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Montana Federation Garden Club Member of the Year
Glenna Waltee

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A MESSAGE FROM MFGC

President Denise Fink



Denise Fink at 77th MFGC Convention

Honor the Past, Embrace the Future

As we approach Fall, we prepare for changes. We clean our flower beds, harvest and process our produce, take out our shovels and repair the snowblower, cover our tender perennials and plant bulbs for the glorious unveiling of spring. Our lives are about change also, and we should reflect on what change means as garden club members. ***Have we adapted to the needs of new members in 2014?*** Our best resource to answer this question is to ask our members. ***Why do you belong to garden club? What do you want more of? What projects do you like? What don't you like?*** We see many good changes, for instance, more male members. It's always great to get fresh perspectives. How about youth? Embrace the future, start a youth club today. We have a lot of clubs with youth clubs who can help you with programs and projects.

To honor the past I have asked the club president's to gather names and information on their charter members. We will have a special honor at Fall Board for those members and their stories to recognize their contributions and compile their memories of starting out.

I want to extend a big ***"Thank You"*** to Joyce Hendricks and everyone within the Billings garden clubs who made our convention such a great success. Let us embrace change and plan for a future where our members are happy, involved, and appreciated. It's the love of what we do that will help us to grow. ***So enjoy the Fall colors and be grateful for all of our friends in gardening.***

Denise Fink, President
Montana Federation of Garden Clubs

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Cover Story

GLENNA WALTEE HONORED AS MFGC Garden Club Member of the Year

Glenna and her husband live on flat land along the Jefferson River in Whitehall, Montana. She has lived all over the country, from Alaska to Washington, DC. But, never has she had such challenges as those in Whitehall. Poor soil, gusting winds, sub-zero temperatures and many hungry critters to name just a few. While her home was under construction, Glenna began planning her yard and gardens. She wanted to make it natural and inviting to family and guests. The first year the lawns were put in; raised vegetable beds were added the following year using a picture from a gardening book as a guide and trees were planted to attract birds. Lilacs were planted to provide a windbreak from the blistering winter winds and additional shrubs were added. It wasn't until a deer fence was installed that the lilacs and everything else began to grow and fill in.

A local plant sale was the start of Glenna's flowerbeds and she has added to the gardens every year. Almost all the flowers in the Waltee gardens are perennials.

Over the years, Glenna has attended Landscape School, Flower Show School and numerous symposiums and seminars, all which have helped her to create a yard that offers areas to relax, entertain and enjoy the colorful gardens throughout the summer, fall, winter and spring. One such garden design is located in her backyard. Using slightly curved bricks from an old smoke stack in Anaconda, Glenna designed a circular herb garden with sections divided by walkways. A center area was created to hold an outdoor fire pit for family and friends to enjoy on cool evenings. Culinary herbs are right outside for easy access when cooking. Flowers placed in strategic areas add additional color to the appeal of the garden.

It is always a full house when the Whitehall Garden Club holds a meeting at Glenna's home. There's always something new and beautiful to see. She is very gracious to visitors and many times offers them cuttings and seed from her garden to take home with them. Spreading the love of flowers and gardening is a characteristic of Glenna that is evident when you meet her.

The Whitehall Garden Club is very proud and fortunate to have such an enthusiastic and knowledgeable member: Glenna Waltee as Garden Club Member of the Year.

Cover Photo: Glenna Waltee; Master Gardener, Certified Flower Show Judge, Landscaper, and Community Volunteer! Even this doesn't cover half of what Glenna does and can do!

REGIONAL RMR DIRECTOR

Beverly Heidelberger



Beverly Heidelberger Rocky Mountain Regional Director spoke on her theme, *"Tread Lightly on Land and Water"* at the Montana Federation of Garden Clubs 2014 annual convention in Billings, Montana.

She related how her home in Spencer, South Dakota was totally devastated in a tornado. She and her husband lost three homes and four cars. Beverly relayed how the entire town was wiped out and people died in the tragedy. However, when the government came in to clean up they scraped up everything, including the topsoil. Water sites were obliterated, all the trees, bushes, grasses, were gone and under the ground was all sorts of debris. A person would dig a hole to plant a tree and come upon metal saws. It has taken years to reestablish soil and begin to reclaim the land.

This taught Beverly and her husband how valuable our environment is. They both became Master Gardeners to gain the knowledge to help with restoration. They are finally getting vegetable gardens that produce, but in some areas the trees die when planted.

"Sometimes you have to find out what was under the ground previously to solve the problem," said Beverly. She reminded everyone that her Award of Regional Excellence is due and asks each club president to write a paragraph on what their club is doing to *"Tread Lightly on Land and Water"* and send it to the state chairman (Annie Mollock email: dragonflydragonfly@yahoo.com) by August this year.

Those MFGC members who attended the State Convention thoroughly enjoyed visiting with both Beverly and her husband. Let's work to support her regional theme and assist your local club president in preparing an Award of Excellence.



