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A note from Lynn

Were you there? Were you inspired? Will you remember?

It was May 24, 2010, Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Michigan, when the seven districts of Michigan Garden Clubs came together to dedicate the 50th Blue Star Marker; the first marker to be placed in a National Cemetery in Michigan. It was an inspiring way to begin our 2010 MGC, Inc. Convention held in Battle Creek. Our Master of Ceremonies, Kathi Dominguez, did an outstanding job with the help of the Blue Star Committee Chairmen, Jeanette Foster and Julie Partre who worked with the Fort Custer Director, Roy Luera and staff. Renee Blaschke, President NGC, Inc. offered words of inspiration during the Blue Star Dedication and Lorence Wenke, Former State Representative presented Renee with a flag of the United States of America that once flew over the Capital building in Washington D.C. with the hopes that it will be flown at the NGC Headquarters in St. Louis, MO.

Shortly after the 2010 Convention two additional Blue Star Markers were dedicated; June 11 by the Sturgis Garden Club at the Memorial Park and June 14, by The Landscapers Garden Club at the Portage Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Before the Convention the Pleasant Ridge Garden Club and Spirit of the Woods Garden Club in Manistee dedicated markers on May 8 and May 15, respectively. If ever you wish to be inspired and honor our Armed Forces contact Lorrie Dyal Blue Star Chairman, at 517-282-3671 and she will provide the information you need.

Michigan Garden Clubs would like to extend a huge thank you to Kathi Dominguez and Lois Snover-Hanson, 2010 Co-Chairmen and the members of District IIB for a tremendous job of hosting the 79th MGC State Convention. It was perfection to a tee with more than 250 in attendance. The committee chairmen were outstanding and their year of working together provided an educational and productive day to all who attended the 79th Annual Convention. Renee Blaschke shared words on her special projects. This Texan lady left the podium and walked through the audience spreading words of encouragement regarding her NGC projects: Golden Day, Plant It Pink, Beautify Blight and the planting of yellow ribbons of daffodils to beautify our state.

We also recognize the Michigan Consultants Council for their contribution in support of author Paul Tukey, our keynote speaker. He shared his early experiences of making compost tea learned from his Mennonite grandmother as he was growing up and applied the same formula to his lawn care business. With serious chemical sensitivities and his inability to work his decision was made to go organic. He founded safelawns.org and has written *The Organic Lawn Care Manual* and a documentary, *A Chemical Reaction*.

We extend congratulation to our NGC, Inc. Scholarship winner, Sarah Alward and to the MGC/NGC Chairman, Virginia Froehlich and her committee for selecting an outstanding candidate. This President was honored to accept many awards at the May 2010 National Convention in St. Louis, MO. Our congratulations to all districts and clubs that were winners of all the awards either distributed at their district meetings or our state convention by Bobbie Quick, Awards Chairman. MGC is proud of each garden club's accomplishments within our state, but I am especially grateful for those of you who reported your work to earn awards. The garden clubs that submitted Books of Evidence or Yearbooks were the stars! I was merely the transporter. Please accept our accolades for a job well done.

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A Note from Lynn continued from page 2

Michigan Association of Accredited Judges (MAAJ) continues to offer to each district an opportunity to participate in a Flower Arranging Workshop. Kathryn Clary, MAAJ President, and her team organized the workshops in District III and IV plus providing a PowerPoint step-by-step presentation including a handout to each participant to take home. Each participating member creates an arrangement to take home after the workshop, neatly wrapped in cellophane and tied with a bow. Personally I know every member left the workshops with smiles on their faces and requesting this type of program again. This was a delightful experience for everyone.

On June 22-23, Ann Arbor, Sharon Yantis, MGC Symposium Chairman and Marie Smith, Local Chairman arranged for an excellent symposium. Sandra Joyce, Horticulture and Judy Monnot, Design instructors, provided us with two terrific and informative days. Lectures are open to all members and hopefully you will consider attend next year.

Remember to attend Environmental Studies School, Course II, October, 12-13 at the Amigo Center in Sturgis (District III). Marie Fisher, State Chairman and Marcia Blackman, Local Chairman is arranging excellent speakers and the location are just perfect for these classes.

October 4-6, 2010 the Central Region Convention will be held in Wisconsin. Each state is responsible for the Region Convention every seven years. Michigan will host the 2011 Central Region Convention with a Director and Alternate Director elected from Michigan. What an honor this will be for all the members of Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. See the MGC June/July/August 2010 newsletter for a registration form. I encourage you to attend and support our future Central Region Director from Michigan.

The MGC Convention is scheduled for June 9-11, 2011 and will be hosted by District VI, held in Midland at the 'H' Hotel formerly known as Ashman Court Hotel. We will honor our State Life Members and recognize all club presidents with a Parade of Presidents on Thursday evening. The Installation and a President's Reception will be held on Friday evening. The new President's first Board of Directors meeting will be Saturday morning. Sherry Kalina and Loraine Reese, members of Great Lakes Gardeners in Midland, have stepped forward to be our Co-Chairmen and I know you will want to share the experience of our MGC State Convention in Midland.

