



# MGC, Inc. Newsletter

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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.



## President's Message

Dear Gardeners,

This time of year most of you are asking, "Where did the summer go?" I also have asked myself that question. The old saying "Time flies when you are busy having fun," sure applies to this summer.

It was my pleasure and honor to attend flower shows, garden walks, Conservation Conference, Gardening Study, Landscape Design, Flower Show School, Environmental School, Blue Star Memorial dedications and the 2008 convention.

I sincerely regret that I could not attend all the events you have requested, but I do praise you for all you are doing for your district and your local civic gardens. It really makes a difference in your community and when I travel I see the gardens and containers and I know who was in charge of these beautification efforts.

I have encouraged you to preserve the habitat of the monarch butterfly and install rain gardens. Here is the information on how to submit your books of evidence. Collect all information and secure it in a loose-leaf, lightweight folder. Under the pictures, write a short narration. Your folder can be up to four pages double sided.

Categories: Young children, ages preschool to 8 years; Youth, 8 years to 16 years; Garden Club member (no age limit) or your entire garden club is invited to enter.

Now is the time to collect information in booklet form and enter it for the President's Award. April 1, 2009 is the deadline. The winners will be announced at the spring district meetings.

National Garden Clubs has announced a membership drive. This drive started on June 1, 2008 and will end May 31, 2009. The state with the most new members per capita will win a canna named for the state. Imagine a Cannaceae Canna clv. 'Michigan.' The mandate for Michigan is to bring in 1000 or more new members. We already have a good start, let us continue to encourage new members to join. One great idea is to feed them well and they will come.

I feel the need to address the delivery of our MGC newsletter. When I received the estimate for mailing and printing the newsletter to 7400 members, the total was right around \$7000.00. The Executive Board was contacted and

voted to try and see if we could cut the expenses by having members access the web site at [www.michigangardenclubs.org](http://www.michigangardenclubs.org) or receive it by email. So far, we are doing quite well. We will continue to send the newsletter by mail to those who do not have access to a computer.

The money we save will go directly into the Awards program so that we can honor your efforts with your books of evidences.

The dues you send in each year partially support the printing and mailing out of the newsletter, but they also support administration expenses and other business of Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.

The autumn weather is fast approaching and that means our gardens are ready to rest. The foliage of the maple trees are showing their colors and soon all the trees will be ablaze. What a palette for all the artists and a spectacular season to enjoy.

Enjoy each season,  
Dolores, MGC, Inc. President --  
[dolores.stouwie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dolores.stouwie@sbcglobal.net)

I leave you with this song sung to the tune of, "Up on the House top."

*First comes a butterfly that lays an egg  
Out comes a caterpillar with many legs  
Oh, watch the caterpillar spin and spin  
A little chrysalis to sleep in  
Oh, Oh, Oh, watch and see  
Oh, Oh, Oh, watch and see  
Out of the Chrysalis  
My oh my*

*Out pops a beautiful butterfly*

(From a poster made by a preschool class in Morrice, MI.  
Submitted by Nancy McGilliard.)

## NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

MGC, Inc. encourages all members to either view or download the MGC Newsletter on at <http://michigangardenclubs.org> You can also have the newsletter emailed to your email address. The Newsletter is available as a Word.doc or a PDF format on the web. For security it is emailed as a PDF file to your email address. Your computer must have Adobe Reader to open the file. Most new computers already come with Adobe software. If not, you can download a free version from the internet at: <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html> For direct email delivery send email request to [robinlee@ctec.net](mailto:robinlee@ctec.net) Help us reduce printing and postage costs. Help conserve trees and save landfill space – get your news electronically!

## 2009 MICHIGAN GARDEN CLUBS, INC. AWARDS

**Please retain this information for the awards for the year 2009**

Michigan Garden Club Awards are also found online: [www.michigangardenclubs.org](http://www.michigangardenclubs.org) The awards year is January 1 through December 31 unless noted. If you have a project occurring after October 15 and need an extension of the deadline please contact the appropriate awards chairman.

### GENERAL AWARDS

**National Garden Club, Central Region AND Michigan Garden Club** are printed in *The National Gardener Fall 2008*. A Complete listing of all NGC awards and rules can be downloaded from NGC website: [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)

**Central Region Awards** are printed in the 2007 Summer Issue of the Central Region's Newsletter. A complete listing can be found on [www.ngccentralregion.org](http://www.ngccentralregion.org)

Please read these awards carefully as your project may have a broader application and fit into a different award. All prior Michigan awards not listed below fit into a NGC award.

### Where to send BOOKS OF EVIDENCE

Send to MGC Awards Chairman Deannie Picciotti, 2394 Sunset Bluff Dr, Holland, MI 49424 616-399-2323 [dmp77@charter.net](mailto:dmp77@charter.net) ) by **November 1**. First Place Award will be sent to NGC (only one per state allowed in each category) by the Awards Chairman. The remainder will be judged in each category and given MGC 2nd, 3rd and Certificate of Appreciation.

### Where to send YEARBOOKS & DIRECTORIES

**Send 1 Yearbooks/Directory to Program/Yearbook Chairman:**

Deannie Picciotti, 2394 Sunset Bluff Dr., Holland, MI 49424 616-399-2323 [dmp77@charter.net](mailto:dmp77@charter.net)

**Send 1 Yearbooks/Directory to Program/Yearbook MGC President:**

Dolores Stouwie, 2061 Britton Ct SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546-5509 616-949-5825 [stouwie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stouwie@sbcglobal.net)

**Send 1 Yearbooks/Directory to MGC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:**

Lynn Dinvald, 6802 Springbrook Ln, Kalamazoo, MI 49004-9665 269-343-3827 [ydoublelne@aol.com](mailto:ydoublelne@aol.com)

**And Send 1 Yearbooks/Directory to your club's District Director:**

Newsletters (NGC Award #13A) are sent to MGC Awards Chairman (Deannie Picciotti: 2394 Sunset Bluff Dr., Holland, MI 49424)

### CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION

**MI#1 Civic Beautification** – *Michigan Award of Merit* may be awarded to a garden club or clubs for the planting of annuals and/or perennials that beautify a public area.

**MI#2 Civic Beautification with Wildflowers and Native Plants** – *Michigan Award of Merit* may be awarded to a garden club for planting wildflowers and/or native plants that beautify a public area.

### HORTICULTURE

**MI#3 Horticulture** – *Michigan Award of Merit* to a club/individual which is outstanding in promoting and stressing horticulture by participating in two or more of the following horticultural practices:

1. Growing plants under artificial light.
2. Pest control avoiding hard pesticides.
3. Placing permanent labels on plant material in areas used by the public.
4. Other-field trip, memorial garden, public workshops.

**MI#4 Horticulture** – *Certificate of Appreciation* to a district, club or individual member of a garden club for outstanding achievement in either of the following:

1. An outstanding educational activity to promote good horticultural practice.
2. Overall excellence and a well balanced program for the year in horticultural activities. Include program yearbook.

**MI#5 Liberty Hyde Bailey Award** to the club having contributed the most comprehensive offering in any phase of horticulture. May be given to the club applying for one of the above Horticulture awards.

