

# THE GARDEN POST

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## Four Seasons of News

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### *Message from our President*

During a very busy summer and a busier autumn much has been accomplished and some very exciting new events are in the planning stages.

As you may have noticed the *Garden Post* publication dates have changed. We want to provide information before important events such as Greens Sales, Annual Meetings and flower shows rather than follow a set schedule. Between Posts we are making more use of emails and our website to communicate. Watch for these.

The Search Committee has been actively assessing various sites for suitability as a Council House. We are also talking with the County Parks Director to find a mutually satisfactory solution to the problems of our current home. We are not being asked to leave and are confident that our requirements can be met either at our present location or elsewhere. We will keep you informed as we progress.

Chula Vista's Blue Star Memorial Dedications September 19 in both Plainwell and Otsego were beautiful and fitting memorials to our Veterans. They are the first Michigan Garden Club to have dedicated two sites at once. President Dick Northrop and the entire club are to be congratulated on this significant undertaking and a job well done.

In early October the Board hosted a New Member Welcome Brunch where we had the pleasure of meeting many of our new members as well as a group of new associates from Portage Garden Club. This was an enthusiastic group who will definitely be an asset to the Council and we are so glad to have them join us.

Several major events are on the horizon beginning with Westwood Garden Club's Veterans Memorial Dedication at Riverview Cemetery. This small club, under the dedicated leadership of President Lorie Reed and Sharon Robbins, have done an absolutely amazing job. We are so proud to be associated with this project. They have created a beautiful memorial that is a fitting tribute to our veterans and a testament to the determination of a few women and to community involvement. I hope you will join in the ceremony on November 11 at 2:00 p.m.

Vice President Rosemarie Griffith is planning a truly exciting Annual Meeting June 14, 2016 at the Gull Lake Country Club. We are honored to have as our speaker Peter J. Hatch, who for 38 years was Director of Gardens and Grounds at Monticello and responsible for the care, restoration and interpretation of the gardens there. He is a noted authority on Jefferson's gardening interests and on the history of plants in America. We will have our business meeting before the luncheon so we can invite the public to this very special program.

Plans are underway for another major undertaking: We are combining the Council's biennial flower show with the District III meeting on August 25, 2016. Chris Morgan, Barb Smith and Evelyn Flynn are chairing the event.

"Kalamazoo Blooms for You" is the theme of the standard flower show which will be held at the Fetzer Center. This is a new approach and promises to be a great day. Plan to participate by entering horticulture and designs and volunteering

your time and expertise.

Another wonderful opportunity is being created for all of us by The Landscapers Garden Club/who are hosting the NGC Landscape Design School beginning October 25 at the Haven Reformed Church on Sprinkle Rd. There will be four sessions in the course. We appreciate their commitment to bring this school to our area for our convenience and education.

Last, but far from least, is the fast approaching Greens Sale which seems to get better every year. Chair Barb Smith and her committees are making every effort to ensure its success. The sale is not only our major fund raiser but it is a community tradition and an opportunity to create and showcase our creations. It is also a great deal of fun and the best way I know to get into the Holiday spirit. Many hours go into preparation for this event and we appreciate all that so many of you do. If you have not signed up for an active role during the sale it is not too late. You are welcome at the remaining workshops and encouraged to come to the Expo Center where there will be many options for you to participate.

As a Board we are very enthusiastic about all the special events we are planning. I sincerely hope each of you will find a way to participate in the roles you find most enjoyable. I look forward to working together. This is going to be a great year.

