Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. mission is to provide education, resources, and network opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral and landscape design, and environmental responsibility.
The National Garden Clubs Convention in 2016, held in Grand Rapids, was my first NGC Convention. It was also my introduction to Dr. Douglas Tallamy, author of *Bringing Nature Home*. I felt like he was speaking directly to me. If you aren't familiar with that book, you might consider getting it. I refer to my copy routinely when trying to plan my garden center purchases.

Along the road at our new home, we have 10 - 15 Viburnum, several different varieties. Back in 2016, they were grossly overgrown, a tangled 15-foot-high mess, with very few leaves below eye level. After hearing Tallamy speak, I realized we needed to try to save them, rather than rip them out. Instead, we started a rejuvenation pruning program. We cut down roughly a third of the bushes to about a foot off the ground. My reasoning was 3-fold: I didn't want to risk killing all of them. It was hard work, so I didn't want to tackle them all at once; I didn't want to lose the screening factor along our road. Those viburnum bushes are growing back, blooming like crazy. They produce tons of berries, many of which last through the winter to provide a ready meal in the spring.

One evening this past summer, we found a fledgling on our driveway and had no idea where his nest might be. I retrieved a planter saucer from the garage, lined it with mulch, and scooped him in, hoping his parents wouldn't mind. I wedged him, saucer and all into one of those viburnums. As I backed out of the bush, I was startled by another bird sitting on one of the branches, but I managed to grab my phone and get a picture without scaring him away. I recognized this as a young Cedar Waxwing, but based on his size, I didn't think he could be related to the other bird I had just moved. However, when I went back out to check on them, he was snuggled in for the night, and I realized he was a sibling of the little guy in the saucer. I'm so glad those viburnums are thriving again in order to provide cover and food for these and other birds.

Our NGC President, Gay Austin, recently announced the next NGC Project Initiative – Plant America with Trees. She encourages "EACH ONE" (member) to "PLANT ONE" (a native tree). If we were all to plant (at least) one native tree, we would go a long way to help recreate native habitat for pollinators as well as help sequester carbon from our atmosphere to have a positive impact on climate change. For more information on this new program, check out www.gardenclub.org/projects/environmental-concerns-conservation.aspx. This is yet another excellent example of how, when we combine our efforts with many others, we CAN make a significant difference.

Did you know there is a place called American Heritage Trees, where you can purchase cloned trees that belonged to famous American historical figures? Check out www.americanheritagetrees.org. You could get a Redbud or a Sycamore from George Washington's home, Mt. Vernon, or a Red Maple from Walden Woods. It's fun to ponder the possibilities.

Regardless of what kind of native tree you choose, let's get out there and plant some trees! Arbor Day is just around the corner.

Happy Planting

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**Members Matter Most in Michigan!**

The challenge for the NGC Membership Committee is to increase membership 21% by '21. This is an ambitious goal and the key to success can only be accomplished through an active membership. Active, involved and interested members will unlock the doors of success and growth for your club.

Read the article by Elizabeth Palulis, River Valley Garden Club to discover how they have achieved success and growth for their club.

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**Here are some hints & tips for happy, productive members:**

- Provide an agenda and follow it.
- Start and stop on time.
- Involve members on a committee.
- Make sure there is a program at every meeting.
- Be a good listener and show the members that their opinions matter.

Please send your membership ideas to Monica Taylor at mtaylor1976@hotmail.com to be published and shared in future *Garden Gate* issues—thank you!
Many clubs have planted new pollinator gardens. The first year is selecting and preparing the location and planting some appropriate plants. But what do you do for season two?

**Garden City Garden Club** began renovating its Garden City Park 60 x 40-foot 25-year-old bed about three years ago. Lots of prep time and planting time last summer. One second season goal includes reassessing previous year’s plantings, moving plants so plant heights and colors will be more attractive and visible from a distance. Maintenance is a second goal. Weeders will be needed. Annual plantings will be used as “live mulch” to keep the soil covered as the perennials mature and spread and for summer color that visitors recognize. Goal 3 includes ways to make this an educational setting for the community. They plan to install a 50’ walking path across the park grass to the garden, plant markers, a podium with a map of plant locations, and a Tiny Library with garden books and magazines. Goal 3 plans will likely spread over more than one summer.

Last summer **Dearborn Heights Garden Club** established a garden near their Community Center’s parking lot. The initial goal was to attract monarchs, swallowtails, and any other butterflies that flew in. They chose host and nectar plants and had many caterpillars and butterflies at their way station. And many human visitors, too. The garden is visible to walkers, riders, and bikers who pass the garden on their way to the fire station, ice rink, and high school that shares the corner. Second season goals include to plant new plant varieties and to work with the high school to establish a maintenance crew. Yes, more weeder needed.

**Livonia Garden Club** contacted Livonia’s Greensmead Historical Park with “We’d like to start a pollinator garden.” A spot that had once had plantings but was overgrown with weeds and shrubs was donated. Donations supported the garden team’s first year. Regular Greensmead volunteers dug out plants and shrubs; perennials given by a man clearing out his garden, rocks were provided by Greensmead and a club member to edge the 30 x 30-foot circular space. 2020 goals include maintenance, additional plantings, rearranging plant locations and determination of water needs. All three clubs will be adding an MGC Pollinator Garden sign to their gardens.

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**District II A**

**The Neighborhood Garden Club** had a couple of projects this fall. They decorated a large wreath and donated it to Heartbeat of Monroe. They auctioned it at their fall event. Then they made "sweet" Christmas tree decorations, cupcakes, ice cream cones, mint candies, cookies, gumball machines, and more. They used these to decorate a tree for the 41st Monroe historical Museum Christmas Tree Festival. Their club has participated since the festival started.

2019 was a hectic year for the **Hillsdale Garden Club**. Each month the club enjoyed guest speakers and hands-on projects. September, the Hillsdale Garden Club celebrated 90 years. The club received a “Special Tribute” from the State of Michigan, signed by State Representative Eric Leuthens and Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey. Then on October 11th, the club received the “Key to the City of Hillsdale” from Mayor Adam Stockford. Many members of the club were present to receive the key.

