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NOTICE

Please send all events to be included on Upcoming Events to the Calendar Chairperson and include the following:

WHO WHO
WHAT WHAT
WHERE
WHEN WHEN
HOW HOW

Remember those from grade school? They are still vital for getting people to your event in our modern days.

Our calendar chairperson is Carol Knoper - knopercl@altelco.net
7234 Leonard St.

Coopersville, MI 49404-9782

Our President's Words

Dear Members,

It is truly an honor to be installed as President of Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. From the moment I accepted the position of third vice-president, I knew this was an incredible organization. What impressed me the most was the dedication of the members, the willingness to do a great job as volunteers and how well everyone worked together to achieve a common goal.

As your president, I will be proud to represent Michigan Garden Clubs at your Club, at District meetings, Central Region meetings and the National Conventions.

The theme for 2007-2009 is
"Conserve to Preserve."

MEMBERSHIP GOALS

- We can preserve our membership by communicating ideas with one another.
- We can invite club members to attend the State Board meetings.
- We can address membership in the local clubs by having twilight or evening meetings to accommodate working people.
- We can invite clubs nearby for a combined meeting so we can get to know other members.
- We can sponsor lectures, invite the district members, the public, and

encourage members to participate in Horticulture and Flower Shows.

- We can help the district directors form new clubs.
- We can establish district boards to brainstorm ideas for exciting programs and other ways to communicate with our members.

PROJECT GOAL

- To honor our military personnel, I wish to increase the number of Blue Star Memorial Markers in each District. Presently we have:
 - District I, 4. District IIA, 7. District IIB, 2. District III, 7. District IV, 1. District V, 4. District VI, 2. Total 27.
- To use the colors red, white, and blue in combination plantings, window boxes, mass plantings, and tie ribbons of the same color on your trees.
- To encourage each member to purchase an American Flag and fly it proudly.

We are on the verge of a new horizon. Our new web site will soon be available to all members on their personal computer or a computer at a library.

All school forms, plant resources and search areas, yearbooks, newsletters, interesting pertained topics relating to each season, will be available to

all members. For those members who do not have access to the web, we will continue to mail information via the post office.

Together we can preserve our clubs, one member at a time.

I have chosen two important projects, which I trust you will support.

1. Developing rain gardens to control wastewater runoff
2. Planting host plants in your garden to preserve the Monarch butterfly.

PROJECT GOALS

1. RAIN GARDENS

- We are connected to the largest fresh water system on earth and that water is in trouble. Twenty percent of fresh surface water on earth is in the Great Lakes.
- What threatens our water? We do!
- When rain and snowmelt flow off our yards, roofs, sidewalks, roads and parking lots, the resulting storm water runoff washes pollution into our streams, river, and lakes. Up to seventy percent of the water, pollution in our region is carried there by storm water. In addition, some of this pollution comes from the very things we do in our yards and gardens.

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Our President's Words Continued

- Nature's original plan for rain is this: to soak into the soil, replenish groundwater supplies, to be taken up and filtered by plants, and enter our surface waters as clean, cool groundwater, nurturing and nourishing our world. Water was not meant to run off the land and pollute rivers and streams.

What is a rain garden?

- A rain garden is a special kind of storm water garden designed to collect and absorb runoff from a roof or parking lot. By planting a rain garden, you can help solve some of our storm water problems.
- Now is the time to take action. Drive around on a rainy day and look at what is happening to the runoff. Make notes as to where the water is flowing. Follow the water and then take pictures of the problem.
- Next, approach the owner of the building or residence to see how to solve the problem. You might find someone who does not care or someone who is concerned. Be persistent and try to explain that water runoff can be an asset to the property by the construction of a rain garden. Refer the owner to the web site www.raingardens.org to see how this can be a solution to the problem.
- Your garden club can install the rain garden, plant the plants, stand back, and watch what happens to the storm water runoff.
- We can do this! It takes so little time and the effort is so rewarding. Once again, 'conserve to preserve' our water resources.

The selection of plants must be native. Native plants can withstand all kinds of conditions. As the roots take hold, they will survive. Native plants are also host to many species of birds and butterflies.

Incidentally, our national president

Barbara May also has chosen to "plant native plants", so we can support her project as well.

A contest will be held, via a book of evidence or perhaps a visit to the site, to see how well the rain garden is coping with runoff. A reward for this project will be announced later.

Together we can save the Great Lakes, one garden at a time.

I credit the West Michigan Environmental Action Council for the information presented in the above message. www.raingardens.org

2. MONARCH BUTTERFLY

What can we do to preserve the monarch?

- The host plant for the monarch pupae is milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*). This is the only food source for the pupae stage.
- Road crews who mow the grass in the median of our highways are destroying this plant, as are others who are uninformed as to why this plant is so important.
- Other environmental factors are also destroying the plants.
- This has to stop if we want the

monarch to survive.

