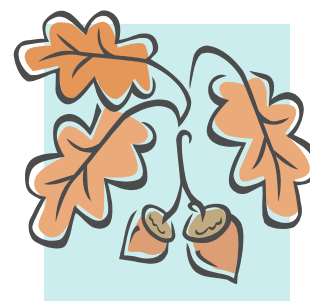


# Marshall Area Garden Club

## *GARDEN CLIPPINGS*



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### President's Message

Our Garden Club welcomed over 200 fellow gardeners from around southwest Michigan when we hosted the District IIB Fall meeting at Southern Exposure Herb Farm on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to the business meeting, attendees got to enjoy shopping for unique gifts from local merchants and vendors. Starting with their arrival in the morning for a sit-down breakfast, through an outstanding lunch, and afternoon tours of the gardens and house, attendees got to experience the wonderful hospitality of the staff of Southern Exposure Herb Farm.

Of course, events like this are never possible without the volunteer work of Marshall Area Garden Club members, including Cheryl Begg, Gail Woods, Jamie Evans, Lois Zuehlke, Sandy Redmond, Marci Pelfrey, Amy Frentz, Reba Lark, Tammy Albrecht, Richard Williams, Ann Rhodes, Mick Woods, Suzi Fritz, Susan Hess, and Marlene Glotfelty. These club members worked hard during the planning sessions beforehand and through the meeting day. Between the programs and business parts of the all-day meeting, attendees were also able to purchase raffle tickets for the lovely gift baskets and centerpiece flower arrangements created by MAGC members. Each attendee received a lavender sachet made by Gail Woods. No one went home empty-handed!

The club had \$559.72 in expenses covered by District IIB - between vendor fees (\$225) and "raffle" ticket sales (\$796) we raised \$1,021 for the club - we also sold 7 honey hoes for an additional \$140.00. Job well done to our co-chairs, Cheryl and Gail and all who helped them!

President, Steve Rhodes

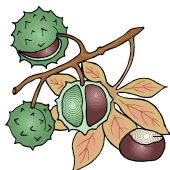
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## October 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting



Most of us have picked berries at Harvey Farms in Tekonsha. In October, MAGC members will learn from owners **Ron and Rose Harvey** about their newest venture; growing chestnut trees. The Harveys will share their expertise in growing the trees and also offer samples of the nuts to taste. Examples of using chestnuts in recipes will also be demonstrated. Come join us to learn why chestnuts are becoming an exciting new industry in Michigan.

Social Time: 6:30pm, Program: 7pm  
Location: United Methodist Church,  
721 Old US 27 North, Marshall.  
1<sup>st</sup> VP's of Programs, **Angela Mabin** and  
**Natalie Rector**

"80% of Americans haven't eaten a chestnut even though they sing about it at Christmas", says MSU Professor **Dennis Fullbright**, but he predicts that statistic will soon change.

Chestnuts are the fifth most popular nut in the world and are largely imported into the U.S., but not for long. Michigan's Chestnut industry is expanding rapidly. American Chestnuts that are grown in Michigan are the only ones in all of North America that were able to survive the Chestnut blight that began in 1904. Furthermore, Fullbright reports that chestnuts do not have the fats that hazelnuts, walnuts and almonds have and are mostly complex carbohydrate, water and protein; the "good fats."

Source: *The Saginaw News*, 8-13, 2012

## October Events

**The Sandhill Crane Festival**, (Cranefest XIX) takes place on Saturday and Sunday, October 12 and 13, 2013, at the Kiwanis Youth Area overlooking Baker Sanctuary and Big Marsh Lake. Parking for the event is \$4 per vehicle. Events and artist exhibits will be open from Noon until sunset (about 7:00 pm) both days.

**Brooks Nature Area Open House** takes place on Saturday, October 12, 1-4pm. BNA is located on 18 ½ Mile Rd. adjacent to Stuart Lake. Cider, apples and cookies will be offered to visitors who walk the trails and inspect the new observation deck. MAGC gave \$500 towards the deck project. Also, a ribbon cutting ceremony to acknowledge observation deck donors will be held Wednesday, October 16, at 4pm.