-Jan

## CALENDAR

Nov. 4	Great Pumpkin Soiree, Fetzer Ctr. Cash bar; door prizes
Nov. 10	Director's Meeting, 9:30 a.m. Council House; Refreshments at 9:00 am
Nov. 11	Riverview Veteran's Memorial Dedication 2:00 p.m. (See article)
Dec. 3-5	Greens Sale - See separate calendar listing

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Jan. 12	Director's Meeting, 9:30 a.m. Council House; Refreshments at 9:00 am
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#### **No February Meeting**

March 8	Director's Meeting, 9:30 a.m. Council House
April 12	Director's Meeting, 9:30 a.m. Council House

*\*All council members are welcome/invited to attend all meetings; meetings are held at the Council House and coffee is served prior to the meetings*

## UPCOMING MGC SCHOOL OFFERINGS

April 11-12	Gardening Study IV, Traverse City
April 19-21	Flower Show School II, Midland

# FRAGRANCES OF CHRISTMAS

No perfume tempts the nostrils  
Like the pine logs under flame;  
If these words don't rouse some dormant thoughts  
Then you've just yourself to blame!  
Some smells that I remember best  
Are cinnamon and cloves,  
Elderberry jelly  
And yeasty, crusty loaves.  
The gingerbread-men cookies,  
The fragrant anise stars  
And the spicy apple butter  
Being ladled into jars...  
There's the sage and onion dressing  
In those plump and golden birds  
But the home-made mince-meat pie's allure  
Leaves me at a loss for words!  
The miles and years have dimmed the sights  
Some memories have gone...  
But the fragrances of Christmas  
Seem to linger on and on—

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## This -n- That

A new membership flyer has been developed by Bunny LaDuke; it's available at the Council House.

**Position Open:** Council Shop Director. We are in need of a member who would be interested in managing the Council Shop. Call Jan Keys if you think you're that person.

The *Garden Post* has a new publication schedule. The board is trying to keep the communications flowing between us. We are going to publish the *Post* November 1<sup>st</sup> to communicate all important Greens Sale information and then again on May 1<sup>st</sup> to inform you of the annual meeting plans and administrative change over, etc.

In the interim period email blitz will be the means of communicating. Please let your director know how this schedule works for you.

Sharon Robbins (349-4919) is collecting items to support troops overseas in conjunction with Blue Star Mothers. She is collecting socks, pens, paper, wipes, hand warmers, playing cards, etc. —also monetary donations to cover shipping cost. Call Sharon or bring items to dedication on November 11.

## VETERANS MEMORIAL PROJECT COMPLETED

*An Invitation To You All*



The Westwood Garden Club's Riverside Cemetery Veterans Memorial restoration project is almost complete. I urge all of you to drive into the cemetery and have a look. It is amazing what a group of women can accomplish with so much help from many in the community.

Plans are proceeding nicely for our dedication ceremony of the refurbished memorial. The ceremony will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015, Veterans Day, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The ceremony is being held in conjunction with the Sunrise Rotary Club's annual Kalamazoo County Veterans Day celebrations.

The American flag and each service flag will be raised for the first time during the ceremony by veterans associated with the Westwood Garden Club. The 126th Army Band's Minutemen Brass Quintet will perform for us. Parking will be available at St. Mary's church with free shuttle service to the site. Scott Thornburg, Professor of music at WMU, will perform the National Anthem and Taps on his trumpet. The Blue Star Memorial Marker, which was generously donated by the Kalamazoo Garden Council, will be dedicated. Jean Goetz, Michigan Blue Star Chairperson and Marilyn McIntosh, Michigan Garden Council President will participate in the dedication. Refreshments will follow at Fire Station #3 which is on the corner of Gull Road and Riverview Drive and visible from the site.

We are sending invitations to all local dignitaries, VFWs, American Legions, garden clubs and all contributors. We also invite all to attend the rededication of the Memorial. Many, many hours of hard physical work, sweat, travel, in-kind donations, brick purchases, contributions and much love have gone into the site to turn it into the Westwood Garden Club's dream of a fitting memorial dedicated to honouring all who have served, are serving and will serve in our Armed Forces to defend, protect and keep free these United States. Please plan to join us as we celebrate our veterans.

We will be on the Lori Moore Show on Friday, Nov. 6th and the WKZO morning show with Jim McKinney on Monday, Nov. 11th to invite the public.

On another note our members will also be at the Kalamazoo Expo Center craft show on Saturday, Nov. 21st from 9-4 working to raise funds to make the site handicap accessible. Come out and shop with us and show your support!

We thank you all for the support you have given us.