In November, the club began putting all the orders together for the Annual Green Sale. After Thanksgiving, the Hillsdale Garden Club spent three days putting bows on the wreaths and swags. Assembling 196 centerpieces and delivering all the orders throughout the Hillsdale Community. Every member is assigned a duty to accomplish this big project. Everyone did a fantastic job! On Friday, the ladies gathered to decorate the Hillsdale Community Library for Christmas. It has been a busy couple of weeks for everyone!

To wrap up the year, the Hillsdale Garden Club gathered at the Hillsdale Elks Lodge for the annual Christmas Tea. Everyone enjoyed all of the special treats that the ladies made and displayed. Music and a raffle drawing wrapped up the event. Everyone went home with a little gift and in the holiday spirit.

**Eden’s Garden Club** will be looking forward to a Gold Star Memorial in Veteran’s Park sometime around Memorial Day. They also had a holiday tree at the Dorsch Library for the third year in a row.

Saline Stone and Thistle celebrated the holidays in grand style at the home of Kit Gunn. Members came decked out in their holiday finery to enjoy delicious food and chatting with new Members as well as Members who have been with the Club. After the meal, the fun part of the evening began with a lively gift exchange. The stealing of gifts started out slow but quickly became the norm. Our lovely Secretary, Kathy Duncan probably had the record of having each gift she unwrapped stolen eight times! But in the end, everyone went home with a lovely gift.
DeWitt Millennium Garden Club will be 20 years old this year. We are losing members from age, death, and disabilities. Some, who stay for the social part of the club, are not able to do the hard work, me for one. We have been able to keep the numbers of our club, so far, by the members’ active recruiting.

- Looking for couples or men who are interested
- Joining the Chamber of Commerce and doing community work
- Business cards
- Pollinator brochures put out in areas where encouraging memberships seems reasonable.
- A press person who does a great job
- Advertising any of our projects which are of interest to the community, like the presentation of the Schroeder Builders
- Pollinator Garden Award and MGC signs
- Are making our May Gold Star dedication a community event joining the annual parade to the cemetery where we will have our commitment with a reception following.
- Members bringing guests to meetings
- Article in Bath—DeWitt Weekly of dates and speakers
- Give beautification awards to 3 or 4 people in the community each year for their outstanding gardens. Some join.
- We Volunteer for community activities and the Community Showcase in the spring.

- Plant daffodils all over the city. Over 95,000 bulbs so far. We also give them to residents, schools, and churches for their gardens.
- Help children plant in the schoolyards
  In the downtown area, we have; 16 boxes on the bridge, 12 container barrels downtown, The Welcome Garden, Gazebo Garden, Healing Garden, Labyrinth. Blue Star, Gold Star, All kids Playground Garden, and the Percy Carris Garden, which is out in a neighborhood.
- We volunteer and join in the big parade for the annual OX Roast, a fundraiser for the Memorial Building, which was built by the community
- Donate to the Northpoint Church garden project
- Donate to Greater Lansing Foodbank Garden Project
- A new retiree community is under construction, and we believe there will be people, maybe wives of retirees who are younger and looking for something to do and how to meet new people after their working years. We are making a plan to go for these when opened.
- We are, at least, keeping our club level of membership. It got to the 70s once but now stays around 65. We have several young retired women at the present and are hopeful that our efforts will bring us more good results as they seem to be doing now. Try some of these ideas

submitted by Bernadine Bennett

Happy New Decade! Wow – that went by fast! We usually say this until we take a few moments to reflect on all the various events of our lives, not only for the past year but also for the last decade! May whatever memories you have, happy and sad, stay close to your heart forever.

Congratulations to those Garden Clubs that celebrated a milestone anniversary in 2019: Indian Hills, 90; Parchment, 75; Buchanan, 65; Highcliffe Terrace, 65; Portage, 50; and Carnegie, 20.

The highlight of the last quarter of 2019 was the District III meeting on October 17. A tremendous thank you to host Club River Valley GC and the over 150 club members who made the day a memorable and fun experience! A special thanks to Portage GC, Berrien Springs GC, River Valley GC, Wabigon GC, Indian Hills GC, and Chula Vista GC for including me in their holiday projects and food fabulous holiday gatherings! The included photos are from these events.

As we move forward into the new decade, we have environmental challenges ahead. Look further into this Garden Gate to read how Chula Vista Garden Club has been meeting this challenge for 40 years by supplying and teaching about the value of native trees to third graders in their area schools for Arbor Day. That’s 500 trees counted towards the NGC Plant America with Trees project.

On the leadership front, District IV Director Carol McGregor and myself invite you to the MGC District III/IV M GC Leadership Exchange on Thursday, April 23 at the Comfort Inn in Plainwell. This workshop is a session to learn and exchange information between MGC and garden club officers. Since every member is a would-be leader, all are welcome to attend. Details are on the MGC website and District III Facebook page or contact me directly at marmstrongdd3@icloud.com

I would like to visit as many District III clubs in 2020 as possible, so reach out to me about your Club’s special project or program. It is inspiring to me to learn, and then share, the tremendous variety of programs, especially community and youth projects, our District contributes to their communities! It is no small sum when you can view the work of 32 Clubs as I can.

Here’s a fun teaser: The Kalamazoo Garden Council is planning a truly unique Flower Show June 18-19 within the quaint Kazoo Books location on Parkview in Kalamazoo. Mark these dates now! Former District III Director Evelyn Flynn is your contact at evelflynn@sbglobal.net.

I wish you Happy Gardening in 2020 and beyond!

Michigan Garden Clubs Inc. March, April, May 2020
District IV, along with the rest of the world, has welcomed in another decade, 2020. A few members have headed South, where the flowers grow all year. Those of us who stay and weather the storms are looking forward to an exciting year. We are holding its first Spring Leadership Meeting along with District III, and a fall District meeting.

Kent Garden Club is looking forward to adding spaces for pollinators and native plants to the areas they care for at the Grand Rapids Public Museum. They are looking forward to Spring and already planning for one of them.

Big Rapids Garden Club has a busy spring lined up. In January, they "sharpen tools". February is the Big Rapids/Ferris State Festival of the Arts. Their guest speaker is Jan Bills speaking on Garden Wildlife; in March their speaker is David Milarch, and his topic is: Archangel Ancient Trees; in April their theme is Safe Yards for Kids presented by Dr. Scott Heron and in May they are headed for fun on a bus trip.