Enjoy autumn in Michigan.
Lynn Dinvald, President

MICHIGAN GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
JUNE 1, 2009 TO MAY 31, 2010

REVENUES	\$ 45,692.33
EXPENSES	(32,848.58)
	<u>\$ 12,843.75</u>
CASH IN BANK - GENERAL FUNDS	\$ 128,959.40
CASH IN BANK - RESTRICTED FUNDS	242,168.46
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	800.00
INVENTORIES	4,416.49
	<u>\$ 376,344.35</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ 4,459.24
UNREALIZED GAINS ON INVESTMENTS	(5,030.40)
FUND BALANCE - GENERAL FUNDS	134,747.05
FUND BALANCE - RESTRICTED FUNDS	242,168.46
	<u>\$ 376,344.35</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	

Pamela R. Dewey
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World Gardening

Chis Rochman, Chairman

Many thanks to the following clubs for their donations to our work with the young people in Belize, C.A.—

- The Garden Club of Greater Lansing
- Stone and Thistle Garden Club
- Livonia Garden Club
- Kalamazoo Garden Club
- Holland Garden Club
- Farmington Hills Flower Arrangers Guild
- Grow and Show Garden Club
- Mt. Pleasant Federated Garden Club
- Spirit of the Woods Garden Club
- Farmington Garden Club

Please make checks out to MGC, put World Gardening in lower left hand corner and mail to this chairman Chis Rochman, 4806 Holly Way, Ann Arbor, 48103 and help with this very worthwhile project.

Why Design?

Everyone has a response to fresh flowers, perhaps because of their inspirational power or their ability to touch some inner joy. Cut flowers play roles in our special occasions, their presence showing someone cared. Someone thought the occasion deserved flowers.

Fresh flowers provide subliminal reminders while moving our senses. Their ephemeral nature says nothing lasts forever, life changes and goes on, so treasure the moment. Flowers, while revealing nature in her infinite glory, also say that just as every flower is unique, so are we.



As the price of flower arrangements rises, we use fewer fresh flowers in our home. For those who love to grow flowers, it is easy to pick a few stems for a simple bouquet. However, bouquets don't work for every occasion. Sooner or later, we desire something more elegant, more arranged, more designed. So why hesitate to learn the skill to design in flowers? To turn flowers into your creative muse?

Meanwhile, if someone mentions the dreaded word 'flower show,' don't instantly vote no. Flower shows are work, yes. They increase the community's regard for your club and provide education and entertainment for the community; you've undoubtedly heard all the rationales. More importantly, flower shows express the pleasure found in flowers. Forget about what ribbon you received and watch the visitors to your show. Their response to your effort displays the joy you shared. You never know whose heart you touched, who you have inspired. It is a moment worth treasuring.

Interested? MAAJ flower arranging course information can be found on the Michigan Garden Club website: www.michiganardenclubs.org.



Scholarship & Donations

Nancy McGilliard, Scholarships

Thank you to all the clubs and individuals who have donated to Michigan Garden Club Scholarships this quarter. Your donations make it possible for students at Michigan universities to pursue studies compatible with MGC goals. Send your donations to **Nancy McGilliard-2339 Sapphire Lane East Lansing MI 48823**

❖ **SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS** April 1 to June 30, 2010 ❖

◆ **DONATIONS**= \$3891.16

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Garden Club of Greater Lansing
District IV to honor judges of District Flower Show
Kalamazoo Garden Council
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Kenneth Hamilton from Friendly GC of Traverse City



Sarah Alward —Awarded National Garden Club Scholarship!

Virginia Froehlich, NGC Scholarship

Sarah Alward, a graduate student enrolled in the Landscape Architecture Department of the University of Michigan, is the recipient of one of the \$3500 National Garden Club Scholarships for 2010-2011.

Sarah, also the recipient of the \$1000 Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc., Scholarship for 2010-2011, is a hard-working student who has maintained an A-average in her class work. She is an active member of the Student Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects and was elected by her peers to serve as Treasurer of the organization. Sarah's career objectives include working to connect underrepresented segments of society to nature, increasing environmental stewardship through unique and innovative landscape design, and creating sustainable designs through the use of native plants and low-impact design strategies.

The 2011-2012 College Scholarship Brochure, with the complete rules and application form, will be forwarded to Michigan colleges and universities as soon as it is available. For further information regarding the scholarships, contact Virginia Froehlich, MGC Scholarship Chairman, (734) 675-2944 or vafroehlich@comcast.net.

"CLUBS ON THE GROW"

A New Club on the Grow: The Finlandia Garden Club, or How to Recruit New Members - - The Easy Way!

Virginia Froehlich, MGC District I Director

As MGC District I Director, I am particularly aware of the challenges of recruiting and maintaining new members and clubs. So imagine my surprise when the newest club in District I, the Finlandia Garden Club, literally fell into my lap!

