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Our President's Words



Dear Gardeners,

When George Gershwin wrote the song, "Summertime, when the livin' is easy," I do

not think he was thinking of all the gardeners in Michigan. We have been inundated with hot, humid weather, bugs galore, diseases and of course the daily task of weeding.

Having said all that, aren't we still privileged to have our beautiful gardens? We have so many wonderful tours and flower shows which the public just loves to attend. Keep up the good work promoting the activities and goals of your club and Michigan Garden Clubs.

Please send me your yearbooks and newsletters so I can recognize your community efforts when I come to your district meetings.

I have been hearing rumors of some butterfly gardens emerging. I am excited to hear this good news. How are the rain gardens coming along?

Recently, I read in the Grand Rapids Press that the U.S., Mexico and Canada have agreed to protect the monarch butterfly. Illegal logging is a major problem in the areas where the monarchs spend the winter months. The three-nation Commission for Environmental Cooperation, or CEC, formally pledged to support conservation initiatives for the monarch. The monarch is not listed as endangered, but scientists say deforestation could threaten its existence.

Governmental agencies are using assault rifles to prevent loggers from entering the sites. I do hope that no one gets hurt and that the issue will be solved peacefully.

I have one correction on the monarch butterfly mentioned in my acceptance speech. The milkweed for the pupae is *Asclepias syriaca*. Thanks to those who brought this to my attention.

I leave you with this thought from the Garden Club President of North Dakota.

"Think of your job as a position, think of your work as an opportunity."

Enjoy your gardens, remember to "conserve to preserve."

Dolores

MGC Scholarship Fund

Thank you to all individuals and club for contributing to MGC Scholarship Fund since the last Newsletter:
HONORARIUMS \$235

District IV to honor: **Judy Nykamp**, 16 years Gate Editor, **Florence Smith**, 2 years State President, Clubs hosting District meetings: **Canadian Lakes, Lowell, Saugatuck/Douglas; Nancy Passfield**, program for Port Sanilac Garden Club; **Buzz and Flo Holzknecht** on 50th wedding anniversary from Nancy Goulette; **Mary Pulick**, program for Good Thyme Garden Club

DONATIONS\$1373

North Farmington GC, District I, Chemical City GC, Brighton GC, Four Flags GC, Good Thyme GC, Royal Oak GC

MEMORIALS\$350

Thelma Laurence, mother of Stacey Stutcher from Karen Jencks; **Donald Kemeny**, husband of June Kemeny from Niles Garden Club; **Joseph DeLuca**, father of Florence Smith from Sharon Yantis & Kathryn Blakeney; **Chris Reid**, son of Lee & Virginia Reid from Stone & Thistle GC; **Edna Mather** from Dorothy and Charles Lippincott; **Charles Audette**, husband of Ann Audette from Kathryn Blakeney.

Send contributions to:

Nancy McGilliard,
Scholarship Chairman
2339 Sapphire Lane
East Lansing MI 48823

Do you know...

...that Blue Star Memorial Markers are a great way to show our support for the troops??

For more information:

Lorrie Dyal, Blue Star Memorial
3656 Stagecoach Drive
Okemos, Mi. 48864
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In Appreciation of State Board Members

by Lyn Butus

There are many positions on the Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. State Board to be filled every two years by the incoming president. Some members take on various positions over the years, others choose to continue in their position, and other retire.

District directors may serve two successive terms only. There are four vice presidents, each is in charge of specific chairmen. Only the First Vice President moves up to the position of MGC, Inc. President. The others serve one term in their position.

All past presidents remain as members of the State Board Advisory Committee. Immediate Past President Florence Smith automatically becomes chairman of this committee.

We are grateful to Florence for her fine leadership of the 2004 - 2006

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Deadlines for Submissions

November 15 - January-February issue

January 15 - March-April-May issue

April 15 - June-July-August issue

July 15 - September-October issue

September 15 - November-December issue

administration. This office requires many hours of energy and devotion to MGC, Inc.

The members of the board volunteer their time as well as travel expenses and over night expenses if required. Only the president and first vice president receive a stipend to cover their travel expenses to required meetings including State, National and Central Region.

