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# President's Message

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Marge McGoff  
FGCM President

Michigan, Michigan quite contrary  
How does your garden grow?  
Tall white pines and cherry blossoms  
standing in a row.  
A water wonder land  
with lots of sand,  
waiting for us to lend a hand.

We live in a world that is changing so fast we can hardly keep up. We dream of a perfect place to live; we dream of an environment devoid of problems and we dream of a garden that supplies us with necessities of life and happiness. In order to realize a dream garden, we need to nurture it and give it perpetual care.

Violet Dawson, our National Council of State Garden Clubs President, has challenged us with her theme "It's our world to garden". Michigan accepts the challenge. We realize our world is most important to all of us. Although our consciousness has been raised a great deal, we need to constantly educate ourselves through the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan schools and various chairman's programs in order that we might dedicate our time and effort towards the future, insuring a more perfect garden for our children and grandchildren.

As Vi states in her theme, the word garden is not a noun or word of description, but rather a word of **action**. I would like Michigan to also use the word garden as a verb. I have chosen as my theme - **Michigan, let's garden together**. Our method of action is through communication, education, creation, and dedication. Michigan will also **be** our garden. A more comprehensive tree planting program will be part of the next two years initiative. Emphasis on community involvement of our local garden clubs will be stressed with a plan of sharing with our neighbors and inviting them to be club members. One way to appeal to working people is to have special interest groups that meet in the evenings or on Saturday mornings. Another way to share your gardening expertise with someone else is to begin a garden therapy program today.

Another initiative will be continued concern of our solid waste problems and a challenge for Michigan to be on the leading edge towards finding a solution. Emphasis will be on consumer purchasing of goods that are environmentally friendly. I would like to encourage every club to have a "how to" program on composting. With the wild flower program and the adopt a highway program, our highways have a start in becoming a beautiful part of our garden. But, we should be aware of the affect the existing billboards have. Wouldn't a logo system be more attractive?

As your president, I pledge continued enthusiasm and support to all the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan's existing projects, and will look for ways to nurture and accelerate our wonderful garden of friendship. You know that's what we are all about, sharing the same goals and values. Mac Breyman, Central Region Director has chosen as her theme **Make A Commitment**. That is what I am asking of you. Let's not be weekend gardeners if at all possible. Let's communicate, educate, create and dedicate ourselves to our dream garden.

Michigan, let's garden together. Thank you.

At the 1991 Annual Meeting, held in Grand Rapids, Mrs. John McGoff (Marge) was installed as the <sup>3</sup> 61st President of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, Inc., selecting MICHIGAN-LET'S GARDEN TOGETHER as the theme for her administration.

Mrs. McGoff brings to the office of President a wealth of experience and achievement, having served at all levels of the organization...local, state, regional and national. These assets, coupled with her ability to inspire, communicate and motivate, assure a successful administration under her leadership.

A directive, with which President McGoff challenged the new Executive Board, included a 10 Point Program of Goals for the 1991-1993 administration. Goals included: increase of new members and clubs, become a part of an Environmental Coalition with the State of Michigan, support the Childrens' Garden and increase youth activities, secure the Wildflower program with the Michigan Department of Transportation, promote tree plantings, support modified billboard regulations and work towards a State logo system, have at least one FGCM township or county commissioner in each District, a 50% increase in Flower Shows and increase the number of applications for National awards.

The following report of progress and achievement reflects the dedication, leadership and skills of the many FGCM members who actively participate in the organization's program:

MEMBERSHIP: During 1991-1993, the membership and club count increased, largely due to the efforts of District Directors



and a dynamic Membership Promotion Chairman. As of June 1993, FGCM membership stands at 6,785, a gain of 390 members and 5 clubs. District V was the top leader with 100 new members. Although 13 new clubs were organized in 1991-1993, this gain was offset by the resignation of 8 clubs.

Honorary Memberships were conferred upon two distinguished Michigan women - to Lt. Governor Connie Binsfield for her interest in the promotion of wildflowers and good environmental practise throughout the State of Michigan; and to Michele Engler, wife of the Governor of Michigan, for her concern and interest in working with the volunteer system throughout the State of Michigan.

Life Memberships - 80 State and 17 National enrollments were processed.

BILLBOARDS: Chairman Ada Jean Eifler continues to exert diligent effort, working with the Michigan Department of Transportation, to modify regulations and accomplish a State-wide logo system.