It began earlier this year when I received an email from David Sharpe, a Finlandia Garden Club member who wanted to meet with me to discuss joining Michigan Garden Clubs. It was during that meeting I learned the Finlandia Garden Club had independently done their homework regarding MGC, and recognized the benefits of belonging to an established and relevant organization as the National Garden Clubs. In fact Mr. Sharpe had brought his laptop computer and a very impressive slide presentation highlighting the works of the Finlandia Garden Club, which he proceeded to show me right there in the restaurant! The best part was the Club had already voted to pursue membership in MGC!

The Finlandia Garden Club has its roots in 2003, when a member of the Finnish Center took the MSU Master Gardener class and began developing, along with several other Finnish Center members, six acres of landscaping. Today the club maintains more than 50 gardens in an expansive setting, including both annual and perennial gardens and wetlands. The site is a Rouge River Habitat and a certified Wildlife Habitat, and has been honored with a number of awards for beautification, environmental development and volunteerism.

District I is pleased to welcome the Finlandia Garden Club as MGC Club 488.

Sherwood Garden Club (District IIB)

The Sherwood Garden Club #424 was founded and accepted into MGC in 1994. Sherwood is located south of M-60 in Branch County, about 20 miles north of the Indiana State Line. We have been actively involved in District IIB programs through the years. The club's current membership is 25 with meetings held at 7pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Sherwood Township Library.

Club activities include: Accepting applications for the Garden Club College Scholarship, preparing and placing 43 perpetual care memorial pots within township cemeteries, cleaning village flower beds and participating in the village's annual Memorial Day Parade. In 2010 we worked the registration table at the MGC Annual Convention in Battle Creek.

Recent activities include: Hosting a reception and presentation for the College Scholarship recipient, attending the Marshall Garden Tour, and a road trip to the Quilt Gardens in Northern Indiana.

Seedlings Garden Club (District III)

Founded in 1978, the members of Seedlings Garden Club continue to increase their knowledge of gardening, promote better horticultural practices and increase the beautification of both home and community. Three of the original founding women are still active. The club has two State Life members, one National Life member and three Master Gardeners.

They meet on the third Friday of each month led by President Jennifer Hanna. Meetings are normally in members' homes with speakers or workshops; some include a visit to a place of interest. Continuing projects include planting and caring for seasonal flower beds at the Richland Village Memorial, the Village Hall, the Area Community Center and assisting with spring planting for the Village of Richland.

A highlight is always the Bi-Annual Flower Show, most recently held in the summer of 2009 with the theme "Come Bloom With Us." This October the Seedlings will host the District III Fall Meeting.

❖ MARK YOUR CALENDAR ❖

Garden Club Plant Sale Labor Day Weekend

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will host its eighth annual Labor Day Plant Sale 9 am to noon Saturday, September 5th at Ferry Beach in Charlevoix (near the corner of Ferry Avenue and Stover Road).

Shoppers will find a variety of shade and sun tolerant perennials, bird feeders and miscellaneous garden gift items with many donated by area nurseries and businesses. Club President, Margie Kessler, encourages everyone to support their community garden club, mingle with master gardeners and pick up beautiful plants at amazing prices!

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club maintains the gardens at the "Welcome to Charlevoix the Beautiful" entrance signs at M-66 and North and South U.S. 31. Members are active in the Junior Master Gardening Program and assist the Charlevoix Area Garden Club with the Heritage Depot Garden.

The club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7-9 p.m. to share gardening tips, attend informative lectures and tour area nurseries and gardens. For more information contact club President Margie Kessler at (231) 237-4272.

"Celebrate with Flowers" September 10 & 11, 2010

A Standard Flower Show by the Garden Club of Dearborn, the Garden City Garden Club, the Dearborn Heights Garden Club and the Military Hills Garden Club. Noon to 5 pm Friday September 10 and 10 am to 4 pm Saturday September 11, 2010 at the First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn, 600 North Brady, Dearborn, MI 48124. Open to the public and free of charge. For further information, contact
Chair Betty King, 313-562-5175;
Helen Kane, 313-381-8540 or
Mary Dietrich, 313-565-9589.



SIALIA sialis

Joan Blincoe, Bees, Birds and Butterflies

We were thrilled to have one of these nesting in our newly built nest box this summer.

The Eastern Bluebird. Everything about this bird is gentle. The flight from one perch to another is soft, noiseless, and sweeps along with grace. By the early 1900's these birds were in serious decline because of the loss of fields and nesting cavities in split rail fences and nest predation by House Sparrows and European Starlings, both non-native introduced species.



Thanks to all of you birding enthusiasts who erected nesting

boxes, they are recovering. Please remember to monitor your boxes in the spring for predator birds building a nest. We pulled House Sparrow nests out twice before the Bluebird could build.

The male Eastern bluebird displays at his nest cavity to attract a female. He brings nest material to the hole, goes in and out, and waves his wings while perched above it. That is pretty much his contribution to nest building; only the female builds the nest and incubates the nest. Eastern Bluebirds eat mostly insects, wild fruit and berries. Bluebirds typically have more than one successful brood per year. Young produced in early nests usually leave their parents in summer, but young from later nests frequently stay with their parents over the winter. Wouldn't it be lovely to see this brilliant royal blue bird against the snow!