District Meetings

MFGC District meetings continued across the state in April and May. These included **District 12–Eastern Gateway** with the Glendive Garden Club and Miles City Garden Club; **District 7–Hi Line** with Gumbo Gals of Nashua, Bullhook Blossoms of Havre, Jumping Junipers of Chinook, and Malta Dirt Daubers; **District 8–East Central** with Lewistown Garden Club; **District 10–Yellowstone** with Hoe and Hope of Big Timber, Thumb-R-Green, and Sow and Grow; **District 4–Lewis and Clark** with the Belgrade Garden Club, Gallatin Empire Garden Club, Helena Garden Club, and Townsend Garden Club. **District 3–Southwestern** with the Dillon Garden Club, Anaconda Garden Club, Butte Garden Study Group and Whitehall Garden Club.



Glendive Garden Club



Lewistown Garden Club



Dillon Garden Club



Miles City Garden Club



Townsend Garden Club



Belgrade Garden Club



Nashua Gumbo Gals



Big Timber Hoe & Hope



Malta Dirt Daubers



Helena Garden Club



Billings Sow & Grow



Havre Bullhook Blossoms



Butte Garden Study Group



Anaconda Garden Club



Whitehall Garden Club



Billings Thumb-R-Green



Chinook Jumping Junipers



Gallatin Empire Garden Club

Membership Corner

by Vanette Nagamori, MFGC Membership Chairman

You always want to show enthusiasm about your club! Another way to get attention and draw new members is to place club brochures and business cards where active people congregate. These are tools where you can list phone numbers, contact names, list various programs and projects your club has and advantages of belonging to a garden club. This is one of the reasons we started the state contest for the best Garden Club Brochure. **For the best garden club brochure, we will present the winner a \$25 award at the upcoming Fall Board Meeting.**

THIS CONTEST IS OPEN TO ALL CLUBS

The brochure will be limited to a single sheet of 8 ½ x 11 paper that may be printed on one or both sides, folded or flat. It must include the following information:

- Club Goals and Objectives
- Club Sponsored Projects
- Contact Information for Meetings

You are free to include anything else you would like. Entries will be judged on clarity, organization, presentation, creativity and overall design.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1st

You may start distributing your brochure immediately! Remember one person cannot promote the club by themselves: it takes a team to plan and implement public relations. Are you the Membership Chairman of your club? If so, send your contact information to me at:

Vanette Nagamori
P.O. Box 146
Loma, Montana 59460
Phone 406-622-5356



NATIONAL NGC BEE GAP PROJECT

Add Mason Bees to your garden, you can get started for \$40 or less. This is a great fund raiser for your club. You can purchase for 30 percent off and sell locally or your club can sign up for a discount code and you will automatically receive 5 percent of the sales from that code and the people you refer to Crown Bees will get a 5 percent discount. Join the Crown Bees Speakers Bureau. All materials are provided. Share your excess bees with Crown Bees. It makes money for you and your club and goes to a good cause. Plus they pollinate your fruit and vegetables.

For more information, please contact:
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406-439-5206

PLAN TO ATTEND ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL MEETING

RMR Roundup

September 12th & 13th, 2014
Colorado Springs Marriott
Colorado Springs, Colorado

For more information, please contact:

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This and That

by Linda Sadler



Today, we are in Spokane at Northland Rosarium Nursery. Jim is judging the Spokane Rose Society show. I am nestled in a gazebo room of which the walls are pink old fashioned roses with purple clematis climbing on trellises. It is so peaceful, quiet and fragrant. Roses are blooming everywhere in all colors. This award winning nursery and garden is known

for its varieties of roses. Garden rooms and statues are strategically placed throughout the garden. This nursery is not ordinary.

Beauty is not only in the garden. It can be found anywhere one looks. We found beauty at our state convention with friends, doing business and in the receiving of awards.

Approximately 200 awards were submitted this year. Over \$1,500 was awarded. Many thanks are given to those who submitted awards. This year's winners are posted on the web page. Remember to plan for 2015. The award descriptions will be on line this fall. Think ahead to next year and plan now.

Thought for the day—Beautiful flowers and great friends truly brighten the day.

2014 Convention Highlights



The 77th Annual Convention of the Montana Federation of Garden Clubs "Gardening is Healthy" was called to order on Friday, June 20 with President Denise Fink presiding. The **Invocation** was given by Norm DeNeal, Chaplain and The **Colors** were presented by The Young Marines. The **Welcome** was given by Tom Hanel, Billings Mayor with the **Welcome Response** given by Jim Sadler.

President Denise Fink introduced her **Officers** at the head table and **RMR Director** Beverly Heidleberger. President Denise thanked **Joyce Hendricks** and the **Billings Area Garden Clubs** for hosting the convention. Preliminary Reports were given and Rules adopted and approved.

Glenna Waltee from the Whitehall Garden Club was presented the Garden Club member of the Year Tiara and a beautiful **Memorial Service** was conducted by Norm DeNeal.

MFGC Elected Officers Denise Fink, President; Linda Sadler, 1st Vice President; Joyce Hendricks, 2nd Vice President; Glenna Waltee, Treasurer; and Lynne Mahon, Recording Secretary presented their reports followed by reports from **District Directors and Club Presidents** within those Districts.