CONSERVATION CONFERENCES: 52nd and 53rd annual Conservation Conferences were held in September 1991 and September 1992 at the Higgins Lake Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center. Excellent programs and lectures by specialists in their field afforded an opportunity to increase members' knowledge of important environmental issues.

At the 1991 Conference, 75 Garden Club members, spouses (13 husbands) and friends enjoyed the informative programs, planned by Sue McKinnon and her staff. Speakers who were

experts in their field, presented programs covering: Present & Future Solid Waste Management, Does Your House Hold Hazardous Waste, Water Resource Protection Volunteers, Organic Agriculture In Action, Morel Mushrooms Out of Season, Drinking Water:Quality on Tap?, Pesticide Myths vs Realities, and The Michigan Nature Association. Grateful appreciation was expressed to the Shell Oil E&P, Inc. for sponsoring a charter bus for a field trip to the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

The September 1992 Conference, planned by Linda Mason and her staff, attracted 65 members, including 12 husbands. The following programs were underwritten by a grant from the Shell Oil Company and the National Council of State Garden Clubs: Excellent speakers covered: The Possible Ecological Consequences of Climate Change in the Great Lakes Region, Overview of the U.S. Energy Use and Problems in the U.S., Technology Won't Save Us and Revitalization of Michigan Communities. Programs for the remainder of the conference were: Off the Beaten Track - Turning Our Forests into Dumps, Invasion of the Aliens: Great Lakes Invaders, Living with the Gypsy Moth, and The Great Terrain Robbery-Ban Billboard Blight. Members also enjoyed a non-scheduled program on ferns presented by Margaret Converse, a member of the Livonia Garden Club.

Members enjoyed a beautiful day for a field trip to the Big Rock Point Nuclear Power Plant in Charlevoix; a guided tour of the facility; "dined" on a sack lunch; and, even had time to explore the Richard Brumm Studio in Charlevoix.

CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIPS: Environmental schools were held



at the Ralph MacMullan Conference Center in September 1991 and 1993. The schools offer environmental education opportunities to teachers, students, youth leaders and interested citizens during the summer. 4 week-long sessions were coordinated with experienced personnel from the Department of Natural Resources, other State departments and university staff. 5 State universities offer academic credit at both undergraduate and graduate level. During the reporting year, FGCM scholarships enabled 75 students, from 10 Michigan colleges and universities to attend the 4-week long sessions. Funding for the schools is administered through the FGCM's Foundation and is derived through individual donor and club contributions.

DISTRICTS: District Directors of this Federation deserve applause and a sincere thank you for their dedication and hard work toward progress of State and NCSGC goals. Each of their meetings were well-organized and well-attended with outstanding programs, both in design and horticulture. Noteworthy efforts: participation in raising \$1,453.79, through a "basket donation" which was taken at all fall District Meetings to help in replacing trees destroyed by the hurricanes in Florida, Hawaii and Louisiana; involvement in many tree plantings throughout the State; 3 Garden Clubs... Rochester Hills, Meridian and Sand Lake...became NATIONAL GARDENER 100% CLUBS; Port Sanilac, Wayne and Petoskey Garden Clubs were among 112 honorees at the Keep Michigan Beautiful Inc. annual awards banquet. Each received a Michigan plaque

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for their beautification projects; the Lake Shore Garden Club celebrated the 100th birthday of their founder, Mable Wilson, with a presentation of a special service award; there was an increased number of exceptional Flower Shows throughout the Districts.

**ENVIRONMENTAL WASTE AWARENESS:** Michigan's EWA Chairman, Liz Kuhlman, deserves commendation for her exceptional contributions at all levels of the organization...participated in the EWA Conference in New Orleans which was sponsored by NCSGC and the Shell Oil Company; attended the groundwater meeting at the Macomb City Coop Extension Office; completed and made available the video, "Drinking Water: Quality on Tap"; prepared a water conservation exhibit for the National meeting in Philadelphia and for the Higgins Lake Conservation Conference; prepared and submitted the environmental awareness notebook, required by NCSGC and the Shell Oil Company, documenting energy relating activities for 1992 and 1993; developed the Elizabeth Kuhlman Environmental Energy Awareness Award..a \$100.00 award for the best District program or project related to energy, economics and environment.

