



Thru the Garden Gate

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President's Message

Dear Garden Club Members,
You all have been instrumental in the protection of the Monarch Butterfly and preserving the storm water runoff by installing rain gardens. The 'green' movement certainly has been progressing and West Michigan leads the nation in LEED (Leadership,

Energy, Environmental Design) certified buildings. Now it is time to look at conservation of our waterways.

The National Garden Club's fall board meeting addressed the issue of water conservation. The board unanimously agreed that we support and undertake proactive initiatives for the protection, conservation and restoration of the quality of the Nation's coastal waters, wetlands, watersheds, aquifers, lakes, river and streams, through educational programs, conservation efforts, increased advocacy and partnerships with government agencies, state and national grassroots water coalitions. This was a major undertaking by NGC, as they generally do not partner with other organizations; however, this platform is a supplement to our Environmental Mission.

To read more on this issue, see the winter edition of the National Gardener Presidents message.

I have always loved the beautiful bird the trumpet swan. She gracefully swims the water, looks after her young, sings a loving song, but if confronted lets every one know who is the boss. So dear members, this is my bittersweet swan song.

In my travels around the state your efforts have been noticed. From Newbery, St. Ignace and Petoskey to the North, Port Sanilac and Detroit to the east, Pentwater, Montague and Saugatuck to the west, to the southern borders of Niles, Edwardsburg, Burr

Oak, Sturgis and Morenci, and all cities in between, it has been my pleasure to see the work of your hands and hearts as you beautify your communities. I know that you will always treasure these opportunities to be proactive in all areas of our beautiful state.

As I leave this position, I know that you will be in good hands as Lynn Dinvald becomes President at our convention June 2-3 2009. I know you will give respect to the office of President by rising when she is introduced.

"May the wind be at your back, the sun shining in your face and all your weeds be wildflowers".

Bless you all,

Dolores J. Stouwie, MGC President 2007-2009

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Our Mission is to provide education resources and networking opportunities for our members and to promote the love of gardening, floral and landscape design, and civic and environmental responsibility

Caitlin Taylor Named MGC Scholarship Winner!

Caitlin Taylor, from Charlevoix, Michigan, a sophomore enrolled in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources' School of Planning, Design and Construction at Michigan State University, is MGC's 2009 National Garden Club Scholarship winner. She will receive a \$1000.00 scholarship from MGC, and her application has been forwarded to the National Scholarship Chairperson, to be considered for one of thirty-five \$4000.00 National Scholarships.

Caitlin is studying Landscape Architecture, and her career objectives include designing landscapes, parks, communities, and gardens that blend beauty, functionality, and sustainability.

After graduation, Caitlin plans to pursue a Master's degree in environmental design, urban planning, or landscape architecture, with an eye toward becoming a licensed landscape architect. Because of her interest in sustainability, she hopes to use her education to design sites that are innovative in their use of materials and space and have a positive effect on the surrounding environment.

The 2010-2011 College Scholarship Brochure, with the complete rules and application form, will be forwarded to Michigan colleges and universities as soon as it is available (later this year). For further information regarding the scholarships, contact Virginia Froehlich, MGC Scholarship Chairman, (734) 675-2944 or vafroehlich@comcast.net

FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD

Anastatia (Stacey) Stutcher, Bird and Butterfly Chairman

What do you suppose birds and butterflies feed on when we don't provide manufactured food for them? Pay special attention to the flowers and shrubs that you plant in your yards. Keep an eye on the flowers that have a flat landing surface with petals that spread outward, and often, down from these flat centers. This flat, upright area is like a sit-down buffet table for butterflies that feast on the juicy nectar that they gather there. The birds relish the seeds the flowers produce in mid-summer.

Watch the colorful Monarch sway in the breeze on the flat tops of Daisies, Asters, Coneflowers, Black-eyed Susans, Monarda, , dainty Cosmos and Zinnias. Be sure to include some of these plants in your gardens so that you can enjoy the antics of the Finches as they bob up and down on these delicate blossoms. Sparrows and Starlings also get into the act whether you want them to or not. You'll probably notice the individual flowers leaning and swaying before you actually see the birds or butterflies.

Birds with longer beaks such as Hummingbirds, Catbirds, Nuthatches and Creepers, seek out flowers with deep wells or vessels containing nectar. Include Snapdragons, Roses, Nicotianas, Nasturtiums, Impatiens, Sweet peas and Hosta in your garden. Butterflies often visit my Asiatic Lilies, which are simple to grow, and they make a big statement in the garden.

Native wildflowers can be included in your garden to help supplement the diet of birds and butterflies and encourage them to "hang out" in your yards. Consider mustards, grasses, Violets, Queen Ann's Lace and especially Milkweed. Dill and parsley are attractive to butterflies and deserve a secluded corner in your yard.

Shrubs can offer protection and shelter for birds and butterflies. They have been known to take refuge in Azalea, Lilac, Privet, Sumac and Viburnum from wind and rain.

Each of us is responsible for our little patch of the planet. Let's help preserve these little patches so that the things that we enjoy about our gardens will be preserved and will survive. We can all help the little guys. Happy planning and planting.

MGC Flower Show Awards for 2008 Shows Presented at 2009 Convention

Awards Sent For National consideration:

District IIB "Celebrating Michigan's Treasures" - **Michigan #30B**
Charlevoix Area Garden Club "Wild Places-City Spaces" - **Michigan Gold #5D**
Livonia Garden Club "Bookworms" - **Michigan Lavender Lace #57**
Tri-Cities Garden Club "Thru our Golden Gate" - **Michigan Gold #5B**

MGC Flower Show Awards:

Charlevoix Area Garden Club - **Michigan Cherry Blossom**
District IIB "Celebrating Michigan's Treasures" - **Nancy Passfield Schedule Award**
Holland Garden Club "America The Beautiful" - **Michigan Red, White and Blue #21**

Golden Apple Awards:

Holland Garden Club - "Christmas at the Lake" - **Golden Apple (home tour)**
Muskegon County Garden Club - "Sparkling Diamond Jubilee" - **Golden Apple**
Cadillac Garden Club - "Shall We Dance" - **Golden Apple**
Niles Garden Club - "Seasons in the Sun" - **Golden Apple**
Garden Club of Greater Lansing - "Awesome August" - **Golden Apple**
Little Garden Club of Midland - **Golden Apple (floral arrangements)**

BEFRIENDING BENEFICIAL INSECTS

Judy DeJaegher, Horticulture Chair

Not all insects are pests. In fact, the majority of bugs in your garden are helping your plants to grow in numerous, unseen ways. If you are having a problem with pests in your garden, you probably have an imbalance of soil nutrients or an imbalance of fauna. The more insects and fauna in your garden, the less likelihood the "pesky" ones will have of surviving.

