

Summary of 2015-2017 State Garden Club Administration

State Garden Club: Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. (MGC, Inc.) **Region:** Central Region Garden Clubs, Inc.

State Garden Club President: Marilyn M. McIntosh

Theme: "Blooming in the Arts of our Mission and Membership" MGC, Inc., offers terrific possibilities stated in our Mission: *To provide leadership in education, resources, and networking opportunities for its members to promote love of gardening, floral design, landscape design, and civic and environmental responsibility.*

The board (through facilitative committees) focused to *provide quality services to our local Garden Clubs along with working toward building and sustaining this organization into the 21st Century.*

of clubs: 164 **# of districts:** 7 **# of members:** 5991

NGC President: Sandra Robinson

Leap into Action

Central Region Director: Judy Newman

Cultivating Connections

NGC Schools sponsored:

Environmental Studies School: Course I and II (April 17-18, 2017) – Holland, MI.

Rita Crawley, Deannie Picciotti, Lynn Miller

Gardening Study School: Courses II, III and IV (completed April 17-18, 2016) – Traverse City

Janet Hickman, Nancy Collard, Terry Harding, Sue Soderberg

Flower Show School: Course I, II, III, IV (completed May 9-11, 2017) – Midland

Kathy Clary, Alice Mesaros, Ethel Gallagher

Landscape Design School: Course I and II (April 24 -25, 2017) – Kalamazoo

Terry Harding, Carol Beckius, Lynn Dinvald, Jerre Beattie-Ihrcke, Jolaine Snyder, Evelyn Flynn

Flower Show Symposiums:



August 19-20, 2015 – Holiday Inn Ann Arbor (District I and IIA) Kathy Clary

Horticulture: Conifers, Holistic Herbs, NGC Instructor Dolores Stouwie

Design: Table vision, NGC Instructor, Jo Krallman

Allied Subjects – How to Score Perfect 100 – Flower Show Schedule,

Judging Procedure

August 17-18, 2016 – Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids

(District IV) Dolores Stouwie

Horticulture: Gladiolas, Dahlias, NGC Instructor Judy Newman

Design: Abstract Creative and Multi-Rhythmic Designs, NGC Instructor, Claudia

Bates Allied Subjects: Fantasy Forms, Nativars

Tri-Refresher: May 2, 2016 – NGC Convention – Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park

Grand Rapids. (Lynn Dinvald, Nancy Stark) Tram tour of Leslie E. Tassell English Perennial and Bulb, Gwen Frostic Woodland Shade, Japanese and Michigan's Farm Gardens and the Lena Meijer Tropical Conservatory. A Children's Garden Self-Tour was available. Speakers included: Brenda Dziedzic the author of "Learn About Butterflies in the Garden," Tim Banfield, Landscape Architect and NGC Accredited Instructor and Steve LaWarre, Director of Horticulture at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, who presented a program on the newly created Richard & Helen DeVos Japanese Garden. Karen Motawi, MGC, Inc., Loda Lake Wildflower Sanctuary State Chairman and a NGC Central Region Award of Honor Recipient, shared the history of the Loda Lake Wildflower Sanctuary. This Tri-Refresher received high marks from participants.

Flower Shows: 2015 -2016 – Eight **2016-2017** - Eight

85th STATE CONVENTION: "The Artful Garten", June 7-8, 2016, Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth, Co-Chairs Nancy Stark Higgins and Ronnie Dush (District VI Hosts), 296 Guests After the 87th National Convention was hosted in May by MGC, Inc., this State Convention was planned to celebrate and commend our Members on a job well done! District VI Director, Ronnie Dush worked with the Michigan Military and Space Museum for a pre-Convention Blue Star Memorial. Jamie Furbush Chamber of Commerce and Dan Hopp, City Horticulturist and Sheila Stamiris welcomed us along with sharing their city's beautification secrets. To add to the ambience, mealtimes were named Bavarian, Edelweiss, Heidelberg and Danube with Speakers: NGC Scholarship recipient winner, Mark VanderWeide, Chuck Martin, Dow Gardens Horticulturist, "Art Principles in Landscape Design", Virginia Froehlich and District Designers in a fun evening (Designer Runway Challenge: der Blumenkranz), Judy