Speaking of winter, it seems just like yesterday that we were looking forward to a nice warm spring and now it's time to think about putting our gardens to bed. It is also a good time to clean out your birdhouses and feeders. Water and bleach solution will kill parasites and germs. There are times in the winter that our birds will use them as shelter from our winter winds and snow.



District Fall Meetings 2010

District III Fall Meeting "The Life, Home and Gardens of W.K.Kellogg" October 14, 2010

W.K.Kellogg (celebrating his 150th birthday) will be held on Thursday, October 14, 2010 at St. Ann Catholic Church, 12648 East D Avenue, Augusta, MI. Host clubs are Seedlings and Rose & Thistle.

The morning program is "The Life, Home and Gardens of WK Kellogg" by Kellogg historian, John Cerva.

Afternoon options are:

- A) Guided Tour of the Kellogg Manor House and grounds for \$4.00, featuring different areas:
 - 1) "Eagle Heights, A Cereal King's Summer Cottage"
 - 2) The Reflection Pool, Staircase, and Lakeside Pagoda and Gardens —A Walk along the Lakeshore, over the bridge to the Dutch Windmill and through the Lakeside Gardens.
- B) Guided Tour of the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary for \$4.00 (Both the Kellogg Manor House and Bird Sanctuary are within a 5 minute drive.)
- C) "The Legacy of the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary" by Kara Haas (Environmental Education Coordinator at the KBS, presented at the Church.) **No Charge**

Cost for the day is \$21 per person with an additional \$4.00 charge for either Tour A or B.

Send checks to Registrar Betsi English, 3422 Oakdale Rd., Hickory Corners, MI 49060 (269-671-5014 or betsi@englishbiz.net) by September 30. For more information, contact Chairperson Pam Dewey, 269-671-5211 or usrprd@ids.net

District I Fall Meeting at Historic War Memorial October 19, 2010

District I is pleased to announce its Fall District Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, will be held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236.

The location of the gathering, hosted by the Garden Club of Michigan and the Junior League Gardeners, is designated as both a

state and national historic site. According to information found on the Memorial's website (www.warmemorial.org). "The building itself is the former home of the Russell Alger family - a mansion built in 1910 and donated to the community in honor of World War II veterans in 1949."

The design portion of the meeting will be presented by District I's own Pauline Flynn, Master Flower Show Judge of Port Huron. Additionally, Robin Heller, Executive Director of LocalMotionGreen, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting healthy people and a healthy planet through reduced exposure and use of harmful chemicals, will speak.

Cost of the event is \$22.00. The salad buffet luncheon will include the popular Pumpkin Soup, a well-known specialty of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial culinary staff.

Club presidents of record were sent Call Letters with maps and Registration materials in August.

For further information contact — District I Director Virginia Froehlich, Registrar at 734-675-2944 or email: vafroehlich@comcast.net.

District IIB Fall Meeting "The Garden of Earthy Delights" Wednesday, October 20, 2010

District IIB cordially invites you to attend their fall meeting, "The Garden of Earthly Delights" scheduled for Wednesday, October 20th, 2010. Hosted by the Meridian Garden Club, this event will be held at the Eagle Eye Golf and Banquet Facility at 15500 Chandler Road, Bath, Michigan.

"Food, the Environment and Climate Change" will be presented in the morning by MSU Professor Dr. Bonnie Bucqueroux. Our afternoon speaker and author Deanna House will give an entertaining presentation called "Foods From Michigan's Good Earth."

For Registrar questions contact Lynn Seeley at 517-242-2540 or by email: seeleyfl@aol.com. For questions concerning food/dietary restrictions please call Kathleen Denisi at 517-339-2527.

How Loda Lake Got Its Name

Karen Motawi, MGC Loda Lake Chairman

Michigan Garden Clubs' relationship with the US Forest Service and the area that is now Loda Lake Wildflower sanctuary goes back more than 70 years. At that time the lake was called Bass Lake and was a favorite fishing spot for the families that lived nearby. During World War II, when there was no money to do any work in the park, the Forest Service resorted to tasks that didn't require expenditures. One of these was to look at the names of various Michigan natural features. They discovered that there were 66 Bass Lakes in Michigan, so they set about changing them all.

Mrs. Grace Votey was the Garden Club's state Conservation Chair at the time and was the prime mover in the effort to create a wildflower sanctuary in Michigan like the ones she had seen in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. When the Forest Service asked her for suggestions she sat down with her committee to do some research. They came up with the name, "Loda" which seemed so appropriate that it was adopted almost immediately.

And here is the story of Loda, an actual historical figure. Lonidaw (or Loda as she was affectionately called) was a true spirit of the woods. She had a very sweet voice and could mimic the calls of the birds. One day Simon Pokagon, son of a Potawatami chief, was home from school and camping in the woods (he attended several schools, including Notre Dame and spoke four languages). He caught sight of Loda who was gathering reeds to make baskets and fell in love at once. The white deer that followed Loda about was quite jealous of Simon who eventually won Loda's affections. They were married some time later and had two children. In addition to the deer, Loda had a devoted dog who would swim into the lake and gather water lilies for her.