- We need to include this plant in our gardens. What, a weed in my garden, you ask? Yes, a good weed in our gardens.
- What a thrill to see the caterpillar eating and growing, spinning into a chrysalis and then emerging as a beautiful monarch butterfly.
- Plant a butterfly garden in your yard or in a schoolyard.
- Work closely with children in planting this garden.
- Produce a book of evidence for the award.

Together we can save the Monarch, one plant at a time. www.monarchwatch.org

Gardeners, we have to work to "Conserve to Preserve" our most precious environment.

In closing, thank you for your kind attention and the opportunity to serve in this position. Together we can make a difference, one garden club member, one garden club, one rain garden and one native plant at a time.

Cordially,
Dolores



Scholarship Contributions

May, 2007

Donations.....\$1600

Clubs: Williamston Red Cedar, Chemical City, Greater Lansing, Grosse Pointe, All Seasons, Beverly Hills, Pinckney, Webberville, Marshall Area

Honorariums..... \$175

Hill and Dale GC honoring 50 year member, Ruth Trembley, 40 year member, Lucille Eaton, Mary Pulick honoring retiring Director of District IIA, Shirley Feight

Memorials \$230

Jennie Kramer and Ruth Follrath from Muskegon County Garden Club,

Hattie Quick, mother-in-law of Bobbie Quick from Lyn and Peter Butus, Dorothy Frady, sister of Linda Sather, from Lyn Butus, Joseph DeLuca, father of Florence Smith from Lyn Butus, Pam Dewey, Nancy Goulette, Thelma Laurence, mother of Stacey Stutcher from Becky Uber.

Thank you for supporting MGC Scholarship project for students in Michigan public colleges.

Nancy McGilliard
Scholarship Chairman
2339 Sapphire Lane
East Lansing MI 48823

Saugatuck-Douglas Annual Fund Raiser

The Saugatuck-Douglas Garden Club will be hosting its annual fund raiser entitled "*A Floral approach.*" Homes and gardens will be featured along with an afternoon tea.

11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday, July 14, 2007

Homes and Gardens in
Saugatuck and Douglas, MI

Cost: \$20.00

Contact person/tickets: Nancy
White at 269-857-2809

Community Pride Day

The Saugatuck - Douglas Garden Club along with the Lakeshore Garden Club celebrated Community Pride Day on May 22, 2007 by assisting school children in planting large planters that will be located in both communities. Sixth graders assisted with the Saugatuck plantings and Junior Gardeners from the Douglas Elementary School assisted with the Douglas plantings. Pumpnickel's Restaurant treated the students to cookies and cold drinks after their hard work.

Garden Club Niches For Sale

We also would like to advertise some niches we have for sale. These would be appropriate for clubs having flower shows. The niches are made of black acrylic and set up in groups of four and are connected by clear acrylic. They are 30 inches high by 26 inches wide and 18 inches deep. Please contact Merle Malmquist at 269-857-4817.

Best regards,

Sue A. Bohlander,

Publicity Chairman

Need Information?

If club presidents are in need of current judges, consultants or other membership information for their district, please contact the Database/Circulation manager through email robin-lee@ctec.net or phone 231-797-8001.

Garden Walk Produces Scholarships

The Kalamazoo Garden Walk is scheduled for July 21 & 22.

Mark your calendar for the upcoming garden tours of the Landscapers Garden Club of Kalamazoo, Saturday, July 21 from 9 am to 4 pm and Sunday, July 22 from 1 pm to 4 pm. Tickets are \$8 per person, and are available at Riverstreet Flowerland in Comstock, Earthly Delights in downtown Kalamazoo or at the individual homes on the day of the tour. For more information contact Carol Beckius 372-6950 or Lynn Dinvald 343-3827. Proceeds from the tour support scholarships for university students interested in horticulture and Landscape Design.

Flower Show Scheduled

Kent Garden Club will sponsor a standard flower show, "*Come Dine With Us*" at Frederik Meijer Gardens on Friday, July 20 from 3 to 5 pm; Saturday, July 21 from 9 am to 5 pm; and Sunday, July 22 from noon until 5 pm. The Design Division will be composed of floral table settings; the Horticulture Division will exhibit annuals, perennials, combination plantings in containers, as well as shrubs and trees. The flower show is open to the public and free of charge.

High School Students Participate



Pentwater High School requires 40 hrs. of Community Service in order to graduate. This year four members of the Garden Club of Pentwater worked with 10 of these students preparing our garden club gardens for planting. These students worked hard, pulling weeds, adding mulch and doing much manual work and were greatly appreciated. Hats off to these seniors. Garden clubbers, Peg Anderson, Jean Lawhead, Betty Graham and Elaine Curtis helped these high school seniors. Shown here are six of these hard working kids!!

Elaine Curtis, Membership Chair
Garden Club of Pentwater



Clarification!