Newman, Central Region Director. Written Shareholders Reports in the commemorative program replaced oral reports given at the Annual Meeting. Club Presidents, Blue Star Memorial Clubs, National Convention Volunteers, Board Members and Michigan Association of Accredited Judges (MAAJ) were honored. A Memorial Service was presented at the Annual Meeting. Workshops included: IRS 501 (C) (3), Flutter, Bees and Nature's Own, Your Backyard Checklist and for fun Pretzel and Strudel Making in the Bavarian Inn. District Meeting Breakouts were scheduled. Vendors and local shopping added to the experience!

86th STATE CONVENTION: "Grow and Share", June 7-8, 2017, Holiday Inn, Ann Arbor, Co-Chairs Carolyn Gardetto and Ruth Moline (District I and IIA Hosts). The goal was to differentiate District Meetings from the State Convention by providing professional development opportunities for local club officers and members to gain knowledge and skills. Workshops along with District Meeting Breakouts were geared toward this endeavor: Treasurer 101: Connecting Finances to the Mission (Bunny LaDuke, Treasurer), A Fit and Safe Gardener is a Happy Gardener (Cyndy Nemon: MGC, Inc., Garden Therapy and Plant it Pink Chair), Session I - Why Should Our Club Incorporate and Become a Charitable, Income Tax Exempt, Organization? Session II - Now That Your Club is a Nonprofit Corporation and has tax exempt status, What's next? (Rose Houk, Retired Attorney and GTEP Chair), and Flower Show 101, (Mary Pulick, Master Flower Show Judge and panel). Speakers included: Key Note: Flower House (Owner Lisa Waud), Flowers, Fun and Fancy (Sherry Sanelli), Persian Gardens: Bringing Paradise Home and Lost Virginitly: A Gardening Revolution (Ed Blondin), The Beauty of Native Plants and Designing Landscapes with Native Plants (Drew Lathin), How to Garden with Comfort, Ease and Simplicity (Jan Bills, Two Women and a Hoe), and Mathaei Botanical Gardens Highlights (David Michener) and Central Region Director Fran Stueck. Self-guided tours of the University of Michigan Art Museum, University of Michigan Natural History Museum, Nichols Arboretum and Mathaei Botanical Gardens were available. Each meal was named with a Garden in District I and IIA with a "Garden Moment" presented by Club Members: Hidden Lake, Cranbrook, Belle Isle, and Fair Lane.

87th NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC., CONVENTION: 'Bloomin' on the Grand, May 2-9, 2016, Amway Grand Hotel, Grand Rapids, Co-Chairs, Marge McGoff, Sharon Yantis, Carol Brodbeck, 795 Guests with volunteers from the MGC, Inc., Board of Directors and Clubs from 7 Districts. Warm welcomes were extended by the Registration staff. Clubs contributed by placing ads in the commemorative Convention Program designed by Sue Wittick. Our Members were able to attend a National Convention close to home to experience:

Tours: Michigan State University Greenhouse, Gardens, Horticulture classrooms, Grand Rapids Heritage Park Congregational Church & Meyer May House, From Garden to Table, World Renowned Chef, Josef M. Huber, Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, Amway World Headquarters, Holland Tulip Festival, Northern Michigan (Sleeping Bear Dunes and Mackinac Island).

Key Note Speakers and Entertainment: Three Men and a Tenor (Life Member Banquet), Dr. Douglas Tallamy (Opening Luncheon), Sherry Sanelli (Design Banquet), Theresa Pierno, President and CEO of the National Parks Conservation Association "Celebration of 100th Anniversary of National Parks". The **2016 NGC NGC Award of Excellence** presented to the Frederick Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park sponsored by Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.

