

# 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention "Seeds of Tomorrow"

## Battle Creek, MI May 25, 2010



### A Special Invitation Just for you

You are cordially invited to the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Michigan Garden Club, Inc. Please plan to attend both the convention and the pre-convention dedication of a National Blue Star Memorial.

**May 24, 2010** – Pre-convention evening:  
Historic Event —Dedication of a National Blue Star Memorial  
4:00 PM – Fort Custer National Cemetery  
Registration: Monday, May 24, 2010 – 2:00 – 7:00 PM

**May 25, 2010** – 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention:  
"Seeds of Tomorrow"  
8:30 AM – 4:00 PM  
Registration: Tuesday, May 25, 2010 – 7:30 – 8:30 AM

**D**istrict IIB is excited to host a worthwhile convention day filled with interesting speakers, educational workshops, unique vendors, door prizes and a rare opportunity to attend the dedication of a National Blue Star Memorial.

The McCamly Plaza Hotel boasts recently renovated meeting and sleeping rooms with stunning city views from the 16th floor. Plenty of sleeping rooms have been earmarked for our club members. Carpool in, stay the night, meet with your friends for a relaxing get away.

Help us fill the ballroom with garden club members from across the state. Come along for a memorable day. Mark your calendars and see you in Battle Creek.

*MGC President-Lynn Dinvald & Convention Co-Chairs—Kathi Dominguez and Lois Snover-Hanson*



### Renee Blaschke, President – National Garden Clubs, Inc. – Opening Speaker

Michigan Garden Clubs is honored to have our National President, Renee Blaschke as our guest at the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention. Renee will take part in the Blue Star Memorial Dedication at Fort Custer National Cemetery, on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and will be present as the opening speaker on Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Renee has chosen an official theme for her administration that reflects some of today's most pressing concerns. Her theme, "The World Around Us: Love It, Beautify It, Protect It," encompasses a wide range of projects designed to promote clean air, pure water, recycling and "green" practices. "Our organization blends gardening education, floral design and community service, offering members an opportunity to make a difference while engaging in activities they enjoy," she says. Attend the convention and meet Renee. Arrive early to get a good seat; you won't want to miss this dynamic Texan.



### Paul Tukey, Keynote Speaker

Michigan Garden Clubs is excited to welcome convention keynote speaker; movie producer, bestselling author, public speaker, magazine publisher and America's 2006 Gardening Communicator of the Year, Paul Tukey.

Among the most accomplished and sought-after public speakers in the nation, Paul Tukey shares his passion for organic gardening, lawn care and community activism through all forms of media.

Paul appears regularly on radio, television, print and the Internet, including most of the nation's major newspapers, Martha Stewart Living and Good Morning America.

He has spoken at public events more than 1,000 times, about community activism, environmentally friendly gardening, organic lawn care, stewardship of the planet and garden photography.

Mr. Tukey will present two learning presentations as well as the keynote and a book signing. Check out his web site at: [Paultukey.com](http://Paultukey.com)

### ★★★YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS HISTORIC EVENT★★★

**National Blue Star Memorial Dedication —Monday, May 24, 2010, 4:00 pm,  
Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, MI**

Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. will dedicate A National Blue Star Memorial, located within the serenely beautiful, Fort Custer National Cemetery, just a twenty minute drive from the convention hotel.

This memorable ceremony is planned with special guest speaker, National Garden Clubs, President, Renee Blaschke.



*Please plan to arrive on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> in time to attend this once in a life time event.  
You'll long remember the setting, the music, and the feelings of taking part in this dedication.*

# 79th Annual Convention ♦ Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. ♦ Registration

## "Seeds of Tomorrow"



**May 25, 2010 – McCamly Plaza Hotel, Battle Creek, Michigan**

50 Capital Avenue Southwest, Battle Creek, MI 49017-3515

**Registration Fee: \$40.00 - Make checks to: Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.**

Fee includes breakfast, lunch, keynote speaker, annual meeting, and an opportunity to attend the dedication of a National Blue Star Memorial, table favors, door prizes, plus many unique vendors

*Please check MGC website for more information*

### AGENDA:

- ♦ Monday, May 24, 2010 – Invitation to a Pre-Convention Historical Event:
    - 2:00 – 7:00 pm Registration Table Open
    - 4:00 – 6:00 pm National Blue Star Dedication (free)
    - Fort Custer National Cemetery – 15501 Dickman Road, Augusta, MI 49012
    - Guest of Honor: Renee Blaschke, President, National Garden Club, Inc.
  - ♦ Tuesday, May 25, 2010 – 79th Annual Convention
    - 7:30 – 8:30 am Registration
    - 8:30 – 10:00 am Breakfast and morning speaker Renee Blaschke – President – National Garden Clubs
    - 10:30 – 11:50 am Annual Meeting – Conducted by Lynn Dinvald – President – Michigan Garden Clubs
    - 12:30 pm LUNCHEON
    - 1:30 – 2:30 pm Keynote speaker: Paul Tukey – “Safe Lawns: How and Why to Tend Your Landscape Organically”
    - 2:30 – 3:45 pm Awards, Memorial Service
    - 3:45 – 4:00 pm Drawing, Closing Remarks, Invitation to 2011 Convention, Benediction
- Two (2) Optional Learning Opportunities:**
- 1) 10:15 am – 11:00 am Garden Photography in the digital age – 16th floor
  - 2) 11:15 am – 12:15 pm Film “A Chemical Reaction” – 16th floor

### LODGING:

Make reservations directly with the hotel by phone at: 1-888-622-2659, or by internet booking link.

Booking link for the 2010 Michigan Garden Club State Convention:

[https://reservations.ihotelier.com/crs/g\\_reservation.cfm?groupID=423021&hotelID=11822](https://reservations.ihotelier.com/crs/g_reservation.cfm?groupID=423021&hotelID=11822)

This information is also available on the MGC web site under

Convention Registration; Newsletter & Events - 2010 MGC Annual Meeting

MGC –Convention room rate of \$94.00 + tax – available until May 3, 2010



### REGISTRATION FORM:

Submit this form with \$40.00 fee by May 10, 2010 to: Pam Dewey, Registrar, 13998 Kelly Road, Hickory Corners, MI 49060; ph: 269-671-5211. Confirmation notifications returned to you by May 18, 2010.

PLEASE PRINT:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_

I will be attending the National Blue Star Dedication at Fort Custer National Cemetery Yes

I would like a vegetarian lunch selection Yes

I am a delegate to the convention Yes

A \$10.00 processing fee retained, with remainder returned, if cancelled by May 5, 2010. No refunds after May 10, 2010.

Questions: Kathi Dominguez 517-669-5112 or Lois Snover-Hanson 517-694-8091