**GARDEN THERAPY:** Chairman Joanne Ott reports that FGCM involvement and progress continues in the newly designed Western Michigan Botanical Garden, located in Grand Rapids. Opening of this new and exciting garden and conservatory is targeted for 1993. Each month this Chairman and members of the Kent Garden Club work with physically handicapped and visually impaired children at the Ken-Sha school.



**MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION:** Chairman Judith Ann Ile continued to encourage applications for the "Member Tribute Award" with promotional articles in THRU THE GARDEN GATE; reported that Michigan has networked with the Central Region to provide a membership guide that is both creative and most successful in getting and keeping members; prepared a leaflet entitled "Helping your Garden Club Bloom" which encouraged clubs to alert the public to the benefits of membership, organize interest meetings, have yearly objectives and goals; and, and promote meeting attendance and participation in activities.

**PROGRAM AND YEARBOOKS:** Chairman Barbara Troost reported reading programs listed in the 1991 and 1992 yearbooks. As a result of this effort, a booklet, entitled "Ideas From Your 1991-1992 Yearbooks" was prepared and distributed to Club Presidents. The booklet contains many innovative suggestions for programs and underscores that programs are a critical element to a club's vitality and should be placed at the top of a planning agenda. Instead of asking for program ideas just once a year, Clubs were challenged to try strategies to make each member a willing and active program networker.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Chairman Elaine Gunderson stressed the responsibility of the entire membership, from the local Garden Club member to District and State Executive Board Officers and Chairmen to project the image of the FGCM and the NCSGC goal to the community. Members were provided with information needed to write an effective publicity release. This Chairman was also

very active in planning and participating in many local, District and State Flower Shows.

LEGISLATION: Chairman Mary Lou Englehart reports that Governor John Engler signed a bill to create a Legislative Committee to set a biological diversity survey policy for the State of Michigan which strengthens the State's commitment to conserve the habitats of Michigan plants and animals. This Chairman attended the National Environmental Awareness meeting in New Orleans.

ROADSIDE BEAUTIFICATION/OPERATION WILDFLOWER: Civic Development Chairman, Josephine Russell reported that the Michigan Department of Transportation has approved \$500.000 for Operation Wildflower...funding to be allocated over a five-year period. Wildflower Chairman, Kay Briggs represents the FGCM as a Board member of the Wildflower Association of Michigan and keeps the Federation informed of its programs and activities.

SCHOOLS: Garden Study, Landscape Design and Flower Show schools are available to the membership every six months. All three schools have organized Councils. Landscape Critics council reports passage of an amendment to its By-Laws which allows a Garden Club member, who has passed two Garden Study courses, become a Provisional Member until series is completed; the Landscape Critics Council organized a trip to Ameriflora in conjunction with its meeting; two Flower Show symposiums were conducted...78 Judges participated in the 1991 program 19 members took the exam and 26



audited. 88 Judges attended the 1992 symposium...21 took the exam and 17 audited.

DISTRICT AND STATE STANDARD FLOWER SHOWS: The following were exceptional shows which showcased the creative talents of Michigan floral designers: two Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show...In 1991, "A Touch of Country"...in 1992, "A Walk on the WildSide"; two District I Flower Shows, staged in the Pontiac Silverdome, in conjunction with the Michigan Home and Garden Show; Detroit Institute of Arts Invitational "Arts and Flowers", which featured floral display created to compliment selected works from the Institute's permanent collection; the Meadow Brook Hall Landscape and Garden Show.

STATE PARKS LIASON: Chairman, Joanne Bauer reported on a Strategic Plan for Michigan State Parks: "Vision 20/20". The report listed recommendations made by the Citizens Committee for Michigan State Parks to address the critical issues facing the Michigan State Park system.

TREES/ARBORICULTURE: Arboriculture Chairman Ann Spaeth reports collecting information on tree planting projects and forest problems; conducted research on which flowering tree has the longest life in Michigan and promoted a planting project of this tree.

WORLD GARDENING: Chairman Janet Brezen reports that this project is supported through contributions from clubs and individuals and is administered through the 4-Foundation contacts in Belize. During the reporting years, \$800 was provided for educational scholarships, and \$560 to purchase tools and seeds for the



teaching programs.

**FGCM FOUNDATION:** The Foundation of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, Inc. is a separate entity of the FGCM which administers grants to Michigan universities and colleges for deserving students who pursue studies consistent with the organization's purposes. Monetary support for these projects is derived from Club contributions, the FGCM Life Membership Fund and interest received from trust funds. During the 1991-1993 reporting year, the Foundation provided scholarships to the Teacher Environmental Schools totaling \$10,337 and university and college grants totaling \$26,150.