Biodiversity is the key to a healthy garden. In nature, plant diseases and pests exist, but rarely get out of hand. This is because there is a natural system of checks and balances, which keep these things under control. Of course, in your garden, you have planted plants, which may not be naturally occurring, you weed and dig and manipulate the earth so you will have to encourage a balance in natural diversity. The very best way to encourage a diverse collection of life in your garden is by planting a variety of plants. While some of the pests will be attracted to some of your plants, the other plants will attract the friendly insects. The more plant diversity in your garden, the more insect diversity. The very best is to plant native plants. And also be aware when buying plants that they have been grown locally. Imported plants may contain imported insects. If your pests are local, chances are they have local enemies. If your pests are imported, they may not have any local predators in your garden.

If you have a problem with aphids in your vegetable or flower garden, you may want to introduce insects that feed on aphids. The most common of these is the Ladybug. The Ladybug and her larvae feed on aphids, mites and small caterpillars and the larvae are especially active between May and July. Another aphid eater is the Green Lacewing. Both of these are available at your local nursery as well as through mail order. If you are having a problem with fruit tree spider mites, green flies, or small caterpillars, you can encourage Hover Flies, sometimes called sweat bees, in your garden. You can attract these beneficials into your garden by using plants with small flowers such as sweet alyssum, dill, fennel, garlic chives, lovage, coriander (cilantro) and white lace flower (cultivated version of Queen Anne's Lace).

Other popular plants include: blanket flower, coneflower, coreopsis, cosmos, tansy, yarrow, goldenrod, sunflowers, yellow alyssum, sweet clover, buckwheat, or hairy vetch. Or you can let a few of the broccoli plants flower.

Dragonflies are excellent for your garden too; they dine on mosquitoes. If there has been spraying in your area for mosquitoes, however, chances are the spray has killed the dragonflies too. If this is the case, reintroduce them either by purchasing some through mail order, or by planting reedy plants in or around your garden.

Be aware when introducing any insects into your garden. Do not introduce insects if their prey does not exist. If you introduce a population of insects but don't feed them, then you are harming the diversity of your garden rather than encouraging it by throwing off its balance.

Bees are other great insects for your garden. Encouraging bees in your garden is easy; they love flowers. Plant lavender, rosemary, daisies, cosmos, heather and/or marigolds around the outside of your garden and the bees will come. Birds and bats are both forms of natural pest control too because they eat many bugs such as beetles, moths and flies. Plant your garden near trees for birds to establish nests. Strategically place bat houses either in your trees or on posts. It is important that the bat house be mounted 15'-20' high and gets eight hours of morning sunlight (SE orientation is best).

A frog will be a prince in your garden. Consider building a pond near your garden; it will encourage not only frogs but other amphibians as well. Their food supply consists of flies, moths, and flying insects. A pond will also encourage dragonflies.

Most insects are so tiny and mobile that most people never even realize that they exist. Spraying pesticides indiscriminately is the worst thing you can do for your garden. Take some time one afternoon to sit quietly in your garden and watch your plants; you will be amazed at the amount of life that exists there! Appreciating all of the life in your garden is part of being a gardener and a friend of the earth.

World Gardening

Chris Rochman, chair

The following have made donations to our work with the young people in Belize, C.A.: Loch Alpine Garden Club; Meek's Mill Garden Club; Grosse Ile Garden Club; Nancy Goulette; Ypsilanti Garden Club; Grow and Show Garden Club; A big thanks to the above. Please put World Gardening in your club's budget. Mail check to Chris Rochman, 4806 Holly Way, Ann Arbor 48103-9448. Make check out to M.G.C. and put World Gardening in lower left hand corner.

District VI Club of the Grow The Owosso Garden Club

The Owosso Garden Club was organized and federated in 1991, at present we have fifty members. Owosso is a lovely old town with tree-lined streets and many old homes. We meet at Baker College Welcome Center Sept.-June and in summer, we visit members' gardens and places of garden interest.

We aim to gain expertise in gardening, to encourage civic improvement and sound environmental practices, while having fun and friendship along the way. Our members take advantage of the schools offered by MGC.

One member contributes a weekly gardening column to the local paper.

We maintain gardens at Comstock Cabin, the oldest dwelling in Owosso and at the 1850's Gould Mansion, now owned by the City. We landscaped the church in the Corunna Historical Village and the sledding hill, fondly known as Mt. McCurdy. We have planted tulips at the Arts Council, helped with plants at Oliver Woods

Retirement Village. We celebrated Arbor Day with tree planting at many schools and the Historical Society's new home. We have had many popular garden tours and the proceeds from them and our annual plant sales and auctions funded the installation of a watering system at McCurdie Park, and our gifts to the MSU Children's Garden and Memorial Cancer Center.

Our famous drill team, with flower bedecked hats and beribboned rakes, won the hearts of the crowd at the Comstock Festival parade and we won first place three years running. We have mounted two Standard Flower Shows. We hold our Christmas party at the Gould House, which we decorate in high Victorian style for public enjoyment.

We are preparing for the District VI Fall Meeting, "Shhhh...The Garden is sleeping," which we are hosting on October 20 and hope you will join us.

Kent Garden Club Flower Show

A Salute to the USA, a musical tribute, is a patriotic standard flower show sponsored by Kent Garden Club. The show will be staged at the Frederik Meijer Gardens where *Ol' Glory* will be prominently displayed. Go on a musical journey through America's most popular wartime songs. Reminisce about family and childhood memories while growing up in this wonderful country. Educational exhibits will enlighten you on environmental issues, and you can glean ideas about preserving our planet for future generations.

District III Club on the Grow Happy 40th Anniversary to Portage Garden Club!

Forty years ago, on October 1, 1969 the Portage Garden Club was organized with the objective to stimulate the interest in horticulture, landscape design, and flower arranging. The club will also aid in the protection of natural resources and enhance civic beauty. Since that first meeting, a lot has been done to promote those objectives.

The first meetings were in member homes, then the Portage Library and now the historic Stuart Manor in the Celery Flats Historic Complex. Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month except January. The club is a non-profit organization funded by member dues and a Spring Plant Sale.