Rockford Garden Club had a busy fall. They avoided the rush of December by holding a Holiday Gathering in November. Although the weather didn't cooperate, they had fun. In December, their guest speaker was none other than Rick Vuyst, who spoke on his books, I Just Wet my Plants and his new one on Memories from local military personnel. In January, their program was on organic soil, which might be covered up with snow this weekend!

Holland Garden Club held it's annual Christmas Home Tour, which was an incredible success. The walk was in a very close-knit block of new homes with very enthusiastic homeowners. Further to this year's tour was group involvement with the homeowners, a one-day workshop incorporating local store items, and decorating a total of 6 homes. Also, the HGC outreach program will continue throughout the winter at the Cappon House, helping with their Christmas decorating. They also work with the Girls and Boys Garden Club, which meets once a month.

Don't forget District IV, Plant a tree.

As I have been reading the President's Reports and Club of Distinction Forms, I continue to be amazed at all the service our District V Clubs provide to their communities. Many Clubs are working with Children, teaching them about growing food, the importance of pollinators and saving seeds. We have several Clubs, to mention a few, Elk Rapids, Petoskey, Portage Lake, Spirit of the Woods, Boyne Valley and The Friendly Garden Club that have extensive community gardens and beautification projects. District V has several Garden Walks scheduled for the summer of 2020. Please check the MGC Calendar for places, dates and times. The Portage Lake Garden Club will be hosting a Flower Show on July 23, 2020.

I hope that many members from District V will be attending Course I of Flower Show School on April 14th and 15th. This school is being hosted by The Petoskey Garden Club, and promises to be a fun, interesting and a very educational class. I plan on attending and will be doing the registrations for this class.

"Members Matter Most" is the theme of our Spring Leadership Conference. This conference is being hosted by the Ma-Me-Ne Sewong Garden Club of Traverse City on May 6, 2020 at The Boardman River Nature Center. This conference will assist your Garden Club in recruiting new members and retaining our treasured current members. I hope that your club can send at least 2 representatives to this meeting and that your club can also share membership recruitment ideas.

Remember to ‘Bee Wise’

- Take pictures of your pollinator gardens to share with others
- Make sure there is appropriate food for pollinators whenever they are in your area
- Register you gardens at Millionpollinatorgardens.org
- Tell them you are from NGC
I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays in December and early January. I was fortunate to be invited to another reminder for everyone else; get busy and complete the Award Application for your club today. The fillable form can be found on the MGC website: www.michigangardenclubs.org.

The Great Lakes Garden Club in Midland sent pictures of Gloria Thompson’s garden art that the club placed at Cleveland Manor for the residents to enjoy. Lovely party hosted by the Caro Garden Club on December 11. We were treated to a very interesting and entertaining program of unusual, antique stringed musical instruments. I enjoyed my time at Kathy Sauber’s beautifully decorated home, partook of a bounteous harvest of yummy foods, and was treated to some thoughtful gifts to top off the day. Thank you so much for inviting me!

The Evening Bloomers Garden Club of Mount Pleasant members celebrated together making Christmas door hangings with the help of members Jeff and Kevin. They were also busy with planning their garden walk and decorating their Blue Star Memorial.

First Report Received!!! Donna Dolinski of Midland forwarded the Chemical City Garden Club President’s Annual Report and Club

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**Tales of Two Artists**

By Karen Motawi, Loda Lade Chair

The previous issue of the Gate included a photo of the studio of Albert Schmidt, son-in-law of the owner of the Loda Lake property before it was purchased by the U.S. Forest Service in 1937. Schmidt painted at this studio early in his career before he moved to the southwest where he became one of the founding members of the Santa Fe Impressionist Painters group. He was quite well known at the time for his paintings of that area and his work was often loaned to American embassies abroad. Many of his earlier works were donated just a few years ago to the Newaygo County Council for the Arts located not too far from Loda Lake. Included in the collection is a pastel-hued view from a hillside overlooking the lake.

Another more contemporary artist associated with the area is Ray Jansma, multimedia artist from Newaygo County who was an impressionist painter, sculptor, worked in pen and ink and famously built his own cement-bottomed boat, which he sailed on the Great Lakes. Jansma’s lovely pen and ink drawing depicts the Birch Grove School which is about a mile from Loda Lake where it still serves as a layover stop on the North Country Hiking Trail, but was once the school attended by the families who lived on the Loda Lake property. The following clubs have contributed to the MGC Loda Lake Fund since August 1: Blue Water Garden Club, Fremont Garden Club, Portage Lake Garden Club, Sweetwater Evening Garden Club, Standale Garden Club honoring speaker Megan Crowley, Evening Blossoms Garden Club, Petoskey Area Garden Club, Pleasant Ridge Garden Club, Juniper Garden Club, Caro Garden Club, Petal Pushers Garden Club and Meek’s Mill Garden Club.

The following donations to the Loda Lake Sanctuary Endowment Fund have been matched by the Fremont Area Community Foundation: Touch the Earth Garden Club in memory of Diane Blick, Kathleen Lapcinski and Beverly Thompson, Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club in memory of Barbara Ketchum. Portage Garden Club in memory of Helen Nicola, Carnegie Garden Club in memory of Ruth Ann Bryer, DeWitt Millennium Garden Club in memory of Kamal Motawi and Big Rapids Garden Club in memory of Evie Malcolmson.

Donation forms are available for download on the MGC website, www.michigangardenclubs.org.

Remember, if you designate your contribution as a memorial, it will be matched at the 100% level and set aside for future improvements.
Lake The Portage Lake Garden Club, in Onekama, MI, is a “summer” club, with seven meetings during the lake season (June through September) when many members return Up North for the magnificent views and weather.

Recently, however, the Club made its debut at Christmas in Onekama (sponsored by the civic organization, Portage Lake Association) on November 23, 2019. Club members sold gorgeous poinsettias in various sizes, offered a variety of hand-made holiday crafts for sale, and created gingerbread houses of two local historical buildings in Onekama for a silent auction. The net proceeds of almost $700 will help with operational expenses to maintain community gardens in 2020.

Additionally, the Club created a “butterfly tree” for the annual Festival of Trees in Manistee as part of Sleigh Bell events in early December. Members Winnie Baker and Mary Jo McElroy created the tree to recognize the Michigan Garden Clubs’ initiative to endorse the Black Swallowtail butterfly as the State of Michigan butterfly.

The Club’s objective was to contribute to the state-wide initiative to educate the public about the legislative project, pollinator gardens, and use of native plants in the landscape.

