

THE FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF MICHIGAN, INC.

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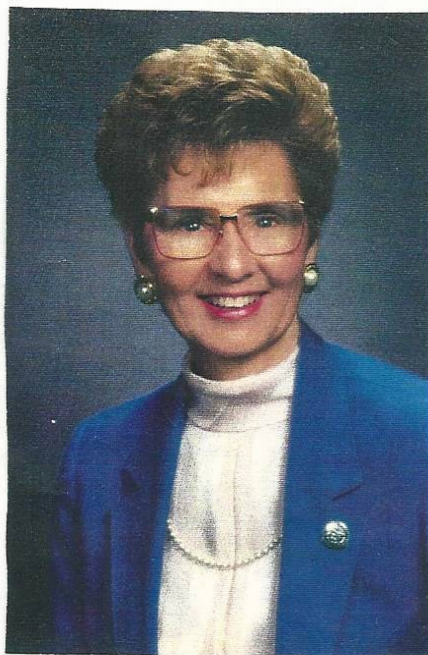
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Having served at all organizational levels, FGCM's newly elected President, Nancy Goulette (Mrs. Dennis) brings to her 1993-1995 administration executive ability and keen appreciation and interest in State, Regional and National objectives.

Nancy presided over her 1st Executive Board meeting where she addressed the 1993-1995 goals for her administration: 1) Increase membership to 7000 by 1995...this goal was successfully achieved. Membership count, as of June 1993: 201 clubs, 6793 members...as of June 1995, the count increased to 7328 members and 13 Jr. Garden Clubs. 2) Established good working relations with the Michigan Department of Transportation for roadside plantings. 3) The administration's project, the Michigan Botanic Garden, located in Grand Rapids is now a reality. 4) Supported the NCSGC President's project by contributing to the National Wildflower Research Center in Austin, Texas. 5) Encouraged continued planting of trees and supported good environmental practises; recycle, reuse, reduce. 6) 13 Junior Garden Clubs, an increase in number.

FGCM members have vigorously carried out President Goulette's theme: "Gardening Today For Tomorrow".

ARBORICULTURE: Peggy Bee has been in contact with state departments and presented information on trees for community use.

BILLBOARDS: Elaine Gunderson reports that the outlook for banning billboards and establishing logo signs is optimistic.

BIRDS - EXOTIC: Joanne McIntyre prepared a short hummingbird program and reported on a raptor census as an official Hawkwatcher at the Holiday Beach Migration Observatory in Ontario Canada.

BUTTERFLIES: Rhea Tracy read and collected data on butterflies, and encouraged the planting of plants that welcome them.

DATA BASE: LaVonne Moss maintains a current and accurate alphabetical file of club members.

GARDEN THERAPY: Joann Ott is networking with other organizations, such as the Michigan Horticulture Therapy Association, to gain new knowledge of Garden Therapy and reports that Michigan leads the way in this area. Each month this Chairman and members of the Kent Garden Club work with physically handicapped and visually impaired children at the Ken-Sha school.

HIGGINS LAKE CONSERVATION CONFERENCES: Linda Mason planned two outstanding 3-day meetings which were held at the Ralph MacMullan Conference Center in Higgins Lake. The 54th annual meeting attracted 89 members, including 10



husbands and a member of the National Farm & Garden Association. Daily educational programs covered environmental stewardship, laws and policies, and bird and plant protection for the 21st century. An all day trip to Grass Bay was organized with the cooperation of the Nature Conservancy. The 55th annual meeting was attended by 57 members and the conference focused on the stewardship of our natural resources, wildflowers, education of the Great Lakes through the ISEA program, and legislation concerning our parks system. Members enjoyed an informative field trip to the Grass River Natural Area located in Antrim County.

**HORTICULTURE:** Annie Hannon prepared a presentation of the National Council In-Door gardening project called "Present A Plant" which would allow garden clubs the opportunity to gather local media attention and promote the joys of indoor and outdoor gardening. Edna Rosenfield shared with us the benefits of mulching and provided instructions for planting food gardens.

**HISTORIAN:** Edwina Mitz prepared a summary of the 1993-1995 state administration, requested by Central Region Director and NCSGC Historian. updated the FGCM history file and arranged for the binding of 1986-1992 issues of Thru the Garden Gate and National Gardener; prepared a chronological summary of FGCM involvements, projects and accomplishments dating from 1931-1993 for a public relations workshop.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIPS:** During the 1993-1995 administration, Chairman Mickey Johnson processed 93 State and 49 National Life members.

**MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION:** A new membership brochure, "Pick Your Passion", was designed by membership chairman, Judy Ille, and State Graphic artist, Nancy Szerlag, for the purpose of informing Michigan residents of our organization's existence and to stimulate them to become more involved in joining a garden club.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Chairman Kathryn Clary worked diligently to assemble the first public relations workshop in the nation, "101 Things You Must Know to Achieve Publicity Success", led by Ed Hutchinson, Dow Corning Corporation's communications manager. 98 enthusiastic gardeners, from across the state, came to learn publicity techniques which enhance local, state and national visibility. It was truly a treat to have Central Region Director, Bev Kelter, present for this state-wide undertaking.

4-H CHILDRENS GARDEN: FGCM members actively supported the project during the 1993-1995 administration by conducting several fund-raising campaigns. After nearly ten years of planning and planting, the dedication of the Horticulture Demonstration Gardens, located on the Michigan State University campus, was held in ~~as held in~~ August, 1993. Dedication of the new 4-H Garden was glorious, over 2000 registered for the seminars, and nearly another 1000 more gathered for the dedication of these world-class gardens.

FREDERIK MEIJER SCULPTURE PARK GARDEN: The opening of this garden took place in April 1995. The long awaited botanic garden offers a wealth of displays and activities for all its visitors and is a center for education and enjoyment with state and regional impact. President Goulette selection of eye-catching tote bags, logo watches and a raffle of seven beautiful quilts... one from each District, helped fund this special project.

FGCM FOUNDATION: The Foundation is a separate non-profit entity which administers scholarship grants to Michigan university and college students. Applicants are chosen by department heads and faculty in fields related to FGCM aims and purposes. In 1995 the Foundation received a generous donation of \$50,000 to establish the Thelma Burleigh Trust Fund in her name. The interest from this trust will annually enable a Michigan State University student to continue studies in the field of horticulture. Mary Pulick, FGCM Recording Secretary, and her husband honored their family's Michigan Tech University graduate, with a \$500.00 donation to the Foundation. Also received was a grant for a winter intern at the MSU Childrens Garden.

LODA LAKE: Edith Maassen, Loda Lake chairman, reported being busy reviewing and updating the Loda Lake slide program.

FLOWER SHOWS: Districts staged six standard flower shows, which adhered to NCSGC and FGCM guidelines, in 1994 and 1995. The shows were open to the public. Flower arrangers, from throughout Michigan, constructed distinguished floral arrangements in keeping with each show's unique theme. The Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show, staged in March 1994, was recognized by the New York Times as one of the nation's finest.

SCHOOLS: Education has always been a major objective of the FGCM. Members are encouraged to participate in Flower Show, Garden Study and Landscape Design schools, conducted by accredited instructors, and provided for members interested in learning and acquiring floral and horticulture knowledge. All 3 schools have organized Councils.



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION: In 1994 and 1995, one-week educational training sessions were conducted at the Higgins Lake Ralph MacMullen Center during the summer for teachers, graduate students and community leaders. These sessions were coordinated by experienced personnel from the Department of Natural Resources, other State departments and university staff. Six State universities offer academic credit at both undergraduate and graduate levels.

OPERATION WILDFLOWER/ROADSIDE BEAUTIFICATION: Chairman Jo Russell extended a warm welcome to Michigan's newest organization to promote our wildflower interests, the Michigan Wildflower Council. Its purpose is to heighten public awareness of the aesthetic, ecological and economical values of wildflowers and their habitats. Its membership includes the FGCM and many governmental and non-profit organizations. Recent reports are that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is becoming more involved in Operation Wildflower and is applying for a new grant "Growing Not Moving".

THRU THE GARDEN GATE: Judy Nykamp, Editor of our prize-winning publication, continues to serve as a valuable link between club members and the State Federation.

WORLD GARDENING: For over thirty years, the Federation has supported this scholarship project for high school students living in Belize, Michigan's sister city. Recipients are selected by a panel of National 4-H youth leaders, school officials and the Directory of Youth in Belize. Annually FGCM donates tools and seeds for the project at the Belize National 4-H Center, and encourages proper gardening.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: The focus for youth activity is environmental awareness. FGCM joins National in promoting involvement in PETALS. As we approach the 21st century, the Juniors will be called Ecoteers and the Intermediate and High School members Ecoteens. The name reflects students awareness of the earth's environmental problems and a willingness to be a part of the solution. At Smokey Bear's 50th birthday party, celebrated in Washington, D.C., our state poster winner, Jessie Murray, a 5th grade student from Charlevoix, attended the party with her mother and President Goulette.