The 34-member club has made many new friends while learning about gardening. The club has visited many Southwest Michigan nurseries, flower and herb farms and individual gardens. We have planted several trees at the library and most recently the Tricolor Beech in honor and memory of those in Public Service. We currently are maintaining two gardens in front of Stuart Manor, helping the first graders from Angling Elementary to plant school gardens, working with Habitat for Humanity in their holding garden to provide plants for new homes, container planting at Tendercare Portage and providing monetary help for Portage Community Center. FUN!

The Youth Awards Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl

Grade 2 Sophia Thompson Charlevoix Area Garden Club

Grade 3 Lauren Kwapisz Charlevoix Area Garden Club

Grade 4 Leah Ange Blue Water Garden Club

Grade 5 Hunter Randall Charlevoix Area Garden Club

Newsletter Delivery

MGC, Inc. encourages members with web access to download the MGC Newsletter at <http://michigangardenclubs.org> or elect to have the newsletter emailed directly to you. The Newsletter is available as a Word.doc or a PDF format on the web. It is emailed as a PDF file. If your computer does not have Adobe Reader for PDF files, you can download a free version at: <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

"We Have No Time!"

Lorrie Dyal, Michigan Blue Star Chair

We're trying to figure this out; what with flower shows, garden walks, study courses, our continuing team assignments in community projects... it's easy to acknowledge that we are busy people! We need ONE PERSON to say, "Yes, I'm busy but with my family background of service members, it is enough for me to say, "I cannot say I can't do this." Find this member and you'll find someone dedicated and committed to making the Blue Star Program workable. Then the Chairman gathers other like-minded members around her, and they do what they've always done... work diligently for a one year period to make this program BIG. It will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience! For details contact: Lorrie Dyal, Michigan blue Star Chairman, 1205 Heirloom View, Okemos, MI 48864. 517-282-3671 or LeDyal8@gmail.com

P.S. When you attend the MGC State Meeting in Kalamazoo, be sure to visit the Blue Star Exhibit in the lower level of the Radisson Hotel. Also featured will be "Something New," a description of the Blue Star Essay Contest with details

District I Club on the Grow Paint Creek Garden Club

The Paint Creek Garden Club was formed in 1990 for the purposes of stimulating a love of gardening, encouraging home and community beautification, promoting friendship, facilitating better horticultural practices, raising awareness of environmental concerns and encouraging all forms of conservation.

Club officers consist of president, vice president for program and publicity, vice president of membership/secretary, and a treasurer. We have a historian/photographer, a friendship person and a horticulture chairman as well as our newsletter The Palette. We are limited to a membership of 36, and our dues are twenty-five dollars per year.

Originally, the group met in the homes of members. In 1995, a permanent home was established at the Rochester Environmental Education Center located on Avon Road in Rochester Hills. The building is surrounded by several acres of woods, gardens, and trails. Classes are held in the building and there is a resident naturalist. Members of the community enjoy using the trails and there are naturalist guided walks. When the garden club started meeting there, it was with the promise and intention of making the landscape immediately surrounding the building more attractive. Over the years, the Paint Creek Garden Club has added lots of perennials and grasses, as well as trees and bushes. There is now a butterfly garden, a small pond, a stone birdbath and a renovated park bench.

We meet as a group in the spring and fall to open and close the gardens and during the season, members sign up to care for a bed. The club also supports Dinosaur Hill

Nature Preserve in Rochester by preparing, delivering and helping to sell flowers during the annual "Daffodils for Dinosaurs" program.

Fundraising activities for Paint Creek Garden Club include a silent auction at our May luncheon and the sale of Entertainment Books as well as the sale of "gently used" magazines. Monies raised are used to pay for our speakers and for materials and plants at the EEC. We are not a charitable organization but did support the Higgins Lake Conservation Scholarship Fund. This year we voted to donate money to the Michigan Garden Clubs' Scholarship.

Lowell Showboat Garden Club Celebrates 60!

Join members on July 18th at 1:00 pm for a "Garden Tea Party" celebration. For information, call Tina at 616-897-7498.

Flower Show Symposium Sept. 14 & 15, 2009

The 48th Michigan Flower Show Symposium will be held on Sept. 14 & 15, 2009 at the McCamly Plaza Hotel in Battle Creek, Michigan. The Horticulture Instructor on Monday will be Dorothy Yard from Pennsylvania whose topic will be "Ornamental Grasses and Hardy ferns." The Tuesday session will be taught by Trece Chancellor of Alabama who will be instructing on "Light-Color-Action and her Allied Subject will be Mechanics and Creative Staging.

The cost of the two days will be \$120.00 and for one day, it is \$60.00. A flyer is being prepared and more information on registration will be available on the Website. The chairperson for this Symposium is Lois Snover Hanson, and Marlene Glotfelty is the Registrar. Please sign up and put this on your calendar.

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Community Connections - Guided Tour of MSU Kent County Extension Grand Ideas Garden & Meeting Space for your Garden Club

The Grand Ideas Garden is a fantastic collection of both sun and shade perennial plants, sedges, shrubs and trees in a compact space that is maintained by Kent County Master Gardener Volunteers. All plants are labeled. Lovely annuals are uniquely arranged in containers and a variety of hardscaping material is used for pathways and the waterfall.

Within the garden are benches, umbrella tables and chairs for visiting and eating. The potting and composting areas are open to view. A brief power point presentation on the history of the garden is provided.

Use of indoor air-conditioned meeting space for 50, restrooms and pop machine. You may bring in your own refreshments & non-alcoholic beverages for use indoors and in the garden. There is no charge!

Available hours are 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm most Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays. Reservations are necessary. Contact Meribeth Bolt, 616-450-3001

meribethbolt@aol.com

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Anne Wiseman, Legislative Chairman

The 2009-10 Legislature took its place in January there was a changing of the guard, with 45 new state representatives, many of whom care deeply about protecting Michigan's scenic beauty and are environmentally friendly. With the disastrous downturn in the automotive industry, tourism becomes even more important to our economic survival. Last October President Bush signed the Great Lakes Compact into law, joining with the other Great Lakes states and Province of Ontario to safeguard their waters. Beginning in July, large withdrawals over 100,000 gallons per day will be strictly monitored and water conservation will be encouraged. A recent Brookings Institute study determined that restoring the biological health of the Great Lakes would bring \$50 billion in economic development to the region.

In her 2009 State of the State address, Governor Granholm pledged to pursue an aggressive clean energy policy, emphasizing energy efficiency and introducing the state's first renewable portfolio standard (RPS), making energy saving and renewables profitable for utilities. The public has vehemently opposed new coal-fired electric plants at the three public hearings held by the DEQ in Lansing regarding the proposed Wolverine 600 MW coal plant. Among those testifying against granting the permit were representatives of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Physicians for Social Responsibility, the Odawa Indians, the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids, the League of Women Voters and many others from diverse backgrounds. During five hours of public testimony, opponents cited concerns about mercury emission levels, fine particulates, increased CO₂ and increased groundwater pollution from coal wastes. Fears were voiced about increased air pollution causing respiratory troubles. People expressed strong support for alternative energy sources, wind and waterpower and solar energy.