Seminars: How to use "The Frightened Frog Book" (Lynne Ehnert), Photography Workshop (Arabella Dane), Leadership (Robin Pokorski), Containers of Personality (Carol Brodbeck), New Introductions from Proven Winners (Barbara Balgoyen), MSU Pollinator Initiative (Meghan Milbrath), New in Landscaping (Tim Banfield), Impact of Climate Change (Dr. Alan Steinman), Encouraging Our New Generation (Robert Sollman) *MGC, Inc., Floral Designers* under the Chairmanship of Kathy Clary created exquisite Honor and Table Designs. The National Flower Arrangers displayed interpretative designs of the US National Parks in a gallery type setting. Shopping the diverse *Vendors* was a prominent activity.

ACHIEVEMENTS

1. IRS 501 (c) (3) Group Tax Exemption Program (GTEP) & Handbook (Rose Houk, Retired Attorney) An **IRS group tax exemption umbrella was achieved (March 10, 2017)** as a benefit to those Clubs who wished to voluntarily participate. An ongoing program has been established to continue to assist those clubs and future applicants. A 68-page Handbook (Rose Houk) was printed and made available on the "Members Only" side of the website. It includes an overview, how to become Incorporated as a Nonprofit with the State Michigan and the application process for the 501 (c) (3) with the required forms. Eighteen clubs joined the initial filing with

17 achieving group status. Ten additional clubs have started their packets for 2017. Seminars have been held at the Conventions.

2. State of Michigan Charitable Gaming Rose Houk, Retired Attorney met with State officials to determine eligibility requirements for local club Raffle Licenses. Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. is a qualified organization. Each local Club can now file forms independently. “Guidelines for Achieving Qualified Organization Status (Under the Bingo Act)” was authored by Rose Houk.

3. Board In-services were instituted to provide background information in-house: Edward Castellani of Fraser Trebilcock Lawyers; Kathy Oviedo of the State of Michigan Charitable Gaming; Rose Houk, Retired Attorney on 501 c 3 group exemption State of Michigan and Federal rules and regulations; Sarah Pinder about the Michigan Nonprofit Association: Charley Bohland, Webmaster on the MGC, Inc., website, and Board Members on their chairmanships.

4. Website Debut/Digital Identity/Logo The contract was signed on July 13, 2015 with Pioneer Digital Services and the new website was officially opened on October 1, 2015 by Charley Bohland, Webmaster. The new website company had to meet the following criteria: Reasonably priced, willingness and enthusiasm for working with Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc., easy to contact after the site was up and running, have secure backup servers with daily backups, have two T1 lines so speed should never be a problem, have designers and graphic designers on staff for consultation. The goals were to have a website which was user friendly, easy to navigate and provide information both to the public and “Members Only.” As part of the package, a **new digital identity** was chosen by the committee (Deannie Picciotti, Lynn Miller, Karen Motawi, Sue Wittick and Charley Bohland.) New information was added such as job descriptions, photos of Board members, Former President’s Book was digitalized and Convention histories. Dropbox was tested to secure records and archives. As of 2/15/17 a new Board Member level was constructed. **Logo triad** updated (Sue Wittick, National Convention Program Chair) created clean, crisp NGC, Central Region and MGC, Inc., Logos.

Presidential Histories Scanned/Archived on Website

Convention Histories (National, Central Region Garden Clubs, State) catalogued on website

Facebook (Betty Assmann) continued as a resource.

5. New Garden Clubs: Southfield Parks and Garden Club (DI), Bedford Flower and Garden Club (DIIA), Petals and Planes Garden Club (V), and Garden Pals of Portage Senior Center (District III)

6. After NGC inquired about State Butterflies, Michigan is one of three states that does not have a State Butterfly. The **Black Swallowtail Butterfly** was recommended through research by Bees, Birds and Butterflies Chair, Chris Lapinski as it stays in Michigan throughout its life cycle unlike the Monarch. Susan Leahy, Legislation Chair introduced the bill in 2016 (SB850) and 2017 (SB298) through Curtis Hertel (D) to the State of Michigan Senate. More support was needed for the Government Operations Committee to move the bill forward. Model Letters for Clubs to send letters to their representatives were established. The Black Swallowtail Butterfly Brochure (Chris Lapinski) and Lesson Plan (Peggy House) were developed.