### LANDSCAPE DESIGN

**MI#6 Elsie Cook Award for Landscape Design** – *Michigan Award of Merit* to a small, medium and large member garden club which has made the most significant contribution in providing, planning, for one of the following **completed** projects: commercial property, church, hospital, library, civic center, park, waterfront, other.

### PHOTOGRAPHY

**MI#7 Photography** – *Michigan Award of Merit* to the club or individual member which presents the best set of 5 vertical or horizontal 5"x7" color prints suitable for use by Michigan Gardens Clubs, Inc. on MGC's Website or other promotional uses, photographer will be credited. Entry should be accompanied by a typewritten commentary keyed to pictures. Plant material in artistic designs as well as prominent trees or plants should be identified using common and botanical names. Photos will be retained by Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. Submit entries in an Envelope, put one copy of the Application inside with the photos and the Commentary describing photos and plant identification, glue the second copy of the Application on the outside of the envelope. (Book of Evidence Not Required)

### WORKING WITH YOUTH AWARDS

**MI #8 Ecoteer and Ecoteen (Jr. and Intermediate Gardening)** – *Michigan Award of Merit* to the registered junior or intermediate clubs, and their sponsoring senior club, which is outstanding in carrying on a balanced gardening program. Include yearbooks of both clubs.

**MI#9 The Caroline Gray Award of Merit** sponsored by the Kalamazoo Garden Council. A \$50.00 award to one small, to one medium and to one large garden club participating in an out-standing project with school-age children in the area of horticulture, nature study, conservation, flower arranging, beautification or civic concern

### PUBLICATIONS

**MI #10 Educational Articles** – *Michigan Award of Merit* to a club, or group of clubs having the most outstanding 13 consecutive weeks of high-caliber educational articles on various aspects of gardening published by a newspaper. Must use the MGC by-line; must have 5 or more members participating in writing articles. Dated copies of articles must accompany presentation.

**MI #11 Feature Article** – *Michigan Award of Merit* for the best feature article of approximately 1000 words by an individual member of a Michigan Garden Club published in a newspaper or periodical other than *MGC Newsletter*.

(Award Rules continued)

### **DECORATIVE DESIGN/HORTICULTURE DISPLAYS**

**MI #12 Marge McGoff Decorative Design**—*Michigan Award of Merit* for decorative design in a building/homes open to the public sponsored by one or more clubs, a district or an individual member. A worthy floral display or arrangements using plant material with accessories permitted as a community project for special occasions (ie: Holiday home tour or celebration etc.) Include description of display, photography, length of time for viewing, number participating, publicity. The first place club will receive \$50.

**MI #13 Holland Garden Club Horticulture/Design Display**—*Award of Merit* for a display of Horticulture and or Design in a public building such as a library, art center, museum, city hall, etc.

A. New display on a weekly basis through out the year.

First Place to receive \$100.

A new display on a monthly basis through out the year. First Place to receive \$100.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

**MI #14 Environmental Award**—*Michigan Award of Merit* may be awarded for:

The Best Project promoting conservation, recycling, other environmental concerns

The Best Educational Environmental Program for club meeting, District Meeting, or other type of meeting.

**For all of the above awards, either NGC or MGC** follow these rules and send Books of Evidence to the MGC Awards Chairman Deannie Picciotti, 2394 Sunset Bluff Dr., Holland MI 49424, 616-399-2323;

email: [dmp77@charter.net](mailto:dmp77@charter.net)

### **GENERAL RULES FOR BOOKS OF EVIDENCE**

*Not for Flower Show Books of Evidence*

**Folder:** Report cover or 2-pocket folder with center fasteners; no scrapbooks or oversized books. Folder should be sturdy enough to be mailed for judging.

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**Label on Outside Cover:** Number and name of Award, Category (size and eligibility), name of club, city and state. Include all required information. No required size of label.

#### **Examples:**

MI #1 Civic Beautification

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Any Name Garden Club

Somewhere, MI

#### **Application Form:**

- Use MGC Awards Application form. The State President and Awards Chairman will sign if it is sent to NGC. Use this form **even** for NGC awards and send to MGC Awards Chairman.
- Attach one copy of the completed application form to the inside front cover (use staples); over the top attach second copy with a paper clip.
- Summary of project appears on application form, approximately 3-4 sentences (Include in the summary the Name of the Garden Club, City and State. *Type this section.*

**Categories by Size:** Garden club application shall be judged according to size as determined by number of members on whom MGC dues are paid, **including** Active, Associate, Inactive, Honorary, Life, et al. Use number of members as of June 1:

i small club 29 members and under

ii medium club 30-99 members

iii 100 and over

**Eligibility:** Capital letter used throughout NGC Awards. A – Single member garden club (Small, medium, large – see above); B – Group of member clubs; C – Individual garden club member.

#### **Presentation:**

- Not to exceed 6 pages, front and back for a maximum of 12 surfaces.
- Use standard 8-1/2 x 11” paper.
- Pages may be placed in top loading sheet protectors available at office supply, discount stores, etc.
- All material must be attached to pages; secure photographs neatly and firmly.
- Proofread carefully. Neatness is important.
- No Table of Contents or Summary needed. Summary appears on Application form.
- Check description of award.

**Top of first page:** Number and name of NGC (or MGC) award, name of club/s, number of members who have paid state dues.

Example: #53 National Garden Week  
Any Name Garden Club,  
32 members

**Written Text:** Concise, covers all requirements in award description and Scale of Points

- Scope of Project; need and fulfillment, comprehensiveness of work
  - Involvement of members, community, government agencies, youth, etc.; planning; activities to attain goal; evaluation of goals reached; how project benefited the community
  - Very brief history if continuing project
- Specific information required in each award; e.g. landscape plan, budget, and financial report (check for this!)

#### **Record or Documentation:**

- Letters of appreciation, community awards, newspaper/magazine articles, radio/TV script, etc.
- Photocopying, scanned material, reduction of material and digital photographs are allowed (except Publicity Press Book)
- Landscape plan may be reduced to fit
- Clear, well-labeled photos, neatly attached, before and after photos from same perspective. Photos may be interspersed throughout or following text.
- Yearbook or yearbook pages **not** needed for documentation.

**When the same project is eligible for various awards:** Submitting exact duplication of Books of Evidence is **not acceptable**. The text should be written to address the award requirements. Ex.: Landscaping the public library could be entered as #1 Civic Achievement and text would address the benefit to community, low maintenance for city, and interaction with other civic groups. The same project could also be entered for #49 Community Landscape Design with emphasis on the landscape plan, work of members with designer, choice of plants, execution of design, etc.

**PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK (NGC #44)**

Send to MGC Awards Chairman (Deannie Picciotti, 2394 Sunset Bluff Dr. Holland, MI 49424 616-399-2323 email: [dmp77@charter.net](mailto:dmp77@charter.net) ) by January 25. Use MGC Application Form. Michigan Award of Merit for publicity may be given to garden clubs for outstanding publicity material submitted in press book form.