The members of the nominating committee were voted on by voting membership present. The following will be serving with Chairman Phyllis White as the Nominating Committee: **Judy Rente, Pat Biggs, Kathy Waters, Anna Brandt, Fay Weber, Donna Dowell and Mary Olsen.**

A luncheon honoring **Past Presidents, District Directors and Garden Club Member of the Year** was hosted by Sow & Grow and Thumb-R-Green Garden Clubs.

Following the continuation of District Director and Club President's reports, **State Chairman Reports** completed the Friday afternoon business session. On Friday afternoon MFGC members had the option of attending two workshops: "**Yoga for Gardeners**" and "**Attracting Native Bees to Your Garden**" or taking one of many **self-guided tours** which included visits to the **Bobi in Steel Sculpture Patio Garden in Laurel; Zoo Montana, or Tina & Daughters Iris Garden.**

A special **Dedication of a Tree** planted in memory of Shirley Spiddle was conducted at Pioneer Park early on Friday evening. Fun was had by all during the **Life Member's Dinner**. Dressed in their favorite "Trick or Treat" costume, Life Members paraded for costume prizes. Life Member Chair Susan Woods presided over the evening's fun-filled program and awarded rose pins.

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2014 Convention Highlights

On Saturday morning the business session continued with State Chairman reports. 1st VP Linda Sadler presided at the **State Awards Luncheon**. Final reports including the Registration Report, the Credentials Report, New Business and the Proposed Budget were given on Saturday Afternoon. A special invitation in song by members of the Great Falls and Dearborn garden clubs was led by Conference Co-Chair, Patricia Schlaeger inviting everyone to attend the 2015 convention to be held in Great Falls, Montana. Saturday afternoon workshops included *“Fun with Fruit Leather”* and *“Creating Habitat for Native Bees”* and took in the self-guided tours including Billings Gardens.

The Saturday evening program began with the “Parade of Club Presidents” and “District Directors.” Honored guests were introduced. The evening program presided by MFGC President Denise Fink. The keynote speaker was RMR Regional Director, Beverly Heidelberger who spoke to the group on her theme *“Tread Lightly on Land and Water.”*

Awards Chairman Linda Sadler presented National and RMR Awards to clubs and individuals. Final Registration and Credentials Reports were given and the Courtesy Resolution was given by Sherry Corneliusen. Music was provided by Ron Hendricks. The Benediction was given by Norm DeNeal, Chaplain and the session was adjourned. A dessert reception honoring RMR Director Beverly Heidelberger followed.

2014 PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS

GARDEN CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Glenna Waltee, Whitehall Garden Club

GARDENER OF THE YEAR

Don Hettinger, Townsend Garden Club

MFGC STATE CHAIRMAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Mary Olson, Townsend Garden Club

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Recognizing a non-MFGC Member

Karen Brower, Pipestone, Montana



A Special Thank You to Joyce Hendricks and the Thumb-R-Green and Sow and Grow Garden Clubs for an outstanding convention!



Montana Federal Garden Club Fall Board

Information and Registration



Recycle Today for a Better Tomorrow

October 17th–18th, 2014

Great Northern Hotel, 2 South 1st East, Malta, MT

Friday Afternoon, October 17

2:20 Finance Committee (MFGC Elected State Officers)

3:30 Executive Committee (MFGC Elected and Appointed State Officers)

3:30 Nominating Committee

4:15 Judges Council

6:30 Wine and Hors d'oeuvres Social, Home of Jane Ereaux, 1529 Highway 191 South
Everyone is welcome!

Saturday, October 18

8:30 Registration and Complimentary Breakfast

9:30 Board of Directors Meeting—Call to Order (open to all attendees)

12:15 Lunch and Rocky Mountain Region Award Presentations

1:15 Board of Directors Meeting Resumes

2:30 Dedication of Malta's Blue Star Marker

5:30 No Host Dinner at the Great Northern Hotel

Registration \$22. + Lunch = \$37.00 Guest Lunch = \$15. Total Enclosed \$_____

___ I will attend the no host dinner on Saturday at 5:30pm.

Registration is due October 10th (add late fee \$5.00 after deadline).

Make checks payable to Malta Dirt Daubers Garden Club, Box 1024, Malta, MT 59538

Accommodations available at the Great Northern Hotel (1-406-654-2100).

Double occupancy \$76. or King \$71.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Club: _____ E-mail: _____

Check all that apply:

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MFGC 2013 Fall Board Meeting Minutes

**OCTOBER 12, 2013
MISSOULA, MONTANA**

Call to Order: 10:30 a.m. by President Denise Fink

Invocation: Norm DeNeal, MFGC Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance: Missoula Boy Scout Troop 1911

Welcome: Donna Dowell, Missoula Garden Club President

Changes/Additions to Agenda: MFGC Committee Reports, add “/Dearborn” after Executive Committee Reports and remove Jane Ereaux and add Lynne Mahan as presenter for Long Range Planning report. Switch the order of Jubilee Grants and Awards. Add two reports: Facebook Pages, Annie Mollock and Birds and Habitats by Nelone Nilson.

Introductions: Glenna Waltee, Treasurer; Lynne Mahan, