Contractor and he was named the 2015 Certified Aquascape Contractor of the Year. Chris assisted with water features at the Rhodes' and Gehrig' gardens at last year's "Welcome to my Garden" Tour.

Social Time 6:30, Program/Speaker 7:00, Business Meeting, 8:15pm.
1st VP's of Programs, **Cherie Riser** and **Janet Schoenmeyer**

Club Member Update

Member **Sharon Linklater** states that she was so grateful for all the meals garden club members brought to her, as she recovered from her accident that broke both legs. As of January 31, the meal requests have ended, and she is on the mend.

Sharon was presented the Charles F. Hayes Award on January 23, for all of her past work beautifying downtown Marshall by maintaining the city's gardens and flower beds. Congratulations, Sharon!

MAGCI Member Updates

Welcome new members:

Roger Conine, 200 E. Spruce St. #307, Phone: (269) 883-0775, Email: rogerconine@hotmail.com

Carol Paul, 216 N. Sycamore St., Phone: (269) 781-4956, Email: tomcarolpaul@comcast.net

Tom and Nancy Isham, 735 E. Mansion St., Phone: (269) 558-8104, Email: Ishamthomas@sbcglobal.net

2ND VP of Membership, **Shirley Clutter**

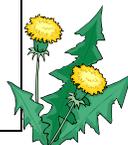
Condolences were sent to member **Lois Zuehlke**, on the passing of her husband **Ken Zuehlke** passed away February 4. Ken joined the garden club in 2004 He coordinated the Garden Tour's Property Committee for many years. He and his crew dropped off the tables and chairs at all the garden sites that were featured on the tour. Condolences were sent and a contribution was given to Mobile Meals in his name, due to Ken's volunteer efforts with the program. Additional donations were given by individual club members.

Get well wishes were sent to member **Ann Rhodes**. Ann was ill with double pneumonia and had a four day stay in the hospital. Husband Steve reports she is home now and on the mend.

Corresponding Secretary, **Kathy Fryar**

Spring in the garden is a reminder to us of the wonder of new life!

Author: **Beverly Rose Hopper**



Welcome to my Garden Tour and Garden Market July 14 & 15, 2018



We are pleased to announce the six gardens and drive-by on tour for the "Welcome to My Garden" Tour on **July 14th and 15th, 2018:**

Patrick and Laura Crouse, 632 East Dr. *Refreshment site)*

Cora Keiper, 521 Sibley Lane

Leah Knapp, 815 Jones St.

Randall and Karla Ramon, 209 S. Liberty St.

Richard and Diane Thompson, 12310 15 Mile Rd.

Jim and Cindy Monaweck, 15477 Tau Rd.

The garden volunteer sign-up sheets will be ready at the March meeting.

We are looking for a chairperson or co-chairs to lead the 2019 Garden Tour, of which we have most of the gardens committed. Give us a call at 269-781-0009 if you would like to talk about the responsibilities.

Garden Tour Chairmen, **Mike and Karla Love**

District 11 B Meeting

District 11B Meeting will be held on April 18, at the Eagle Eye Convention site at 8am. No speakers have been announced yet, but past spring meetings have always provided an entertaining day of informative speakers, lovely lunches and a chance to meet fellow gardeners. Contact **Steve Rhodes** or **Shirley Clutter** if you are interested in attending. They will have more information soon.

This spring, each club will provide a large basket of goodies for lucky members to win. Please bring a garden themed item or confection treat to our April 17 meeting and give to **Shirley Clutter**

Volunteers Needed!

Spring is right around the corner, and that means all of the MAGCI outdoor projects will need many helpful hands. Carver Park, West End, Fountain Circle, Downtown urns and the Fairground flower beds will all need sprucing up and help with plantings.

Committee members **Natalie Rector**, **Shirley Clutter** and **Diane Peart** report that planting pansies in the downtown urns will be on Sunday, April 15 at 9:30am.

Sunday, May 20 at 9:30am is the date for Fountain Circle planting. The urns will also be replanted with begonias on the same date.

Further dates will be posted for the other sites in the near future. If you are able, please consider volunteering to help!

DUES

MAGCI membership renewal is due the months of April and May. Dues are \$20.00 per person or \$30.00 per couple. Please make your check to MAGCI and pay at the April or May meeting or mail to **Shirley Clutter**, 8751 7 Mile Rd., Marshall. If you are renewing, please look up your name in the Program Book to check that all of the info is correct. If not, please notify Shirley when you pay.