The Book of Evidence is submitted to the MGC Publicity Press Book Chairman and the one deemed most outstanding will be forwarded to Central Region to compete for comparable Central Region award.

**Requirements for Preparing Publicity Press Book**

- Label on outside cover: number and name of NGC award, category, name of club/s, city and state.
- Submit in report cover or folder; 8 ½ x 11' or 9 x 12". No heavy scrapbooks or oversized portfolios. There is no limit on the number of pages. Plastic page protectors may be used. Material must consist only of newspaper, magazine, newsletter or any printed publication clippings with the name and date of publication over each article. Clear photocopies are permitted; reduced photocopies of large or lengthy articles are permitted. Downloading of published newspaper articles from the Internet is permitted.
- Include Table of Contents. Affix contents in chronological order January 1 through December 31.
- Clippings evenly cut. No loose clippings permitted.
- Each published item must contain the name of organization and/or individual/s identified as a member of the organization. Underline first use of name of organization and/or member in each article.
- Articles should include who, what, when, where, etc.; publicity should relate to organization's or individual's projects and/or activities; promotion of NGC objectives and goals

**TRIBUTE TO A GARDEN CLUB MEMBER**

**Award of Honor** to recognize outstanding contributions by an Individual. Send to MGC Awards Chairman (Deannie Picciotti, 2394 Sunset Bluff Dr. Holland, MI 49424, 616-399-2323, [dmp77@charter.net](mailto:dmp77@charter.net) ) by November 1.

This award is to honor our members whose volunteer efforts, during a period of five or more years have made outstanding contributions to club and community in one or more of the following areas: Civic Development, Conservation, Design, Garden Therapy, Horticulture, Landscape Design, Youth Activities, All-around Excellence. Book of Evidence is not to exceed 6 pages, typed and secured in a folder. Include: **1.** A short typed description of nominee's accomplishments. **2.** Title page to include: a. Name of State Federation and Central Region; b. Area/s of nominee's contribution; c. Name, complete address and phone number of nominee and nominee's garden club/s; d. sponsoring club including club President's name, mailing address and signature. **3.** Supporting information to include: a. Maximum 2-page outline listing accomplishments of nominee including offices and chairmanships held; b. A picture of nominee (minimum 3"x5", preferable 5"x7" of good quality for reproduction. To prevent damage to the picture, place data on an adhesive white label adhered to surface. Place picture in self-addressed envelope and enclose in left pocket of folder. Do not seal.

**YOUTH AWARDS:**

Refer to *The National Gardener*, Fall Issue for NGC Awards and send to MGC Youth Activities Chairman (Margaret Kovacs, 15304 Gage, Taylor, MI 48180-5146, 734-946-5591, email: [cokrakkasan@aol.com](mailto:cokrakkasan@aol.com) ). Rules for entries and selection of each school's winner may be obtained from the MGC Youth Activities Chairman. NGC Flower Show Award #47 is for junior gardeners and is to be sent to the MGC Flower Show Advice and Awards Chairman.

**YA #1 Ecoteer (Junior) Gardening Yearbook** – Michigan Award of Merit to the registered junior or intermediate garden club which prepares and submits a yearbook to be judged in the following membership categories: 1. Clubs under 25 members; 2. Clubs 25-75 members; 3. Clubs of 75 or more members. (Margaret Kovacs, 15304 Gage, Taylor, MI 48180-5146, 734-946-5591, email: [cokrakkasan@aol.com](mailto:cokrakkasan@aol.com) ) **Due December 1.**

**YA #2 Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Poster Contest** – Open to all youth. (Margaret Kovacs, 15304 Gage, Taylor, MI 48180-5146, 734-946-5591, email: [cokrakkasan@aol.com](mailto:cokrakkasan@aol.com) ) **Due January 15.**

**YA #3 High School Speech/Essay Contest MGC** (Margaret Kovacs, 15304 Gage, Taylor, MI 48180-5146, 734-946-5591, email: [cokrakkasan@aol.com](mailto:cokrakkasan@aol.com) ) **Due December 1.**

**DISTRICT AWARDS June 1 – March 31 (given at Convention) Michigan Award of Merit** determined by appropriate Chairman:

**DA #1** District with the most new MGC Life Members. (Determined by Life Membership Chairman, Marie Smith, 8969 Schellenberger Rd., Manchester, MI 48158-9555, 734-429-7941, email: [mhsrhs@aol.com](mailto:mhsrhs@aol.com))

**DA #2** District with the greatest number of new clubs. (Determined by Data Base Chairman: Robin Courtright, PO Box 251, Luther, MI 49656-0251 231-797-8001, email: [robinlee@ctec.net](mailto:robinlee@ctec.net))

**DA #3** District with the greatest number of new members. (Determined by Data Base Chairman: Robin Courtright, PO Box 251, Luther, I 49656-0251 231-797-8001, email: [robinlee@ctec.net](mailto:robinlee@ctec.net) )

**DA #4** District with the largest percent of clubs represented at Fall district meetings. (1st Vice President: Lynn Dinvald, 6802 Springbrook In, Kalamazoo, MI 49004-9665, 269-343-3827, email: [ydoublelne@aol.com](mailto:ydoublelne@aol.com))

**YEARBOOK AWARDS** Send one copy of the Program/Yearbook to the Yearbook Chairman (Deannie Picciotti, 2394 Sunset Bluff Dr. Holland, MI 49424 616-399-2323; [dmp77@charter.net](mailto:dmp77@charter.net) ) by November 1. Refer to *The National Gardener* Fall issue for Scale of Points.

**Scale of Points for Judging Yearbook**

**Book format** – Cover: design, name of club and state garden club. Title Page: name of club, town, state and year, sponsoring club's name. Club membership roster. No application form required. .... 15

**Club Programs** – Includes a balanced program of horticulture, nature study, conservation, flower arranging, civic concern or beautification. Include meeting information such as when, where, what. Include description of club projects. .... 85

**Total Points:** ..... 100

## Flower Show Achievement Awards

Send to **Flower Show Advice & Awards Chairman** (Nancy Johnson, 5901 County Line, Buckley, MI 49620) by **November 1**.

**NGC Flower Show Achievement Awards:** See *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2007 edition and *The National Gardener*, Fall 2007.

**MGC Flower Show Achievement Awards:**

If there is a corresponding NGC Award, it is listed: (NGC #) after the award title. Only one book of evidence from the MGC, Inc. entries will be sent to NGC for each National Flower Show Award (**ONLY ONE BOOK OF EVIDENCE IS REQUIRED FROM YOUR FLOWER SHOW—MGC Awards Chair will prepare your book for NGC consideration.**)

**Buttercup Award:** A small standard show given by one garden club. Award sponsored by MAAJ: First Place in each category will receive \$50: Small Size Club (under 29 members) Medium Size Club (30-99 members) Large Size Club (over 100 members).

**Small Yellow** (NGC #25): A Petite Standard Flower Show of Miniature and/or Small Exhibits.

**Eden Award:** A standard show given by one or more garden clubs for the first time or applying after a 7-year hiatus.

**Holly and Ivy** (NGC #22): Standard show given by one club or group of clubs; show must feature the spirit of the holidays using a minimum of artificial decorative materials and NO artificial flowers or foliage. Three or more educational and/or youth exhibits are required.