7. We became a **member of Michigan Nonprofit Association** on November 4, 2016 to have access to their workshops, seminars, information and rent free usage of their community room up to six times per year.

8. History (Peggy Tully) 2015-2017 Michigan Garden Club Administration Report was filed with National Garden Clubs, Inc. **Bentley Historical Library (University of Michigan):** Member Clubs were invited to archive their records at the Bentley.

9. Finance Restructuring (Rosemary LaDuke, Treasurer and Patricia Ritamaki, Finance Chariman))Seber Tans was ratified to assist MGC, Inc., Treasurer in maintaining financials along with acting as Resident Agent and Warmels & Comstock, CPA Firm to audit. Services such as PayPal, Credit Card use, and an Assistant Treasurer position were added. Funds were reviewed for investment diversification.

10. Strategy Session In this Installation and transitional year, a mid-winter (2.1.17) Strategic Planning Session led by Nancy J. Ryan, Workplace Transformation, Inc. was held jointly with the Executive and Finance Committees to establish a process for aligning MGC, Inc., to include vision, mission, goals, strategies and actions.

11. Garden Therapy (Cyndy Nemon, Chair) created a Power Point combining Garden Therapy and “Plant It Pink” programs describing the history of both, MGC, Inc., and NGC’s involvement. NGC became involved during WWII working with veterans. GT was prevalent during the 1950’s with the development of asylums, many of which were self-sustaining farms worked by the patients. Farms also existed in prisons. Places in Michigan are

highlighted such as Dow Gardens, Midland and Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids. Cyndy discusses her personal experiences working as an OT at Ypsilanti State Psychiatric Hospital. Plant it Pink has around since 2009 when NGC partnered with the Susan G. Komen Foundation to help raise funds and awareness for breast cancer and to combine the love of gardening. The PowerPoint has pictures from the Garden Club of Dearborn's projects. The goals of both programs are to connect people with nature while improving health and well being.

12. Shareholders' Reports written by MGC, Inc., Officers were instituted to shorten Annual Meetings and be included in the commemorative program. Then, delegates and attendees can take the information back to their Clubs.

13. Profit Sharing was introduced to provide financial incentive to host MGC events such as District and Presidents Meetings, State Conventions and Study Schools. Profits are distributed as follows: 50% MGC, Inc., 25% District and 25% Club(s).

14. 2017 Garden Clubs of the Year Award was launched based on Club Size: Kent Garden Club, Meridian Garden Club, Landscapers Garden Club, Good Thyme Garden Club

STATE ACTIVITIES: Four Permanent Projects

1. Loda Lake Wildflower Sanctuary (Karen Motawi, Chair)

During the summer and fall of 2015, the old boardwalk was removed and a new one constructed in its place. The new boardwalk has rails on both sides and floats on the wetland so it will remain level over its lifespan. MGC, Inc., contributed \$9,000 for the lumber for this project and the US Forest Service provided the engineering and construction services as well as additional hardware. *MGC, Inc., docents* led several hikes through the sanctuary.

In early 2017, the Forest Service finalized plans for paving of the handicap walkways and improvement of paths leading to the boardwalk in order to make this section of the Sanctuary fully handicap accessible. In order for the Forest Service to accept the MGC, Inc., project match, it was necessary to apply for a Dun's number as well as a SAM number. A \$10,000 check was written to the USFS. This amount includes a \$2,000 withdrawal from the Loda Lake Endowment Fund at the Fremont Area Community Foundation. This project will be completed during the 2017 construction season.

Since June of 2015, MGC, Inc., members have contributed \$5,700 to the Loda Lake Designated Fund and \$870 to the Loda Lake Endowment Fund. Since the Foundation matches those contributions dollar for dollar, a total of \$1,740 was added to that fund.