Governor Granholm has set a goal of a Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) of 10% BY 2020 in order to reduce Michigan's emissions of greenhouse gases, to make our state more energy independent and to create markets for Michigan-made auto fuels and advanced battery storage industry. A LCFS has been recommended as a tool to reduce global warming by the Governor's Michigan Climate Action Council, Michigan's Renewable Fuels Commission, and the Midwest Governors' Association and a bill is slated to be in the works soon. A LCFS will reduce our vulnerability to foreign oil supply fluctuations and price spikes, also creates markets for renewable fuel producers in Michigan who can lead the way toward advanced, low-carbon fuels.

We have to continue our fight against CAFO's, protect our forests, lakes and streams and prevent the takeover of public lands for commercial purposes. This is Democracy in action.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Nancy McGilliard, Scholarship Chair

Thank you for all donations to MGC Scholarships received since the last issue of the Newsletter.

Send your scholarship checks to Nancy McGilliard, Scholarship Chairman, 2339 Sapphire Ln., East Lansing MI 48823

DONATIONS \$550: Juniper GC; Pinckney GC; Grosse Ile GC; Meeks Mill GC; Meridian GC; Mason-Union GC; Saugatuck-Douglas GC; Grow and Show GC

MEMORIALS \$225: Margaret Hurley from Norma Stancati; Ann Frey from Lyn Butus & Michiana Landscape Study Club; Barbara Troost from Lyn Butus; Barbara Ayers from Kent GC; Edward Schumann from Lyn Butus, Nancy Goulette; Shirley Bishop from Mary Pulick; Ann Frey from Niles GC

HONORARIUMS \$325: Virginia Froehlich for program given to Pleasant Ridge GC; Judges of District IIB Flower Show (Kathleen Willingham, Florence Smith, Angie Wilkie, Joanne Searle, Margaret Jahnke, Caroline Gray, Connie Marlatt, Dolores Stouwie, Lynn Miller, Deannie Picciotti, Marge McGoff, Kathryn Clary, Alice Mesaros, Nancy Passfield, Ethel Gallgher)

Scholarships winners for 2008-09 were announced in the last Newsletter. I would like to recognize the **Agents** who work with the colleges. Special recognition goes to Marilyn Deromedi with Central Michigan, Rose Adams with Eastern Michigan, Berry Godold with Ferris, Barbara Donahue with Grand Valley, Diana Leipprandt with Michigan State, Mary Pulick with Michigan Tech, Nancy Sannar with U of M, Karin Jahn with Northern Michigan, Pauline Flynn with Wayne State, and Donna Schumann with Western Michigan. Thanks also to MGC **Treasurer**, Sue Wilber, who manages the money and writes the checks to the schools.

2008 Books of Evidence, Yearbooks and Club of Distinction By District

District I

Better Homes and Gardens:
Yearbook *under 20 members* Certificate of Appreciation

Dearborn Heights Garden Club:
Yearbook *30-44 members* District Honorable Mention

Deeplands Garden Club:
Club of Distinction Recognition (111 points)

Farmington Garden Club:
Yearbook *30-44 members* District 2nd Place; Club of Distinction Recognition (113 points)

Farmington Hills Flower Arrangers Guild:
Yearbook *Special Category* Certificate of Appreciation

Flat Rock Garden Club:
Yearbook *under 20 members* District 1st Place

Garden Club of Dearborn: *large size club*
NGC #15 Horticultural Therapy MGC 1st Place (sent to NGC)
Yearbook *100-299 members* Certificate of Appreciation
Gold Seal Club of Distinction (194 points)
(*MI #4 Horticulture: received after judging NOT JUDGED*)

Grosse Ile Garden Club:
Virginia Froehlich: Photography MGC 3rd Place
Yearbook *70-99 members* District 1st Place
Gold Seal Club of Distinction (182 points)

Hill and Dale Garden Club:
Flo Holzkecht: Photography MGC Honorable Mention
NGC #13 A2 Newsletter MGC Honorable Mention
NGC #13 B2 Educational Brochure MGC 2nd Place
NGC #63 Website MGC Certificate of Appreciation
Member Award of Honor MGC 2nd Place
Yearbook *30-44 members* District 1st Place
Gold Seal Club of Distinction (170 Points)

Livonia Garden Club: *medium size club*
MI #9 Caroline Gray MGC 3rd Place
NGC #15 Horticultural Therapy MGC 1st Place (sent to NGC)
NGC #13 A2 Newsletter MGC 3rd Place
Yearbook *45-69 members* District 2nd Place

Military Hills Garden Club
Yearbook *20-29 members* Certificate of Appreciation

North Farmington Garden Club
Yearbook *20-29 members* District 1st Place
Club of Distinction Recognition (106 points)

North Oakland Flower Arrangers
Club of Distinction: *Certification of Appreciation (72 points)*

Pleasant Ridge Garden Club
Yearbook *45-69 members* District 1st Place
Club of Distinction Recognition (126 points)

Taylor Garden Club: *medium size club*
Mary Krezeckowski: Photography MGC 2nd Place
MI # 9 Caroline Gray MGC 1st Place
MI #11 Publication B-Feature Article: Paul Rodman MGC 1st Place
NGC #13 A2 Newsletter MGC 2nd Place
NGC #13 B2 Publication Educational Brochure MGC 1st Place (to NGC)
NGC #43 Butterfly MGC 1st Place (to NGC)
Yearbook *70-99 members* District 2nd Place

Wayne Garden Club
Yearbook *45-69 members* District 3rd Place

Wyandotte Garden Club
Yearbook *30-44 members* District 3rd Place

District IIA

Lotus Garden Club
Yearbook *under 20 members* District & MGC 1st Place (sent to NGC)
Club of Distinction (*84 points*) *Certificate of Appreciation*

Eden's Garden Club
Yearbook *20-29 members* Certificate of Appreciation

Good Thyme Garden Club
Yearbook *20-29 members* District 2nd Place
Club of Distinction *Certificate of Appreciation (60 points)*

Loch Alpine Garden Club
Yearbook *20-29 members* District 1st Place

Adrian Garden Club
Yearbook *30-44 members* District 2nd Place

Morenci Garden Club
Yearbook *30-44 members* District 3rd Place
Club of Distinction: *Certification of Appreciation (80 points)*

Neighborhood Garden Club of Carleton
Club of Distinction: *Certification of Appreciation (83 points)*

Saline Stone and Thistle Garden Club
Yearbook *30-44 members* District 1st Place
Club of Distinction Recognition (147 points)

Somerset Garden Club
Club of Distinction: *Certification of Appreciation (65 points)*

District IIB

Brighton Garden Club
Yearbook *30-44 members* District & MGC 1st Place (sent to NGC)
Gold Seal Club of Distinction (184 points)

Dansville Back Yard Buds Garden Club
Club of Distinction: *Certification of Appreciation (85 points)*

DeWitt Millennium Garden Club
Yearbook *45-69 members* District 2nd Place

Eaton Rapids Home & Garden Club
Club of Distinction Recognition (105 points)

Garden Club of Greater Lansing *medium size club*
NGC #13A2 Newsletter MGC Honorable Mention
Yearbook *45-69 members* District 1st Place
Gold Seal Club of Distinction (256 points)

Green Thumb Garden Club
Yearbook *45-69 members* District 2nd Place

Hartland Home & Garden Club *small size club*
NGC #73 Civic Project with Native Plants MGC 1st Place (sent to NGC)
Yearbook *20-39 members* District 1st Place

Inland Lakes Garden Club
Club of Distinction: *Certificate of Appreciation (57 points)*

Meridian Garden Club: *medium size club*
NGC #13 A2: Newsletter MGC Honorable Mention
Yearbook *30-44 members* District 3rd Place
Gold Seal Club of Distinction (179 points)

River Ridge Garden Club
Yearbook *under 20 members* District 1st Place

Thornapple Garden Club
Gold Seal Club of Distinction (185 points)

Webberville Garden Club
NGC #44 Publicity Press Book MGC 2nd Place
Club of Distinction Recognition (129 points)

Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club
Yearbook *45-69 members* District 3rd Place
NGC #44 Publicity Press Book MGC Honorable Mention
Gold Seal Club of Distinction (231 points)

District III

Berrien Springs Garden Forum *medium size club*
MI #1 Civic Beautification MGC 2nd Place
NGC #73 Civic Project with Native Plants MGC 1st Place (sent to NGC)
Yearbook *45-69 members* District 2nd Place
Club of Distinction Recognition (101 points)

Burke View Garden Club *small size club*
MI # 1 Civic Beautification MGC 2nd Place
Yearbook *under 20 members* District 2nd Place

Burr Oak Garden Club *small size club*
MI #1 Civic Beautification MGC 1st Place
Yearbook *20-29 members* District III Honorable Mention
Club of Distinction: *Certificate of Appreciation (77 points)*

Chula Vista Garden Club
Yearbook *under 20 members* District 1st Place

Club of Little Gardens
Yearbook *20-29 members* District Honorable Mention
Gold Seal Club of Distinction (311 points** MGC highest)

Colon Garden Club *small size club*
MI #1 Civic Beautification MGC 3rd Place
MI #6 Elsie Cook Award for Landscape Design MGC 1st Place Kent