**NATIONAL AND CENTRAL REGION:** The FGCM was represented at all meetings...National Annual Meetings held in Philadelphia and Asheville; Central Region meetings held in St. Louis and Indianapolis. FGCM supported Ameriflora '92 by contributing \$1,935 toward the purchase of the gazebo; Elaine Gunderson created a spectacular floral design for the "Discovery" show in Washington, D.C.; attended Course I of the Environmental Studies School held in Wisconsin and is giving serious study as to how FGCM can sponsor the new Environmental School and not conflict with its existing schools; Michigan was the only State sponsoring a symposium in April, 1993, in cooperation with the Committee for Developing Hardy Plants for landscapes; Kent Garden Club member, Boots Vyn's floral creations were featured in the 1992 and 1993 "Vision of Beauty" calendars; and, was pleased to note in the January-February, 1992, issue of THE NATIONAL GARDENER, NCSGC President's quote from the

...The ever popular "After Glow"...a time to renew acquaintances and socialize with members and honored guests.

The official opening of the 61st Annual Meeting of The Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, Inc. was called to order by President McGoff on May 28, 1992.

Jeanne Micka, District IIA Director, welcomed Federation members and guests on behalf of the host District. Sue Jabin, District IV Director, responded on behalf of FGCM.

Credentials report: total of 277 registrations...182 full time and 95 part time.

The next order of business was the reading of Officers' and District Chairmen's reports.

President McGoff expressed appreciation for the privilege of serving the FGCM membership. She reviewed the progress on the goals for her administration: Seven new clubs were organized; Involved with a coalition...Connie Binsfield, Lt. Governor of Michigan, invited the FGCM to be part of a Wildflower Steering Committee resulting in a declaration by Governor Engler of a Wildflower Awareness Week; the million tree planting challenge is gathering momentum; a 50% increase in Standard Flower Shows was accomplished; progress is being made regarding the problem of roadside billboards; an energy conference will be combined with our Annual Conservation Conference in September; the 4-H Children's Garden is progressing on schedule, contributions over \$30,000; Landscape and Garden Exhibition will take place at the Meadowbrook estate...a refresher for both Landscape Design Critics and Gardening Consultants. Several members are

Harper Woods Garden Club Yearbook Club Motto: "One who sees things grow from the beginning has the best view of them".

FGCM MEMBERS SERVING ON THE NCSGC EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Mrs. Henry H Butus, Memorial Gardens Chairman;

Mrs. Jack Gray, Flower Show Schools Accrediting DS Chairman;

Mrs. Henry M. Kuhlman, Water Conservation & Quality Chairman;

Mrs. John McGoff, FGCM President.

The FGCM reports with pride and thankful appreciation for President McGoff's inspirational leadership which motivated Officers, Committee Chairmen and members to vigorously carry out the theme of her administration..."Michigan-Let's Garden Together"...through community, State and National projects.



The Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, Inc. held two well-organized, inspirational, informative Annual Meetings during President McGoff's administration.

The 61st ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FGCM was held in May 1992 at the Radisson on the Lake with District 2A members serving as hosts. Arrangements for the meeting were coordinated by Co-Chairmen, Chris Rochman and Joanne McIntyre, utilizing President McGoff's theme: MICHIGAN-LET'S GARDEN TOGETHER.

A Convention first: A special meeting scheduled for "First-Time Attendees" to help them gain as much as possible from attending a convention. The meeting attracted 45 First-Timers. Indications are that future Annual Meeting plans will provide for First-Time attendees' orientation to FGCM and National Council objectives.

At the Convention's opening luncheon, Mrs. McGoff extended a warm welcome to members and special guests, National Council President, Mrs. James Dawson, and Central Region Director, Mrs. Walter (Mac) Breymann. The opening program featured Dr. Warren H. Wagner, Jr., University of Michigan Professor of Botany and Natural Resources. Dr. Wagner's presentation, "Plants and Butterflies", was both informative and entertaining.

Programs were well planned and captured members' interest: ...The Awards Banquet - a gala evening which honored Club Presidents and State Life members. The presentation of 13 National and 70 State Awards was joyously received by the Clubs and members whose efforts merited recognition.

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becoming more involved in their community and have accepted the challenge to run for public office. For the next year, this administration wishes to place an emphasis on horticulture, both in study and growing; youth activities; and a continued interest in civic projects which effect the future of our environment.