There is a great deal of confusion about the September Landscape Design School and the Tri-refresher. They are not the same thing! They are being held at the same time so that they can share an outstanding speaker and author. The Landscape Design School will have the prescribed subjects for the school. The tri-refresher will have two subjects on landscape design, two on gardening study and two on environmental concerns. They will share ONLY the one speaker, Tracy DiSabato-Aust, author of "The Well Tended Perennial Garden" and "The Well Designed Mixed Garden." If you are taking the school sign up for Course IV of the school. If you want to refresh at one of the schools then sign up for the tri-refresher. For further information contact Jolaine Snyder, auntjos@sisna.com



Farmer's Market

The St. Clair Garden Club's St. Clair Farmer's Market will open

Wednesday, July 11, and run every Wednesday until October 31, 2007. Hours are 7:00 a.m. to noon in downtown St. Clair at the north end of the Riverview Plaza parking lot. Buyers will find the freshest fruits, veggies, flowers, perennials, herbs and handmade soaps from local farms and gardens. Call Penny 810-329-6946

District III Fall Meeting

Thursday, October 18th

Lawrence Conference Center, Lawrence, MI (handicap accessible). Approx. 1 mile north of I-94 at exit 52 or 1/2 mile south of Red Arrow from the stoplight in downtown Lawrence)

Hosted by the Carnegie Garden Club of Paw Paw

Speakers: **Roger Taylor**, "*Making your Back Yard a Wild Bird Habitat.*"

Jan Landry, of Huntree Nursery, in Fennville, MI, "*The Jewels of the Autumn Garden*" (focusing on not only flowers, but on leaf, fruit, berry, and twig.)

The cost is \$20 per person and the payments should reach registrar Luanne Wright, 46858 Broadway, Bloomington, Michigan 49026-9776 by Oct. 4.

For more information, contact: Carrie E. LaPorte-Butler, 45050 CR 374 Paw Paw, MI 49079-9669, 269-657-8100

MGC Contributor

Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. is pleased to recognize Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation, Grand Traverse, MI, as a contributor to MGC. Thank you for your generosity.

Seventh Annual Beautification Project in Benton Harbor

Plant It Forward in its 7th year was again a huge success. Approximately 1,500 plants were donated to nearly 150 Benton Harbor residents for beautification of the community. Most of the plants were flowering-perennials, ornamental grasses, ground cover, some shrubs and annuals. From set-up to closing took less than four hours, but a lot of effort and time took place in the weeks prior.

Plant It Forward is a joint effort of Indian Hills and Highcliffe Terrace (St. Joseph), and Shoreline (Stevensville) Garden Clubs. Over the years we have been proud to receive 1st place awards: two from Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. & two from National Garden Club, Inc. The Committee this year consisted of Betsy Langbo, Janet McLelland, Bryce Engle and Sister Mary Pung of The Catholic Community Center in Benton Harbor, the location for the event that was held June 2.

Volunteers included members from the Garden Clubs, The CC Center, some helpful-energy-filled children, Hoya, and others who read of the event and offered their assistance. These

same groups along with local nurseries donated plants and a few of the recipients were grateful enough that they gave some money-donations to us.

Each year the interest in flowers, gardening and a desire to learn more has increased and we hope to have a Basic Gardening Class to meet these wishes for education

Words cannot express our joy and appreciation for all who helped make the day so successful and rewarding for all involved.

Janet S.

Did You Know...

...that Michigan Garden Clubs dedicated 17 Blue Star Memorial Markers over the past four years?

For More information:

Lorrie Dyal

3656 Stagecoach Drive

Okemos, Mi. 48864

517-349-5799



A big THANKYOU to the members of District IV clubs who served on the convention committee with meeting every month for a year, and doing your jobs so great. The success of the convention came from all your great work. Also - thank you to all the clubs who donated door prizes, did table decorations, tote bag fillers, etc. etc. and etc.

Members of the committee were: Florence Smith, State President, Deannie Picciotti, Co-Chairman, Jeanne Poll, Co-Chairman/District IV Director Marsha Jensen, Sue Vliet, Ruth Knott, Betsie Johnson, Marilyn Batchelar, Jacquie Hurtgen, Maggie Jones, Judith Carr, Carol Phelps, Joann Ott, Carol Knoper, Rose Albers, Vange Roth, Cindi Walker, Judy Nykamp, Donna Koledo, Sandy McQuen, Pat Moore, Joyce Linn, Roberta Skach, Lynne Frey, Karen Motawi, Sue Molhoek, Jeanne Pettengill, Lucia DeBonte, Betty Mocha, Carol McGreger, Anne DuMez, Gloria Huff, Pamela Tow and Dolores Stouwie who stepped in when needed. We thank you from the bottom of our heart!

Also the Crown Plaza was a great place to work with, letting us use a conference room for all our monthly meeting, and working with us for every detail.

Thanks to Stephanie our meetings director.