2008 Books of Evidence, Yearbooks & Club of Distinction

- Colon Garden Club, continued
Yearbook 20-29 members Certificate of Appreciation
Club of Distinction Recognition 106 points
- Four Flags Garden Club
Yearbook 20-29 members Certificate of Appreciation
- Gardenettes Garden Club
Club of Distinction Recognition (107 points)
- Gull Prairie Garden Club
Yearbook under 20 members Certificate of Appreciation
- Indian Hills Garden Club
Yearbook 45-69 members District Honorable Mention
- Kalamazoo Garden Club
Yearbook 45-69 members District & MGC 1st Place (sent to NGC)
Gold Seal Club of Distinction (203 points)
- Lakeshore Flower Arrangers Guild
Yearbook Special Category MGC 2nd Place
- Landscapers Garden Club
Gold Seal Club of Distinction (157 points)
- Mason Union Garden Club *small size club*
MI #7 Photography MGC Honorable Mention
Yearbook 20-29 members District 3rd Place
- Meek's Mill Garden Club *small size club*
NGC #13 A2 Newsletter MGC 1st Place (sent to NGC)
Yearbook 20-29 members District 2nd Place
Gold Seal Club of Distinction (156 points)
- Niles Garden Club
Bobbie Quick: MI #7 Photography MGC Honorable Mention
Gold Seal Club of Distinction (194 points)
- Parchment Garden Club
Yearbook 20-29 members Certificate of Appreciation
- Petal Pushers Garden Club
Yearbook 20-29 members Certificate of Appreciation
Club of Distinction: *Certificate of Appreciation (70 points)*
- Portage Garden Club
Yearbook 30-44 members Certificate of Appreciation
- River Valley Garden Club
Yearbook 20-29 members District & MGC 1st Place (Sent to MGC)
- Seedlings Garden Club
Yearbook 30-44 members District 1st Place
- Shoreline Garden Club
Yearbook 20-29 members District Honorable Mention
- South Haven Garden Club
Yearbook 100-299 members District 1st Place
- Sturgis Garden Club
Yearbook 45-69 members District 3rd Place
Club of Distinction Recognition (103 points)
- Wabigon Gardeners
Yearbook under 20 members Certificate of Appreciation
Club of Distinction *Certificate of Appreciation (74 points)*
- Western Hills Garden Club
Club of Distinction Recognition (117 points)
- Westwood Garden Club
Club of Distinction Recognition (124 points)
- District IV**
- Belding Gardeners
Club of Distinction: *Certificate of Appreciation (72 Points)*
- Big Rapids Garden Club
MI #7 Photography: Karen Motawi MGC 1st Place
Yearbook 30-44 members District 1st Place
- Canadian Lakes Garden Club
Yearbook 70-99 members District 3rd Place
- Cedar Springs Garden Club
Club of Distinction: *Certificate of Appreciation (55 points)*
- Dirt Dauber Garden Club
Club of Distinction: *Certificate of Appreciation (65 points)*
- Greenville Garden Club
Yearbook 30-44 members District 3rd Place
- Holland Garden Club *large size club*
MI #4 B2 Horticulture Article *Judy Nykamp* MGC 1st Place
MI #7 Photography: *Judy Nykamp* MGC Honorable Mention
MI #11 Feature Article: *Judy Nykamp* MGC 2nd Place
NGC #13 A2 Newsletter MGC 1st Place (sent to NGC)
NGC #63 Website Certificate of Appreciation
Yearbook 100-299 members District & MGC 1st Place (sent to NGC)
NGC #44 Publicity Press Book MGC 1st Place (sent to CR)
- Garden Club *medium size club*
MI #9 Caroline Gray MGC 2nd Place
NGC #13 A2 Newsletter MGC 1st Place (sent to NGC)
MI-A President's Award MGC 1st Place
Member Award of Honor MGC 1st Place (sent to CR)
Yearbook 70-99 members District & MGC 1st Place (sent to NGC)
Gold Seal Club of Distinction (289 points)
- Muskegon Garden Club
Yearbook 70-99 members District 2nd Place
- Rockford Garden Club
Club of Distinction *Certificate of Appreciation (75 points)*
- Saugatuck Douglas Garden Club
Yearbook 45-69 members District 2nd Place
Club of Distinction Recognition (100 points)
- Standale Garden Club
Yearbook 30-44 members District 2nd Place
- Tri-Cities Garden Club
Yearbook 45-69 members District 1st place
Gold Seal Club of Distinction (150 points)
- West Michigan Flower Arrangers Guild
Member Award of Honor MGC 1st Place (sent to CR)
Yearbook *Special Category* MGC 1st Place
Club of Distinction Recognition (140 points)
- 2008 Books of Evidence, Yearbooks and Club of Distinction
By District
- District V**
- Boyne Valley Garden Club
Yearbook 100-299 members District 3rd Place
- Cadillac Garden Club
Yearbook 30-44 members District 2nd Place
- Charlevoix Evening Garden Club
Yearbook 20-29 members District 1st Place
- Edelweiss Garden Club
Yearbook 45-69 members District 1st Place
NGC #44 Publicity Press Book MGC 1st Place (to Central Region)
Club of Distinction Recognition (115 points)
- Elk Rapids Garden Club *small size club*
Member Award of Honor MGC 3rd Place
Yearbook 100-299 members District 1st Place
Gold Seal Club of Distinction (219 points)
- Friendly Garden Club of Traverse City *medium size club*
MI #1 Civic Beautification MGC 1st Place
Yearbook 45-69 members District 2nd Place
NGC #44 Publicity Press Book MGC 3rd Place
Gold Seal Club of Distinction (153 points)
- Glen Lake Garden Club
Yearbook 70-99 members District 2nd Place
- Juniper Garden Club
Yearbook 70-99 members District 1st Place
Club of Distinction Recognition (131 points)
- Lake Shores Garden Club
Yearbook 45-69 members District 3rd Place
- Ma-Me-Ne-Sewong Garden Club
Yearbook 20-29 members District 2nd Place
- Mason County Garden Club *medium size club*
NGC #13 A2 Newsletter Certificate of Appreciation
Yearbook 45-69 members District Honorable Mention
Gold Seal Club of Distinction (167 points)
- Petoskey Area Garden Club
Yearbook 100-299 members District 2nd Place
- Portage Lake Garden Club
Yearbook 45-69 members District Honorable Mention
- Seedums Garden Club
Gold Seal Club of Distinction (175 points)
- Spirit of the Woods Garden Club *medium size club*
MI #1 Civic Beautification MGC 3rd Place
MI #3 Horticulture MGC 2nd Place
MI #4 Horticulture: Overall Program MGC 1st Place
NGC #13 A2 Newsletter MGC Honorable Mention
NGC #44 Publicity Press Book Certificate of Appreciation
Yearbook 30-44 members District 1st Place
- Sweetwater Evening Garden Club *small size club*
NGC #49 Community Landscape Design MGC 1st Place (sent to NGC)
Club of Distinction: *Certificate of Appreciation (59 points)*

2008 Books of Evidence, Yearbooks and Club of Distinction Cont.

District VI

Caro Garden Club
Yearbook 20-29 members District 3rd Place
Chemical City Garden Club
Yearbook 20-29 members District 1st Place
Evening Bloomers Garden Club *medium size club*
NGC #13 A2 Newsletter Certificate of Appreciation
Yearbook 30-44 members Certificate of Appreciation
Evergreen Garden Club
Yearbook 20-29 members District Honorable Mention
Club of Distinction *Certificate of Appreciation (89 points)*
Great Lakes Gardeners
Club of Distinction Recognition (122 points)

Lakeshore Garden Club of Lexington *medium?? Or Large ?? size club*
MI #4 Horticulture: Educational Activity MGC 1st Place
MI #9 Caroline Gray MGC 1st Place
Yearbook 70-99 members Certificate of Appreciation
Little Garden Club of Midland
Yearbook 20-29 members District 2nd Place
Club of Distinction Recognition: (107 points)
Mt. Pleasant Federated Garden Club
Yearbook 30-44 members District 1st Place
Club of Distinction Recognition (149 points)
Owosso Garden Club
Yearbook 45-69 members Certificate of Appreciation
Rainbow Lakes Garden Club *medium size club*
NGC #13 A2 Newsletter MGC Honorable Mention
Club of Distinction Recognition (120 points)
Sadie Toepfner Garden Study Club
Club of Distinction *Certificate of Appreciation (51 points)*

Floral Designer Presents a "Creative Challenge"

2009 MAAJ Meeting

Garden club members interested in floral design are invited to attend the Michigan Association of Accredited Judges Meeting Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at McGuire's Resort in Cadillac, Michigan.

Location: McGuire's Resort 7880 South Mackinaw Trail, Cadillac, MI 49601 (231-775-9947) \$20.00 cost includes two programs and lunch. Guests welcome (\$25.00) **9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Agenda:

9:00 a.m.: Registration and Continental Breakfast

10:00 a.m.: "How to Exhibit and Judge Roses" - Dolores Stouwie

Presented by former Michigan Garden Club President Dolores Stouwie. Dolores, a Master Flower Show Judge and Advanced Master Gardener who grows over 300 roses.

11:00 a.m. MAAJ Meeting with President Mary Pulick presiding

Noon: Lunch

1:00 p.m.: "Creative Challenge" - Penny Decker

Penny Decker of Ormond Beach, FL, a Master Flower Show Judge and National Garden Club Design Instructor, will be creating dynamic designs highlighting the "Challenge Class."