-Lorie Reed  
WWGC President

# Worms Eat My Garbage

Worms are an important part of the garden's ecosystem and if you would like to increase their role in your garden's ecosystem read on. There is an opportunity awaiting you.

Along with various microorganisms in the soil worms help convert waste organic matter into valuable rich humus and, by their movements, aerate the soil. Mary Applehof became intrigued with being able to use worms year around in her quest to recycle her kitchen garbage, a task that can not be accomplished outdoors in our freezing northern winters. After ordering a pound of red worms from a supplier she started experimenting with having worms in the house in a way that would be convenient and not smelly as the garbage waste sometimes becomes in the kitchen before taken to the trash can or the composting pit.

The results of all her experiments was a book about vermiculture (a name for worm composting.) Mary Appelhof wrote of the results of her 10 years of experiments in the 1982 book "Worms Eat My Garbage," giving directions on how best to set up and maintain a worm composting system. She spoke to the Kalamazoo Garden Council and we acquired her autographed book. [The Book is in the Council Library Call # 631.8 App]

After hearing Mary speak I became interested in the possibility of reducing our garbage and enriching the soil of our vegetable garden. I visited her home and learned more about 'growing worms' with my household garbage. First I had to build a box for their home. I purchased a 4' X 8' sheet of 5/8 inch CDX (exterior grade plywood). This was cut into 5 pieces: the bottom of the box 2' X 3', the 2 sides 12" X 3' and the 2 end pieces 12" X 22" thus using the whole sheet of plywood. Originally, I drilled holes in the bottom but in later models I eliminated the holes as the dirt never gets wet enough to need draining. Then the assembled box was well coated with an exterior polyurethane varnish both inside and outside.

The box was placed on wheels so I could move it a bit in the out of the way place in the basement where I stored it but this was just a convenience and is not necessary. To start I purchased a pound of red worms from Mary but from then on I grew my own worms. I assembled scrap sheets of cardboard and shredded newspaper plus buckets of regular garden dirt (not compost!) to make the bedding. The dirt was layered with the cardboard and some shredded paper or newspaper and the worms added in the middle until the box was about 2/3 to 3/4 full. Some additional water was added to moisten the dry paper products. I was now ready to feed the worms with the vegetable scraps leftover from preparing meals and leftovers from the table, being careful to not get meat, fat or bones in the mix. (The meat products can make a smell or attract vermin - though the worms don't mind it.)

The garbage from our family of 5 was slowly added to the box by digging a hole in a rotating fashion around the box with each hole carefully covered up. As the number of worms increased I could increase the amount of scraps added. Every 6 months, in about May and October, I would dig out the dirt, saving some of the balls of worms. Then I re-layered the box with at least half as much new dirt, cardboard, shredded paper and the saved balls of worms. The 'old dirt' or worm manure went to enrich the garden. Over time the build up of the 'worm manure' in a worm box will become toxic to the worms and they will suffer so it is important to regularly replace the old dirt depending on the amount of food you have been giving the worms will affect how often it will need to be done.

Worms need moisture, temperatures from 55- 70°F and ventilation. I cover the dirt in the box with a sheet of plastic loosely laid on top to prevent the dirt from drying out but not tight which would smother the worms. Occasionally I would stir up the dirt to redistribute less used dirt from the edges to the middle where the worms seem to prefer to be.

So I have happily enjoyed my worm box for the last 35 plus years. Unfortunately we will be moving into a smaller place and I need to find a new home for my worms and box. If you are interested in taking over my worm box call me, Jeannette Maxey 381-7650.



-Jeannette Maxey  
*Environmental Editor*

# HORTICULTURE

## Perennials- A Fresh Look

What will stand out in your garden this year? As I looked through the multitude of garden catalogs and magazines. I made a list of new plants that will hit the market. A few on my list I have ordered for Spring. Some will be placed in my shade garden and others will be added to my sunny cutting garden. When I am looking at new plants I consider growing conditions, size, color, floriferous, durability, bloom time and season of interest. I also try to read feedback from trial growers. As I have written before I have never met a plant I didn't want to try! The following perennials include some I have ordered for Spring planting. I will list them alphabetically for easier screening access.