The team of Deannie and Jeanne

Conservation Scholarship Contributions

Thank you to the following clubs that have generously donated to the Conservation Scholarships for Higgins Lake Environmental School.

District IE

Garden Club of Michigan ..\$400.00

District IS

Wyandotte Garden Club.....\$25.00

Flatrock Garden Club.....\$75.00

District IW

Wayne Garden Club\$200.00

Dearborn Heights

Garden Club\$75.00

Garden Club of Dearborn...\$252.50

District IIA

Adrian Garden Club\$100.00

The Little Garden

Club of Tecumseh\$100.00

Loch Alpine Garden Club ..\$100.00

Hillsdale Garden Club.....\$400.00

Stone and Thistle

Garden Club\$50.00

District IIB

DeWitt Millennium

Garden Club\$200.00

Across the Fence Post

Garden Club\$100.00

Marshall Area

Garden Club\$100.00

Green Thumb

Garden Club\$252.50

District III

Portgage Garden Club.....\$100.00

Kalamazoo Garden Club....\$100.00

Grow and Show

Garden Club\$25.00

Wabigon Gardeners.....\$25.00

District IV

Kent Garden Club\$100.00

Holland Garden Club\$252.50

Big Rapids Garden Club\$100.00

Garden Club of

Pentwater.....\$100.00

Muskegon County

Garden Club\$100.00

All Seasons Garden Club...\$300.00

Tri-Cities Garden Club.....\$252.50

District V

Juniper Garden Club \$50.00

Friendly Garden Club\$25.00

West Mackinac

Garden Club\$252.50

The Friendly Garden

Club of Traverse City.....\$252.50

Other

Intercity Council of

Federated Gardens\$100.00

Please consider making the Conservation Scholarships for Higgins Lake Environmental School a 'line item' in your club budget.

This is a wonderful way for small groups to contribute to a scholarship for teachers.

Please make your check to Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. and write "Higgins Lake" on the memo line of your check.

Send checks to Kristine Soderberg, 4757 W Herbison, DeWitt, MI 48820. If you have questions or concerns, call her at 517-331-0717 or email me at



ksoderberg@comcast.net

The 2007 sessions will be held on July 15-20 with Dr Maria Ferreira of Wayne State University lecturing.

The second session will be held on July 29-August 3 with Dr Thomas Gehring of Central Michigan University lecturing. Both sessions will have the annual canoe study trip down the AuSable River, which allows participants first hand knowledge on integrating the curriculum into an activity. This year's scholarship is \$252.50 to each student.

Awards for '06

DISTRICT I (May 14, 2007)

DEARBORN HEIGHTS GARDEN CLUB

Participation Recognition:
Publications-Newsletter
Club of Distinction

GARDEN CLUB OF DEARBORN

Participation Recognition: NGC # 19
Horticulture Therapy

GROSSE ILE GARDEN CLUB

Club of Distinction

HILL AND DALE GARDEN CLUB

Participation Recognition: NGC #13
A: Publications-Newsletter

LIVONIA GARDEN CLUB

1st medium size club:

MI #9 Caroline Gray

2nd medium size club: NGC #13 A:

Publications-Newsletter

MGC 1st medium size club: NGC #7

Aiii Horticulture Therapy

TAYLOR GARDEN CLUB

Participation Recognition: NGC #13

A: Publications-Newsletter

DISTRICT IIA (May 1, 2007)

HILLSDALE GARDEN CLUB

1st medium size club: MI #6 Elsie

Cook Award for Landscape Design

LOCH ALPINE GARDEN CLUB

1st small size club:

MI #4 Horticulture

2nd small size club:

MI #9 Caroline Gray

MGC 1st small size club:

NGC #43 Butterfly

DISTRICT IIB (April 25, 2007)

GARDEN CLUB OF GREATER LANSING

MGC 1st medium size club: NGC

#13Aii Publications-Newsletter

Gold Seal Club of Distinction

GREENTHUMB GARDEN CLUB

Participation Recognition:

MI #6 Elsie Cook Award for

Landscape Design

HARTLAND HOME AND GARDEN CLUB

Club of Distinction

THORNAPPLE GARDEN CLUB

Club of Distinction

WEBBERVILLE GARDEN CLUB

MGC 2nd Place: Publicity Press Book
(Medium Size Club)

Participation Recognition: NGC #13

Aii Publications-Newsletter National

Garden Week

WILLIAMSTON RED CEDAR GARDEN CLUB

MGC 3rd Place: Publicity Press Book
(Medium Size Club)

DISTRICT III (May 3, 2007)