2. Scholarships (Sue Wittick, Chair) **Total Donations 2015-2016:** \$16,231.58

2016-2017 \$11,011.98 (as of 2-15-17 YTD) 14 (2015-2016), 21 Awarded (2016-2017 Central Michigan, Ferris State, Grand Valley, Michigan State, Michigan Tech, Northern Michigan, University of Michigan, Wayne State, Western Michigan University, Lake Superior State University, University of Michigan – Dearborn.)

3. World Gardening (4H Belize) (Kit Gunn, Chair)

Total donations from June 1, 2015 to February 15, 2017: \$5,550

Twenty scholarships were awarded through the Belize National 4-H Foundation for the 2016-17 school year.

4. Life Memberships Virginia Froehlich (Chair) 31 National Life Memberships and 79 MGC, Inc., Life Memberships. As of March 1, 1, 2017 there are 4 more being processed.

Central Region Life Memberships (Carol Beckius, Chair- four out of ten, Michigan)

BLUE STAR MEMORIALS – Highway and Byway Markers (Jean Goetz, Chair)

* Attended by Andrea Little, NGC Blue Star Chairman

78	06/10/2015	Wayne Garden Club	DI-Wayne	H1
79	06/14/2015	Garden Club of Pentwater	DIV-Hart	B1
80	07/04/2015	Buchanan Garden Club	DIII - Buchanan	B1
81	09/19/2015	Chula Vista Garden Club	DIII - Plainwell	B1
82	09/19/2015	Chula Vista Garden Club	DIII - Otsego	B1
83	11/11/2015	Westwood Garden Club	DIII - Kalamazoo	M1

84	05/29/2016	Shoreline Garden Club	DIII - Stevensville	B1
85	06/06/2016	Michigan Military & Space Museum	VI - Frankenmuth	M1
86	06/11/2016	Stepping Stones Garden Club	V - Onaway	M1
87	07/31/2016	The Friendly Garden Club of Traverse City	V- Traverse City	M1
88	08/10/2016	Big Rapids Garden Club	IV-Big Rapids	B1
89	09/10/2016	Caro Garden Club*	VI - Caro	M1
90	09/22/2016	Sweetwater Evening Garden Club	V- Acme	H1

BLUE STAR REDEDICATIONS

<u>5/28/16</u>	<u>Perry Garden Club and Across the Fence</u>	<u>DIIB</u>
<u>10/10/16</u>	<u>Grosse Ile Garden Club</u>	<u>DI</u>
<u>10/17/16</u>	<u>Meridian Garden Club</u>	<u>DIIB</u>

2016 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS: Blooming Bucks sponsored by Ken and Marilyn McIntosh

CLUB MEMBERSHIP INCREASE AWARD (2016) \$50.00 per Club

- District I: Paint Creek Garden Club (15.2% increase)
- District IIA: The Little Garden Club of Tecumseh (35.7% increase)
- District IIB: Inland Lakes Garden Club of Delton (26.1% increase)
- District III: Four Flags Garden Club (19.4% increase)
- District IV: Fremont Garden Club (12.5% increase)
- District V: Sweetwater Evening Garden Club (31.6% increase)
- District VI: Caro Garden Club (19.4% increase)

MICHIGAN BLOOMS AWARDS

1st Place: Meek's Mill Garden Club (\$50.00)

2nd Place: Evening Bloomers Garden Club (\$25.00)

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER AWARD (Clubs with the most Members attending Study Schools)

1st Place: The Friendly Garden Club of Traverse City (\$50.00)

2nd Place: Mason County Garden Club (\$25.00)

102 Club of Distinctions submitted.

2017 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS: Blooming Bucks sponsored by Ken and Marilyn McIntosh

CLUB MEMBERSHIP INCREASE AWARD (2016) \$50.00 per Club

- District I: Southfield Parks and Garden Club (43% increase)
- District IIA: Milan Garden Club (31% increase)
- District IIB: Hartland Home and Garden Club (10% increase)
- District III: Lakeshore Arangers Guild (22% increase)
- District IV: Lowell Showboat Garden Club (23% increase)
- District V: Charlevoix Evening Garden Club (25% increase)
- District VI: Evening Blossoms Garden Club (38% increase)