Judy Nykamp deserves our everlasting gratitude for serving admirably as Editor of *thru the Garden Gate* for 16 years as well as serving on the staff in the preceding years. Judy has accepted the position of State Photographer.

We appreciate Caroline Gray aptly serving as interim Finance Chairman. She replaced Nancy Goulette who moved out of state.

We also thank Pam Dewey as State Treasurer, her new position is MGC Signs. Lori Dyal as Recording

Secretary, her new position is Blue Star Mem. Hwy. Also, Kathi Dominguez as Corresponding Secretary:she is the new District IIB Director. These are all time consuming positions that were carried out to perfection.

Members retiring are: Dan Abbott who served as National Gardener and Book Chairman, taking books to sell to help support MGC to State and District Meetings and State Schools as well. Most recently he served as *the Gate* Calendar Chairman. We thank him for his dedication and service to MGC, Inc. Also appreciation goes to Barbara Donahue (Personal/Name Tags), Debbie Emmons (Historic Preservation), Della Hayden (Programs), Wanda Shidler (MCG Signs), Linda Talaki (Webmaster), Nina Joye Warren (Birds and Butterflies), Cheryl Whitehead (Garden Therapy), and Joyce Witten (Blue Star Memorial Signs).

MICHIGAN GARDEN CLUBS, INC. ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES JUNE 1, 2006 TO MAY 31, 2007

REVENUES	\$	44,753.95
EXPENSES		(43,507.35)
REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	\$	1,246.60
CASH IN BANK - GENERAL FUNDS	\$	112,123.46
CASH IN BANK - RESTRICTED FUNDS		242,280.31
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		3,165.06
INVENTORIES		2,083.62
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	359,652.45
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$	6,201.42
UNREALIZED GAINS ON INVESTMENTS		1,939.40
FUND BALANCE - GENERAL FUNDS		109,231.32
FUND BALANCE - RESTRICTED FUNDS		242,280.31
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	\$	359,652.45

Pamela R. Dewey
MGC Treasurer
July 9, 2007

Perennial Care Checklist -- Tips for Fall

Judy DeJaegher, Horticulture Chairperson

By fall, most perennials are finished blooming and by this time you might be ready to throw in the towel. Especially this summer when plants bloomed earlier and expired earlier too. But there are still a few duties you need to do to make sure that your perennials survive the winter. Follow these tips on this checklist, and you should have an even better perennial garden next spring.

- Make "action" notes. Before you forget what plants should be divided, what should be moved and where, and what you need to do to certain plants next year, write it down now.
- Should perennials be cut back now? It depends. If you have perennials with attractive winter interest such as Sedum 'Autumn Joy' or ornamental grasses, you may wish to leave them for winter effect. Some seedheads, such as Black-Eyed Susans or Cone Flowers 'Echinacea', will provide food for birds. If your perennials are diseased, cut them back and destroy the diseased stems and leaves (don't compost). Often gardeners have more time for cutting back in the fall than spring. When cutting back, leave a couple of inches of stems to help trap the snow. If cutting back tall ornamental grasses, cut back a foot or more above the ground as this part of the shoot often has next year's growth.
- Clean-up involves removing dead plant stalks, vines, and plant debris; add these to the compost pile (again, don't put diseased parts in your compost). You also should do a final weeding. Weeds left in the garden will go to seed, producing hundreds of new weeds next year. Dig up and store dahlias, cannas, and other summer bulbs. Clip off the green growth, then store in a dry, cool location.
- Cover or mulch? This depends

in part on your philosophy. Some gardeners feel no additional mulch is necessary. Other gardeners don't feel this way or may want protection for some special perennials. If so, a foot or more of loose organic material such as straw can be used. Other options include chopped leaves, sawdust and pine needles. Don't use hay as it often contains weed seeds. A word of caution: if you have rodents, this may provide them with a home with your perennials as their winter food supply. Apply mulches late, around mid-November, as perennials need some cold to harden properly.

If you don't mulch your perennials during the growing season, you may want to provide a light layer of a couple inches of mulch now. This will provide 5 to 10 degrees of temperature protection to the soil in fall and spring, which may mean life or death for certain perennials at a time when they are least hardy. And even

a light layer of mulch helps prevent wide temperature fluctuations with freezing and thawing, which can break the roots. Such organic mulches, of course, will break down, adding vital organic matter to the soil, and help conserve moisture and reduce weeds during the growing season.