## Salsa Contest Results

The winners of the Marshall Area Garden Club Salsa tasting contest held at MAGC's September 17, meeting were:

**Kathy Scott Mrozek**, Convis Township, 1<sup>st</sup> place; **Keith Mengel**, Marshall, 2<sup>nd</sup> place and **Phylis Rutz**, Albion, and **Brenda Ulrey**, Marshall and MAGC member, tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Thanks to all the entrants for contributing their delicious salsa offerings.

## November 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting

For the eleventh year, MAGC members will provide the entertainment for the November program. Members began signing up for the different categories at the September meeting, but many still remain. Please phone **Marlene Glotfelty** at 781-7897 to volunteer for this fun project. Take your pick of the following:

1. **It's Thanksgiving, Welcome Home** - A design using a container suitable for a Thanksgiving floral design. The design will be hung on a door.
2. **The Cucurbitae Family Thanksgiving** - A design using a gourd as a container or an accessory for a design suitable for a Thanksgiving table. (Gourds furnished).
3. **Merry Christmas** - A Christmas wreath or swag to be hung on a door.
4. **Morning Comes Early, A Christmas Morning Brunch** - Choose one of the following table types: 1. A table for two on a card table. 2. A capsule functional table for one on a 24 inch round table. 3. An exhibition table in a 20x30 inch space. 4. A buffet table for six on a 72 x30 inch table.



**Reminder:** This Holiday Program is a present to ourselves; **Members Only**. Please bring a passing dish of treats or hors d'oeuvres. Also, don't forget your MACS Christmas donation. The meeting will be held at United Methodist Church at 6:30pm.

## MAGC Member News

Member **Deb Lyons** received the DAISY Award for nursing excellence in September at Oaklawn Hospital.

Member **Lee Thornton** was inducted in the Team Athletics Hall of Fame at Wabash College on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Lee's football team of 1951 was undefeated that year.

Member **Amy Frenz** and her husband **Vaughn**, recently bought The Harvester flower shop from fellow MAGC member **Bev Zalewski**.

Member **Ann Rhodes** is the new Refreshment Chairman. She needs volunteers to sign up to bring treats for MAGC meetings. Please call Ann at 269-274-1850 for the specifics. The first date that needs to be filled is for the January 21, 2014 meeting, since the club does not meet in December.



## Special Projects

Please inform Special Projects Chairman, **Cheryl Begg** if you have any ideas of a project that is worthy of MAGC funding. One of the objectives must be to stimulate the love of gardening, encourage home and community beautification, promote better horticulture practices or encourage any form of conservation. Profits from past "Welcome to my Garden" garden tours are the source of these funds.

Cheryl's phone number: 781-4855 or email: [cjbegg4@gmail.com](mailto:cjbegg4@gmail.com).

## District 11B Meeting Flower Centerpiece Contributors

Thanks to the following members for the creation of five distinctive types of flower centerpieces created for twenty tables at the District IIB Fall meeting held on September, 25. Dried and fresh plant materials were used to make topiaries by **Diane Peart, Jamie Evans** and **Shirley Clutter**. Pot-et-fleurs of herbs were created by **Janet Schoenmeyer** and **Brenda Ulrey**. Flowers were arranged in tea pots used as container by **Ellen Thornton, Carol Paul** and **Margaret Day**. Grapevine wreaths held dried flowers arrangements made by **Whitney Jonas, Joan Dickey, Marilyn Jones,** and **Kathy Fryar**. Fairy Doors were created by **Alice Schneider, Julie Greene, Pam Munsie** and **Marlene Glotfelty**.

Also, thanks to MAGC family members that helped with the mechanics of the centerpieces; **Robert Dickey** and son **Kevin, Lee Thornton,** and **Tom Paul**.

Chairman, **Marlene Glotfelty**