**Michigan Gold** (NGC #5): May be awarded to each of four clubs based on membership, no club may win more often than every other year.

- Fewer than 21 (one or more educational and/or youth exhibits)
- 21-49 (two or more educational and/or youth exhibits)
- 59-99 (three or more educational and/or youth exhibits)
- 100 or more (four or more exhibit)

**Nancy R. Passfield Schedule Award \$25.00.** All entries considered for the best standard show schedule.

**Apple Blossom** (NGC #17A): Standard show given by one or more garden clubs held in a home or homes with a tour of two or more gardens. Three or more educational and/or youth exhibits are required.

**Pink Placement** (NGC #17B): Standard show given by one garden club, held in a home or homes. Garden tour NOT required. One or more educational and/or youth exhibits are required.

**Blue and Gold** (NGC #18A): Standard show given by a council (association, circle) of MGC clubs. Five or more clubs must exhibit the show. Not awarded to same council in two consecutive years. Three or more educational and/or youth exhibits are required.

**Green and White** (NGC #35): Standard show sponsored by two or more MGC clubs located geographically near each other. Three or more educational and/or youth exhibits are required.

**Robin Award:** A standard show emphasizing better staging and new varieties

**Cherry Blossom Award:** The best educational exhibit in a standard show.

**Bronze Award for Social Situations:** Standard show staged in a nursing home, school for special education, veteran's hospital, etc.

**Copper Award:** Youth division in a standard show (junior, intermediate or high school).

**Red, White and Blue** (NGC #21): Standard show given by one or more MGC clubs located geographically near each other. Theme of the show must have been patriotic in terms of advancement of Americanism. The flag of the United States of America shall have been correctly and prominently displayed as a feature of the show. Exhibitors shall not be limited to the use of so called patriotic colors (red, white and blue) in the entries. All colors and values shall be permitted. The show must have been given and staged by the clubs that apply for the award. The show must feature the spirit of patriotic traditions, using a minimum of artificial decorative materials and NO artificial flowers or foliage. Three or more educational and/or youth exhibits are required.

**Lavender Lace** (NGC #57): Standard show given by one of more MGC club held in a public building, such as: historically preserved home, museum, church, business district, shopping center, mall, housing development, world, state or county fairs, furniture stores or other suitable commercial public buildings. Garden tour(s) may be included. Shows may have a patriotic or Christmas theme. Three or more educational and/or youth exhibits are required.

**Red Rosette** (NGC #30): Standard flower show given by a district of a state garden club, all of whose clubs are members of NGC. 75% of the clubs in the District must exhibit in the show. Only one application may be made by each state. A district is defined as an area within a radius of close proximity, established by a state garden club for organizational purposes and including an indefinite number of clubs. Four educational and/or youth exhibits are required.

**Before the Show: 2 months before show:** Send a letter or email to **Flower Show Advice & Awards Chairman** (Nancy Johnson: 5901 County Line, Buckley, MI 49620, [quinbythesea@hotmail.com](mailto:quinbythesea@hotmail.com)) naming the award desired.

**6 weeks before:** Email a working schedule **before** the final printing. It will be returned by email with suggested changes. Need only be draft of schedule and need not include committees, point scoring, etc. **30 days prior to show:** Send list of the judges. The evaluating judges' panel will be chosen by the Flower Show Chairman and forms sent directly to the panel.

**After the Show:** The evaluating panel will tell the flower show chairman if the show qualifies for an award. A state award must receive 90 points; if 95 or better it may be eligible for a NGC award and will automatically be forwarded by the Flower Show Awards Chairman.

**FLOWER SHOW Book of Evidence:** Only one Book of Evidence is needed. The deadline for the Book of Evidence is November 1. Send to the Michigan Flower Advice & Awards Chair: Nancy Johnson, 5901 County Line, Buckley, MI 48108 **Requirements as published in Handbook for Flower Shows, 2007 edition.**

**Cover:** Outside label showing the award name and number, name/s of the sponsoring clubs, city and state. Application form permanently attached to inside the front cover and a duplicate form attached with paper clip. Form must be completely filled out. Include only items needed.

**Pages:** Maximum 20 sides (10 pages). Number pages, liberal margins, neat spacing of material and no loose items.

**Contents: Title Page and Table of Contents:** Show name of state, award name, name of applicant with address of club, council, district or state. Give address of club president or district director, total membership at time of the show, number of members exhibiting, number of non-members exhibiting. Give brief description of show (type of show, size, scope – 300 words or less. List items in Table of Contents by page number.

**Show Data:** A NGC Standard Flower Show Achievement Award Data Sheet is to be completed and follow the show description. This is available from the Flower Show Advice & Award Chairman.

**Schedule:** Place one copy in inside back folder pocket.

**Photographs:** Include pictures without people. Adequate pictures of the horticulture, design, Special Exhibits and theme staging will reflect the quality of the show. Pictures of Top NGC Award winning exhibits are needed. Winning horticulture exhibits may be grouped together. Label each picture and work the descriptions of the photographs into the book.

**Descriptions:** Descriptions of Educational Exhibits with titles should be included. If copies of handout materials are included, they must not be bulky. Show how Youth Groups or other Sponsored groups participated. List educational exhibits if space permits. Describe staging, unusual features, etc.

**Judges:** List judges and status. If plant society or specialist judges participated in judging, list their status.

**Publicity:** Include clippings from newspaper or other publications with name for newspaper and the date of publication. At least one is required, either before or after the show.

**Distinction:** Evidence of creative staging, unity and special features of the show.

**Conformance:** Conformance to the above outline.

**Scoring:** Book of Evidence determines 25 points. Score on evaluation sheet determines 75 points.

## MICHIGAN CONSULTANT COUNCIL LANDSCAPE AND GARDEN AWARDS

Send books of evidence to Consultant Council Pres. Bonnie Ion, 1456 Kensington Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48104, 734-665-4703 by Nov. 1.

### Landscape Garden Walk Award

Two \$100 awards are given: one to a club membership up to 35 and one to a club over 35 members. **No Book of Evidence is required.**

In a large envelope, include the following: MGC Award Application, Walk Map/Ticket, Publicity, Labeled photos of the garden walk (limit 10), educational handouts, a one page narrative that show cases the walk: brief description of gardens, number of members and their participation, member recruitment, educational displays, etc.

A garden club that holds a garden walk will ask three Landscape Design Consultants to evaluate the garden walk using the criteria below. The evaluations (scores and comments) will be sent to the MCC President after the walk. Use the following scale to create forms for judging:

Scale of points for Landscape Garden Walk Award

20 Points -- Clarity of map and tour schedule, and location of gardens in relation to distance

20 Points -- Overall appearance of gardens

10 Points -- Variety of garden types (Shade, rock, formal, water, etc.)

10 Points -- Publicity

10 Points -- Educational Value (Plant markers, worthy features)

10 Points -- Club Involvement (membership recruitment, budget, members involved)

10 Points -- Miscellaneous (Floral designs, plant sales, displays, refreshments)

100 Points -- TOTAL

### Miriam Petrides Gardening Award

The following information must be submitted to the Michigan Consultants Council President by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, (Bonnie Ion, 1456 Kensington Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48104, 734-665-4703 email: [bonnie-ion@hotmail.com](mailto:bonnie-ion@hotmail.com))

\$100 will be awarded to the garden club member for an outstanding garden within the home landscape developed by the member. The garden must show overall excellence and skill in design, plant selection, growth and maintenance.