CENTRAL REGION AND NATIONAL: FGCM members were generous in contributing to the Flood Releaf and "TREE"mendous projects and to the Seed Court Garden at the National Wildflower Center in Texas. During the 1993-1995 administration, FGCM was honored to receive three NCSGC/Shell Oil PETALS

Certificates of Recognition for participating in the NCSGC/Shell Oil Environmental Incentives Program and a PETALS award of \$500.00 for the Michigan Botanic Garden. A scholarship offered by National Council for the 1993-1994 academic year was won by Craig Newhouse, a MSU student with a major in Landscape Design architecture. FGCM received a silver compote for having the largest % of National Gardener subscriptions. In 1994 we learned that Michigan led Central Region states in the amount of wildlife restoration and hunter education funds received through the U.S. Department of Interior. Four Michigan members serve on the National Executive Board and seven Michigan members serve on the Central Region Board.

The members of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan express, with pride and sincere appreciation, for President Goulette's inspirational leadership which motivated Officers, Directors, Committee Chairman and club members to vigorously carry out the theme of her administration..."Gardening Today For Tomorrow"...through community, State and National projects.



At the 1993 Annual Meeting, held in Grand Rapids, Nancy Goulette (Mrs. Dennis), was installed as the 32nd President of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, Inc.. Nancy selected "Gardening Today for Tomorrow" as the theme for her 1993-1995 administration. Nancy has been an active member of the Hill and Dale Garden Club for 21 years and has graciously continued to share her knowledge and administrative ability at all levels of the organization...State, Regional and National.

Before the opening of the FGCM 63rd Annual Meeting, "Grande Vistas" held on May 23, 26, 27, 1994, at the Amway Grand Hotel Plaza, 50 members and 8 guests attended the workshop for first-time attendees.

The morning's program featured J. Mark Jeter who addressed "The Role of the Botanic Garden".

Three workshops were offered: Bob Thomas's instructive designs; Jim Wilkins "Living With Shade and Loving It"; and Rene Ludema's "Old Fashioned Roses for Today's Gardens".

The evening's Award Banquet Honoring Club Presidents, included the Award Chairman's report...FGCM members were delighted to acknowledge receipt of 108 State, 14 National Awards and 7 Presidential Citations.

On the following morning, the annual reports of FGCM Officers, District Directors, and the By-Laws revision committee were accepted.

The afternoon program featured the presentation of youth awards and life memberships. We were honored to greet Bev Kelter, Central Region Director, whose friendly and inspiring message addressed the theme for her administration..."Gardening, Growth and the Future". Another plus that was well received was Bob Thomas's 19 outstanding floral designs program "The Creative Process and How it Works".

A Presidents' Reception, hosted by District IV, offered the opportunity to meet and greet our honored guests, Bev Kelter, Central Region Director and Eleanor Yates, NCSGC President, as well as mingle with our many Garden Club friends.

At the banquet honoring State and National Life members, we were impressed and motivated by National President Eleanor Yates's message and theme: "We Love to Garden and It Shows".

On the last day of the convention, early risers went on a Downtown Grand Rapids River Walk. The morning's program featured a slide presentation ...Gerald & Marcella Martin's..."It's the Only World We Have".

The Federation was honored by the presence of Central Region Director, Bev Kelter and NCSGC President, Eleanor Yates, who were with us throughout the entire convention. As a token of our appreciation and remembrance, FGCM presented Mrs. Kelter with a ceramic of our State bird, the robin, and Mrs. Yates received a meadowlark.

The 63rd Annual Meeting closed with a tribute, delivered by Past President, Vera Sullivan, in loving memory of deceased Past Presidents, Mrs. Denton Emmert and Mrs. Donald Smith...and an invitation to the 1995 Annual Meeting.

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The 64th Annual Convention of The Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, Inc. was held on June 6, 7, 8, 1995 at the Novi Hilton Hotel.

We were pleased to have with us NCSGC President, Mrs. John M. Mitchie, Central Region Director, Margaret Rone, and NCSGC Parliamentarian, Phyllis Wood.

1st-time attendees were welcomed with a workshop which encouraged their participation in Club and Federation activities.

Members and guests were greeted at the opening Welcome Luncheon and were regaled with the "Parade of Garden Stories" which was presented by Master Story Teller, Ginghy Sharp.