- If you want new perennial beds next spring, fall is a good time to start. For sodded areas, strip off sod with a rented sod cutter. Or you can just cover with newspaper or cardboard, add compost to this new bed and when spring arrives, the soil should be ready for spring planting. Also, this is a good time to test your soil and add lime if needed.

Other items on my fall checklist include checking and labeling plants as needed, putting out traps for rodents, and making cages for next year's tall perennials. Then rest assured that your perennials have been put to bed for the winter's nap.



World Gardening News

by Chris Rochman

I have just received word from Belize, C.A. that a Peace Corps volunteer, Gahlin Banks, assigned to the 4-H Center, has started a garden club in a primary school. The children have planted a terrific vegetable garden. With the hot weather, plenty of water and good soil, the plants are thriving. The kids are excited and, I imagine, the families are very happy to add these vegetables to the menu of beans that are served at every meal.

Projects like this are where some of your donations go along with the high school scholarships that we provide.

Thank you for donating to our work in this small, third world country. Donations received since May 1: Chemical City Garden Club of Midland, Garden Club of Greater Lansing, Kalamazoo Garden Club, Beverly Hills Garden Club, Spirit of the Woods Garden Club, District I, Thornapple Garden Club, Evening Bloomers Garden Club, Stone & Thistle Garden Club, Nancy Goulette, Lynda Bancroft, Kent Garden Club.

Please send your donations to Chris Rochman, 4806 Holly Way, Ann Arbor, MI 48103-9448. Make checks out to MGC. Put World Gardening on the lower left hand corner.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

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. The show is free and open to the public from 2 - 5 pm Saturday and 1 - 4 pm Sunday. Contact Virginia Froehlich, (734) 675-2944 or email vafroehlich@comcast.net for more information.

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 12

Kent Garden Club 1:30 pm Melanie Good of the Land Conservancy will present information about invasive plants in our area. We meet at Frederik Meijer Gardens. There is no cost for the program but please call Lynn Miller at 676-2274 to reserve a seat.

September 12

Annual Pantry Sale held in conjunction with the Garden Club's weekly sponsored Farmer Market Wednesday, September 12, 7:30

a.m. to Noon Riverview Mall parking lot, north end, Downtown St. Clair. Our booth will feature fresh baked pies, home baked bread, Gaspacho, spaghetti sauce, freshly canned beets and rhubarb conserve, delicious jams, jellies, salsas, cookies, granolas, coffee cakes, bars, brownies, peanut brittle, and more! We usually sell out, so purchase your goodies first thing that morning! New this year at the booth is a White Elephant Sale of gently used garden pots, signs, and garden art and surprises. Everyone needs another treasure for their garden, so come, browse, and buy!

Farmer's Market continues Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m. to Noon, through October 31. Contact: Penny Niemi, publicity chair + 810-329-6946

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 21/October 5

District IIA Beginner Flower Arranging Lessons, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. The cost of \$35 includes both days' instruction, a step by step manual, and all supplies to make four fresh flower designs. Checks can be sent to Mary Pulick, 1745 Stonebridge Dr. South, Ann Arbor, MI 48108, 734-665-703 mpgardenclub@aol.com

September 26-27

Tri-Refresher, by Combined

Council, Traverse City

Contact Bonnie Ion 734-769-2015

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 "Beatles in the Garden"** at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor, MI. Open to the Public from Noon to 4:30 pm. Call 734-429-7941 for more information. Marie Smith, Chairman

October 4

District IIB Meeting, "Autumn on the Grand," at the historic Opera House in Grand Ledge, Michigan. For information please contact Marsha Smith (517) 622-2856 MarshaSmith@comcast.net or Marian Bischoff (517) 323-3488.

October 4

The Garden Club of Michigan presents a **flower show, "Style"**, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms. A lecture demonstration at 11 am, \$20 fee.

For additional information, Liz Brown, 313 882-9484 or Nancy Nicholson 313 886-4730.