A Book of Evidence is not required. Send the following: MGC Award Application, Garden sketch/plan, labeled pictures (limit 10), a one page narrative to include: general description of the garden and plants grown, seasonal changes in bloom, color rotation of the garden, etc.

The garden will be evaluated at prime maturity by a panel of three Gardening Consultants or two Gardening Consultants and a Landscape Design Consultant or Gardening Study Student. Their NGC evaluations and comments will be sent directly to the MCC President after completing the evaluation. Use the following scale to create forms for judging:

#### Scale of points for M. Petrides Award

20 points -- Overall Year-Round Appearance

20 points -- Garden Design (Unity 5, Environmentally suited 5, Placement of components 5, Appropriate of components 5)

40 points -- Plant Material (Selection/Suitability 10, placement 5, Quality /Condition 5, Maturity 10, Bloom and Color Rotation 10)

10 points -- Maintenance

100 points TOTAL

**CENTRAL REGION AWARDS:**

Printed in *Central Region Newsletter* Awards Issue: 2007 Summer Issue

Send directly to Central Region Awards Chairman by date requested in CR Awards section:

Fran Stueck, 5589 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Trail, Vinton, IA 52349, 319-472-3032, email: [franstueck@yahoo.com](mailto:franstueck@yahoo.com))

**2008-2009 AWARDS APPLICATION FORM**

**Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. / National Garden Clubs** (Type or print all information)

Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_  
Award Number \_\_\_\_\_ Award Name \_\_\_\_\_ Submitted

by State Garden Club/MI Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ (type exactly as name should appear on any award received: name of club, group of clubs, district, state, region, individual, institution or organization)

Size of Garden Club (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ (i – small under 29 members, ii – medium 30-99, iii – large over 100; determined by number of members on whom NGC and state dues are paid, including Active, Associate, Inactive, Honorary, etc.)

Size of State Garden Club (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ (size determined by number of members on whom NGC dues are paid, including garden club members, Affiliates, State Life Members, etc.)

**Summary of Project** (not needed for Yearbooks) approximately 1 or 2 paragraphs including: (Name of club/s, city, state, description of project, benefit, accomplishments, other organizations involved, etc.)

**Flower Show Achievement Awards: Do Not use this form, use the form for Flower Show**

**LANDSCAPE DESIGN STUDY PROGRAM**

Series XVIII - Course II -- April 29-30, 2009

Michigan State University - Department of Radiology Building  
184 Service Road, East Lansing, MI 48824 \* phone: 517-355-0120

For a list of nearby hotels contact registrar Anne Wineman at 517-669-3152; email: winemana@comcast.net

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

Landscape Design School – Series XVIII – Course II  
Registration Deadline April 15, 2009

Class will be held in the Auditorium located within the MSU Radiology Department - E. Lansing, MI  
**Wednesday, April 29, 2009**

- 8:15-8:45 Registration/Continental Breakfast
- 8:45-9:00 Introductions/Announcements
- 9:00-10:00 Landscape Design Process – Ch. 3 – *Banfield*
- 10:15-11:15 Structures in the Landscape – Ch. 11 - *Banfield*
- 11:30-12:30 Site, Design and Landform – Ch. 4 - *TBA*
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch
- 1:30-2:30 Develop. Design In Early America – Ch. - *Ion*
- 2:45-3:45 Preservtn. of Histr. Sites & Structures – Ch. 35 - *Ion*
- 3:45-4:00 Review

**Thursday, April 30, 2009**

- 8:15-8:45 Registration/Continental Breakfast
- 8:45-9:00 Introductions/Announcements
- 9:00-10:00 Landscp. as a Learning Experience – Ch. 19 - *Schutzki*
- 10:15-11:15 Plants in the Landscape – Ch. 5 - *Schutzki*
- 11:30-12:30 Plant Selection – Ch. 13 - *Schutzki*
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch
- 1:30-2:30 Community Landscape Management – Ch. 34 - *TBA*
- 2:45-3:45 Special Interest Topic - *TBA*
- 3:45-4:00 Review
- 4:00 – 6:00 **TEST**

**Course 1 – Instructors:** *Tim Banfield, Landscape Design & Construction; Bonnie Ion, Landscape Architect; Dr. Robert Schutzki, MSU, Dept of Horticulture*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club: \_\_\_\_\_

**I prefer vegetarian lunches – circle Y or N**  
Make Checks payable to: MGC – Landscape Design School  
Note: A \$10.00 processing fee assessed if cancel after Registering; no refund after deadline.

Mail registration form, check and label (from the *National Gardener*) stapled to registration form, to registrar.

**For New & Previous Students:**

**For Landscape Design Consultants:**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$40.00 Single Day

\_\_\_\_\_ \$37.50 Single Day

\_\_\_ Mon. 9/7 or \_\_\_ Tues. 9/8  
(check one -- lunch included)

\_\_\_ Mon. 9/7 or \_\_\_ Tues. 9/8  
(check one -- lunch included)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$80.00 Both Days

\_\_\_\_\_ \$75.00 Both Days

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00 Exam Fee

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00 Refresher Fee

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# Garden Club News

## Kent Garden Club Anniversary

Kent Garden Club celebrated its 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during 2008. The Club organized on April 25, 1913, with 51 women interested in gardening, meeting in the home of Miss Grace Griswald. The membership was limited to 50 and they paid annual dues of 50 cents. Today the Club boasts a membership of 80-plus members with eight NGC Judges, six Gardening Consultants, one Environmental Consultant and seven Landscape Design Consultants.

Five MGC Presidents have been members of Kent Garden Club: Mrs. Joseph Brewer, Mrs. Earl DeLano, Mrs. John Schaefer, and more recently Connie Snell, as well as our current President Dolores Stouwie. Mrs. Joseph Brewer also served as President of NGC, and currently four KGC members serve on the MGC State Board.

KGC members participate in various community projects, such as Habitat for Humanity. This year a committee developed landscape designs for seven Habitat homes and mentored a group of Union High School students on landscape design. The students built the Habitat home and wanted to add landscaping. What a great experience for our members and the students! Members received the opportunity to pass on expertise to a younger generation, and plans are underway to repeat this project.

For the last 51 years KGC has participated in a garden therapy program with the physically challenged children attending Ken-O-Sha School. The committee meets monthly during the school year and helps children create garden related craft items. Each May the students take a field trip to the Children's Garden at Frederik Meijer Gardens. This is a very special outing for everyone. KGC was honored and excited to accept the MGC Cherry Blossom Award for its Ken-O-Sha educational exhibit in the Standard Flower Show "Come Dine with Us" at the 2008 MGC Convention.