Loda was extremely protective of her son and daughter and fearful that they would be corrupted by the strong drink that had destroyed her own father and many other men of her tribe. When their son went off to be educated her worst fears were realized so she placed all her hope in their young daughter. One day the daughter was out on the lake in a canoe when it was rammed by two drunken men. Loda jumped into the water in an unsuccessful attempt to rescue her. Loda herself was barely alive when she was pulled from the water. She lived several days but eventually succumbed to what one can only imagine was a broken heart.

Simon wrote the story of his life with Lonidaw on birchbark, titling it "Queen of the Woods." The book is available on line if you'd like to read more about Loda or Simon who later on became very well known for delivering an eloquent speech during the 1893 Chicago World's Fair.

In later issues, I'll share with you some more stories about happenings at Loda Lake before it became a wildflower sanctuary.



Chief Simon Pokagon

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF ACCREDITED JUDGES

A wonderful day has been planned by the Michigan Association of Accredited Judges for Flower show judges, garden club members and friends. All are welcome. The meeting will be on Tuesday September 14, 2010 at the Sheraton in Novi, MI.

The morning program is the *Beauty and Benefits of Lavender* given by Iris Lee Underwood from Yule Love it Lavender Farm. Iris will speak on the history, growing and benefits of Lavender. Click on to her web site iris@irislee.org. Iris will also bring lavender products for you to purchase.



Claudia Bates from Gainesville, Florida will present a creative design program in the afternoon "Pizzaz With Color & Line." She is a Master Flower Show Judge, a NGC, Inc. Flower Show Schools instructor in design and a floral design instructor for the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. Claudia will WOW you with her creativity and knowledge of floral design.

Claudia has presented programs for State Conventions, CFAA and the Judges Council in Florida. Her designs have been in the Wafa publication *Designing the American Way* and the 2011 Vision of beauty calender.

For registration information please contact Angie Wilkie, 32241 Barkley, Livonia, MI 48154-3513, Phone (734-434-3795) e-mail: wilkie1210@tds.net.



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"They need to stop digging their heels in and bend their knees and walk into the age of technology..."

Bobbie Quick

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The link: www.michigangardenclubs.org will take you to the MGC, Inc. Store where you can purchase MGC, Inc. Logo Merchandise. We have gone out of our way to insure that these are quality items. Samples were available for viewing and purchase at the District Meetings.

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Lorrie Dyal

Your Blue Star Memorial Dedication Ceremony is an event that you will want to remember forever!



To make an official record of this event, I maintain the Michigan Garden Club's Blue Star Directory begun by my predecessor Joyce Witten. It contains a two page spread on each of the 50 Michigan Blue Star Dedications since 1947. This information is also sent to our National Blue Star Chairman and the Central Region Blue Star Chairman for record keeping. Additionally it is sent to Archivist Leonard Coombs of the Benley Historical Library at the University of Michigan. This archival collection is part of the Women's Collection which records women's contributions to the growth and development of Michigan. In addition to remembering our Armed Forces by paying tribute and honor the dedication will etch in our memory a true bonding activity with other community groups.

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COURSE IV: WATER AND RELATED ISSUES



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COURSE II

OCT. 12 & 13, 2010

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY

DEADLINE: OCT. 1, 2010

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME _____
 GARDEN CLUB _____
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 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE _____
 EMAIL _____

FULL COURSE REGISTRATION: \$95.00

INCLUDES 2 CONTINENTAL BREAKFASTS, 2 LUNCHES, AND STUDY OUTLINES

TAKING EXAM? YES NO

REFRESHING? YES NO

FEE: \$5.00

PART TIME REGISTRATION:

TUES. OCT. 12, 2010 \$50.00

WED. OCT. 13, 2010 \$50.00

TOTAL

MAKE CHECKS TO **MGC ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL**

SEND TO: PAT HJERTOS, REGISTRAR

30189 MICHIGAN AVE.

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NO REFUNDS AFTER OCT. 7, 2010.

ALL REFUNDS WILL BE ASSESSED A \$10 SERVICE FEE.

TUESDAY OCT 12, 2010

8:00AM REGISTRATION
 CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
 ECOLOGY-LAND

8:30

9:30 BREAK
 9:45 PLANTS-AGRICULTURE

10:45 BREAK
 11:00 SOURCE REDUCTION OF TOXICS,
 POLLUTANTS, AND MATERIALS

12:00 LUNCH
 1:15 COASTEL ZONE MANAGEMENT

2:15 BREAK
 2:30 NATURE DISCOVERY FIELD TRIP

WEDNESDAY OCT. 13, 2010

8:30AM REGISTRATION
 CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES-
 RESOURCES

10:00 BREAK
 10:15 WILDLIFE-ANIMALS
 THE MISUNDERSTOODS

11:15 BREAK
 11:30 SUPPLEMENTAL SUBJECT
 TBA

12:30 LUNCH
 1:15 EARTH STEWARDSHIP
 GARDENING WITH NATURE

2:15 REVIEW
 2:45 BREAK

3:30 OPEN BOOK EXAM

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Awards and Requirements/MGC and NGC

The following information is taken from the NGC, Inc. & MGC, Inc: List of Awards and Requirements that you can find on National Garden Clubs website: www.gardenclub.org or the Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. website: www.michigangardenclubs.org. These are the areas that seem to be the most troublesome when doing a book of evidence. These items apply to all awards, except Central Region, although the award number, name and content may change. Central Region Awards and application are at: www.ngccentralregion.org.