**ANEMONE:** 'Pretty Lady Julia' This is the latest in the Pretty Lady series. Two things I liked it is a prolific and long lived perennial. It is packed with double 2" wide pink flowers with lemon yellow centers. 'Pretty Lady Julia' also works well in containers.

**BELAMCADA:** 'Gone with the Wind' This 5' tall yellow lily blooms all summer and produces clusters of blackberry like seeds in the fall. I have ordered this one to add to my orange selection.

**CAMPANULA:** 'Iridescent Bells' I like this 30" tall perennial with its dark red buds, opening to lavender blooms. The plant has 30 blooms on each shoot and produces flowers from Spring to Summer. The colors give the plant a two-toned effect. It is an excellent cut flower. I must also mention 'Ringsabell Mulberry Rose', another great Campanula. It is a standout.-only 6" tall with large pendant rose pink flowers. Looks great at the front of a border or in a container.

**COREOPSIS:** 'Mercury Rising' Instead of yellows it is a brilliant red color blooming from Spring to Fall. Flowers and foliage make it a nice addition to bouquets as well as gardens.

**ECHINACEA:** 'Cheyenne Spirit' This new Coneflower which earned a 2013 All-American Selection, features 2' tall flowers shades of purple, pink, red, orange, yellow, cream and white. It's drought and heat tolerant and deer leave it alone. Butterflies and bees love it. Try it what's not to love.

**GERANIUM:** 'Azure Rush' I have many hardy Geraniums throughout my cutting garden furnishing blooms all Summer into the Fall. This new plant has 2 1/2" light blue flowers from May to frost. It has a compact well branched habit and will thrive in hot sunny places in your garden.

**HEUCHERA:** 'Paprika' If you like it hot this is a must! It has been touted as having a tropical appeal. Large, warm, glowing cherry-coral foliage will stop visitors to your garden in their tracks. Try this with some of the other cooler colored Heuchera.

**HIBISCUS:** 'Midnight Marvel' This showy hibiscus has huge deep red flowers but it is the dark purple maple shaped leaves that make it a standout. It is 4' tall and produces 8-9" flowers. I have 4 hibiscus in my cutting garden and they are an eye-catcher. 'Midnight Marvel' is a stunning border plant.

**LAVANDULA:** 'Phenomenal' This hybrid flowers in midsummer and has exceptional winter survival. Long spikes(32" tall) wave above it's mound of silver foliage. Cut it fresh for bouquets and sachets or dry it equally well.

**LEUCANTHEMUM:** 'Freak' This new Shasta daisy has fluffy 2-2½" wide flowers creating layers of white. The dark toothy leaves make the flowers POP. In really hot areas it can benefit from partial shade. Remove faded flowers to encourage new blooms.

**LIGULARIA:** 'Bottle Rocket' What a great name for this new perfectly proportioned plant with its mustard colored flowers held on chocolate stems at the top of dense clumps of foliage. The flowers are held like a bouquet in the center of the clump and it has many flowering stems. I have the parent 'Little Rocket' and 'Bottle Rocket' supposedly does not wilt in heat.

**MONARDA:** 'Pardon My Purple' Bring on the butterflies and bees! It features fuchsia-purple flowers blooming in mid-summer. This petite Monarda grows only 12" and is perfect for the front of the flower border. Place it with its relative 'Pardon my Pink' for a really vibrant look.



**PANICUM VIRGATUM:** 'Cheyenne Sky' Measuring in at 2-3" this grass is absolutely ideal for growing in decorative containers. It has a tight, vase shaped clump of blue-green foliage that begins turning wine red in early summer. In late summer it has matching wine-red panicles held above the foliage. A very versatile specimen, it looks great in masses used for screen or alongside water.

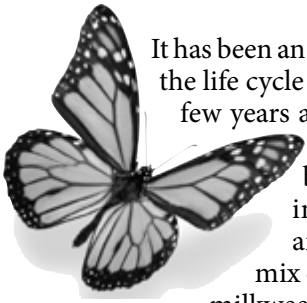
**PENNISETUM:** 'Cherry Sparkler' In zone 5 this would be treated as an annual. I mention it here because it is perfect for containers. Its green and pink spears take on a green, purple, cream intensity, changing with the light. It is a spectacular plant and may be sold out if you look for it.

