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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE HAPPY SPRING!

We have a change to our April meeting. See the article by Jenny for the April meeting. We will have a short meeting, speakers, a nice luncheon and dessert!

Please don't forget about the IIB District meeting on April 18th at the Eagle Eye Banquet Facility. You must sign up to attend. Cost is \$35.00. The event hostesses are the District steering committee. There will be items to be auctioned off. They are having a spring flower show of spring flowers. If you plan to enter I will have entry cards for you to fill out beforehand.

[Environmental Studies School](#)-Course IV-April 17&18 in Holland, MI.

[Landscaping Design School](#)-Course IV -April 24 & 25 in Kalamazoo, MI.

These courses can be taken out of order. Our club will reimburse you for your class fee.

I hope to see many of you at the annual meeting, May 14th at the Gilbert & Blake's restaurant. If you are a chairman please prepare a report in triplicate.

Hopefully, many of you were able to attend the IIB District Flower Show at the MSU Pavilion. Again, it was a great success. I especially liked the Michigan theme.

While applying for our Club of Distinction award I was surprised how many members do not subscribe to the National Gardener! If you

like to enter the flower shows this gives you updates on the latest designs, horticulture information and loads of information concerning the National Garden Club's news. It is only \$8.00 a year, 3years for \$21.00 . headquarters@gardenclub.org or www.gardenclub.org. Ann Schoals, President



(Orchid Show Ann Lipkowitz)

APRIL MEETING -DESIGN PROGRAM

Meeting: This notice is important as no specific information for this meeting is included in the yearbook. **Lois Snover-Hanson**, National Garden Club Master Flower Show Judge and **Dennis Bunning**, expert designer at VanAtta's Florist will participate. Per usual, the newspaper announcement will state that visitors are welcome and you can feel free to bring friends. There may be short announcements but there will be no regular business meeting. *The Nell Shelberg*

Memorial Design Day is now scheduled for September, 2018 with more details to follow.

The April 9th, meeting will start at 9:30 with refreshments of coffee, tea and morning sweets. The presentation will be 10:00 AM-12:00 PM at our regular site. This is a sandwich and salad luncheon. **What is needed:** A Hospitality Committee was not named earlier. All members should bring a sandwich. Some members are needed to provide a salad/and or dessert. We would like 4-5 salads and something to go with morning coffee. Reba Torongo and Tootsie Lambo have volunteered to provide cookies. Please contact Barbara Amundsen if you are able to provide a salad, bread or dessert. Also, indicate if you are willing to serve as a hospitality committee member to help set up and clean up for the day.

Rationale: This change was made after discussion during the March business meeting. The September, 2018 time will provide additional time for preparation and the flexibility to schedule the event on a Saturday so that more people may be able to participate. Please phone or email me if you have questions. Jenny Bond



(Mushrooms -March mtg)

MARCH MEETING

What an exciting presentation on mushrooms. Our speaker had a passion for this topic. How do I know that...everyone was abuzz trying to find out about going on a mushroom hunt. We were fungi for the subject. I and others wanted to know if she lead hunts in her area with small groups. Her knowledge was gripping. She was a true s'hroomer.

(Mushroom hat -March mtg)

She shared information about how many fungi are in our forests, cities and surrounding us that is edible. Some even have medicinal uses. In the following picture you will see that one mushroom is all CAPS!!!!



(Mushroom Hat)

The following is a list of a few mushrooms we learned about. Hedgehog, Lions Mane, Chantrals, Black Trumpet, Lobster, Chicken, Shrimp and Hen Sea of the Woods. All of these are easy to spot and prepare for a scrumptious meal. I also learned that Morels must be hollow. That means it is edible. Joan Lenhard

REMEMBERING OUR MEMBERS

In the last year we have lost three vital women from our group. Each one of these women provided leadership, support and direction for growth.

June Knostman served this club from the beginning. She was an outstanding member. June was an activist in the field of flowers and gardens. She was a renowned Flower Judge traveling the world over and returning to the club to share not only stories but encouraged people to get more involved-show a flower, make an arrangement.

Marilyn Lee brought her diverse knowledge and skill to the club. She encouraged all members to experiment in the garden, grow something different, find a new plant. Marilyn

had a greenhouse and grew many different plants. Orchids was just one of many. She had her finger in many other organizations that compliment our environment.

Georgiana Viele brought style and class to her gardens. She came from the school of look good, feel good, do great things. She always had a twinkle in her eye. Georgiana also made gorgeous quilts. Like her gardens her quilts were full of life and reflective of the season or in the case of quilts reflective of the person who was the recipient.