REGISTRATION FORM for the MAAJ June 23rd Meeting

Name _____ District _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

MAAJ member _____ (Cost \$20) Guest _____ (Cost \$25)

Send registration to: June Peterson, 420 Crestview Place, Cadillac, MI 49601
231-775-4047 or Junebob@charter.net
checks should be made payable to MAAJ -- Registration Deadline: June 12, 2009

Gardening Study School, Course III

The National Garden Clubs, Inc. sponsors various schools for the educational benefits of their members. Gardening Study School is a series of four courses designed to stimulate interest and understanding in the growth of plant material. Members of NGC, Inc. garden clubs who complete the program are designated Gardening Consultants and are eligible to join the Tri-Consultants Council. Each course consists of 10 hours of lectures over the course of two days, a course outline, and reading assignments. A student wishing to take the optional exam must attend all ten hours of the course. Successful completion of all four exams allows application to be designated a Gardening Consultant.

Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. is hosting, and District VI of MGC, Inc. is presenting Course III of Gardening Study School, September 21-22, 2009, in Midland, Michigan. The school is designed to benefit all gardeners, from novices to the most experienced and masterful gardener. The school is designed to stimulate interest in the growth of plant materials; teach how and why a plant grows; teach soil structure and modification for more productive soils; illustrate propagation, teach plant identification; explore specialized styles of gardening; teach what effect weather has on plants and how to modify conditions for optimum growth; and give an understanding of fungicides, pesticides, and growth regulators; along with other gardening topics of interest and usefulness.

Topics of instruction for Course III include: Factors That Influence Plant Growth, Pruning Techniques, Techniques For Growing Outdoor Flowers, Teaching Tour of a Botanical Garden, and Classifying Plants (Plant Taxonomy). Location of the school is First United Methodist Church, Midland Michigan. All instructors are highly qualified with degrees in horticulture or other pertinent science related college degrees. There are no student pre-requisites, thus Course III can be attended without having attended Course I or II. Garden club members and members of the public are invited to attend the school courses.

Required reading for this course includes the following: chapters in the textbook Living With Plants by Donna Schumann, Elwood Ehrle, and Richard Phippen: chapters 1, 2, 6, 9, & 10; and designated reading from *The National Gardener*, requiring a three year (\$18) subscription to the quarterly magazine. The book and magazine may be ordered from the National Garden Clubs, Inc. by calling 1-800-550-6007, or sending a check to National Garden Clubs, Inc., 4401 Magnolia Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63110-3492.

For more information call or email co-chairmen Bethany Goodman, 1-989-835-3580 or BGGoodman@aol.com , or Sue Wilber, 1-989-832-2792 or cswilber@yahoo.com Cost of the school is \$60, plus \$5 if the student wants to take the exam or "refresh" their already earned "consultant" status. The fee includes printed materials, continental breakfast, lunch, and breaks for both days. A check, payable to MCG, Inc. Gardening Study School and registration form should be mailed to registrar Donna Dolinski, 914 Scenic Drive, Midland, MI 48642. **Registration deadline is September 10, 2009. No refunds after September 15, 2009; 989-832-7931; rdolinski@aol.com.** Further communication with registered students will be via email or U.S. mail.

MIDLAND, MI GARDEN STUDY COURSE III REGISTRATION

Registration Deadline: September 10, 2009

Please Print

NAME: _____

GARDEN CLUB: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

STREET: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

FULL COURSE REGISTRATION:

Sept. 21 & 22, 2009 \$60.00 \$ _____

Includes study outlines, two continental breakfasts and two lunches

Taking Exam? Yes No.....Refreshing? Yes No Fee \$5.00 \$ _____

PART TIME REGISTRATION:

Monday, Sept. 21 2009 \$35.00 \$ _____

Thursday, Sept. 22, 2009 \$35.00 \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Meeting at First United Methodist Church from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days.

Michigan Garden Clubs and District I will host the *Flower Show School Course IV* September 17-19, 2009, Ann Arbor, MI

MGC Local Chairman Della Haydon 1 734 427.9410 • MGC Vice Chairman Florence Smith 1 248 553.0994

Thursday September 17, 2008

7:45-8:00: Registration

Class: 9:15am-5pm

Friday, September 18, 2008

7:45-8:00: Registration

Class: 9:15am-5pm

Saturday September 19, 2009

9:00-12:00 Written Examination.

Instructor of Horticulture: Dottie Howatt from Delaware presents Collections and Displays. She will also teach Flower Show Procedure.

Instructor of Design: Jo Kraffman from Arkansas speaking on tables and miniatures.

FLOWER SHOW COURSE IV REGISTRATION FORM Registration Deadline: September 1, 2009

Please Print

Make checks payable to MGC District I Flower Show School. Send to Registrar: Angie Wilke • 32241 Barkley • Livonia, MI 48154-3513; (734) 427.5353 • wilke1210@tds.net

No Refunds after September 1, 2009. A \$10.00 Check processing fee will be charged for refunds prior to the deadline.

NAME: _____

GARDEN CLUB: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

STREET: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

FULL COURSE REGISTRATION:

Sept. 17, 18, and 19, 2009 Full Course with Exam \$95.00 \$ _____

Sept. 17, 18, and 19, 2009 Full Course no Exam \$90.00 \$ _____

PART TIME REGISTRATION:

One-day Horticulture with Exam \$55.00 \$ _____

One-day Horticulture NO Exam \$50.00 \$ _____

One-day Design with Exam \$55.00 \$ _____

One-day Design NO Exam \$50.00 \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

**Location: Holiday Inn - North Campus, Ann Arbor (same as last two courses)
734-769-9800**

Calendar of Events

June 2 & 3: MGC, Inc. State Convention. Kalamazoo.

June 6th: A Gardener's Extravaganza kick off "National Garden Week" in Marshall MI. Dansville Back Yard Buds Garden Club hosts; 10-5; Visit www.turkeyville.com for details.

June 23 MAAJ Meeting at McGuire's Resort in Cadillac. Floral Design program by Penny Decker of Florida and Roses to be discussed by Dolores Stouwie. \$20 registration fee includes lunch. Guests Welcome \$25. Send Registration to: June Peterson, 420 Crestview Place, Cadillac 49601 231-775-4047 or Junebob@charter.net.

June 27-28: Grosse Point Garden Walk. 10-4 \$12 pre-tour, \$15 tour day. Contact Dolores Berger 313-881-9483

June 27: "Walk on Wheels" Garden Walk. Tri-Cities GC, Grand Haven; 10-4; \$8.00; Tickets: Tri-Cities Museum, Washington St.; Museum hours T-F 9:30-7:00; S-S 12:30-7; (616) 842-0700 or Harriet Nise 616-846-1207

June 27: The Wayne Garden Club presents A Neighborhood Garden Walk. 9:30-2:00 rain or Shine. Tickets: Goudy Park Gardens 3355 S. Wayne Rd, Wayne, (behind City Hall). Info: Mary Anne (734) 729-2884 or Lynn (734) 731-8232.