October 9

District IV Fall Meeting will be hosted by the Garden Club of Pentwater at the Centenary United Methodist Church in downtown Pentwater. Registration is \$20.00 (send check no later than Sept. 28) to Carol Buechin, Registrar at 1492 Anthony Road, Pentwater, MI 49449. Phone Carol at 231-843-4470 or Peg Anderson 231-843-8693 with any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Registration and coffee at 8:45 am, business meeting and program "Harvesting Nature's Bounty" with speaker Bradley T. Youngstrom, MCF. His hands-on workshop in the afternoon will have attendees making wall swags.

October 11

District I Fall Meeting, 9:30 am at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland. Cost for the event, which includes a buffet luncheon, is \$22. The meeting is being hosted by the Canton Garden Club and reservations are due by September 28 to the Registrar, Debra Emmons, 41041 Knightsford,

Nurture the Earth and Plant Natives

Kalamazoo Garden Council has an exciting program on September 11 at 9:30 am at the Greater Kalamazoo Association of Realtors Auditorium at 5830 Venture Drive of Stadium Drive behind Denooyer Chevrolet. This is just off US 131 at exit 36B. This program was inspired by our National President, Barbara May's directive to "Nurture the Earth." We have two engaging presentations first Jenny Payton, Masters in Environmental Studies and Master Gardener, will give us inspiration on how we can best use pesticides, water, and our resources then Steve Allen will give us the motivation to plant Native Plants.

Cost to members is \$5.00 and non-members \$7.00. This will include the two programs and morning refreshments. For more information call Mary Van Tassel, 269-375-1708 Make checks payable to Kalamazoo Garden Council - mail to 855 Dobbin Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49006

Auditorium holds only 150 so make your reservations early!

Northville, MI 48168. More details, along with maps to the location, will be included in a Call Letter sent to Club Presidents, etc., in August. For more information, contact Virginia Froehlich, (734) 675-2944 or vafroehlich@comcast.net.

October 13 (change of date)

District IIA Fall Meeting, "Birds & Blossoms" Host Four Seasons Garden Club. Registration at 9:30 am at Fox Hills Banquet Facility, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth MI Registration \$20 per person to Mary Baker, 967 Devon, S. Lyon MI 48178. 248-486-2906. Registration deadline September 27.

October 13-16

Central Region Convention, Bloomington, MN

October 15-16

Environmental School, Course I, Mathaei Gardens, Ann Arbor. Contact Bonnie Ion. 734-769-2015 bonnie_ion@hotmail.com

October 18

District III Fall Meeting, to be held at the Lawrence Conference Center, hosted by Carnegie GC of PawPaw.

October 23, 2007

District VI Fall Meeting Signatures Conference Center located at The Comfort Inn in Alma, MI off RT#127 sponsored by Rainbow Lakes Garden Club Theme: *Gardening is Believing in Tomorrow* Speakers: Nancy Lindley, **Great Lakes Roses** and Susan Gruber, MSU Professor, "*Pruning - A Gardener's Art.*" Registration fee: \$20.00 for the day includes meals. MGC MARKETPLACE plus other artisans to delight all gardeners. Contact: Peg House 989-682-4433 or Nancy Stark 989-835-2394

December 1, 2007

7th Annual Holiday Home Tour presented by the Cadillac Garden

Club. 11 am to 4 pm. Tour four homes decorated in the season's finest. Complimentary refreshments. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 the day of tour. They will go on sale November 1st at Blackberry Rose in Cadillac or by calling 231-779-0559.

December 1, 2007

Garden Club of Greater Lansing , Annual Greens Market, 9 am to 1 pm Scott Park and Garden Center.

April 3 Dist. IIA Meeting

April 15 Dist. I Meeting

April 17

District IV Spring Meeting

April 22

District VI Spring Meeting, Sandusky, Host clubs are Port Sanilac and Sow & Hoe Garden Clubs, United Methodist Church, \$20.

May 6

Dist IIB Spring Meeting, Sherwood

May 8,9,10 (Was June 5,6,7)

Flower Show School, Course I

May 19, 2008

77th Annual Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. State Convention, Holiday Inn, 3600 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. Hosted by District IIA. Contact Mary Pulick, mpgardenclub@aol.com or 734-665-4703.