MICHIGAN BLOOMS AWARD

1st Place only: The Friendly Garden Club of Traverse City

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER AWARD

1ST Place: The Friendly Garden Club of Traverse City

2nd Place: Petal Pushers Garden Club

98 Club of Distinctions submitted.

NGC AWARD OF EXCELLENCE #23 (Maximum of three awarded per year by NGC)

2016 Winner As a non-profit organization, **Meijer Frederik Gardens and Sculpture Park**, Grand Rapids shares high quality gardens and art with their members and the general public. It opened in April 1995, after 13 years of planning and fundraising by the West Michigan Horticultural Society, and has continued to grow into one of the Midwest's top cultural destinations thanks to its internationally renowned gardens and art.

A non-profit organization, privately funded by grants, foundations, individual and corporate gifts, Meijer Gardens is operated by almost 200 full and part-time staff, more than 1,000 volunteers and supported by gifts from more than 27,000 member households and donors. The Richard & Helen Devos Japanese Garden opened June 2015 with an NGC Flower Show "Tranquility" sponsored by the Kent Garden Club. Meijer Gardens is committed to creating a legacy of lifelong learning, enjoyment and a rich cultural experience for generations to come. **2017 Winner:** As a Non-Member individual, **Dr. Alan D. Steinman, Ph.D., Director and Professor of Water Resources Institute – Steinman Lab**, Grand Valley State University, Muskegon, Michigan. 2015-2017 NGC President, Sandra Robinson's Special 2-Year Project, "Service in Action" was to increase awareness of the seriousness of the demise of pollinators and amphibians; and encourage conservation and protection efforts by clubs, the general public and governmental agencies. Dr. Steinman was nominated as he researches "Frightened Frog" habitats including phosphorus sediment, stormwater runoff, lakes and watersheds. National Garden Clubs, Inc. believes it is imperative that we support and undertake proactive initiatives for *the protection, conservation and restoration of the quality of the Nation's coastal waters, wetlands, aquifers, watersheds, lakes, rivers and streams, through educational programs, conservation efforts, increased advocacy and partnerships with related government agencies, and state and national grassroots water coalitions.*

NGC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS (Janice Hartlieb, Chairman) NGC Osa Mae Barton Scholarship

2016 - Joshua Mark VanderWeide, Michigan State University, B.S. Food Science, MA Horticulture student
\$4,000 NGC Osa Mae Barton Award

2017 – Jill Syrotchen, Western Michigan University, Biology and Environmental Studies, Minor: Chemistry
\$4,000 NGC Osa Mae Barton Award

NGC AWARDS TO THE STATE GARDEN CLUB 2016

NGC Awards to the State Garden Club (2016)

1st Place #13-1 Diii Publication: MGC, Inc., Handbook (Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit)

1st Place #13-5 Diii Publication: Membership Brochure (Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit)

1st Place #13-8 Diii Publication: Membership and Retention Manual (Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit)

#46 Dean World Gardening Overall Winner (Silver Tray sponsored by New Jersey)

#52A Greatest Number of NGC Life Members \$100 Winner

#52B Greatest Number of NGC Life Members per Capita \$100 Winner

1st Place #63-1Diii Website, Club Designed

1st Place #68 Diii Video, CD, DVD NGC, MGC, Inc.,

CR#74 Diii Outdoor Classroom, Nature Trails Runner Up \$750 Winner

NGC CLUB AWARD WINNERS FOR THE YEAR 2016

2016 #1 Ai Civic Achievement- The Kellogg Civic Achievement Award **OVERALL WINNER:** Westwood Garden Club Refurbish the City of Kalamazoo's Veterans Memorial, originally dedicated in 1948. The project included the addition of a Blue Star Memorial. This Club of 16 Members provided a landscaping design, a magnificent hardscape design incorporating the Congressional Medal of Honor and raised funds of \$150,000 in cash and in-kind contributions. The Club worked in cooperation with the Public Services Department of the City of Kalamazoo, and Kalamazoo Garden Council to complete this outstanding project by November of 2015.