DEADLINES; The awards year is January 1 through December 31 of the current year unless otherwise noted. All Yearbooks and Books of Evidence are due November 1 of the current year unless stated otherwise or an extension has been requested and granted. Mail 1 Yearbook and/or all other Books of Evidence for the awards year 2010 to: MGC Awards Chair Bobbie Quick, 2442 Dick St., Niles, Mi. 49120-9362.

ALL BOOKS OF EVIDENCE & YEARBOOKS must include TWO copies of the current NGC/MGC award application forms obtained from the State Awards Chairman (or IA Awards Chairman, Central Region Awards, may be found online). The form must be signed by state president and state awards chairman.

- ◆ One application form should be permanently attached to inside cover of the book of evidence and a duplicate attached with paper clip
- ◆ Yearbooks: firmly clip two application forms to the inside front cover; no envelope necessary.***
- ◆ Publication: Submit entry for #3, #13(**newsletter**) and #68 in an envelope with one Application secured to outside and one enclosed inside envelope

ABOVE REQUIREMENTS ARE A MUST

LABEL— BOOK OF EVIDENCE:

Label on outside cover: number and name of NGC/MGC award, category (size), name of club/s, city and state. **For MGC award include District Number.** Label should be typed or neatly written and permanently affixed.

SAMPLE Application

Please download from website or see your District Director

2009-2011 NGC AWARDS APPLICATION FORM

All Award Applications go to State Awards Chairman and must be sent to: NGC Awards Chairman to arrive no later than January 15:

Bobbie Verser
705 Stagecoach Village Circle
Little Rock AR 72210-4774
email: bobbieverser@att.net Phone # 501-455-2488



Date of Application _____

Award Number _____ Award Name _____

Submitted by State Garden Club: _____
(The Name of YOUR Garden Club)

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) _____ (Do Not Use for Yearbooks)
i - small 29 members and under, ii - medium 30-99, iii - large 100 and over (determined by number of members on whom state and NGC dues are paid, including Active, Associate, Inactive, Honorary, etc.)

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

#16 Yearbook
(A) _____ 1. Club under 20 members, _____ 2. Club 20-29, _____ 3. Club 30-44, _____ 4. Club 45-69
_____ 5. Club 70-99, _____ 6. Club 100-299, _____ 7. Club 300 or over
(B) Group of Member Clubs _____ (D) State Garden Club 1. With Advertisements _____ 2. Without Advertisements _____
(E) Club/Council of Judges/Consultants
(size determined by number of members on whom NGC dues are paid, including garden club members, Affiliates, State Life Members, etc.)

Breif Summary of the Project, approximately 3-4 sentences including: name of club/s, city, description of project, benefit, accomplishments, other organizations involved, etc. If more space is needed use the back of this form or attach a separate sheet of paper. (NO Summary Needed for Yearbooks) (DO NOT use this form for FLOWER SHOWS)

Signature of State Awards Chairman _____
Address, telephone, fax, email _____

Signature of State Garden Club President _____

*** Attach one copy of NGC Awards Application Form permanently to inside front cover of Book of Evidence; attach second copy with paperclip. Yearbook: attach both copies with paperclip. Publications: attach one copy to outside of envelope and enclose second copy in envelope with publication. 5/09

Award # A(i-ii-iii) Award Name
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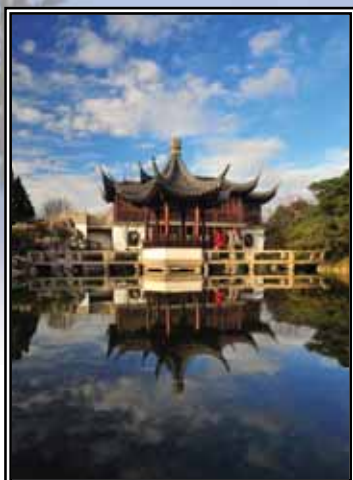
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SUMMER

2010 RAKER TRIAL GARDENS

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As part of this program, C. Raker & Sons, Inc. (Litchfield, Michigan) one of the world's premium suppliers of young plants to the horticulture industry, is pleased to invite you to the **2010 Raker Trial Gardens**.

The **2010 Raker Trial Gardens** present more than three acres of 1,200+ plant varieties. We invite you to visit and participate in this **FREE** event at your convenience. **The Trials are open July 14 – September 3, 9 A.M. – 5 P.M., Monday - Friday.**

PROGRAMS

The **living color fundraiser** offers two programs to help your group raise money. We support campaign (order-taking) and event (single-occasion) fundraisers:

FALL POINSETTIAS

Take Poinsettias orders in October for pre-Holiday delivery to your customers.