May 20

Dist III Spring Meeting will be changed. No date as yet.

ATTENTION!

Please note the following change of address for **CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS**

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Club on the Grow

District I - Taylor Garden Club

The Taylor Garden Club was founded in 1990 and today numbers 80 members. An active part of the community, the Taylor Garden Club planted and continues to maintain the gardens at the city's Heritage Park, along with maintaining the indoor plants at the Ford Senior Center. The members also sponsor six junior garden clubs and this year awarded a \$1000 scholarship to Emily Johnson, an Environmental Studies student at the University of Michigan – Dearborn.

Another project of the club is "Rainbow Deliveries"; members took more than 100 floral arrangements to shut-ins and a nursing home in the community, bringing a rainbow of color into the lives of ill members and seniors.

In November, members and junior clubs donated decorated trees to the Children's Hospital of Detroit Festival of Trees, a major fundraiser. The club's May plant sale gave local residents a chance to get their gardens in

shape with budget-priced perennials and expert advice from club members. During the late winter members wrote out garden tips and more than 700 recipes to produce a "Tasteful Garden Treasures" cookbook. A beautiful and practical addition to any kitchen, it has been selling like hotcakes! June found club members staging a garden walk, featuring 8 local gardens and showcasing the plantings at Heritage Park, where craft and garden item booths were available for visitors, along with free refreshments and garden literature.

The Taylor Garden Club is also involved in fundraising and other forms of support for the Taylor Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, the centerpiece of which is a one-third scale replica of the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory on Belle Isle. The structure was built by DTE Energy in 1999 for the Detroit Bloomfest, and was recently removed from storage. When completed, the Gardens will be a wonderful addition to the entire southeast Michigan area.

District V - Juniper Garden Club

Sandy Bodenbender, President

Serving the South Torch Lake Area, Juniper Garden Club has 94 members.

We meet the first Tuesday of each month (except January) which includes a speaker. We also try to have at least one field trip per year.

Our goal is to educate our members about our environment while learning different gardening techniques. We maintain 5 gardens in Rapid City and 4 gardens in Alden.

Club Community Projects include:

Habitat for Humanity House Landscape Project which provides seed money to design and plant gardens at the new home and also give instructions on how to care for gardens with follow-up to assure gardens are thriving.

We support K.A.I.R. (Kalkaska Area Interfaith Resources) Festival of Trees whereby club members will either make or donate items and decorate a Christmas tree to be raffled off before Thanksgiving. Proceeds will be used to provide Thanksgiving or Christmas baskets and general support for families in need throughout the year.

Community Projects and Gardens along with Donations to World Gardening, MGC Scholarship Fund, club member scholarships to MGC Schools, Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, Northwest Michigan Botanical Garden and the Grass River Nature Area are funded by the following fundraisers: Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon every June, Garden Walk (bi-annual) and Christmas Auction held during our December meeting.

MGC Winner Named NGC Winner Too!

Brianne Danielle Lunn, of Bellaire, Michigan, has been named one of 34 recipients of a \$3500 National Garden Clubs, Inc., Scholarship. The award was announced at the organization's National Convention in Boston earlier this year.

Brianne, who is enrolled in the School of Biological Sciences at Lake Superior State University, had previously been awarded a \$1000 Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. Scholarship. She is studying



Fisheries and Wildlife Management, and among her career objectives is to continue her education in pursuit of a Master's Degree.

NGC is proud of its scholarship program, which offers financial aid to students and promotes study in Agriculture Education, Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Botany, Biology, Plant Pathology/Science, Forestry, Agronomy, Environmental Concerns, Economics, Environmental Conservation, City 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 2008-2009 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, NGC Scholarship Chairman, (734) 675-2944 or vafroehlich@comcast.net.

Memorial Service - Convention 2007

by Caroline Gray

Have you ever thought about how flat, how dull, how one sided life would be if we were forced to only live in the present –to have no memory. The power of recall is a priceless gift we were born with that allows us to learn, to resolve problems, to work cross word puzzles, to revisit old haunts, to renew friendships—to remember.