Members collected educational pamphlets about Native Plants and Pollinator Gardens, got bookmarks from David Drain, and packaged milkweed seeds into little plastic bags. These goodies were distributed as a gift to members of the community who came to view and bid on the holiday trees displayed at the old Ramsdell Theater in Manistee, MI. The tree sold on December 6, 2019.

NATIONAL CONSERVATION PLEDGE

I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of the planet earth and promise to promote education so we may become caretakers of our air, water, forest, land and wildlife.

Update

The new year brings new opportunities in promoting the Black Swallowtail initiative. Clubs are encouraged to look for local events such as conferences, expos, or festivals to set up a Black Swallowtail tri-fold display. Besides, MGC provides approved handouts, including the butterfly wands for distribution, as well as makes available a six-foot banner to assist in educating the public and rallying support for the Black Swallowtail.

These Districts (I, II, IV, V & VI) have Black Swallowtail tri-fold displays. A club who wishes to use a presentation for an upcoming event should contact: Cyndy Nemon in (District I); Jean Goetz in (II); David Drain in (IV); Sue Soderberg in (V); and Kathleen Sauber in (VI) to see if the display is available and arrange for an exchange. For clubs in District IIA or III who wish to make use of a display, contact David Drain (daviddrain@msn.com) for arrangements.

If a club wishes to post photos to the MGC Facebook page of events attended in support of the Black Swallowtail, please forward it to Betty Assmann, bassann2002@yahoo.com.
I am looking forward to the New Year and replanting some of my flower gardens. I am learning about native plants, pollinators, and helping the environment. I am reading and studying about incorporating native plantings to aid in the rehabilitation of our native pollinators for the good of our world. It has been a fascinating and self-satisfying discovery.

MICHIGAN CONSULTANTS COUNCIL
Please let me know if you are interested in becoming an officer of MCC. We need a Vice President. I will not be renewing my Presidency after 2021. A Tri-Refresher held, on June 5th, 2020, the day after the State Conference and the same hotel. Please refer to the MGC website for specific information.

MGC Judges Credentials Chair
I want to thank Lynn Dianvald for giving so generously of her time to mentor me as I assume the duties of the MGC Judge’s Credentials Chairman. Lynn has done an outstanding job as the Credentials’ Chairman over several administrations. They are big shoes to fill.

Congratulations to the following judges who have attained the next level of Flower Show Judging credentials during 2019.
- New Life Judges: Lynda Foster and Sue Wittick
- New Master Judge: Pat Bazany and Nancy Harriman

Also, Congratulations to the 2019 Judge’s Symposium Committee for planning a successful and educational symposium. Sharon Yantis MGC Symposium Chairman and Norma Stancati local chairman. When your garden club needs judges for your flower show, please contact me for a list of judges. Lmiller garden@yahoo.com (616-676-2274). Also, if you need a judging experience, please let me know, and I will pass your name on to the flower show chairman, Lynn M. Miller, MGC Judge’s Credentials Chair

NGC education courses
Please see the MGC website for registration forms for all of these schools and symposiums.


Be Sure To Look at the Michigan Garden Club Facebook
You will find lots of beautiful things there!

In this video, courtesy of Campbell & Ferrara, plant expert Dodi Turney shows why those with limited garden space don’t have to forgo planting flowers, vegetables, perennials, and herbs in their outdoor living spaces.

From coffee cans, hanging baskets, to fancy planters, containers provide plenty of opportunities for urban gardeners and others without traditional garden space to cultivate the vegetation of their choice. Container gardening is also an excellent way for those with mobility issues to enjoy gardening without having to endure the often backbreaking bending, stooping, and other physical hardships associated with maintaining an in-ground garden. Watch this informative video there to learn how you can surround yourself with beautiful flowers or grow your culinary herbs and vegetables by using a variety of containers.
Susan Betz was involved in growing and using herbs to educate the public about gardening and the natural world for over 35 years. She is an Honorary Master Gardener, a member of the International Herb Association, Garden Communicators, National Garden Bureau, and the Ecological Landscape Alliance. Susan is a life member of the Herb Society of America and received the Helen D. Conway Little Medal of Honor in 2018. She is a charter member of HSA’s Native Herb Conservation Committee, the Society’s sustainable garden initiative. Susan serves on HSA’s Notable Native Herb Program and is a contributing author to HSA’s Notable Native Herb fact sheets published annually. She is the author of Magical Moons & Seasonal Circles, Stepping into the Circle of the Seasons and Neighboring with Nature/Native Herbs for Pleasure and Purpose.

Her subject is A Green Revival: Cultivating Gardens for People, Place, and Plants. A positive shift and a new way of thinking about our gardens, neighborhoods, and community green spaces has taken shape and is now a reality. Shrinking property boundaries, life in the digital age, and tightly packed schedules are provoking a yearning for a deeper relationship with the natural world. People are taking charge of their home environments by consciously choosing to create gardens and outdoor spaces. They are focused on homemaking, placemaking, and regional ecology. The best outdoor spaces are designed in harmony with nature, demonstrate respect for the web of life, and honor three essential relationships: plants to place, plants to people, and plants to other plants.

Patrick Lindemann, first elected as the Ingham County Drain Commissioner in 1992, an office he has redefined to reflect his environmental stewardship ethic and systems approach to stormwater management. He has received international, national, and state recognition and awards for his innovative drain projects. The Tollgate Wetland Stormwater facility in the City of Lansing and Lansing Township, and the Trow Rain Garden Drains in East Lansing, and Meridian Township is first-of-its-kind urban retrofit projects based on Low-Impact Designs (LID) that better protect the environment. At the same time, saving costs are two of his award-winning projects. Drain Commissioner Lindemann is known for finding such win-win solutions. These projects, highlighted in the Clean Water Action publication on American Rivers entitled “The Greening of Stormwater: Michigan Communities—saving money, beautifying neighborhoods and protecting lakes and streams” authored by Dave Dempsey. Patrick has been named the 2007 “Hero of the Lakes,” by Clean Water Action, a national advocacy organization that has over a million members.

During his 26 years in office, he has overseen the construction and maintenance of millions of dollars of drain improvements that have opened the way for hundreds of millions of dollars of new economic growth in Ingham County.