**SEDUM:** 'Blue Pearl' I use sedum, tall and short, in many areas of my sunny cutting garden. I also use it often in bouquets. Blue pearl grows 20" tall and is a non-fading intense blue and blooms summer thru fall. It is good for small spaces containers or accents. Another small sedum from the same source; 'Pure Joy' has small blue-green leaves with deeper pink seed heads. Plant it with 'Blue Pearl' for a WOW in the garden. Look for these new perennials in your local nurseries or order on line. Try at least one of the new introductions. It is fun just to see what it will do in YOUR garden. Watch it grow!

-Cleora Mohney  
Horticulture Editor



## Monarch Butterflies This Year In Our Yard



It has been an amazing adventure as we followed the life cycle of our 'own' monarch butterfly. A few years ago, aware that monarchs were in decline due to a combination of bad weather, illegal timber cutting in Mexico, drought in the south and loss of habitat Bill planted a mix of common milkweed and swamp milkweed in the backyard creating a small milkweed way station. Just a small bed 3 ft. by 20 ft. behind our garage has produced lots of caterpillars this year!

The monarchs which leave Mexico in early spring go thru 4 generations as they come north, feeding exclusively on various species of milkweed. The adults live up to 6 weeks and lay their eggs which hatch becoming caterpillars which then pupate before emerging as new butterflies that take the next leap north. They get this far north by the end of July or early August. It is this northern generation which is non-breeding and which makes the migration back to Mexico where they overwinter in large masses hanging from a particular type of tree. Each generation is, of course, important and Bill decided that he would do his little bit to assist in their survival in the north country. Most years we have seen a few monarchs around our yard but last year was the worst .... when we never saw a monarch at all.

This year, 2015, however, we have had a bonanza. For about a week we saw one or 2 monarch butterflies each day flitting about the yard. Afterwards the common and swamp milkweeds in the back yard were alive with eggs, caterpillars and pupae.

The caterpillars shed their skin 5 times as they grow. Each of these states is called an instar and each has markedly different coloring at least according to the books. We have not seen when they shed their skin between instar stages (they eat it immediately to maximize their nutrition). Once we discovered eggs on some of the milkweed leaves (one tiny egg per leaf), we have gone around the yard regularly checking the number of caterpillars. We have found as many as 7 or 8 on different plants at the same time. They move around so that we are never sure where we will find them next. In a few cases eggs had been laid on small plants which were pretty much stripped by a hungry caterpillar.

On August 10th looking through the kitchen window, Bill saw a monarch obviously laying eggs (flutter, land on the edge of a leaf, quickly bend the body up under the leaf and pop out an egg, then flutter to another leaf) Bill went out and turned over a leaf to find the single, tiny, light green egg (size of a pinhead.) Bill was delighted to see it but he was also too rough as the leaf broke off, so Bill brought it inside and placed it in a jar. We watched this egg for 4 days; then it hatched on August 14 into the tiniest imaginable caterpillar. It had almost no stripes and only knobs or dots where the front and back tentacles (sensing organs) would be. All signs of the egg disappeared as the little caterpillar eats its

egg shell too. In the 2nd instar some of the coloring starts to appear and the tentacle nubs start to grow a little. At the 3rd instar some of the bands are more pronounced and the tentacles are a little longer. The coloring is brighter and the banding is the distinct monarch pattern with the tentacles grown to 5 mm. The changes each day were remarkable.

So we "baby-sat" a caterpillar and Jeannette photographed the amazing daily changes of the caterpillar marveling as it doubled at least every day. In the 5th instar the caterpillar stripes are bigger, colors more vivid and their skin looks velvety. The final front tentacles are 11 mm and the caterpillar is 1 inch to 1 ½ inches long growing usually to about 2" in length.