We will miss these women. Pioneers, intelligent, giving and role models for all of us. The 2018-2019 Member Program Book will include a memorial page for each one of these women. Reba Torongo & Joan Lenhard

JUNIOR GARDENER CORN PROJECT

It is not too late to sign-up for this event. Call Deb Albert. *Distribution day for this project is: Tuesday 4/10/18.* Teaming up with another gardener making this a fun project. Submitted by Deb Albert

DUES

It is that time of year again. The good news is **NO** inflation. Active member fee is \$26.00. Associates fee is \$36.00. This is a bargain.

Send check to Barb Lowes or bring to meeting. Make check out to **GCGL**. **I would like all dues in by March 31st.** This provides us time to update our program book and get to print. Thank you for your cooperation. Submitted by Barb Lowes

MICHIGAN HERB CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 25, 2018 for the annual Michigan Herb Associates Conference. It will be at Eagle Eye. The day will be filled with education, shopping, and a great variety of herb plants to purchase.

The keynote speaker will be Susanna Report Brill. She will present two lectures. The first one is: How to Grow and use Medicinal Plants. She will also be a vendor offering products from her store The Rosemary House in

Pennsylvania. The other presenters will be: Annie Gruber Magdowski, talking about hops, beer and the great foods that go with those favorites.

Dr. Norm Lownds, curator at MSU 4H Children's Garden also makes craft beers using flavors from the herb garden. He will share ideas for **"Aromatic Herbs for Beer."**

Scott Stokes from Southern Exposure Herb Farm will share ideas on both gardening and decorating with the Herb of the year, Hops. Submitted by Sue Kesti VP



(Orchid Show Jenny Bond)

THE GREATER LANSING ORCHID SOCIETY

The Orchid Society had a show and Sale February 24th and 25th. There was a memorial for orchid society members Alex Challis and Marilyn Lee. I went to honor Marilyn and it ended up being a joyful treat to see the many exhibits, color of plants and learn more about orchids.

The judged entries were in the conservatory and hot house walkway leading to the staging area of the Plant and Soil area. There were miniatures as well as massive specimens. Entries included horticulture, arrangements, designs, textiles, photos and jewelry. A beautiful mixture! There were entries

specifically for memorials to Marilyn. In addition, Van Atta's had a display in memory of Marilyn.



(Orchid Show)

GCGL ANNUAL LUNCHEON MEETING-MAY

Jan Bills is our speaker for this meeting. Jan is the author of "**Late Bloomer.**"

She will focus her presentation on gardening in the second ½ of life. (I want to know what happened in the first ½ of life). This should be a great topic as we look for ways to manage our gardens.

The luncheon and meeting will be at Gilbert and Blakes on Okemos Rd just north of Jolly Rd. on May 14th. (REMEMBER there will be construction at Jolly and Okemos Rd. allow for additional time to travel thru this busy intersection). Please be sure to have a check for \$27.00 made out to the GCGL by May 5th.

This provides Phyllis time to make follow-up phone calls and submit a final count to the restaurant. Many thanks. **P.S.** Remember to bring your annual report. Three copies are requested. Submitted by Phyllis Irwin.



(Orchid Show -Necklace made with an orchid and other natural materials.)

ANNUAL GARDEN CONFERENCE

Information for the 2018 Annual Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania is now on the NGC website www.gardenclub.org It is scheduled for May 20-24, 2018

This would provide an excellent reason for members of MGC member clubs to plan a vacation to an exciting city and visit the various gardens and attend the convention. If you plan to attend the convention and would like to serve as a delegate to the annual meeting, please let me know. This information is from Carol Brodbeck and Gay Austin.

TRAVEL BUG

I am interested in some day trips to areas with gorgeous gardens and garden centers/shops. If you too have this bug please let me know. We can carpool and make a day of it.

Interest includes: Cranbrook House and Gardens, Meadowbrook House and Gardens, and Riverlake Inn at Colon MI. Let's plan a road trip. Submitted by Joan Lenhard

ORCHID SHOW PICTURES

Sue Kesti went to the Orchid Show because she knew that Marilyn Lee was going to be honored. She walked away with lots of information on Orchids. In addition, she took all of these lovely pictures. Ann and Jenny from our garden club had entrees. As you can see by the others so many designs, colors and artistic flare. Thanks Sue for so many lovely pictures.



(Orchid Show -Van Atta's Memorial for M. Lee)



(Orchid Show -Memorial Board honoring Marilyn Lee)