Wynne Wright is an Associate Professor of Community Sustainability at Michigan State University (MSU). The developer of the online lavender curriculum supported by MSU, Kansas State University, and US Lavender Growers Association. Secretary of US Lavender Growers Association and Coordinator of Great Lakes Lavender Growers Association. Wynne has a Ph.D. in Sociology and published Growing Lavender in Michigan, Advice for a Purple Garden, MSU Extension. As well as being on the staff of Michigan State University, Wynne also owns and operates, Sixteen Sprigs Lavender Farm. His topic is The Art and Science of Lavender Farming.

Merry Kim Meyers LEARN TO SPEAK PLANT: CONQUERING SCIENTIFIC TERMS AND NAMES

You will learn having a learned a once terrifying language.

La Nita (Nita) Campbell
COCKTAIL GARDENING FROM GARDEN TO 2018. Native Herbs for Pleasure and Purpose.

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Ronnie Dush, Chairman of the Michigan Garden Club Youth Activities will lead a panel discussion on “What Michigan Garden Clubs around the state are doing in the area of Youth Activities. Find out how your Club can increase it’s participation in youth gardening activities for children 5-18 years of age.
VIRGINIA FROEHLICH
Plants that Will Make you Itch and Make You Twitch...and Maybe Even Kill You is a humorous, yet informative, look at "plant criminals" we may be harboring in our homes and gardens.

Virginia is very active in the State Gardening community. She is the current Michigan Garden Clubs’ Life Membership Chairperson (2015-present), National Garden Clubs Gardening Study, Landscape Design and Environmental Studies Consultant. She has addressed local garden clubs and presented programs to various women’s organizations and Master Gardener associations including “2011 Growing Great Gardens”, an educational event co-hosted by The Taylor Conservatory Foundation, The Taylor Garden Club and Wayne County Community College. In 2012, Virginia was a featured speaker in Schoolcraft College’s Transition Center Luncheon Series. Virginia is a recipient of the 2009 Wayne County Master Gardener Association “Unsung Hero Award.”

Professional and Educational Background:
Virginia earned a Master of Science in Administration, Central Michigan University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree, with majors in both English and Psychology, from Detroit’s Wayne State University. Additionally, she completed post graduate work, along with several legal assistant courses at Madonna University. She retired following a 35 year career as a writer and editor at Ford Motor Company.

Youth Gardening Activities

This year, Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. 2020 Conference will have a panel discussion about Youth Gardening Activities from around our state.
Learn how the youth activities were created, funded, and promoted in communities of various sizes, resources, and talents. Learn not only the successes, which we all strive for but many of the problems encountered. Hear about the benefits the individual Michigan Garden Clubs have achieved through their outreach to the younger members of their communities.

The National Garden Clubs, Inc.’s two-year initiative was to encourage local garden clubs to pass on their knowledge on to the youth in their communities. The purpose of the youth gardening programs is to introduce gardening, conservation, protection of wildlife, recognition of plants, trees and shrubs, flower arrangements, and a love and appreciation of nature.

The goal of the Youth Gardening initiative is for them to be future citizens, who will be responsible and capable of greater self-expression, dignity, integrity, and knowledge of their environment. The Clubs around the state of Michigan have created extremely innovative programs.

Traverse City works with the Traverse City Library by providing guest speakers from our membership, who teach children from around the Grand Traverse Area on planting, maintaining, and harvesting with emphasis on nutrition and cooking of the raised produce.

Other Programs Traverse City established are the MONTESORI CHILDREN’S HOUSE -- The grant money used for the development of the Rain Water Collection Project will eliminate the need to haul water in gallon containers to the greenhouse. The project may also entail the use of solar power for the well.

TBA-ISD CAREER-TECH CENTER – This grant will fund two students from the TBA-ISD school of Agricultural/Horticulture to attend (2 days) at the FFA Convention at Michigan State University. This Education/Conference experience makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success.

Saving Birds Through Habitat – The grant is to be used to enhance “Brian’s Garden” by planting an additional 12 native flowers (separate from the other native plant species) to this designed garden by Brian Zimmerman at Kay Charters.

Meridian Garden Club works with the Meridian Historical Society to create programs for children on what plants arrived from new immigrants to our area in the 1800s. The Backyard Garden Project started from scratch with typical clay soil, and the first programs were to demonstrate how gardens were created. Hear how to plant worms!

Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Clubs Sunflower House Youth Garden worked with their community to create a Children’s Garden at the Historic Pink School House in Mason, MI. Sunflower Youth Garden Club is a year-round seed to table learning program that provides both hands-on learnings for youth and families. It also includes education on Environmental Issues, Wildlife, Pollinators, Native Plants, field trips and learning experiences. All the while, youth learn about growing, harvesting, proper use of fresh produce, and healthy fun gardening practices. The program is supported by community organizations for education and learning, such as Ingham County Conservation District, Woldumar Nature Center, MSU Extension, Capital Area Master Gardeners, and many local businesses and community members.

So many programs are created without even a plot of land. School Garden Clubs, formed in Weberville and Williamson work through the Farmer’s Market. All it takes is the desire to show children and young adults the value of plants, wildlife, conservation and gardening. Plan on attending this year’s 2020 MGC Conference and the Panel discussion on Youth Activities, June 4, 2020, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Lansing, MI. See MGC website for more information.

Michigan Garden Clubs Inc.
Youth Gardening Activities Chair
Ronnie Dush

Now that we are well into a new year, it’s time to review and reflect on where we’ve been and what accomplishments we have made. You’re also looking for what we can do this year with youth. I’m sure many of our MGC Clubs have started or completed projects with the child in their areas covering gardening and other teaching activities.

With this in mind, and looking forward to our upcoming 2020 MGC Conference, I’m asking for information from each of our Garden Clubs. I want a short paragraph on what their club members did with and for youth gardening. No matter how small a project or large, please send it to me.

If possible, include one or two pictures (permission required) that reflect the activity.

I hope to be using this information for a presentation at the conference as well as putting it on our MGC website to share with everyone. There is already a lot of information on the MGC website (member side) covering youth activities. This sharing of experiences allows other clubs to understand what they might be able to do no matter how small or limited they feel they are in resources.