Members participate in the District IV Standard Flower Show held at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids in conjunction with the Home and Garden Show. Members stage a Standard Flower Show at Frederik Meijer Gardens every other year. In July of 2009 a Patriotic Standard Flower Show, "A Salute to the US of A: A Musical Tribute" will be presented. In alternate years KGC hosts a garden tour to further educate its members and the community on Landscape Design. In June of 2008 our tour "Green: Urban to Suburban" featured roof top and rain gardens and a tour of a renovated, early 1900 LEED Certified building, in addition to several members' suburban gardens. Members celebrated with a Preview Party the evening before the tour, which included a fund-raising auction of garden related items.

Other projects high on Kent's priority list are Loda Lake, Adopt-a-Road, and the planting of annuals in the Ram's Garden at the entrance to the Frederik Meijer Gardens. KGC contributions support the Frederik Meijer Gardens Foundation, MGC Scholarships, Higgins Lake, WMEAC (West Michigan Environmental Action Council), Land Conservancy of West Michigan, and NGC World Gardening. A MGC Life Membership is given annually. Funds are earned through the Club's annual Holiday Wreath sale, its garden tours and preview party auctions, and the sale of note cards featuring members' gardens.

Members agree that one of the most treasured benefits of membership in Kent Garden Club is the fellowship – caring individuals with similar interests who continue to learn and grow in the areas of gardening and design, while supporting their community. Visit our website at:

[www.gardencentral.org/michigan/kentgardenclub/](http://www.gardencentral.org/michigan/kentgardenclub/)

for more information about Kent Garden Club's programs and community involvement. Submitted by Lynn Miller, President Kent Garden Club

## South Haven Garden Club Celebrates

South Haven Garden Club was organized in 1930, and joined the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, Inc. and National Council of State Garden Clubs (National Garden Clubs, Inc.) in 1933.

Membership grew and remained steady at 40 members until three years ago when it exploded to the present 110 members. Our mission is to educate and beautify, and that is quite evident when you see the community projects in which our members are involved. We deliver over 200 saplings to all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade children on Arbor Day. We landscape Habitat for Humanity homes, and maintain gardens at the Liberty Hyde Bailey Museum, and the gardens at the South Haven entry on Blue Star/Phoenix. An outdoor reading garden was created and landscaped at the library in 2006. A very recent project—arranging weekly floral bouquets for cancer patients through Hospice.

Annually, we hold an evening Community Outreach program; have our Flower Show and a very successful Garden Walk.

Our membership includes a flower show judge and a student judge, Master Gardeners, State Life member, and women who for over 75 years have had a love of gardening and a desire to beautify their world.

## Burr Oak Garden Club Honored

The Burr Oak Grange #1350 held its annual Community Service Award picnic on Aug. 3, honoring the Burr Oak Garden Club.

The presentation was held in the village park and the Community Service Award for 2008 was presented to the Burr Oak Garden Club and accepted by Deb Hochstetler, president of the Club. Several members were present.

As people travel around Burr Oak, from Halfway Road to downtown and out to the ball park, they can't help but notice the effect this group has on Burr Oak. The five big gardens they care for are kept beautiful. The group was founded in 1979 and currently has 22 members.

## Muskegon County Garden Club Celebrates

The Muskegon County Garden Club celebrated its 75th year in 2007. Our club was organized in 1932 and federated in 1933. The club is a member of District IV, with nearly 80 members - three of whom are men. Eight of our members are also life members of the Michigan Garden Clubs Inc.

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Our club meets the third Monday of each month, with the exception of January, at 11:30 AM. Our monthly luncheon meetings are the main fundraiser for our club. Each month a volunteer hostess committee prepares a wonderful homemade lunch for our members. We each pay \$6 for the lunch and program. The proceeds from our monthly luncheons help to fund numerous club projects. After lunch we are entertained by a guest speaker, providing information on a variety of topics, ranging from flower arranging to wild birds and everything in between. A business meeting follows, with meetings usually adjourning by 2 PM.

The club honored its 75 years by titling its 2008 standard flower show: "Sparkling Diamond Jubilee". The club has presented many flower shows over the years. We now have our very own student flower show judge, after many years without one. Having a flower show judge among your ranks is extremely helpful when preparing for a flower show. Every club should have one!

Our club's executive board hosts a "Flower Pot Luncheon" each summer, for our members. Each year a different member graciously offers to be our host and shares their home and gardens with the club. It's a real garden party! We socialize while sipping punch and enjoying hors d'oeuvres and then are served our lunch - in a flower pot! It's a fun event that everyone looks forward to each year.

The club's executive board also hosts a holiday tea each December. It's a festive event centered around a delightful luncheon and usually a live music presentation offered by local talent. We do not conduct any club business at this meeting, it's just for fun!

This year our club collaborated with the Muskegon County Museum on a new project. The Depression Era Scolnik House was refurbished as a learning center. The house depicts what life was like for a family during the depression years. Our club provided the vegetable garden for the home. The club's committee is now conducting research to find the right heirloom rose for the era, which we will plant at the house, and more heirloom vegetables are planned for the garden's next growing season.

Our club also planted and maintains the display gardens at Muskegon's Historic Railroad Depot. Our civic beautification committee keeps the perennial beds weeded and groomed. We are planning to refurbish these garden beds in 2009.

The Muskegon County Garden Club is a proud organization with a rich history in our community, thanks to its many talented and generous members over the years. Ours is a club on the grow! We continue to seek out new members and new projects to work on in order to enrich the club and our community.

Laura Bostick, Muskegon County Garden Club.

## Canton Garden Club District I "Club on the Grow"

The Canton Garden Club was organized in 1996, created by two good friends who wanted to share their love of plants and gardens with others. Federated in 1997, the Club continues to meet the third Tuesday of every month. From September through May, they meet at a local church, holding their summer get-togethers in the gardens of Club members. The Club currently has 41 members, representing gardens ranging from container gardens to acre gardens, sandy soil to clay, sunshine to shade, miniature plants to towering trees. The Club has a number of master gardeners, and members who have expertise in a wide variety of plant groups.

Throughout the years, the Canton Garden Club has participated in many community projects, including planting and tending gardens at the historic Cherry Hill School, the Canton Public Library, at local "Welcome" signs, and at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Plymouth. Club members have marched in the Canton Liberty Fest Parade, wearing brightly decorated hats and boas and foam green thumbs. One member donned a bumblebee costume and buzzed through the group! They had their own drill team chant, "Planting, weeding, tending flowers, we can pass away the hours..."

The Club participates in the "Adopt a Road" program, cleaning up a portion of a local roadway. Members have represented the group in the annual Children's Hospital Festival of Trees, decorating holiday wreaths and small trees to be sold at the event. When they have qualified applicants, the Club has given scholarships to local students who plan to study in the field of horticulture and related areas. At their annual holiday party each December, members collect new sweatsuits to donate to First Step, a shelter for women and children. They also sponsored a junior garden club at a local school, Tonda Elementary.