Aiii- Petoskey Area Garden Club (MI)

Publications- Tommy Donnan Certificates of Merit 1) Newsletter-1 sheet of paper

Aiii Brighton Garden Club (tie) "Brighton Bloomer" MI

Aiii Meridian Garden Club (tie) "Oh, Deer, Please Let My Garden Grow" MI

Ai Hill and Dale Garden Club "Garden Therapy 1961-2015 MI

Ai Meek's Mill Garden Club Membership Brochure MI

Yearbooks

(30-44) Saline Stone & Thistle Garden Club MI

(45-69) Meridian Garden Club MI

(70-99) Brighton Garden Club MI

#74 Outdoor Classrooms, Nature Trails. Air-Saline Stone & Thistle Garden Club (\$250.00) (MI)

2016 – NGC – STANDARD FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Kent GC, Inc. Tranquility Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.

NGC President's Projects "Service in Action"

Monarch Watch/Waystations-Marian M. McNabb/Joanna D. Kirby, Chairmen

1st (C) \$200.00 Garden Club of Dearborn MI

Central Region Awards 2015 presented in Cedar Rapids, Iowa at the 2015 Central Region Meeting.

Award #2: Sharing Our Gardens 1st - Tri Cities Garden Club, Inc.

Award #6: Caring Through Garden Therapy

2nd-Livonia Garden Club

HM Garden Club of Dearborn, Inc.

Award #8a: Standard Flower Show Schedule

1st Muskegon County Garden Club

Award #8b: Horticulture

1st Muskegon County Garden Club

Award #11: Sharing the Future

2nd Meek's Mill Garden Club Constantine

HM Garden Club of Dearborn

Award #12: Caring by Planting It Pink

1st Garden Club of Dearborn

3rd Charlevoix Area Garden Club

HM East Jordan Garden Club

Central Region Awards 2016 presented in Springfield, IL at the 2016 Central Region Meeting.

Award #2: Sharing Our Gardens

1st - Tri Cities Garden Club, Inc.

3rd - Garden Club of Dearborn, Inc.

Award #6: Caring Through Garden Therapy

2nd-Livonia Garden Club

HM Garden Club of Dearborn, Inc.

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1st Garden Club of Dearborn

3rd Charlevoix Area Garden Club

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl

Michael E. – 1st Grade – Second Place – Williamston Red Cedar GC

Isabelle G. – 2nd Grade – First Place – Charlevoix Area GC

Kaden S. – 3rd Grade – First Place – Williamston Red Cedar GC

Abby L. – 4th Grade – Third Place – Swan Creek GC

Laina S. – 5th Grade – First Place – Charlevoix Area GC

CR Award 1 – Cultivating Connections (\$50.00)

First Place – Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.

2017 CR – Pressbook Large Club

Second Place – Livonia Garden Club

2017 CR – Pressbook Medium Club

Third Place - The Friendly Garden Club of Traverse City

2017 CR Yearbook Size 6 Club

Second Place – South Haven Garden Club

2017 CR Yearbook Size 5 Club

Third Place – Meridian Garden Club

2017 CR Yearbook Size 4 Club

Second Place - Tri-Cities Garden Club

2017 CR Yearbook Size 3 Club

First Place – Meek’s Mill Garden Club

2017 CR Yearbook Size 2 Club

Third Place – Morenci Garden Club

2017 CR Yearbook Size 1 Club

Second Place – Wyandotte Garden Club

2017 CR 16-E Guild Yearbook Size 1

First Place – Mid-Michigan Flower Arrangers Guild

NGC AWARDS TO A STATE GARDEN CLUB 2017

First Place – #13- 8 Diii Other Publication “2016 NGC Convention Booklet – “Bloomin’ on the Grand” Sue Wittick, Editor

First Place - #68-6-d (V) Video/CDE/DVS/Flash Drive –NGC Ongoing Projects - Garden Therapy Cyndy Nemon

First Place - #13-1 Diii Handbook Publication “Incorporating as a Nonprofit Corporation” Rose Houk