CHULA VISTA GARDEN CLUB

Club of Distinction

COLON GARDEN CLUB

3rd small size club: MI #1 Civic

Beautification

1st small size club: MI # 6 Elsie Cook

Award for Landscape Design

Club of Distinction

KALAMAZOO GARDEN CLUB

Gold Seal Club of Distinction

LANDSCAPERS GARDEN CLUB, KALAMAZOO

Gold Seal Club of Distinction

MEEK'S MILL GARDEN CLUB

Gold Seal Club of Distinction

MICHIANA LANDSCAPE STUDY CLUB

Club of Distinction

NILES GARDEN CLUB

2nd medium size club: MI #1 Civic

Beautification

3rd medium size club: NGC #13 Aii

Publications-Newsletter

Club of Distinction



NGC Awards Presented at 2007 MGC State Convention



EDELWEISS GARDEN CLUB

MGC 1ST Place, CR 2ND Place Publicity Press Book

MASON-UNION GARDEN CLUB

NGC Recognition for Patriotic Trees

MEEKS MILL GARDEN CLUB

Certificate of Appreciation Central Region Award #16

-Treasures In Blue Star Memorials

SWEETWATER EVENING GARDEN CLUB

MGC, NGC 1st small size club:

Publications-Newsletter

NILES GARDEN CLUB

MGC, NGC 1st Yearbook 45-69 members

HOLLAND GARDEN CLUB

Publicity Press Book (Large Size Club)

MGC 1st, CR 1st, NGC 1st

BIG RAPIDS GARDEN CLUB

MGC 1st medium size club:

NGC 1st 73 Aii Civic Project

Native Plants and \$1000 Check



by MGC Districts

RIVER VALLEY GARDEN CLUB
Participation Recognition: Club of Distinction

SHORELINE GARDEN CLUB
Participation Recognition: Club of Distinction

DISTRICT IV (June 4, 2007)

JUDITH NYKAMP

(Holland Garden Club)

3rd MI #7 Photography

1st MI #4 Horticulture

1st MI # 11 Feature Article

CONNIE SNELL (Kent Garden Club & West Michigan Flower Arrangers Guild)

2nd MI # 7 Photography

KAREN MOTAWI

(Big Rapids Garden Club)

1st MI #7 Photography

BELDING GARDENEERS

Participation Recognition: MI # 1 Civic Beautification

BIG RAPIDS GARDEN CLUB

MGC 1st medium size club: NGC 13Bii Publications- Membership Brochure

MGC 1st medium size club:

NGC 68Aii Video/ CD

MGC 1st medium size club: NGC 73

Aii Civic Project Native Plants

CEDAR SPRINGS

1st small size club: MI #1 Civic Beautification

1st small size club: MI # 9

Caroline Gray

HOLLAND GARDEN CLUB

MGC 1st large size club:

NGC 7Aiii Special Achievement

MGC 1st large size club: NGC 13Aiii

Publications – Newsletter

MGC 1st large size club: NGC 41Aiii

Conservation Education

MGC 1st Place Publicity Press Book

(Large Size Club)

Gold Seal Club of Distinction

KENT GARDEN CLUB

1st medium size club: MI #1 Civic Beautification

2nd medium size club: MI #6 Elsie

Cook Award for Landscape Design

TRI-CITIES GARDEN CLUB

Club of Distinction

WEST MICHIGAN FLOWER ARRANGER'S GUILD

Gold Seal Club of Distinction

DISTRICT V (May 10, 2007)

CHARLEVOIX AREA

GARDEN CLUB

Gold Seal Club of Distinction

CHARLEVOIX EVENING

GARDEN CLUB

2nd small size club: MI #1 Civic Beautification

FRIENDLY GARDEN CLUB

OF TRAVERSE CITY

3rd medium size club: MI #1 Civic Beautification

Participation Recognition: Publicity Press Book

Gold Seal Club of Distinction

EDELWEISS GARDEN CLUB

MGC 1st Place Publicity Press Book (Medium Size Club)

Club of Distinction

ELK RAPIDS GARDEN CLUB

Club of Distinction

JUNIPER GARDEN CLUB

Club of Distinction

LAKE SHORES GARDEN CLUB

2nd medium size club:

MI #9 Caroline Gray

Honorable Mention medium size

club: Publications-Newsletter

SPIRIT OF THE WOODS

Honorable Mention medium size

club: MI #1 Civic Beautification

1st medium size club: MI #4

Horticulture

2nd Place: MI #11 Feature Article

Participation Recognition: NGC

13Aii Publications-Newsletter,

Publicity Press Book, Club of

Distinction

SWEETWATER EVENING

GARDEN CLUB

Honorable Mention small size club:

MI #1 Civic Beautification

Participation Recognition:

NGC #8 Ai Youth Horticulture

MGC 1st small size club:

Publications-Newsletter

MGC 1st small size club:

49Aii Landscape Design

Club of Distinction

DISTRICT VI (April 24)

LITTLE GARDEN CLUB

MGC 1st medium size club:

NGC 7Aii Special Achievement

District IIA Fall Meeting

The District IIA Fall Meeting will be hosted by the Four Seasons Garden Club of South Lyon on Saturday, October 13 2007, at the Fox Hills Country Club located at 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI. The morning will begin at 9 am with coffee and marketplace. Our Business meeting starts at 10 am. Chairpersons of this event are Katina Kendall and John Keast.

