

THE FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF MICHIGAN, INC.

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Theme: "Reach Out and Make a Difference"

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A Difference"*

Jean Moran
President, FGCM
1997-1999

At the Annual meeting held at the Shanty Creek Resort, Jean Moran was installed as the President of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, Inc. She selected as her theme, "Reach Out and Make a Difference". She challenged each district to select their own project and reach out in their own garden club work to make a difference. Jean provided the districts with many ideas and suggestions to achieve this new approach. Each district would select one project and come together to support that project. Each district will receive money from the state board which will be the profits from their project, a cookbook.

Other goals of this administration include: 1.. Membership growth. Increase membership to 8000 members and each district to add one new club. 2. Increase participation in Petals and other projects by our clubs. 3. Increase Life Memberships to 120. This provides scholarship money for students to pursue work in the areas of horticulture, landscape design, and other related areas. 4. Education: Design speakers will be at all district meetings, Bob Thomas Floral Design Series will be held in Sept. 1997. Encourage attendance at the many schools and conferences that will be held in the State.

Jean challenged the members to be creative, reach out into the communities by having flower shows, garden walks, landscape tours and begin civic projects or sponsor fun events.

Jean's enthusiasm, knowledge, experience and motivation will assure a ,successful administration under her leadership.

The following reports indicate the achievements and goals reached during this administration
Membership was increased from 7266 to 7531. 101 of the 196 clubs in the State had an increase in membership. Many new clubs were formed and two new clubs that joined the Federation were from the Upper Peninsula, the first clubs in that area.

Pedals awards were given to 10 clubs.

The 1998 Book of Evidence of the District I Silverdome Flower Show won both State and National Awards. .

44 Students attended the Higgins Lake Environmental School.

5 college students received foundation scholarships.

Michigan has donated \$13,377.36 to the new butterfly garden located in Washington, D.C. at the U.S. Botanic garden.

The state project of selling cookbooks is continuing. Less than 11 of 100 cases remain and the monies will be dispersed to each district in the state.

The state board provided a spring design program for the past two years to each district. This was well received and Marge McGoff and Miriam Sanford did an outstanding job presenting these programs.

Under Nancy Goulette's leadership, the standing rules committee put together our first set of official standing rules.

Wanda Shideler met with a task group over a period of two years and they produced our new handbook.

Every district in the State was represented at the Bloomfest Flower show held in Cobo Hall in Detroit.

Jean had a busy first year and attending all seven district meetings. 6 of the 7 had chosen their project.

District I is developing a plan for a specific project at the Detroit Zoo.

District IIB's money will go to the MSU Children's Garden.

District III will have a special project at the Western Michigan Greenhouse.

District IV will add a water feature to the Ram's Garden at Frederick Meijer Gardens.

District V will have a educational forum with outstanding speakers on a variety of topics.

District VI has decided to sponser a project at Dow Gardens.

The 67th Annual FGCM convention was held on Mackinac Island on May 18 - 20, 1998. We were honored by the presence of our National Council President, Barbara Barnette. An evening reception was held in her honor along with Central Region director, Nancy Goulette and FGCM president, Jean Moran. The convention was filled with excellent programs, tours and workshops. Janice Meiser, a Master Judge, from New Mexico presented a design program following dinner in the Grand Hotel dining room. Kyle Bagnall took us on a nature walk of the Island and was the speaker at lunch and shared island lore and architecture of the island. Dr David Gillingham presented us with a delightful music comedy program following the President's banquet. After lunch on Wednesday, Dee Blair gave a lively talk on gardening. Workshops were on Gardening at the Grand, Topiary Delights and the Kirtland Warbler.

City Safari was the theme of the 68th FGCM convention held at the Troy Marriot in Troy, Michigan on May 26 - 28, 1999. A standard flower show was held in conjunction with the convention. Mary McBride was

the keynote speaker at the opening luncheon. She is an author and humorist and delighted the audience with her speech. The evening design program featured Nancy Colvin, a renowned arranger from San Antonio, Texas. Judy Cornellier gave a delightful lecture on butterflies. The convention provided a tour of the Detroit Zoo and many workshops. There was a grand gala reception honoring FGCM President, Jean Moran, National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. President, Deen Day Smith and Central Region Director, Veva Schreiber. The evening was to end with an after glow but we got an early surprise as the fire alarms went off at the hotel and everyone evacuated the building. We were met outdoors by several fire rigs including the hook and ladder trucks. After the all clear signal, the evening proceeded as planned.

. "REACH OUT AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE". and indeed this has been done. Jean thanked everyone for their accomplishments and helping this administration achieve their goals.