June 27: Carnegie GC's Second Annual "Splendor in the Garden" Tour. Paw Paw, MI, 10-4, rain or shine. \$8.00 pre sale, \$10 tour day; six gardens, two lakefront. Contact Gail Karr, 269-657-6733

June 27 Webberville GC Garden Walk. 12-4; Free to public; Contact Ann Evans 517-521-3324 evansma@msu.edu or Mandy Miner 517-490-1379 minerquad@cablespeed.com

June 27: Brighton Garden Club Garden Tour. 10 - 4; \$10.00 Advanced Tickets; \$12.00 Day of Tour; Tickets available Chamber of Commerce 131 Hyne, Brighton; Contact Jean Atkinson george.atkinson2@gmail.com

July 9: "Gardens with a Water View" Garden Walk. The Juniper GC. Six Gardens. 10-5. Local restaurant lunch specials. \$6.00 advn.; \$8.00 on 9th. Contact Lori Ordway, 8974 Alden Meadows, Alden 49612; 231-331-4018; lordway@charter.net

July 9,10 & 11: "Out Of This World" Flower Show. Tri-Cities GC; Spring Lake Library; Contact Janet Joiner 616-842-7919 gleinc@comcast.net

July 11: South Lyon Garden Walk 10-4; \$10- purchase at McHattie Park, Pontiac Trl, south of 10 Mile. Info 248-437-8291-Chris. <http://fsgc.homestead.com/gardenwalk.html>

July 11: 4 Seasons GC Garden Walk. 10-4; \$10; purchase at McHattie Park, Pontiac Trl, south of 10 Mile. Info 248-437-8291 Chris or <http://fsgc.homestead.com/gardenwalk.html>

July 11: Friendly GC of Lake City. Independence Garden Walk. 12-5; 5 gardens featuring a water garden & MI native plants garden. Pre-tour tickets: call Esther 231-775-0742 or Beverly 231-839-7422 vicandbev@michweb.net

July 11: "A Day in the Garden" Garden Tour. Thornapple GC of Hastings; 9-5; Tickets \$6 at thornappleclub@yahoo.com \$8 day of tour - Garden Thyme Market, Thornapple G.C. booth. Contact Donna Brown at 1-269-948-2790 or Renee Beduhn-Colins 1-269-804-9695

July 11: South Haven Garden Walk. 11-4; Tickets \$10 pre-tour at Visitor Bureau 544 Phoenix or day of walk at Bailey Museum, 903 S. Bailey, South Haven; Info: 269-637-2478

July 12: DeWitt Millennium Garden Club Garden Tour. 12-5; pre-tour; tickets \$6.00; Contact Carol Bennett cjbennett46@yahoo.com

July 11-12: "Welcome to My Garden." Garden Walk. Marshall Area GC 10am--4pm rain or shine. \$8 pre-tour, \$2 children, \$10 tour day. Contact 269-781-5434 www.marshallmi.org/events.taf#July

July 15: "A Potpourri of Garden's" Garden Walk. Edelweiss Garden Club of Gaylord; 1 - 7; Contact Jane Mead 989-732-1895 mikemead@vovager.net

July 15: "Revealing a Native Palette" Garden Walk. Charlevoix GC; 10 - 4; Tickets \$12 pre-tour; \$15 day of walk; available at local merchants. Walk luncheon at Castle Farms; Contact Jackie Krutsch at jackiekr@charter.net

July 16: The Friendly Garden Club of Traverse City's 27th Annual Garden Walk. Noon-8:00 rain or shine; \$6 pre-sale or \$8 day of walk. For information contact Nancy (231) 269-3452 or Janet (231) 946-8003

July 17, 18 & 19: "A Salute to the USA, a musical tribute" Flower Show. Kent GC; at Meijer Gardens, Fri. 3-5; Sat. 9:30-5; Sun. 12-5; Free admission. Info: Lynn 616-676-2274

July 25 & 26: Garden Tour. The Landscapers GC of Kalamazoo, Saturday, 10-4 & Sunday 1-5pm in Kalamazoo. Contact: Lynn Dinvald 269-343-3827

July 19: "A Bouquet of Gardens." Garden Walk. Mason County Garden Club Ludington; 1am--5pm, rain or shine. \$7 presale, \$10 tour day. Contact Deb 231-757-3605

August 27: "On Broadway" Flower Show. Mason County GC. 1-4 ; United Methodist Church, 5810 Bryant Rd. Ludington. Contact Diane 231-843-8112

September 2 & 3: State Finance and State Board Meeting, Lansing

September 3: South Haven Flower Show. 1-5; Lake Michigan College, 125 Veteran's Blvd, South Haven; Free admission. Info: Esther 269-637-2478, hansen.esther@yahoo.com

September 12: Annual Perennial Plant Sale. Mason County GC. 9-noon. Scottville Framer's Mrkt, Scottville. Contact Diane 231-843-8112

September 14 & 15: Flower Show Symposium. McCamly Plaza Hotel

September 17 18, 19: Flower Show School, Course IV. Dist. I. Contact: Della Haydon: 734-427-9410

September 25: District V Meeting

September 21 & 22: Gardening Study School Course III Midland

September 26 & 27: Dried Plant & Herb Sale. Lowell Showboat Garden Club; 11-5; Fallasburg Park, north of Lowell

September 25: District V Meeting. North Central Community College, Petoskey Contact Sharon Francis 231-347-2854

September 29 & 30, Oct 1: Landscape Design School Course III

October 8: District III Meeting "Railroad Gardens: Past and Present." Berrien Springs, 9:00; Village Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Hosted by Four Flags Garden Club of Niles Contact: Elaine Metzger 269-683-5292

District IIB Fall Meeting: The Williamston Red Cedar GC, Dansville Backyard Buds GC & Mason Sycamore GC will host the meeting. No date set. Look for details early Sept. on the MGC web site.

October 9-11: Charlevoix GC fall bulb sale held at Charlevoix's Applefest. Variety of bulbs, many specialty bulbs and garden tools. Info: Joyce Reznick at 231-547-0680 joyreznick@aol.com

October 13: District IV Presidents Meeting Holland

October 20 District VI Fall Meeting. 9-3; "Shh-The Garden is Sleeping" Owosso GC at Shiawassee Readiness Center Contact: Kathryn Gehrs-Pahl gpahl@charter.net

December 5: Cadillac Garden Club Holiday Home Tour. 11-4; Discount for advance tickets; Info: Vickie Essenmacher 231-510-9047 dessenmacher0559@charter.net