The theme will be "*Birds and Blossoms.*" Irene McDonald Cahill, Forester and Grounds Supervisor for the City of East Lansing will be discussing "*Woodland Paths*" and various plants and trees that you would see in the woods. In the afternoon, Joyce Schuelke of Wilderest Bird Store in Brighton will discuss "*How to Attract Bluebirds into your Garden.*"

Cost for the day is \$20 per person. Please send no later than September 30. Reservations and one check per club should be sent to; Mary Baker, 967 Devon, South Lyon, MI 48178, 1-248-486-2906. Please come and join us!

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 14

9-5. Thornapple Garden Club, Hastings Annual Garden Tour "A Day in the Garden" A "Garden Thyme Market" will be held on the courthouse grounds downtown Hastings.

June 14 & 15

Marshall Area Garden Club Annual Garden Tour "Welcome to My Garden" Advance tickets \$6. \$8 day of tour. For information: 269-781-5434

June 23

Brighton Garden Club is taking part in a community garage sale at Brighton High School 9 am - 2 pm.

June 23

Tri-Cities Garden Club's 13th Annual Garden Walk in Grand Haven from 10 am to 4 pm. The charge is \$5. For more information call Harriet Nise at 616-846-1207.

July 10

Elk Rapids Garden Club Garden Walk. \$8 Advance. \$10 Day of Walk. Contact Joan Barnes 231-264-0068.

July 11

Charlevoix Area Garden Club is hosting "Booked for Lunch" (luncheon) is being held at the new Charlevoix Public Library. Gift for every attendee - \$25 per person. Same day as the **CAGC Garden Walk** - Enjoy the walk, have lunch and return to the walk, or start with lunch and then tour the gardens.

July 13&14

Tri-Cities Garden Club presents its **50th Annual Flower Show** at the Spring Lake District Library, 123 E. Exchange St. 616-846-6920, 616-842-2697. No charge.

July 14

Saugatuck-Douglas Garden Club, Home & Garden Tour, "A Floral Approach" 8 Homes and

Gardens, plus tea. Noon to 4 pm. \$20. Contact Nancy White 269-857-2809.

July 14

Friendly Garden Club of Lake City, Garden Walk. Noon to 5 pm. Pre-walk tickets \$5. Day of walk \$6. Contact 231-837-7422 or 231-775-0742.

July 14

South Haven Garden Club, Garden Walk. 5 Beautiful Gardens. Tickets \$10 at Liberty Hyde Bailey Museum. Call 269-637-4478

July 14

Thornapple Garden Club, Garden Walk. 9 am - 5 pm. 5 Gardens around Hastings. Tickets \$6 Advance at Alfresco, Hastings Flower Shop, Barry Co. Chamber of Commerce, \$8 Day of Walk. Contact Karen Culver 269-948-3091.

July 14

Port Sanilac Garden Club Garden Walk. Contact April Jarosz flowers@greatlakes.net.

July 14

Blue Water Garden Club, a Small Standard Flower Show "A view from the Bridge." Noon to 7 pm. At Vantage Pointe Maritime Center, 51 Water Street, Port Huron. For more information Jane Covington covington2@aol.com or Pauline 810-985-8973.

July 14 & 15

Marshall Area Garden Club, Garden Tour 10 am - 4 pm. Tickets \$6 pre-sale, \$10 day of tour, and children \$2. For information 1-800-877-5163

July 15

Mason County Garden Club Garden Walk. 11th Annual, 1 - 5 pm. Contact 231-757-3605.

July 18

Edelweiss Garden Club Garden Walk.

1 - 7 pm Contact Nancy Pike 989-732-3222, njpike@12k.com.

July 19

The Friendly Garden Club of Traverse City, 25th Annual Garden Walk, Noon to 8 pm. Contact Cheryl Anderson 231-995-9254 andersonstc@yahoo.com.

July 21 & 22

Kent Garden Club Standard Flower Show, July 21-22 at the Frederik Meijer Garden and Sculpture Park "Come Dine with Us" All Table Show Open to the public 9:30 - 5, Saturday, Sunday 12 -5. Contact Lynn Miller for more information. 616 676-2274

July 21 & 22

Landscapers Garden Walk, Contact Carol Beckius 269-372-6950.

August 9

11:30 - 2 **Seedums Garden Club** of Cheboygan, MI presents "A Green Tea and Tables" at the Cheboygan Opera House. The theme is "The Beauty of Repurpose." Tickets are \$10. For more information contact Mary Partee 231-627-5345

August 18

Webberville Garden Club Standard Flower Show. Open to public noon - 5 pm. Free. Webberville Cultural Center, 115 S. Main Street. For information, call Louis Bauer 517-468-3395 or email jhath@tds.net.