Three informative workshops which attracted a full-house attendance covered: 1) Phyllis Wood, NCSGC Parliamentarian, provided an enlightening presentation on "Parliamentary Procedure: Who Needs It!!!". 2) "Out of Our Gourds" by Cheri Oshinsky, a member of the American Gourd Society, covered the many usages of gourds. 3) Scott Bates, who came to us from the Grass Roots Nursery located in New Boston extolled the merits of "Wondering About Water Gardening".

The President's reception, hosted by District I, honored FGCM President, Nancy Goulette; and newly-installed National President, Mrs. John M. Michie, Jr. (Mary Louise) and Central Region Director, Margaret Rone. Music was provided by the Harrison High School Jazz Band under the direction of Mark Phillips.

The Awards Banquet Honoring Club Presidents was an exciting event as Club Presidents were introduced as they stepped through a lovely floral arch. At this meeting we received a warm and gracious greeting from our newly



elected NCSGC President, Mrs. John M Michie, Jr. who shared with us the potential of "Always Creating Beauty", her administration's theme for the next two years.

FGCM members received 103 State and 18 National Awards, including the NCSGC Seal Award: recipient Jane Taylor, 4H Children's Garden Curator and the Petrides Award to Shirley Weering, Gardening Study Council President.

Wednesday's breakfast speaker was Tim Nowicki, Naturalist, Radio & TV personality. Mr. Nowicki's slide program, "Calling All Birds", featured various bird habitats and the many and various ways to attract birds by their distinctive calls.

Nancy Goulette called the annual business meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Officers' and District Directors' annual reports were read and accepted; the newly-revised FGCM By-Laws were read and accepted; and Nancy Passfield, FGCM Past President, conducted a devotional memorial service.

At the afternoon luncheon, it was an honor and pleasure to receive greetings from Margaret Rone, 1995-1997 Central Region Director. The theme for her administration, "Together We Can", and Motto "Bloom Where You Are Planted," signals an interesting and productive two years.

Phyllis Wood, NCSGC Parliamentarian, attended our convention, not only as an invited guest, but also as a speaker and workshop leader. Her speech delivered at the luncheon program, "Let Me Tell You About My Club Meeting", was exceptional. Spiced with humor, she brought to our attention the necessity for respect and observance of good parliamentary procedures.

During the afternoon, members partook of tour to Michigan's famous Cranbrook Gardens.

The evening program consisted of a Parade of State and National Life members; raffle of seven quilts and a quilted woodland wall hanging created by Lou Fox...proceeds to benefit the Frederick Meijer Botanic Garden.

Marge Purnell, NCSGC Judge, created lovely and innovative floral designs for her program, "Pageant of Patterns and Plates".

Erie Heermann, FGCM Past President, presided over the installation of 1995-1997 Officers and District Directors with both ceremony and dignity.

The meeting adjourned to the President's Afterglow honoring Miriam Sanford, newly-elected FGCM President. District IV members hosted the afterglow. A special treat for Miriam and her family was the entertaining music provided by Harriett Rose, Miriam's mother.

At the final morning's breakfast, Marge McGoff, Past FGCM President, addressed her commitment as NCSGC Litter, Reclamation, Recycle and Water Management Chairman.

Deanna House's program, "Someone's In The Kitchen With Deanna, Someone's In The Kitchen I Know-o-ow", provoked much laughter while learning about cooking with fresh herbs and produce from our Michigan gardens.

FGCM was honored to present to both NCSGC President, Mrs. Michie, and Central Region Director, Margaret Rone, a token of our appreciation, a framed quilt square in remembrance of our "Patchwork Pageant".

Our retiring President, Nancy Goulette, gracefully accepted District I's gift...a framed cross-stitched replica of the Federation's pin which was designed by Pauline Flynn's mother. Nancy also received a certificate for the National Council Permanent Home and Endowment Fund which placed her name on the National Council Role of Honor and Book of Appreciation.

Convention 1996 Chairman, Jane Montgomery, invited members and guests to the 1996 National Convention, "A Great Lakes Gala", which will be held in Traverse City on May 20, 21, 22, 1996.

Nancy expressed sincere thanks for the cooperation and support which she received during her 1993-1995 administration and adjourned the 1995 Annual Meeting.

Following adjournment, newly-elected FGCM President, Miriam Sanford, conducted the 1st meeting of her administration which was open to all and previous Executive Board members.