Vice-Presidents and District Directors reported progress in civic affairs; support of FGCM Schools and striving to maintain reasonable fees in presenting these excellent schools; increased environmental awareness; increase in club Flower Shows; and many exceptional club programs.

The next order of business called for consideration of recommended revisions to the FGCM By-Laws. Jane Montgomery, Policy and Procedures Chairman, submitted the following report of the Committee on Revisions: Proposed revisions applied to Article III Membership, Article V Meetings, Article VI Officers, Article VII Election of Officers, Article VIII Duties of Officers, Article X The Executive Committee, Article XII Committees and Article XIII Parliamentary Authority. All recommended revisions to the FGCM By-Laws were adopted, without change, by the voting delegates. (Schedule A, attached to this report, provides details of the revisions).

Lyn Butus, Nominations Chairman, placed the following names for the office of Director-at-Large for a three-year... 1992-1995: District IIB Wanda Schidler, District III Norma Stancotti and District IV Connie Snell. Hearing no nomination from the floor, nominations were closed. Vote was taken and



the slate, as presented, was elected.

Irene Murray, 1993 Convention Chairman and Barbara Donahue extended a warm welcome to the FGCM June 2-3-4, 1993 Annual Meeting at the Kellogg Center, MSU, East Lansing. Horticulture will be emphasized at this convention.

Convention Resolutions expressing appreciation were read by Judith Nycamp and Isla Schipper.

Foundation President Lyn Butus stressed the importance of Life Memberships to the growth of Foundation funding. Honorariums, memorials, club and individual contributions are used to finance the student grants. Financial report can be found in THRU THE GARDEN GATE.

In tribute to our special friends and members of the FGCM who have departed from this life during the past year, Erie Heermann gave a beautiful memorial service in the lighting of a candle and words of encouragement and comfort.

There being no further business, the 61st Annual Meeting was adjourned on May 29, 1992 at 10:48 A.M.

The 62nd Annual Meeting of The Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan was held on June 2-4, 1993 at the Kellogg Center located on the MSU campus in East Lansing. District 2A members hosted the well-planned meeting under the direction of Chairman Irene Murray and Co-Chairmen Barbara Donahue and Barbara Church. As members arrived at the Kellogg Center, they were greeted with impressive floral displays which were placed in the lobby entrance areas in keeping with the meeting's theme: KALEIDOSCOPE '93. Invitational designs showcased the creative talents of Flower Show Judges from each District.

Two workshops were scheduled before the opening luncheon: 1) 1st Time Attendees...encouraged member participation in FGCM programs and activities; 2) Presidents' Workshop...covered the role of a Garden Club President; the importance of maintaining Clubs' membership through good program planning; and the necessity for Club Presidents to become acquainted with basic parliamentary procedures in order to expedite meetings in an orderly fashion.

At the opening luncheon, Jane Taylor, Curator of the 4-H Children's Garden, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to be involved in the project and detailed its progress. A Special Recognition Award was presented to: Professor Charles W. Cares, 1st Landscape School instructor, whose name will be inscribed on a brick in one of the 4-H Children's Garden's delightful pathways, in appreciation for 32 years of service to the FGCM; 1992 Community Support Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to 5 businesses and individuals

who so willingly assisted our Garden Clubs and Districts in accomplishing Federation and National goals.

Afternoon activities included: A preview tour of the Children's Garden and the MSU Demonstration Gardens; and a ribbon cutting ceremony marking the opening of the District's Standard Horticulture Show.

The evening's Awards Banquet, opened with the traditional Parade of Presidents. Each Club President was recognized as she entered the room through a gazebo which was furnished by the Shutt Gazebo Company. A warm welcome was extended to Mrs. Donn Kelter, newly-installed Central Region Director, who announced the theme for her administration, "Gardening, Growth and the Future", and looked forward to the FGCM's continuous support of Regional projects.

Next morning's breakfast speaker, Patricia Leimbach, regaled the audience with humorous "Old Farm Wives Tales"... accounts of her experiences as a "Country Wife".

The official opening of the 62nd Annual Meeting of The Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan was called to order by President McGoff on June 3, 1993. Nancy McGilliard, President of the Garden Club of Greater Lansing, welcomed members and guests on behalf of host District IIB and, Elizabeth Rasmussen, District IV Director-elect, responded for the FGCM.