So now, for a few minutes, each in your own way, I would ask you to remember the person who first introduced you to the joy of gardening. Was it a parent, a grandparent, the lady next door? Were you a small child wide eyed with wonder and so anxious to imitate? Or were you a new home owner in desperate need of grass and some shade and screen planting?

And then remember all those who taught you how to prepare a bed, to prune, to feed, to water, to make wise plant selections, to deal with slugs and aphids and powdery mildew, to mulch and to stake. Oh, so many wonderful people to remember who helped to make you the gardener that you are.

Do you remember the person who helped you identify the ducks on the pond, the birds at the feeder, the songster perched in the top of the pine tree? That person opened a whole new world for you.

Do you remember the person who first pointed out to you the Big Dipper, the Milky Way, the north star and explained to you the miracle of the aurora borealis?

Do you remember the teacher who first introduced to the concept of ecology? That all things are interconnected—that they are dependent upon each other. The sun, the rain, the wind, the soil, the animals—both 4 legged and 2 legged and taught you

that our control over these things for good or for evil is not complete--that nature always has the last word.

Do you remember who took you to your first garden club meeting? Was it love at first sight or were you overwhelmed by the richness of their program and the extent of their activities? Did your friend make you feel welcome, needed, wanted? Did you join on the spot or have to be encouraged and perhaps shop a bit?

Remember who took you to your first flower show and tried to make sense of the judging process? Who took you on your first garden walk and helped you make a list of the plants that would do well in your garden or was your roommate at your first Conservation Conference or en-

couraged you to take an MGC school?

And remember all those selfless volunteers whose sense of civic duty was so strong that they spent hours planting and caring for the beds along main street and at the entrance to the cemetery. They took you along so you too could get down on your knees in the dirt; so you too could know the joy of giving.

As gardeners we are all herbalists—we work with plants. This plant—the rosemary is the ancient herb of remembrance. No garden should be without at least one. You can cook with it and you can gently stroke it to release its pungent odor as you bow your head and remember all those who have touched your life and made it so very rich.



Central Region Meeting and Petite Flower Show

SEVEN STATES CELEBRATE

“Wee Wonders”

Central Region Petite Flower Show

October 14th to 16th, 2007

Holiday Inn Bloomington I-35W

1201 West 94th Street

Bloomington, Minnesota, 55431

Registration form on next page. For further information and complete rules go to: www.ngccentralregion.org/crmeeting.htm

Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota Invite you to the 2007 Central Region Convention

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October 14, 15, 16, 2007

Holiday Inn Bloomington I-35W • 1201 West 94th Street, Bloomington, MN 55431

Phone: 952-884-8211 or 1-800-465-4329

Room reservations must be made directly with the hotel by September 27, 2007. Room rate will be valid 3 days prior and 3 days after the convention dates. Complimentary shuttle service is provided from Minneapolis/St Paul International Airport. Room rate: \$85.00 plus taxes (room with 2 queen or 1 king size bed available). Indicate you are attending the Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota Central Region Convention.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please print

Name _____ Name preferred on name tag _____ State Garden Club _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Your Status _____ National Officer _____ National Chairman _____ National Life Member
 (Check all that apply) _____ Regional Officer _____ Regional Chairman _____ Regional Life Member
 _____ Past Regional Director _____ State President _____ Past State President
 _____ Club President _____ Club Member _____ Spouse or Guest

FULL TIME REGISTRATION PACKAGE PLAN: (Meals, Program, Workshop, Reception) \$140.00 _____
 TOUR: 12:45 to 4:00 \$23.00 _____
After September 27: Package Plan: \$150.00 _____
 Tour: \$25.00 _____

PART TIME REGISTRATION Sunday: (Registration, dinner, program) \$40.00 _____
 Monday: (Full day) \$90.00 _____
 Monday: (Registration, breakfast, program) \$20.00 _____
 (Registration, lunch, program) \$25.00 _____
After September 27: Part-time registration add \$5.00 Tuesday: (Registration, banquet, program) \$50.00 _____
 (Registration, breakfast, program) \$20.00 _____

Make check payable to: 2007 Central Region Convention Total Enclosed _____
 Mail to: Nancy Allison, 11031 Washburn Ave. S, Bloomington, MN 55431-3829

For further information go to: www.ngccentralregion.org/crmeeting.htm



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