The Canton Garden Club has organized a number of fundraisers. Members have sold holiday wreaths, plant markers, and have held five Garden Walks in the community, showcasing different gardens and garden designs. Programs have included a variety of topics and excellent speakers, including some club members. Canton Garden Club members have made jewelry, spring and autumn floral arrangements, lavender frames and pressed flower note cards. They even produced a cookbook of favorite recipes, have a Club logo and shirts, and have designed stepping stones for our gardens.

Canton Garden Club members enjoyed hosting the District I meeting in the fall of 2007, and Club members attend other district meetings as well. Members have also been guest speakers for other groups in the community. Our garden club provides information, inspiration and wonderful social opportunities for members. We have a great deal of fun and we would like to welcome others in the area to join us

# Composting With Worms

**Judy DeJaegher, Horticulture Chairperson**

The great advantage of worm composting is that it can be done indoors or outdoors, allowing year around composting. The following is taken from an excellent and practical book: *Worms Eat My Garbage* by Mary Appelhof from Kalamazoo, Michigan, nationally recognized as the "Worm Woman."

**To Get Started:** Here's what you need. **(1) A container**—A wood or plastic container. Build, buy, or and recycle an old dresser drawer, trunk, or discarded barrel. Wood is preferred because it is more absorbent and a better insulator. Plastic containers tend to retain moisture. Appelhof suggests weighing your household food waste for one week, and then provide one square foot of surface area per pound. The container depth should be 8 to 12 inches. Instead of one large (and heavy) box, a number of smaller containers may be better. Drill 8 to 12 holes (1/4 to 1/2 inches) in the bottom for aeration and drainage. A plastic bin may need more drainage because it stays wet. Set the bin on bricks or wooden blocks, and place a tray underneath to capture excess liquid. This can be used as liquid plant fertilizer. A cover conserves moisture and provides darkness. Indoors, a sheet of dark plastic or burlap sacking placed loosely on top is sufficient. Outdoors, a solid lid is preferable; it keeps unwanted scavengers and rain out. **(2) Bedding.** Provide damp bedding for the worms to live in. Suitable bedding materials include shredded newspaper or cardboard, shredded fall leaves, chopped up straw, other dead plants, seaweed, sawdust, compost and aged manure. Try to vary the bedding in the bin to provide more nutrients and to create richer compost. Add a couple handfuls of sand or soil to provide grit for the worm's digestion of food. It is important to moisten the bedding materials; the overall moisture is like a wrung-out sponge. The bin should be about three-quarters full of moistened bedding. Lift the bedding gently to create air pockets, to control odors, and to give freer movement to the worms. **(3) Worms.** The two types of earthworm best suited to worm composting are the red worms: *Eisenia foetida* (commonly known as red wiggler, brandling, or manure worm) and *Lumbricus rubellus*. They are often found in aged manure and compost heaps. Do not use dew-worms (large size worms found in soil); they are not likely to survive.

**Where To Get Your Worms and How Many.** If you have a farmer or horse stable friend with a manure pile, ask if you can collect a bagful of manure with worms. Perhaps a friend's compost bin may have worms. You can get a phone number of a supplier of compost material near you from Michigan's Department of Agriculture website ([www.michigan.gov/mda/1,1607,7-125-1566\\_2311\\_2317-8019--00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mda/1,1607,7-125-1566_2311_2317-8019--00.html)). Or you can purchase worms. I found an amusing worm source online: Uncle Jim's Worm Farm ([www.unclejimswormfarm.com/](http://www.unclejimswormfarm.com/)). Appelhof suggests a ratio of 2 pounds of worms to one pound of food waste should be (roughly 2,000). If you are unable to get this many worms to start with, reduce the amount of food waste accordingly while the population steadily increases.

**Feeding Your Worms:** Food scraps include fruit and vegetable peels, pulverized eggshells, tea bags and coffee grounds. Do not compost meats, dairy products, oily foods, and grains because of problems with odors, flies, and rodents.

**Location of the Worm Bin:** Worm bins can be used indoors all year round and outdoors during milder months. Mobile bins can be moved when weather conditions change. Indoors, basements are good locations, but any spare space can be utilized, as long as temperatures are between 40 and 80° F. Outdoors, bins can be in sheds and garages, on patios and balconies, or in the yard. They should be out of hot sun and heavy rain. If temperatures drop below 40° F., move them indoors.

**Maintaining the Bin:** If you have the correct ratio of surface area to worms, and both of those variables are in correct proportion to food scraps, there is little to do, other than add food. By the second or third month, there should be little original bedding visible. The contents will be brown and earthy looking and decreased in bulk, too. It is important to separate the worms from the finished compost; otherwise, the worms will begin to die. The quickest way to do this is to move the finished compost over to one side; place new bedding in the space created, and put food waste in the new bedding. The worms will gradually move over and the finished compost can be skimmed off as needed. You can dump the entire contents of the bin onto a large plastic sheet and separate the worms manually. Most children love to help with this process, turning it into a fun lesson about worms. Watch out for the tiny lemon-shaped worm cocoons; they contain between two and twenty baby worms. Mix a little of the finished compost in with the new bedding and store the rest in plastic bags for use.

**Using the Compost.** The compost can be mixed with potting soil and used for houseplants and patio containers. If it is screened, it can be added to potting mixes for seedlings. Or it can be used directly in the garden, either dug into the soil and used as mulch or sprinkled on a lawn as a conditioner.

**Common Problems and Solutions.** Here are three common problems: (1) Unpleasant odors caused by lack of oxygen. This is due to overloading the bin with food waste. The food sits around too long and the contents become too wet. Stop adding food waste until the worms and microorganisms break down what is in there. Gently stir the entire contents to increase air. Check that drainage holes are not blocked. Drill more holes if necessary. Worms will drown if their surroundings become wet. (2) Worms sometimes crawl out of the bedding and onto the sides and lid if conditions are wrong for them. If the moisture level seems right, the bedding may be too acidic as with too many citrus peels and other acidic foods. Add a little garden lime and cut down on acidic wastes. (3) Fruit flies can be a nuisance. Discourage them by always burying the food waste. Bury successive loads in different locations in the bin. Keep a plastic sheet or piece of old carpet or sacking on the surface of the compost. A few friendly spiders nearby will help control fly problems too!

Worms are creatures with their own unique needs. It is important to create a healthy habitat for them. If you compost bin is right they will thrive and make compost. The earthworm may be small, spineless, and blind, but it tills our soil, destroys microscopic organisms that cause plant disease, breaks down toxins, and turns the ground into rich compost. Appelhof, M. (1982). *Worms eat my garbage*. Kalamazoo, MI: Flower Press

## Michigan Garden Clubs NGC Scholarship

Once again this year, the **National Garden Clubs** are offering advanced, one-year grants to junior, senior and graduate college students. Thirty-five scholarships will be available in 2009 for the academic year of 2009-2010. Each scholarship is \$4000 (an increase over the \$3500 awarded in recent years).

Applications may be made by sophomores for grants to be awarded for the junior year; however, no doctoral program students may apply. A Michigan winner is selected from among state applicants and receives a \$1000.00 scholarship from Michigan. The winner's application is then sent to compete for one of the \$4000 national awards.