First Place – Overall Winner #63 Website – I Diii Charley Bohland \$50.00

Certificate of Appreciation – 12-3 Diii Newsletter Publication, Large State – Thru the Garden Gate Bernadine Bennett and Catherine Ware

Publications

Kalamazoo Garden Council, Inc. – First Place

#13-5-B Membership Publication

Lakeshore Garden Club of Lexinton - First Place

#13-8 - Aiii Other Publication “Artful Garden Tour” Hillsdale GC - Certificate of Appreciation –

#13-5-Aii, Membership Publication, Medium Club Livonia Garden Club – Certificate of Appreciation

#13-5-Aiii – Membership Publication, Medium Club Hill and Dale GC - Certificate of Appreciation

#12-2-Ai Newsletter Publication, Small Club Meridian Garden Club, Inc. – Certificate of Appreciation

#12-2-Aii Newsletter Publication, Large Club Saline Stone and Thistle Garden Club – Certificate of Appreciation

#12-2-Aii, Newsletter Publication, Medium Club

GENERAL AWARDS**NGC Youth Sculpture Contest**

Rainbow Lakes Garden Club – Alayna S.– 5th Grade Youth Sculpture – Certificate of Commendation

Rainbow Lakes Garden Club - Kendra P.– 4th Grade Youth Sculpture – Certificate of Commendation Green

Thumb Garden Club - Dustin H. – 8th Grade Youth Sculpture – Certificate of Commendation Green Thumb

Garden Club -Mackenzie H. – 6th Grade Youth Sculpture – Certificate of Commendation

Horticulture Therapy

Holland Garden Club – First Place - #19A-iii Horticulture Therapy

Conservation

Portage Lake Garden Club – First Place –#41-A-iii Conservation Education – The Hazel Johnson Award \$300.00

Blue Star Memorial Landscaping

Chula Vista Garden Club – Overall Winner – Award #29-2b Blue Star Byway **Marker** Caro Garden Club - #29-3-

Aii – Overall Winner – Award #29-3 Aii Blue Star Memorial Marker

Website

Kalamazoo Garden Council, Inc. – First Place - #63-1-B Website

Kent Garden Club, Inc. – First Place - #63-2-A (iv) Website

Videos/Flash Drive

Kalamazoo Garden Council, Inc. - First Place - #68-B Video/CDE/DVS/Flash Drive “Origins of the Kalamazoo Garden Council”

Landscape Design

Garden Club of Dearborn First Place - #62-A-iii- Landscape Design

Civic Achievement

Elk Rapids Garden Club – First Place – The Kellogg Civic Achievement Award Aiii

Flower Show Awards

Kalamazoo Garden Council “Rose Rosette” Standard Flower Show Achievement Award #18 Council **Standard** Flower Show “Kalamazoo Blooms for You!”

Tri-Cities Garden Club, Inc. “Purple Rosette” Standard Flower Show Achievement Award #5 Club Standard Flower Show “Wild Things”

2015-2017 NGC President’s Project - Service in Action

Garden Club of Dearborn, Inc. First Place “Conservation in Action” Roadside Development Award (Check for undisclosed amount stapled) Garden Club of Dearborn, Inc. Second Place-Large Club – Monarch Watch/Waystation

MGC State Board Position	Name
State President	Marilyn McIntosh
First Vice President District Activities and Membership	Carol Brodbeck
Second Vice President Civic Affairs	Susan Kropschot
Third Vice President Education and Schools	Janet Hickman
Fourth Vice President Gardening and Conservation	Karen Gentile
Recording Secretary	Peggy Hartmann
Corresponding Secretary	Jenny Bond
Treasurer	Janice Thelen and Rosemary LaDuke
District I Director	Ruth Moline
District IIA Director	Carolyn Gardetto
District IIB Director	Lynda Foster
District III Director	Evelyn Flynn
District IV Director	Monica Taylor
District V Director	Sue Soderberg
District VI Director	Ronnie Dush
2016 NGC Convention Co-Chair	Marge McGoff
2016 NGC Convention Co-Chair	Sharon Yantis
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