Sept 5 & 6

State Board Finance & Board Meeting

September 7

District I President's Meeting. 9:30 am - 2 pm at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center, 4 Ridge Road, Pleasant Ridge. Information and maps will be mailed. Contact Virginia Froehlich, 734-675-2944 or vafroehlich@comcast.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 8 & 9

Grosse Ile Garden Club, a Standard Flower Show "*Island Images: Snapshots in Time.*" At the Grosse Ile Centennial Farm 25795 Third Street, Grosse Ile. Contact Virginia Froehlich 734-675-2944 or email vafroehlich@comcast.net for more information, and exact times.

September 11

Grosse Pointe Area Garden Clubs, Benefit Cocktail Party, for the Belle Isle Conservatory 5 - 7 pm at the Conservatory. Admission \$35, with optional voluntary contribution to the Belle Isle Botanical Society. Contact Carol Gove 313-343-0909 or gcgove@hotmail.com.

September 11-12

Judges Symposium, Holland MI
September 16
Eaton Rapids Home & Garden Club, "*Something to Crow About.*" Tea Party & Fashion Show, 1-3 pm First Methodist Church, 600 South Main Street. Tickets \$6. Contact Karen Lewis 517-663-2327.

September 19

District V Fall Meeting, to be held at the Williamsburg Dinner Theater Williamsburg (Traverse City Area) Michigan, hosted by Juniper G. C.

September 26-27

Tri-Refresher, by Combined Council, Traverse City. Contact Bonnie Ion.

September 26-28

Landscape Design School Course IV

September 26-30

National Board Meeting, St. Louis, MO

September 29

The Ann Arbor Garden Club is having it's 5th Small Standard Flower Show Saturday, September 29, 2007, "*Beatles in the Garden*" at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor, MI. This show is open to the Public from Noon to 4-30 pm. Call 734-429-7941 for more information. Thank you. Marie Smith, Chairman

Coming this fall to your district meeting

MGC Marketplace

We will come loaded with NGC books, floral design materials, cards, stationery, MGC logo bags, visors, and much more.

Plan now to support your MGC Marketplace!

ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL - COURSE 1

October 15 and 16, 2007

Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan

TOPICS FOR COURSE I

- Definitions of basic ecology and ecosystems
- The history of environmental science, resources and conservation
- An overview of the challenges to our systems such as pollution, resources, degradation, pollution and risk

READING ASSIGNMENT

The *National Gardener*

Living in the Environment by G. Tyler Miller, Jr.
(Upon registration, students will be sent specific reading assignment pages.)

Above materials are available National Garden Clubs
Member Services 800-550-6007

QUESTIONS?

Contact Bonnie Ion, School Chairman at
734-769-2015 or bion@mich.edu

MISSION

The mission of Environmental School is to educate people about the environment and to teach them how to protect and conserve our home, the planet Earth.

The course Fee is \$70 plus \$5 fee for taking the exam or refreshing. A detailed map to Matthaei Botanical gardens will be sent with student outlines after registration. No refunds after 10/5/07.

A current *National Gardener* Label is required of each student taking the exam.

CLOSEST ACCOMMODATIONS

Hampton Inn

2300 Green Road, Ann Arbor 734-996-4444

Microtel Inn & Suites

3610 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor 734-997-9100

Holiday Inn

3600 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor 734-769-9800

ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL COURSE REGISTRATION

DEADLINE: October 5, 2007

Please

Print

NAME _____ GARDEN CLUB _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

STREET _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

FULL COURSE REGISTRATION: October 15 & 16, 2007 \$70.00 \$ _____

Includes mailing study outlines, two continental breakfasts, and two lunches

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

PART TIME REGISTRATION:

Monday, October 15, 2007 \$40.00 \$ _____

Tuesday, October 16, 2007 \$40.00 \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Make checks to **District IIA** and send to Mary Pulick, Registrar
1745 Stonebridge Dr. South Ann Arbor, MI 48108 734-665-4703 mpgardenclub@aol.com
(No refunds after 10/5/2007)

Tri-Refresher Symposium

“Nurturing the Earth”

Traverse City, Michigan
Sept. 26 and 27, 2007

This is a first time event for the Michigan Garden Clubs. Garden Club members and non-members are welcome to attend. What a wonderful opportunity to expand your knowledge about nurturing our earth. We will have an evening with Tracy DiSabato-Aust as our featured speaker. She is an award winning designer and a nationally recognized horticultural author, speaker and consultant. Her latest book, *The Well-Designed Mixed Garden* will be the subject of her presentation for this symposium. Another feature of this symposium will be a garden walk including a tour of Dee Blair’s Victorian Garden, the Hagerty Center’s sustainable landscape and a local residential landscape. Other lectures include: “Citizens, Nature and Environmental Law: Reclaiming the Commons” by Jim Olson of Olson, Bzdok and Howard, P.C. Mr. Olson has over 25 years of legal experience in environmental law including the Nestle/Spring Mountain case and water diversion; “Concerns for the Great Lakes” by Tom Kelly Executive Director of the Inland Seas Education Association, Mr. Kelly was an added evening presentation in the most recent Environmental School; “Community Participation; Citizens Involvement in Planning and Design for the Public” by Russ Clark, Landscape Architect; and “Using Michigan Native Plants in Residential Landscapes” by Patricia Fagg with the AuSable Institute of Environmental Studies.