SPRING FLOWERS

Sell bedding flats, color bowls, hanging baskets, herbs & vegetables in March for Mother's Day delivery to your customers.

CONTACT US

Custom-grown plants / flowers and the perfect sales window make the **living color fundraiser** an ideal money-making opportunity for your Garden Club.

Contact Lori Ricketts (517.542.4536 | loriricketts@raker.com) today to register.

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call: 517.542.2316



FALL

Sell Poinsettias in October to deliver the early part of December. Campaign registration ends October 1 and Event registration ends October 29, 2010.

SPRING

Sell plants and flowers in March to deliver Mother's day. Campaign registration ends March 12 and Event registration ends April 19, 2011.

www.livingcolorfundraiser.com

517.542.4536

Calendar items: September Thru December 4, 2010

Also check MGC, Inc. web site for updates

September 8,

1:00pm, Finance Meeting - Lansing, (time subject to change)

September 9,

10:00, State Board Meeting - Lansing, Coffee served at 9:30am

Location: Plymouth Congregational Church, Lansing.

September 10-11, 2010

Dearborn-Flower Show
“Celebrate with Flowers,” a Standard Flower Show by the Garden Club of Dearborn, the Garden City Garden Club, the Dearborn Heights Garden Club and the Military Hills Garden Club. 12-5 pm Friday, September 10, and 10-4 pm Saturday, September 11. Location: First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn, 600 North Brady, Dearborn, MI 48124. Open to the public, free admission. Contact Chair Betty King, 313-562-5175; Helen Kane, 313-381-8540, or Mary Dietrich, 313-565-9589.

September 11, 2010

Grand Ledge - Blue Star Dedication
3:00 Pm - Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedication Sponsored by the Grand Ledge Garden Club

September 14, 2010

2010 - MAAJ Meeting
Michigan Association of Accredited Judges. Claudia Bates, Master Flower Show Judge and NGC FSS Design Instructor, from Gainesville, Florida will be our guest designer. Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel, Novi, MI

September 23-26, 2010

2010 NGC Board Meeting, Great Falls, Montana

September 24, 2010

Saline – Beginner Flower Arranging Lessons Sept. 24 & Oct. 8, 2010, 10-2 pm, District IIA, Saline District Library, 555 North Maple Road, Saline. Cost \$35.00 includes instruction, manual, and all supplies to make 4 fresh flower arrangements. Contact Mary Pulick at 734-665-4703 or marypulick@gmail.com for more information.

September 28, 2010

District VI 2010 Fall Meeting
“Pumpkins and Spice and Everything Nice”
Hosted by: Yard & Garden Club of Flint
Location: Genesys Conference Center, 805 Health Park Blvd., Grand Blanc, MI

September 30, 2010

District V 2010 Fall Meeting
The Friendly Garden Club of Traverse City will host “Autumn Collage” along with a Small Standard Flower Show “Itty Bitty Autumn.”
Registration: 9-10 am. Location: Hagerty Center on the Bay, NMC Great Lakes Campus, Traverse City, MI. Registrar: Patricia Jean 231-275-3242

October 4-6, 2010

2010 Central Region Annual Meeting
Central Region’s 78th Annual Meeting, “Mother Nature’s Follies,” Location: The Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. 800-876-3399 or www.osthoff.com before September 15

October 5, 2010

Cheboygan – Craft & Luncheon: Seedums Garden Club of Cheboygan presents “Autumn Patchwork,” a soup and salad luncheon, 11:00-2:00 at the Eagles, 626 N. Main St. Garden theme crafts and demonstrations, Contact Joanne Welihan for tickets, \$10.00

October 8, 2010

Charlevoix - Fall Bulb Sale
Charlevoix Area Garden Club’s Fall Bulb Sale at Charlevoix’s Applefest: October 8-10, East Park (Bridge Street at Marina in downtown Charlevoix). Admission is free! Unique bulbs from Holland, garden supplies as well as our own Garden Hand Soap. Contact Joyce Reznick at joyreznick@aol.com or call 231-547-0680.

October 12-13, 2010

Environmental School - Course II, Held at the Amigo Centre, 26455 Banker Street Rd. Sturgis, MI. Sponsored by District III, Colon Garden Club. Registrar: Pat Hjertos, 269-496-4815.

October 14, 2010

District III 2010 Fall Meeting
Hosted by Seedlings GC and Rose & Thistle GC, celebrating the 150th Anniversary of WKKellogg’s birth. Held at St. Ann Catholic Church, 12648 East D Ave., Augusta, MIU. Contacts: Pam Dewey, 269-671-5211, usrprd@tds.net or Carol Beckius, 269-372-6950, cbeckius@chartermi.net (see page 6 for details)

October 18, 2010

District IV Fall President’s Meeting - Rockford, MI.

October 19, 2010

District I 2010 Fall Meeting (see page 6 for details)

October 20, 2010

District IIB 2010 Fall Meeting
Eagle Eye Golf & Banquet Facility, hosted by the Meridian Garden Club. Contact Madeline Masterson at 517-349-1738 madmasterson@sbcglobal.net or Kathy Denisi at 517-339-2527 or densisil225@yahoo.com (see page 6 for details)

November 3, 2010

1:00pm, Finance Meeting - Lansing, (time subject to change)

November 4, 2010

10:00, State Board Meeting - Lansing, Coffee served at 9:30 am
Location: Plymouth Congregational Church, Lansing.