NGC is proud of its scholarship program which offers financial aid to students and promotes study in the following fields: Agriculture Education, Horticulture (including Fruit Science and Environmental Communications), Floriculture, Landscape Design, Botany, Biology, Plant Pathology and Science, Forestry, Agronomy, Environmental Concerns (Management: Environmental, Horticulture Resource and Environmental Behavior, etc.), Economics, Environmental Conservation (including Engineering, Law, etc.), City (Rural and Urban) Planning, Wildlife Science, Habitat or Forest/Systems Ecology, Land Management and/or other related or allied subjects.

Applicants must be **majoring** in one of these fields of study.

The deadline for applications is March 1, 2009, and should be mailed to Michigan NGC Scholarship Chair Virginia Froehlich, 8537 Voigt Avenue, Grosse Ile, MI 48138-1057. The application can be obtained online at [www.michigangardenclubs.org](http://www.michigangardenclubs.org) or by contacting Virginia Froehlich at [vafroehlich@comcast.net](mailto:vafroehlich@comcast.net) or (734) 675-2944.

## World Gardening

**Chris Rochman, Chairman**

If your club hasn't already send in a donation to our work in Belize, C.A. please consider doing so in any amount large or small. Make check out to MGC, put World Gardening in lower left hand corner and mail to Chris Rochman, 4806 Holly Way, Ann Arbor, 48103-9448. Thank you.

### Donations to World Gardening

- Clubs donating since the last issue of the Newsletter are:
- Holland Garden Club, honorarium for Chris Rochman's program on World Gardening
- Bulb and Blossom Garden Club, memorial to Vera Bracy
- Westwood Garden Club
- Pleasant Ridge Garden Club

## MGC Scholarship Donations

**Nancy McGilliard, chairman**

Thank you for the generous support for the MGC Scholarship program. Donations may be sent to Nancy McGilliard 2339 Sapphire Lane East Lansing MI 48823. Listed are the clubs and individuals who have donated since the last Newsletter.

### Donations totaling \$5075

- Wayne Garden Club
- District IV honoring clubs hosting District meetings: Pentwater, Kent, Belding, Cedar Springs, Standale
- District VI honoring clubs hosting Spring District meeting: Sow and Hoe, Sandusky
- Cheryl Weeks-Rosten
- Kalamazoo GC
- Stone & Thistle GC
- Niles GC
- Gardenettes GC
- Chemical City GC
- Greater Lansing GC
- All Seasons GC
- Pinckney GC
- Holland GC
- Grand Ledge GC
- Four Flags GC
- Fremont GC
- Across the Fence Post GC Perry
- Kalamazoo Garden Council, Inc.
- Garden City GC
- Chemical City GC
- District III to honor Carnegie GC and Colon GC hosts of Spring and Fall District III Meetings
- Wyandotte GC
- Club of Little Gardens, Three Rivers
- Blue Water GC
- Brighton GC

### Honorariums totaling \$205

- Ray Hunter for program for Grosse Ile GC
- Mary Pulick for program for Ypsilanti GC

### Memorials totaling \$695

- Maurine Osgood from Kent GC, Gladys Dumond, Lorna Johnson, and LeRoy Kramer, III
- Shirley Dedinsky and Mary Wurst from Garden Club of Dearborn
- Shirley Feight from Loch Alpine GC, Sharon Yantis,
- Phyllis Werner from Chuck and Dorothy Lippincott and Gretchen Pugsley
- Richard Noid, husband of member, Carol, from Niles Garden Club and Lyn Butus



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## Calendar of Events

Carol Knoper, Chairman

**November 21 & 22: Kent Garden Club 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Wreath Sale 10 am to 6 pm.** Breton Village Mall, Corner of Breton and Burton SE, Grand Rapids. Our wreaths are Michigan grown fresh-cut Fraser Fir. Contact Eva Weber 443-2077 or [evenweb@iserv.net](mailto:evenweb@iserv.net) or visit website at [www.gardencentral.org/michigan/kentgardclub](http://www.gardencentral.org/michigan/kentgardclub)

**December 4: Holland Garden Club Annual Holiday Home Tour "Christmas at the Lake"** 10am – 7pm. \$12 pre-tour \$15 day of tour. Contact Deannie Picciotti 399-2323. Tickets at Eastern Floral, Lakewood Blvd., Jonkers, Lincoln Ave., VanWieren, Douglas Ave. Holland.

**December 5: 9am to 7pm. December 6 9am-5 pm. Kalamazoo Garden Council's Holiday Greens Sale.** Kalamazoo County Expo Center & Fairground, Room E. 2900 Lake St., Kalamazoo. 55<sup>th</sup> annual event featuring arrangements, centerpieces and gift ideas, workshops for adults and children.. Free admission, for information call 269-343-3827 or go to [www.kalgardencouncil.org](http://www.kalgardencouncil.org)

**December 6: Cadillac Garden Club Holiday Home Tour 11:00-4:00** Discounted advance tickets. Call 231-779-0559 or 231-510-9047.

**December 6: Lavonia Garden Club Annual Fresh Greens Workshop.** 9:30 to 11:30 am Lavonia Senior Ctr. (Five Mile & Farmington Rd.) Cost \$24 to make centerpiece using fresh pine, cedar and love apples. Register by Nov. 1. Send \$24 check to Livonia Garden Club, c/o Diane Bergendahl, 7841 Oak Knoll Dr. Northville MI 48168. No refunds after Nov. 1 Contact 248-486-9676 or 734-261-5091

**January 14 & 15: Finance State Board**

**March 5 & 8: District IV Flower Show "A Tropical Paradise."** West Michigan Home and Garden Show, DeVos Place 303 Monroe Ave., Grand Rapids. Contact: Lynn Miller 616-676-2274

**April 1 & 2: Finance State Board**

**April 16: District IV Spring Meeting.** Host Holland Garden Club

**April 20 & 21: Gardening Study School** Course II, Midland

**April 22: Dist. IIB Spring Meeting**

**April 28: Dist. I Spring Meeting**

**April 29-30, May 1: Landscape Design School.** Course II, Okemos

**May 1: Dist.VI Meeting "The World Laughs in Flowers"** Lexington 9:00 – 3:00 at the St Denis Parrish Hall. Host - Lakeshore Garden Club \$20.00 Contact: Nancy Stark at [nstark1801@aol.com](mailto:nstark1801@aol.com)

**May 5: Dist. V Spring Meeting**

**May 7, 8 & 9: Flower Show School.** Course III. Ann Arbor

**May 12 & 13: Environmental School,** Ann Arbor.

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

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Deadlines: Jun/July/Aug: April 1; Sep/Oct/Nov: July 1; Dec/Jan/Feb: October 1; Mar/Apr/May: January 1.

**Member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.,** Barbara May, President, 22 Cutting Cross Way, Wayland MA, 01778-3844 "Nurture the Earth—Plant Natives."

**Central Region,** Director Karen Hix, 382 Keystone Dr., Valparaiso, IN, 46385-8829; email: [hixkchix@aol.com](mailto:hixkchix@aol.com)