

Marshall Area Garden Club



GARDEN CLIPPINGS

MAGC OFFICERS 2015

PRESIDENT:
Natalie Rector

1st VP's of PROGRAMS:
Pam Munsie
Janet Schoenmeyer

2nd VP of MEMBERSHIP:
Lucy Overhiser

RECORDING SECRETARY:
Shirley Clutter

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:
Kathy Fryar

TREASURER:
Ann Rhodes

President's Message

The Garden Club provides many opportunities for our members and for our community. As we move into 2016, I hope you will consider one or some of these in your future plans:

- *Attend the monthly meetings, learn about something new and meet new and old friends.
- *Invite a neighbor, friend, or relate to attend a program.
- *Consider volunteering, for just one thing.
- *We always can use the name of a good speaker and topic for monthly programs; if you hear someone, get their name and pass it along to **Janet Schoenmeyer** or **Pam Munsie**.
- *There are always some nice treats and snacks at the monthly meeting. They don't just appear. If you could volunteer for a month, please contact **Jamie Evans** and add your name to the list. Most future months have openings.

What we are most in need of are gardens for the annual Welcome to My Garden Tour, July 9 & 10. This is an important project that is up against the economic times of our town where we have few new folks moving here and few new yards to add to our list. We greatly appreciate all the folks that have shared their yards, sometimes twice, but we always need to add new yards, with new ideas, to our tour.

Please contact:

Editor Janet Schoenmeyer,
621 East Dr., Marshall or at
janscho46@gmail.com to submit
articles. Garden Clippings is
published every other month.

Volume 22, Issue 4
February/March, 2016



Continued on Page 2

President's Message Continued

This tour is our club's biggest fund raiser, that allows us to do so many community service projects. And it is another great reason for tourists to visit our town, shop, eat, drop a little cash, and tell their friends how worthwhile the trip to Marshall was for them.

This will be the second year of cooperating with the Cal-Co Quilters' Guild that hosts their annual quilt show at the Marshall High School. The synergistic benefits are important as often gardeners and quilters have mutual interests.

If you know of anyone with a yard that has some interesting features to share, please pass the name and address onto the chairs, **Steve and Ann Rhodes**. **Marlene Glotfelty** has volunteered to coordinate tour day helpers, thanks Marlene. Now we need to volunteer to work that weekend and welcome guests to our event and town.

President **Natalie Rector**



The Michigan DNR is seeking to collect observations of population trends of reptiles and amphibians, from scientists to backyard nature lovers. The DNR particularly encourages people to submit observations from parts of the state where little data has been collected. Anyone can easily enter their data directly into the website: Michigan Herp Atlas.

District 11B Spring Meeting



The Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club and the Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club will host this year's District 11B Spring meeting. The theme: "Leap into Spring!" The meeting will be held on Thursday April 14, 2016 at the Eagle Eye Conference Center in Bath, MI. Cost:\$30

The theme of the meeting is taken from National Garden Clubs, Inc. President **Sandy Robinson's** theme, "Leap into Action". "Pollinators and amphibians are the canaries in the coal mine, crying out a warning that all is not well. We need to hear their cry and "Leap into Action", before our food sources are severely threatened through loss of vital species."

Featured speakers are:

Herpetology expert, **David Mifsuid**, who will talk about current reptile and amphibian population trends and concerns, and how we as individuals and as clubs can make a difference in protecting herps in Michigan.

Diane Pruden is a Conservation Specialist with Monarch Watch. Diane raises, captures and tags Monarch butterflies. She will discuss the importance of the monarch migration, gardening for monarchs as well as how to register your garden as a Monarch Waystation.

Contact **Natalie Rector**, (967-6608) if you are interested in attending this fun and informative event. Deadline: April 1.

February 16th Meeting



Be sure to mark your calendars for the February 16th meeting. Albion College's **Dr. Dan Skean**, will introduce us to some examples of the magnificent trees found on campus and the surrounding area. Dr. Skean holds M.S. and Ph.D degrees in botany from North Carolina State University and the University of Florida, respectively. He is Professor of Biology at Albion College, where he teaches biology and field botany classes. His wealth of information and great sense of humor make for a winning combination to learn some interesting facts about Michigan trees.

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

Thanks to member **Amy Frentz** (owner of The Harvester), for donating a lovely floral bouquet as a door prize for our January meeting. Two other door prizes of LED votive candles, decorated with nature scenes were also given out, as fun rewards to those who attended and stayed for the business meeting.

Get well wishes were sent to members **Kevin Daus** and **Ed Waidely**. Both have spent some time in the hospital recently.

Corresponding Secretary, **Kathy Fryar**



District 11B Meeting

District 11B is hosting a Standard Flower Show, in conjunction with the Lansing Home & Garden Show on March 17-21, at MSU's Pavilion, East Lansing. The theme: "Magic, Mystery and Illusions." Fee: \$9 adult, Children 6-14, \$4. See your Winter 2015-16 issue of *Thru the Garden Gate*, for more info.

Marlene Glotfelty committed our club to the Club Competition Division, Class 10, called "Abacadabra". If you'd like to hear more about the project or for info concerning an organizational meeting, call Marlene (781-7897).



March 15th Meeting

Succulents are the new craze for gardeners and can be found everywhere. Our March 15th speaker, **Kathleen Kajenka**, will give important tips on the care and feeding of cacti and succulents and explain the difference between cold climate and dessert succulents. She is well versed on both subjects, since she has run a retail greenhouse nursery since 2000 in Jonesville, named Pricks'n Stones. Kathleen thinks each cactus and succulent has its own character and she loves watching each plant grow from a seedling to a beautiful specimen. Please plan to attend and see if you catch "the fever" too.

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



Certificate of Appreciation Awardees



The Marshall Area Garden club awards garden owners who demonstrate landscape curb appeal with a Certificate of Appreciation. Chairmen **Mike** and **Karla Love** distributed certificates to the Marshall area citizens listed below.

David Smith and Julie Burke Smith, 221 Division St.

Marilyn Burke, 224 Division St.

David and Debbie Brown, 306 Division St.

Bruce and Cindy Herman, 13691 A Drive North

Janice Darling and Mary Tinsley Young, 4505 North Drive

David and Jewell Palmer, 14560 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ Mile Rd.