SAVE THE DATE
Farmington Garden Club is hosting its 2020 Garden Walk:
Summer Dreams
Saturday, July 25 from 10am-4pm
7 Gardens + the historic Warner Mansion gardens
$10 presale at Steinkopf Nursery
$12 fee day of Walk
purchase at Warner Mansion
details coming in
Summer Gate Issue

Caro Garden Club’s High School Essay Contest Winners
submitted by Kathy Sauber

The 2019-2020 theme was Challenges in Protecting our Natural Habitats.

Out of the 34 essays were submitted, Caro Garden Club awarded Leslie Licudine $200 for her first-place essay. Talena Pifer was awarded $100 for second place and Trevin Phillip, $50 for third place.

An article and the following pictures were in the Tuscola County Advertiser on 12-31-19

Michigan Garden Clubs Inc.
When I joined the River Valley Garden Club in 2004, we had 24 members and limited funds. Today we have 65 members, and we can fund several projects in our area. These are the three processes that helped this happen:

♦ For the majority of the notices of our meetings are placed in the local papers. We are fortunate to have several small local articles, and our PR person, Susan Stevens, has established relationships with journalists at each of these newspapers. She will send a press release two weeks before the meeting. Besides the time and location, it will contain information about the meeting program and any upcoming events we might sponsor. She includes the name of our club president and her contact information, as well as our website address and that “Guests, are always welcome.” Susan follows up with a thank you and might even send an email to the newspaper about other articles that are well done.

♦ Our website (www.rivervalleygardenclub.org) has information about past and future meetings and membership information. Viewers can also learn about our annual plant sale and other activities. Ana Vincenti, our webmaster, keeps the site current and accurate. Several of our members are designated, photographers and proofreaders. Some clubs are using Facebook for this information.

♦ Our program committee works diligently to have a variety of exciting presenters and field trips that will interest new members. Many new members have become interested after attending our annual plant sale where existing members are encouraged to be friendly and available for questions. Interested persons are allowed to supply their email address, and they are personally sent an email before each meeting.

Retaining new members is a subject for another article!

Calendar of Events
To post events directly on the calendar, visit the MGC website at michigangardenclubs.org
*Click on Calendar at the top of the page and click on Submit Event.
www.michigangardenclubs

Lowell Showboat Garden Club’s Community Service Program
One of Lowell’s Showboat Garden Club’s (LSGC) community service projects is helping maintain the gardens surrounding the Senior Neighbors Center. The Senior Neighbors Center in Lowell offers area seniors entertainment and support in the form of music, cards, bingo, knitting, and Bible study to name just a few of the many offerings. Throughout the summer, LSGC members volunteer hours weeding, pruning and watering. This connection to the Center is a source of pride and meaning for the LSGC because some of membership use the services provided by the Senior Neighbor Center. The Center is now the new meeting venue for the Lowell Showboat Garden Club.
Plant America with Trees:  
Each ONE Plant ONE  
Submitted by Bunny LaDuke

The new NGC project, *Plant America with Trees: Each ONE Plant ONE*, translates for Chula Vista Garden Club to *Each ONE Plant ONE x 500*. This District III club has been celebrating Arbor Day for more than 40 years by annually providing seedling trees to 3rd graders in local elementary schools. Club President, Pauline Northrop, said, "Members wanted to highlight the importance of planting trees to refurbish and enhance our environment and thought children could help. The program has expanded over the years to the club giving away about 500 trees to 3rd-grade students in all public and private schools in the Plainwell and Otsego Community School Districts." About 12 members present the trees at the schools, teaching children about Arbor Day, discussing the value of trees, and giving some details about planting the specific tree given away that year. Some are PowerPoint presentations and others are delivered with props or even through a puppet. The children always look forward to receiving a tree when they reach the third grade. Club Secretary, Karla Labby, commented, "In fact, two of the current 3rd-grade teachers had told us they received a tree when they were in third grade. Following Arbor Day every year, Chula Vista receives many original letters and pictures from the 500 children thanking them for providing the trees."

Selection criteria for native trees are that they are not too large, provide interest in different seasons, and are beneficial to wildlife, according to project chair Karen Gustafson. The 12-24 inch seedlings, through a local wholesale seller, usually cost between $1.00 and $2.00 each. Preparing and distributing native seedling trees is a relatively simple "one time and done" project that any club can do. Chula Vista usually starts about 5:30 p.m. and has all trees bagged, labeled, counted, and ready to go by 7:30 p.m. Club members love the project; the schools, teachers, and the children appreciate it, and, of course, planting 500 new trees enhances our environment.

**Thru The Garden Gate, here are the facts, what can we do?**

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Over the past few years, we have been trying to gently encourage members to receive the newsletter. "Thru the Garden Gate," via email. Due to the increasing costs of printing and mailing, we have reached a point where we have to look at the financial facts and will have to make some difficult decisions.

**The facts:**

- Dues-$6/person, $1 to National Garden Club leaving $5 for MGC.
- Of that $5, approximately, $1 goes toward Liability Insurance, $4 left for MGC to run its operations.
- 41% of our members receive the newsletter by mail (2100 copies printed & mailed) with a total cost of $7900 per year.
- We also know that a significant percentage of members who get the newsletter sent have an email address so they could receive the newsletter via email.
- An objective of MGC is to protect and conserve our natural resources. In this digital age, we could save a few trees!

**What could we do with additional funds?**

**Some possibilities**

- Offer additional scholarships
- Support more awards-youth, middle school, elementary projects
- Offer more Grants available to clubs
- Support more pollinator projects or other MGC projects
- Plant trees "Each One, Plant One"

At the November Board meeting, a committee, established to come up with a recommendation to address this issue. We want the membership to be aware of the costs and the impact on programs and member benefits as we move forward and evaluate our options.

Thanks for your understanding.

Comments can be shared with committee members: Bernadine Bennett, Michele Armstrong, Charley Bohland, Bunny LaDuke, and Monica Taylor.

Submitted by Monica Taylor
REGISTRATION
Landscape Design School – Course III
Registration Deadline: April 10, 2020

Name ________________________________
Address ______________________________
City ________________________________
State _______ Zip+4 ________________
Phone ________________________________
Email ________________________________
District ________________________________

MGC Garden Club Member Y _____ N _____
Prefer vegetarian lunch Y _____ N _____
Prefer gluten free lunch Y _____ N _____

Full Time Registration
April 20 & 21, lunch included $85.00 _____
Refresher Fee OR 5.00 _____
Exam Fee (April 21) 5.00 _____

Part Time Registration
Mon., April 20 (lunch included) $45.00 _____
Tues., April 21 (lunch included) 45.00 _____

Total Enclosed ____________________________ $ _____
Cancellation and/or late fee- $10.00
No refund after registration deadline, April 10, 2020
Make check payable to: MGC, Inc.