When ready to pupate the caterpillars find a desirable underside of a leaf and attach themselves to it hanging in a J-shape. Within 24 hours our little caterpillar turned into a bright green chrysalis taking only a couple hours to make this amazing change. The skin of the caterpillar splits and slowly the green chrysalis emerges and the striped skin disappears. It is an amazing transformation but in addition there is a little row of golden shining dots on the shoulder of the chrysalis and several dots further down, giving it a decorative touch. These appear to have no reason for being and remain on the chrysalis shell when the butterfly emerges. Once the caterpillar is in the chrysalis it will take 10 - 14 days to complete the metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly.

On August 20th we found 2 chrysalis's outside on different milkweed plants. (The chrysalis is a pupated form from which the next generation of butterfly will emerge) so we brought them inside and protected them until, on August 31st - 2 weeks later, they hatched out as brand new monarchs. As the 2 weeks drew to an end the bright green chrysalis started to darken and on the 14th day became quite black. On closer inspection the colorful pattern of a monarch wing could be seen through the skin of the chrysalis. At this point the emergence is a fast process. We missed the actual emergence but found the butterfly hanging on the chrysalis slowly stretching and drying its wings. After about 3 hours of hanging and occasionally waving their initially limp wings, the butterflies began practice flaps of their wings and made a short jaunt then flew away. Based on our sample size of 1 it promises to be an exciting year. Bill hopes that is the case and that some of 'our' butterflies will join with millions of others as they head up to 2,800 miles to the mountain forests of Mexico where they winter. Whether they make it or not we have delighted in sharing in their amazing transformation!

We found 12 Chrysalis and have seen 11 fly away - a lot more of the caterpillars have hidden their chrysalis so who knows how many came from our yard this year.

Learn more - [http://www.wildcenter.org/tag?gclid=CMeJ9syd2ccCFQoLaQodoRcHJwt\(A.Z\)Cti](http://www.wildcenter.org/tag?gclid=CMeJ9syd2ccCFQoLaQodoRcHJwt(A.Z)Cti).

-Jeanette Maxey  
Environmental Chair





# NEW “GARDEN GIFTS & TOOLS” PROGRAM TO BEGIN



Three goals of the Kalamazoo Garden Council Board have converged to result in a new KGC program, “Garden Gifts & Tools.”

1. At a recent Michigan Garden Clubs District III Meeting attendees heard about the value of ergonomic garden tools and saw how these tools can make gardening much easier and more comfortable. In a quest to locate a source for these types of tools we discovered the need for a single supplier to make these items easily available at reasonable prices.
2. KGC Board members have been seeking methods to sustain the annual operations budget on a continuing basis without requiring a tremendous amount of volunteer effort. We believe “Garden Gifts & Tools” may help meet that goal.
3. Adding value for KGC members is a continuing objective for the KGC Board which enthusiastically supported the establishment of a new KGC “Garden Gifts & Tools” program. Ergonomic garden gifts and tools will be offered at a discount and delivered directly to the recipient’s door.

The Kalamazoo Garden Council is now a qualified distributor for the Portland, Oregon-based Zenport Industries. Zenport Industries is a reputable company that stands behind their products. The Zenport website (www.ZenportIndustries.com) displays hundreds of products related to gardening, farming and outdoor activities. KGC has selected some of these products which will be featured for sale on our KGC website. Other Zenport products are also available to KGC members for purchase.

The list and details on the “Garden Gift and Tools” which Kalamazoo Garden Council is featuring will soon be emailed to all members. Those products will also be displayed with prices on the KGC website where members will be able to order and pay for items with a credit card. In the meantime the items are now available for sale by check or credit card.

The “Garden Gifts & Tools” are being offered at very reasonable prices, with Michigan sales tax and credit card fees covered by KGC (a 6%+ savings). All items will be shipped directly to the recipient for a minimum shipping charge of \$6.00 for a small item that will fit into a USPS flat rate box. (For example, a standard ratchet pruner will cost the member \$10.23 plus \$6.00 in shipping for total cost of \$16.23, a reasonable cost.) Larger items such as loppers will require a \$12.00 minimum shipping charge. If customer orders multiple items/there will be a break on shipping.