Credentials Report: total of 366 registrations...205 full-time and 161 part-time.

The next order of business was the reading of Officers'



and District Chairmen's reports:

President McGoff expressed pride and gratitude for the opportunity to work at all levels of the FGCM and NCSGC and updated the accomplishments related to the "10 Point Program of Goals" challenge of her administration. During 1991-1993, membership and Club count increased. As of June 1993, FGCM membership stands at 6,785, a gain of 390 members and 5 Clubs; the Environmental Coalition is a reality; the wildflower program with MDOT is gaining momentum; increase in youth Clubs; over 77,895 trees were planted in Michigan; continuing support of billboard regulations and a State logo system; members are becoming interested in having at least one FGCM township or county commissioner in each District; attained an increase in Flower Shows throughout the State; increased the number of applications for National awards.

Vice-Presidents' and District Directors' reports reflected the diligent and innovative efforts of members at all levels of the organization.

The next order of business called for consideration of the Committee on Revisions report. Jane Montgomery, Policy and Procedures Chairman, moved to strike Article IV-3 DUES and amend it to read: Dues for the current calendar year are payable to the Assistant Treasurer on November 1st and delinquent after December 15th. The amendment was adopted.

The Policy and Procedures Chairman read the Committee's proposal to change "Article XII - Committees" to "Article XII - The Finance Committee" and provide for a listing of the

Finance Committee's duties. If adopted, Article XII would be inserted after Article XI and all subsequent articles would be renumbered. The new insertion to the By-Laws was adopted.

Nominating Chairman, Lyn Butus, presented the Committee's slate of nominees for 1993-1995 State and District Officers and Directors-at-Large. There being no further nominations, the slate, as presented, was elected on a standing vote of the delegates.

At the luncheon, which followed the conclusion of the business meeting, the FGCM took pleasure in learning that Michigan's Dr. George A. Petrides was the recipient of the prestigious National Gold Seal Award for distinguished service and achievement.

Mrs. George Petrides, FGCM Past President, announced providing \$1000 for the establishment of a new award: The Miriam Petrides Garden Award. This award will be in effect for a period of ten years...1992-2002...each year \$100 will be awarded to a winning applicant.

Lt. Governor, Connie Binsfield, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to participate in FGCM projects and invited members to take advantage of a bus trip to the newly refurbished State Capitol as well as to the new State Library and Museum, which was scheduled following the conclusion of the luncheon program.

The evening's Presidents Reception was a festive occasion, staged in the room which provided yet another opportunity to enjoy the Standard Horticulture Show and mingle with



special guests and friends.

The Banquet honoring Life Members featured the introduction of Life Members as they entered the room through the gazebo. Life Membership Chairman, Mickey Johnson, reported that 49 State and 11 National Life memberships were processed during 1992-1993.

FGCM was honored to receive greetings from the newly-installed National Council 1st Vice-President, Mrs. John M. Michie, Jr., and her thought-provoking message, "How National Council Has Inspired Me", was a delightful and motivating experience. She also informed members of the National Council President's theme for 1993-1995: "We Love to Garden and It Shows".

The evening's program featured "Forms in Space", artistic floral arrangements by Dixie Freudenberg, NCSGC Master Flower Show Judge.

Nancy Passfield, member of the Past Presidents Advisory Council, with the assistance of Gretchen Pugsley, conducted a moving ceremony of the installation of the newly-elected Officers, District Directors and Directors-at-Large. Pledges of support and congratulations were extended to President Nancy Goulette as she received, from the retiring President, the FGCM gavel, President's pin and necklace.

In her acceptance remarks, President Goulette announced the theme for her administration: "Garden Today for Tomorrow".

A fitting climax to this memorable evening was the "After Glow", hosted by District I, honoring their member, President Goulette.



On the last day of the Convention, early risers were treated to a garden walk, led by Dr. Frank Telewski, Curator of the W. J. Beal Botanical Garden. This beautiful display garden is an outdoor laboratory for the study and appreciation of plants.

The morning's featured speaker was Dr. William Carlson, MSU Horticulture Professor, who addressed the wonderous developments of "Floriculture: High Tech-High Touch".

After receiving the Resolution Committee's report and District V's invitation to the 63rd Annual Meeting, which will be held on May 24, 25, 26, 1994 in Grand Rapids, Sue Jabin, Chairman, Mrs. McGoff declared the meeting adjourned.