OR
Use any credit card to pay by clicking on DONATE in upper right of the secure website Michigangardencubs.org. For special instructions to the seller please add “Landscape Design School.” Complete credit card info, address, phone number, and email address. All credit card payments will be processed through MGC’s PayPal account.

Mail registration form and check/PayPal documentation to:
Lynn Smith, Registrar
15160 Kelly Street
Spring Lake, MI 49456

**** All full registrations may be found on the website: michigangardenclubs.org under forms

COURSE REGISTRATION
MGC ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL
SERIES VII COURSE III
APRIL 28-29, 2020
DEADLINE: April 20, 2020

Name(print) ___________________________________________

Your Address ___________________________________________
City_________ Zip Code_________
Email ________________________________

Phone ________________________________

Garden Club ________________________________

CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO: MGC, INC. ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL
SEND TO:
Judy Page, Registrar
P.O. Box 188
Edenville, MI 48620
Phone: 989-689-3420
Email: dahliadame@centurvtel.net

District _____
Taking Exam: Y _____ N _____
Refreshing: Y _____ N _____

Michigan Garden Clubs Inc.
MICHIGAN CONSULTANTS COUNCIL - TRI-REFRESHER, JUNE 5, 2020
For MGC Environmental, Gardening, and Landscape Design School Consultants and Guests
Pre-Registration required by Friday, May 22, 2020

Location: Crowne Plaza Lansing West Hotel, 925 S. Creyts Road, Lansing, MI 48917

You are invited to attend a MCC Summer Meeting/one-day Tri-Refresher at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West Hotel, Friday June 5, 2020. This Tri-refresher is the day after the MGC State Conference, same location.

Those who wish to refresh their Landscape Design, Gardening or Environmental School credentials should plan to attend the full eight (8) hours. Guests are welcomed to attend.

Clarification: Refreshing consultants may refresh for one of the three areas individually by attending June 5th. Master consultants may choose multiple credits in each school in which they have Master status or they may choose credit in one school in which they are a consultant. Contact: Lynn Dinvald, 269-343-3827 or email: YDoubleLNE@aol.com

Schedule for Friday, June 5, 2020

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<td>Water, PFAS, invasive plants, Lois Wolfson, PhD, MSU Dept of Fish &amp; Wildlife</td>
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<td>Protect Natural Lands, Julie Stoneman, Michigan Nature Association</td>
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<td>Lunch MCC Annual Summer Meeting will take place during lunch. All are Welcome!</td>
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<td>Invasive Species, Gerald Donaldson, MSU Hidden Lake Gardens</td>
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<td>Native Plant Gardening for the Urban Environment, Carolyn Miller, Red Cedar Wild Ones Chapter</td>
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<td>Extreme makeover, Nature Edition 1, Kim Steinberger, the Nature Conservancy</td>
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<td>MSU Gardens Tour – docent lead tour of Annual Trial, Children’s, Perennial &amp; Vegetable gardens</td>
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<td>Travel home safely and thank you for attending</td>
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Breaks to be taken as needed, at the discretion of the speaker. Carpooling to MSU for the garden tour is recommended.

The cost of this Tri-Refresher is $85.00 and includes all admission fees, tours, speakers, lunch, and printed materials. Additionally, please include $5.00 for each school you are refreshing. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable footwear.

Name ___________________________________________ E-mail ____________________________

(As it appears on your Consultants Certificate) City ________________________________

State __________________ Zip+4 __________________ Phone+area code: __________________________

Prefer vegetarian lunch Yes No Prefer gluten free lunch Yes No

Are you taking this for Refresher Credit? Yes No Name of Guest: __________________________ Amount: $85.00

Please check the schools you are refreshing: Environmental School Gardening School Landscape Design School

Most recent Consultants Refresher Record:

School: __________________ Event: __________________ City/State __________________ Date ________

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Multiple Credits may be offered to Master Consultants in each of the schools in which he/she is a Master.

Do you qualify for the Multiple Credit? Yes No

Are you a Master Consultant in the school(s) you are refreshing? Yes No

If no, is this your fourth refresher? Yes No

Deadline Registration for the Tri-Refresher and MCC Summer Meeting is Friday, May 22, 2020
The cost is $85.00 along with $5.00 for each school(s) you are refreshing in. Total Amount Enclosed: $_________

Mail Registration Form, by May 22 with check payable to MGC Michigan Consultants Council to Lynn L. Dinvald, Registrar, 6802 Springbrook Lane, Kalamazoo, MI 49004-9665

Please note: Any photos taken at this event may be used in upcoming informational and promotional materials. If you don’t want your photo used, please notify the Tri-refresher Registrar when you check in. Those who do not want their photo used for any reason will receive a red dot on their name tag.

Michigan Garden Clubs Inc. 16 March, April, May 2020
REGISTRATION FORM
Pollinator Garden Thyme in Michigan
Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. 89th Conference
June 3, 4, 5*, 2020
Crowne Plaza Hotel, 925 S. Creyts Rd, Lansing, MI 48917

Last Name: ___________________________ First Name: ___________________________ District: ___________________________
Street Address: ___________________________ City: ___________________________ State/Zip: ___________________________
Email: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________ Garden Club Name: ___________________________

Check each box that applies to you:
☐ Club Member ☐ National Board Member ☐ State Board Member
☐ Club President ☐ National Life Member ☐ State Life Member
☐ Club Delegate ☐ Former State President ☐ District Director
☐ Central Region Board Member ☐ Central Region Life Member
☐ Michigan Consultants Council ☐ Environmental Studies Consultant
☐ Landscape Design Consultant ☐ Gardening Consultant
☐ Flower Show Consultant ☐ MAAI Member

Check your registration choice:
☐ Full Time $120.00
☐ Thursday Only $95.00
☐ Wednesday Only $35.00

Registration Deadline: May 15, 2020
$20.00 late registration fee after May 15, 2020.
There will be no refunds made after May 15, 2020.
Refunds prior to May 15 will be assessed a 10% processing fee.

