



MICHIGAN CONSULTANTS COUNCIL
Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.

SPRING, 2017 NEWSLETTER

Dear Michigan Consultants Council Members,

As we begin the new year, plans are underway for our educational schools and the annual MGC Convention. So here are some dates for your calendars.

- Environmental Studies Course II, April 17 & 18, Holland -
- Landscape Design Course II, April 24 & 25, Kalamazoo -
- Flower Show School Course IV, May 9 & 10, Midland –

Look on the MGC web site for registration forms and directions for the course work.

MICHIGAN GARDEN CLUB STATE CONVENTION

LOCATION: **Ann Arbor Holiday Inn, Plymouth Road**

THEME: **“Grow and Share”**

The 86th Convention will begin on Wednesday, June 7 with Board meetings. The time for our MCC **Installation and Annual Meeting is 10:00 a.m. in the University Room.** At this time we will be installing new officers for the 2017-2019 term of office.

MCC President:	Rita Crawley
Vice President:	Chris Lapinski
Secretary:	Joan Black
Treasurer:	Lynn Dinvald

Thank you, ladies, for accepting your positions to lead our Council for the coming term of office.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN GARDEN WALK NOMINATIONS

Last Fall I received six nomination packets for awards in this category from:

Mason County Garden Club, Ludington
Garden By The Bay, Elk Rapids
Tri-Cities Garden Club, Inc. Spring Lake-Ferrysburg
Friendly Garden Club of Traverse City
Evening Bloomers Garden Club, Mt. Pleasant
Lakeshore Garden Club of Lexington.

Awards will be given to these clubs at our MCC Annual Meeting at the State Convention. Please make sure there is a representative present from these clubs for recognition when awards are presented. If you are planning a garden walk this coming summer, begin collecting all the necessary documents for submission by the November 15, 2017 deadline. Directions and the mailing address will be given out at the Annual Meeting and will be on the MGC web site soon.

2017 SUMMER MCC CONFERENCE

HIDDEN LAKES GARDENS

JULY 11, 2017

10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The MCC Board is happy to announce we will gather in the southern part of Michigan at Hidden Lakes Gardens for a day of “fun, fellowship, and food” touring the various demonstration gardens, the Conservatory, the Hosta Hillside, dwarf conifer collection, Harper Woods, plus lectures and lunch.

Rita Crawley, currently Vice President, is arranging a great day for our consultants and guests. The tours will begin in the morning when it is cooler, then lunch, and after wards there will be two speakers to finish off our day together. A full registration form with a nominal registration fee will be sent this spring with more details. Lynn Dinvald will continue to be our registrar and treasurer for this event in July.

Thanks Rita for planning this day. So pass the word to other provisional consultants taking courses this spring and bring them along for this great educational day.

Along with the registration form for the summer event will be the request to pay your dues or to become a member of MCC. Lynn Dinvald will have records for you to check if you need to pay dues. See the attached sheet to fill in.

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The incoming National President’s Theme and Projects are below and very appropriate for our MCC members. Also included are Central Region and MGC. We can help “Plant America” in Michigan!

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NGC President

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Theme: PLANT AMERICA

PROJECTS

1. Grant Program for Community Projects - The main goal of this administration will be to start a grant program for clubs, also named PLANT AMERICA, to support them in their work being done in communities all across the country – in the planters and barrels on town and city streets, community and neighborhood entrances, roadsides, churches and public buildings. Grants from corporations are no longer available to support these projects, so this is a need that NGC can fill to sustain its members clubs now and in the future for the work they do.

The grant program and fund will be named PLANT AMERICA. The first grants will be awarded during this administration. State Presidents are not required to have a PLANT AMERICA chairman.

2. Second Book for Youth – Due to the success of the NGC Youth Book, The Frightened Frog, another book will be published as a tool to help clubs with their youth programs. This book will focus on an aspect of gardening.

CENTRAL REGION, INC. “PARTNERS IN PLANTING AMERICA”

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MICHIGAN GARDEN CLUBS, INC. “GROW & SHARE: PLANT AMERICA”

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President’s Standing Projects:

Loda Lake World Gardening
Blue Star Memorials Black Swallowtail Butterfly

President’s Thematic Project:

GROW:

- a diverse member base which involves an increased number of youth involved
- the leadership potential and knowledge within the organization
- the public awareness of NGC/CR/MGC.

All of which we can do when we **SHARE** our time and talents in all our current and new projects.

Members, I look forward to seeing you in the spring. Until then tend your indoor plants, browse through those seed catalogs, and mark your calendars for events coming this Spring.

Nancy Stark Higgins, President
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MICHIGAN CONSULTANTS COUNCIL

(Landscape Design Consultants: Gardening Consultants: Environmental Consultants)

Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc

OBJECTIVES:

- To protect the environment, to increase knowledge in horticulture and to promote excellence in landscape design.
- To advance and continue the study of the earth, gardening and landscape design by:
 - a. Encouraging and promoting attendance at Environmental Study Schools, Gardening Study Schools, and Landscape Design Study Schools of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC).
 - b. Serving on local and state committees concerned with civic beautification projects.
 - c. Continuing study through lectures, workshops and tours to private and public gardens.
 - d. Assisting garden clubs when requested by giving information to promote MCC objectives.

MEMBERSHIP

- Qualifications for membership in the MCC are as follows:
 - a. Be a member in good standing of a Michigan Garden Club and
 - b. Be accredited as a consultant by National Garden Clubs and/or
 - c. Have successfully completed at least two courses in any one area of study and
 - d. Pay dues.
- Membership classifications
 - a. *Consultant* – completed four courses in any one area of study
 - b. *Provisional Consultant* – completed two courses in any area of study.
 - c. *Honorary Membership* – conferred on the MGC President and to others by the members.
- Admission Procedures
 - a. Qualified members shall be entitled to join upon payment of dues.
 - b. Dues are payable in April of even-numbered years.
 - c. Dues for Provisional Consultants are payable when eligible to join.

MEETINGS

Meetings of the MCC shall be held twice a year.

- a. There shall be a meeting in association with the symposium or garden walk offered sometime in the year. The date and location of the meeting shall be determined by the President and/or Executive Board.
- b. There shall be an Annual Meeting in the spring held in conjunction with the State Convention. The date and location of the meeting shall be determined by the President and/or Executive Board.

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Michigan Consultants Council 2016-2018 Dues Form: \$20.00

Name _____

Address _____

State _____ Zip+4 Code _____ District _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Send your \$20 check payable to Michigan Consultants Council to:

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