



**MICHIGAN GARDEN CLUBS, INC.**  
**88<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Membership Meeting**  
**“Beauty & Balance, Earth & Water,” June 5-6, 2019**  
**Great Wolf Lodge, 3575 N US 31, Traverse City, MI**



April 6, 2018

Dear Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. Members:

District V and I invite you to attend the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. Conference and Membership meeting, June 5-6 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City, Michigan. We are honored to have the 2019-2021 National Garden Clubs, Inc. President Gay Austin as our guest. It offers you a great opportunity to meet her. She will install the new MGC officers Thursday evening. Co-Chairs Sharma Zollinger and Terry Harding along with their Committees have planned a memorable event for you that you won't want to miss. There will be educational and leadership-development sessions, networking with members from across the state, shopping, tours, commemorative Program Book, and more.

The Traverse City area is known for its breath-taking views of the East and West Bays, several wineries, outstanding restaurants, The Botanical Gardens, Grand Traverse Area Children's Garden, and several garden centers/nurseries. The downtown area offers several specialty shops, boutiques, breweries, and restaurants. For golfers, there are several golf courses in the area and the Turtle Creek Casino located on M72 East. For 100 years, travelers have been making this area their destination to connect with our great outdoors. The Great Wolf Lodge offers a northern Michigan atmosphere with a waterpark and many activities of its own that you may wish to check out.

During the morning of June 5, MGC Finance Committee, MGC Board, Michigan Consultants Council (MCC), and Michigan Association of Accredited Judges (MAAJ) meetings will be held. In the afternoon 2:15-4:30, in response to your request, we are again having leadership-development sessions (attached to this message and available on the member-side of the MGC website).

The following will be honored at the meals and social hours and hope that you will attend:

Wednesday, June 5

**Luncheon:** Member Club Presidents/Co-Club Presidents with President-Elect Janet Hickman presiding

**Social Hour:** NGC President Gay Austin

**Dinner:** MGC Annual Conference Committee and those MGC members who work with youth with District IV Director Monica Taylor presiding

Thursday, June 6:

**Luncheon:** NGC Gardening, Environmental and Landscape Design Consultants and students; Flower Show Judges (active and emeriti) and students; Four-stars; and Five-stars with Third Vice-President Rita Crawley presiding.

**Social Hour:** 2019-2021 MGC officers

**Installation Banquet:** 2019-2021 MGC Officers with Former MGC President Sharon Yantis presiding.

The Annual Conference will be “opened” officially on Thursday, June 6 at 9:15 a.m. with the Call-to-Order of the Annual Membership Meeting following shortly thereafter. Registration opens 8:00 on June 5 and June 6. Combined District meetings will be held on June 6 at 11:15 a.m. A detailed schedule will be found in the Conference Program Book received when checking in.

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The following will be brought before the Annual Meeting:

Election of MGC officers recommended by the MGC Board:

First Vice President: Monica Taylor  
Second Vice President: Cyndy Nemon  
Third Vice President: Rita Crawley  
Fourth Vice President: Nancy Smith  
Treasurer: Rosemary (Bunny) LaDuke  
Recording Secretary: Lois Anderson  
District I Director: Ruth Moline  
District IIA Director: Charley Bohland  
District IIB Director: Anne Crimins  
District III Director: Michelle Armstrongh  
District IV Director: Carol McGregor  
District V Director: Open  
District VI Director: Carol Lauffer

Other business that may come before the meeting.

You may find a copy of this Call Letter and details on the Leadership-Development sessions on the member-side of the MGC website.

The Board of Directors and I are looking forward to seeing all of you at the 2019 State 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Membership Meeting in Traverse City at the Great Wolf Lodge, June 5-6.

Sincerely,

*Carol Sue Brodbeck*

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MGC President, 2017-201918

Attached: 2017 MGC Annual Meeting Minutes Draft