We will adjust the program as we move forward to best meet the needs of KGC and its members. We will be showing and offering some KGC “Garden Gifts & Tools” during the Greens Sale. Customers will also be able to place and pay for orders during the Greens Sale, to be shipped directly to recipients within the following week.

All orders can now be mailed with a check to Garden Gifts, 5333 N. Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49004. Orders can also be emailed to [rhladuke@aol.com](mailto:rhladuke@aol.com) with credit card info phoned to Bunny LaDuke at 269-808-2206. If you would like to receive an electronic order form or description and prices of the 25 items we are featuring please contact Bunny.

## Save The Date

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### LANDSCAPING DESIGN SCHOOL COMING TO OUR AREA

The Landscape Garden Club is sponsoring a landscape design school series beginning October 24-25, 2016. Petal Pushers GC has volunteered to assist—it takes a village. This school will be held at Haven Reformed Church on Sprinkle Rd. This is your chance to attend close to home so save the date and make your plans now!

### *Directory Changes-*

Marilyn Hartley-Kik was omitted from Landscape Design Consultants Listing; she is a Master. Jan St. Jon is Emeritus (same list)



# Greens, Greens, Greens Sale

Deck the Expo Center with boughs of Holly, Fa La La La La. Yes, there's no turning back but who would want to. We're having way too much fun, expending way too much energy but all for wonderful causes, especially this year, if you get my drift!

I know most Clubs are well underway with their Club projects and our Workshops are in full swing thanks to Connie Marlatt, Sherree Riggelman, Pat Ira, Lynn Dinvald, Carol Beckius and Amy Nelson. I hope many of you have or will take advantage of them. You will be making a major share of items for the Sale.

Everyone has an opportunity to participate in the actual set-up and sale. By now sign up sheets have been distributed to each Club. I hope you remember the day, time & what you signed up for. If not or if you can add a time, please email or call me. This is important so we have coverage for each job. It's also such a nice opportunity to get to know other Club members and really have lots of fun. You know what they say about all work and no play. Well we believe that. What's more we have wonderful snacks to enjoy with fellow members while working. *(You can sign up to provide these also.)*

Our Preview Party plans look very exciting. Don't forget to share your tickets with friends and if you're not working it do attend. We are hoping our Silent Auction will be a major fundraiser this year so have added a new twist to it, as well as having some familiarity. You'll have to see it to believe it and all while you enjoy some wonderful music provided, by the Ken Morgan Group and partake of some delightful snacks.

Of course the Sale will only be as good as we all make it. It's a major collaborative effort and your advertising it, working it and enjoying it will totally affect the outcome.

So many thanks to each and everyone one of you, especially our Co-chairs, and Committee Chairs.

-Barb Smith

SEE YOU AT THE SALE!

## Greens Sale Schedule\*\*

### WORKSHOPS

- October 26 .....Swags & Pine Cones. Chair- Connie Marlatt; Co-Chair- Sherree Riggelman
- November 2 .....Fresh Green Arrangements. Chair- Pat Ira
- November 9 .....Bow Making. Chair- Lynn Dinvald
- November 16 .....Tie-Ons for Swags & Wreaths. Chair- Carol Beckius
- November 23 .....Kissing Balls. Chair- Connie Marlatt; Co-Chair- Amy Nelson

### WORKSHOPS

- December 1 .....Move in & set-up 10 a.m. Members deliver/sort greens and twigs; business orders prepared; swags assembly.
- December 2 .....Room set-up; Greens delivery continues; fresh green arrangements made; swags assembled; unique designs judged.
- December 3 .....Set-up Preview Party; swags assembly and greens bundling from 9 a.m. along with fresh greens arrangements. Break from 2-4 p.m.. Preview Party 5-8 p.m. (silent auction closes at 7 p.m.)
- December 4 .....Greens Sale open to the public 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- December 5 .....Greens Sale open to the public 9 a.m. – Noon. Tear down begins at 1 p.m.

\*\* See pp. 30-31 in your Directory for complete details

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