The symposium will be held at the Hagerty Center located at Northwestern Michigan College Great Lakes Campus on Front Street in Traverse City. It is just adjacent to the Holiday

Inn and across the street from McDonald’s Restaurant. The symposium begins with registration from 12:30 - 1:00 pm Wednesday, Sept. 26 and will conclude with a meeting of the newly formed Michigan Consultant’s Council after lunch on Thursday, Sept 27. A continental breakfast and lunch on Thursday is included with your registration. For Wednesday evening a list of local restaurants and hotels will be sent upon receipt of your registration. Chairman for this event is Bonnie Ion, 734-769-2015 or bonnie.ion@gmail.com

Landscape Design Consultants, Gardening Study Consultants and Environmental Consultants may refresh to update their credentials. Master consultants may refresh and receive credit for each area they have achieved master status. All consultants and master consultants are required to refresh at least once within the 5 year period from the year of the previous certification, but may only refresh once in each calendar year. You may direct questions about refreshing to Jolaine Snyder at auntjos@sina.com

Series XVII, Course 4

Traverse City, Michigan
Sept. 26, 27, and 28, 2007

This school is being held at the same location as our tri-refresher symposium but is a separate event. For information, including lectures and required reading, please refer to the May Newsletter. Attendance at Tracy DiSabato-Aust’s lecture on Wednesday evening is required for this course and admission is included in your course registration.

During Course 4 you will also be participating in learning to evaluate landscapes by attending a garden walk including two different residential

landscapes and a commercial landscape. You should dress for the weather. Veteran and popular school lecturer Tim Banfield will be leading us through this learning experience. Please note that the time for this course will be different from previous courses. Registration will be 12:30 to 1 pm on Wednesday, classes will be held as usual on Thursday and the test will be given on Friday morning. A continental breakfast and lunch on Thursday is included in your registration. Dinner on Wednesday will be on your own. A list of restaurants and hotels will be sent to you upon receipt of your registration. For more information contact Terry Harding 231-947-0568 or wsharding@chartermi.net

Tracy DiSabato-Aust

Traverse City, Michigan
September 26, 2007 7-9 pm

You won’t want to miss this nationally acclaimed speaker. Tracy DiSabato-Aust is the author of *The Well-Tended Perennial Garden* and *The Well-Designed Mixed Garden*.

She will be speaking to both the Tri-Refresher Symposium attendees and the Landscape Design School students. Our guest speaker is sponsored by Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc., member of National Garden Clubs, Inc and the Michigan Consultants Council. The Friendly Garden Club of Traverse City will be our host. This lecture is open to anyone interested in gardening. Tickets are only \$15.00 but are limited. For ticket information contact Terry Harding, 231-947-0568 or wsharding@chartermi.net. (Please note those attending the Tri-Refresher Symposium or Landscape Design School do not need to purchase tickets.)

See registration next page.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ E mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Garden Club/Organization _____

LDS	Tri-Refresher
Wed. 9/26 \$40	Wed. 9/26..... \$40
Thurs 9/27..... \$40	Thurs 9/27..... \$40
Exam fee \$5	Refresh fee \$5
Total..... _____	Total _____

Attend a TRI-REFRESHER SYMPOSIUM or LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL, COURSE 4 in Traverse City's new NMC Hagerty Center on West Grand Traverse Bay. Students and symposium attendees will automatically hear nationally known speaker, Tracy DiSabato-Aust's lecture on "*The Well-Designed Mixed Garden*" as an integral part of the symposium and course 4 at no extra cost, Wednesday, September 26th from 7-9 p.m. Hagerty Center. Lodging suggestions, schedule and acknowledgment of check received will be mailed upon receipt of registration form with payment.

Paper clip current National Gardener label to registration. Make checks payable to: MGC, Inc. Landscape Design School or MGC, Inc. Tri-refresher Symposium. Mail check, Label & registration form to: Pat Jean, 19239 Ridge View Lane, Lake Ann, MI 49650-9406. Limited number of tickets will be available to the general public at \$15 solely for Tracy's lecture. For more information, call Terry Harding 231.947.0568 or Pat Huxtable 231.929.4205.

Want to put something in a future issue of the MGC, Inc. Newsletter? Great! Send it to MIGCeditor@comcast.net BEFORE the deadline for the issue you want it in and indicate in the subject line what issue you would like your article to be in. The **DEADLINE IS THE DEADLINE!** We can not get the newsletter printed and mailed in a timely manner if the deadline is not honored. The deadlines are listed below.



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