Leadership Sessions (Choose one for each hour)
Wednesday, June 3
1:00 – 1:50 p.m.
☐ How to use Social Media Like a Pro
☐ New Roster Process
☐ Publicity Tips for Promoting Your Club
2:00 – 2:50 p.m.
☐ Members Matter Most
☐ MGC and NGC Awards
☐ Panel 1: Education, Scholarships, Life Achievement Awards
3:00 – 3:50 p.m.
☐ Panel 2: Blue/Gold Star Memorial, Loda Lake, Black Swallowtail Legislation
☐ Youth Awards
☐ Grants
4:00 – 4:50 p.m.
☐ Gardening with Native Plants
☐ Youth Gardening Programs
☐ Garden Therapy

Seminar Selections (Choose two)
Thursday, June 4, 2020
2:15 – 3:15 p.m.
☐ (1) Thyme for Tea
☐ (2) Conquering Scientific Terms and Names
☐ (3) The Art and Science of Lavender Farming
☐ (4) Youth Gardening Activities
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
☐ (1) Greening of the Drains
☐ (2) Plants That Will Make You Itch, Twitch...or Kill You!
☐ (3) Cocktail Gardening – From Garden to Glass

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Hotel Room Reservations:
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Lansing
(517) 323-7100 / (844) 852-3414
https://www.crowneplaza.com/lansingwest
Ask for MGC rate of $149.00 + tax.
Use code: MGC

Dietary Concerns (check any applicable)
☐ Gluten-Free ☐ Nut-Free ☐ Dairy-Free
☐ Vegetarian ☐ Vegan
☐ Other: ___________________________

Hosted by District IIB

Michigan Garden Clubs Inc.
**NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.**  
**Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.**  
**Landscape Design School - Series XXII – Course III**  
**April 20 & 21, 2020**  
Hosted by: Tri-Cities Garden Club Inc. & District IV

Location: Robinson Baptist Church, 12011 N. 120th Ave., Grand Haven, MI 49417 (1-616-845-4500)  
Hotel Accommodations: Baymont by Wyndam, Grand Haven, (616-842-3999) or Best Western Beacon Inn, Grand Haven, (616-842-4720)  
Rodeway Inn, Grand Haven (616-846-1800), Holiday Inn Grand Haven-Spring Lake, (616-846-0383)  
Make reservations directly with the hotel.

**Landscape Design School** has a curriculum which covers a wide range of subjects: from landscape design history to landscape architecture in the year 2000 and beyond. Since its founding in 1958, professional instructors have maintained the high standards originally incorporated in the study program. **Required reading: Stewards of the Land, by Alaimi, DeVeer, Carpenter.**

**MGCC President, Janet Hickman, MGC LDS Chair, Doris Ann Campbell, LDS Credentials, Jolaine Synder**  
**Landscape Design School Local Co-Chairs: Andrea Anderson (616-837-3584) ghres@msn.com, Lynn Smith (616-690-0681)**  
lgsmith223@gmail.com, Monica Taylor (616-607-8264) jmtaylor1976@hotmail.com

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**Michigan Garden Clubs Inc.**  
March, April, May 2020
MGC Flower Show School Registration
Course 1
Deadline April 7, 2020

Name______________________________

Street__________________________________

City ____________________________________

City/Zip __________________________________

Club/Organization __________________________

District _________________________________

Diet Restrictions __________________________

Full Time Registration

April 14 & 15 (lunch included) $155.00_____

Exam Fee $5.00 ______

Part Time Registration

Tues. April 14 & 15 (lunch included) $80.00_____

Weds. April 15 (lunch included) $80.00 ______

Total Enclosed $ ________

No Refunds after April 7, 2020. A $10 processing fee will be charged for refunds prior to deadline

Make checks payable to
MGC District V Flower Show School
Mail to: Sue Soderberg
4600 Acron Drive, Traverse City, Michigan 49685
231-357-9811 suesoderberg2@gmail.com
Pollinator gardens are a nice way to provision hungry pollinators with some food. If you live in an urban setting or have a small yard, then a pollinator garden might be the best style of pollinator planting for you.

The best pollinator gardens contain a diverse range of flowering plants. Just like us, pollinators need a varied diet to be healthy. Additionally, good plant diversity reduces pest problems. Pests are generally less attracted to diverse gardens. Diverse gardens support more natural enemies, which are insects that eat pests. Another trait of a great pollinator garden is overlapping bloom throughout the season, otherwise pollinators can have difficulty finding food at all times of the growing season.

Not only does it help to have a diverse garden, it is also advantageous to use native plants because they are most useful for native pollinators. Native plants that are well-adapted to your local environment don’t require much water or care. Another benefit of native plants is that they have deep root structures, which help prevent erosion of soil in your yard. One drawback is that native plants tend to cost more than other varieties. Another drawback is the initial time it takes for the flowers to establish. You likely won’t see a benefit from your native plantings for 2-3 years unless you buy plugs. However, perennial native plants will reseed themselves, giving you and native pollinators years of benefits.

When choosing plants for your pollinator garden, keep in mind that native plants are not the same as wildflowers. Wildflower seed packets may or may not be adapted to your local environment. You also want to avoid planting hybrids if your goal is to support pollinators. Hybrid varieties might be pretty, but most do not produce much nectar and pollen for pollinators to eat.

You should also be wary of the pesticides used on nursery plants. Nurseries mean well, but they might sell plants with systemic pesticides which can end up in pollen and nectar. Pesticide use may not be labeled. When in doubt, ask the nurseries or buy seeds without pesticide coatings instead.

Below is a list of resources to help you start your very own pollinator garden:

- MSU Native Plants and Ecosystem Services
- Wildflowers and Native Plants: What’s the Difference?
- Native Flowering Plants that Attract Beneficial Insects
- Attracting Beneficial Insects with Native Flowering Plants
- Protecting and Enhancing Pollinators in Urban Landscapes for the US North Central Region
- Gardening for Pollinators: Smart Plants to Support Pollinators
- Invite Pollinators to Your Garden by Creating a Smart Habitat
- Smart Gardening to Support Monarchs
- Smart Gardening for Pollinators Video
- Smart Gardening for Pollinators Webinar
- Bees of the Great Lakes Region and Wildflowers to Support Them
- MSU Master Gardener Program
- Understand Your Planting "Tools": Plant Hardiness Zones vs. Ecoregions