November 19, 2010

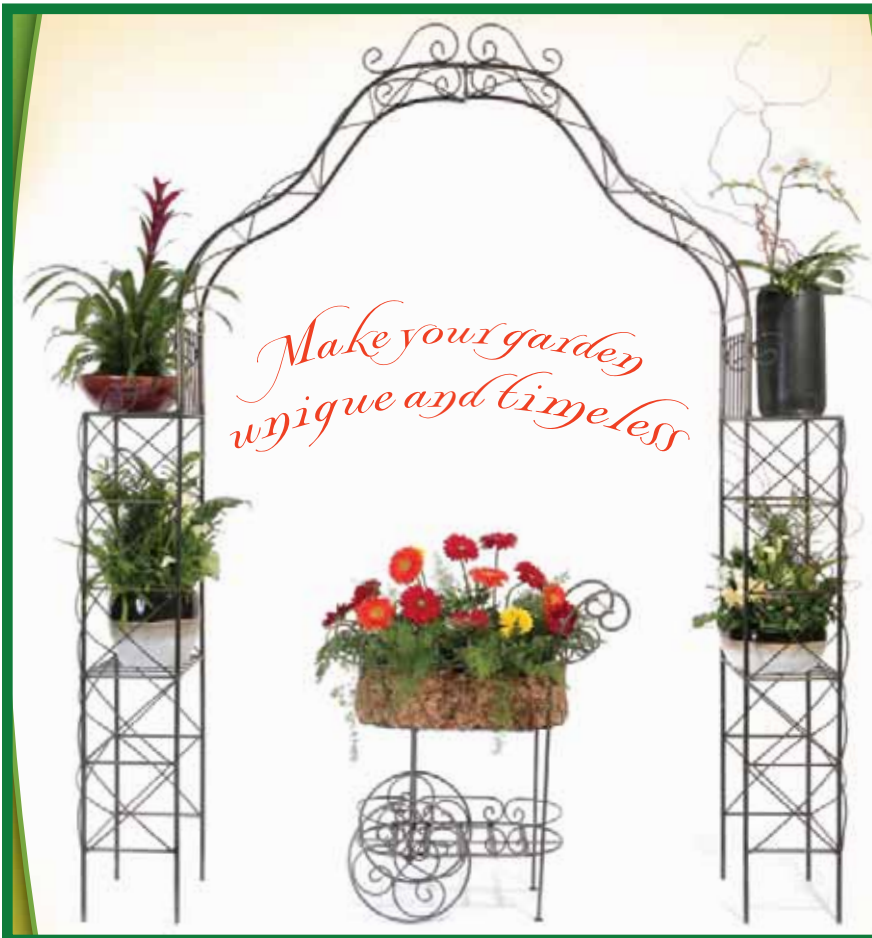
Kent Garden Club wreath sale Friday, November 19 & Saturday, November 20. Breton Village Mall in Grand Rapids, 10-6 pm. Freshly cut, Michigan grown, Fraser fir, hand-made wreaths, 18 & 24 inch sizes. Handmade bows & decorations. Pre-orders before Nov. 7 (sizes 18, 24, 36, 48”), call 616-443-2077 or visit www.kentgardenclub.org or eveandweb@gmail.com for order forms. Preorder pick up on day of sale.

December 3, 2010

Kalamazoo - Greens and Gifts Sale
Kalamazoo Garden Council’s Holiday Greens Sale. Kalamazoo Expo Center & Fairground, 2900 Lake St., Kalamazoo. Friday, Dec. 3, 9-7 pm, Saturday, Dec. 4, 9-5Pm. Fresh wreaths, roping, centerpieces, handmade gifts, bows and decorations. Workshops for adults and children. Free admission. Contact: Mary Van Tassel 269-375-1708

December 4, 2010

Cadillac - Holiday Home Tour 11-4 pm
Host: Cadillac Garden Club \$10.00 advance tickets, \$15.00 day of tour.
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Legislative Update July 1, 2010

Anne Wiseman, Legislative Chairman

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) has refused to give a permit to the Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative's proposed coal-fired power plant in Rogers City. The permit was denied on the grounds that Wolverine had not shown a need for the plant, nor fulfilled its legal obligation to consider other alternatives.

The State Public Service Commissions (PSC) estimates that the new plant would have increased electric rates 60%, \$77 per month for the average consumer. I attended a PSC meeting on utilities at Midland and was very impressed by their ability to explain the power plant which cost \$2.3 billion. Coal is no bargain.

Coal-fired plants are costly, polluting and a threat to health in comparison to alternative energy sources. Michigan residents and businesses spent \$1.36 billion in 2008 to buy imported coal. It would have been more cost effective to promote Michigan companies that build wind turbine components, solar panels and energy efficient products. We need more renewable electricity generated here in Michigan

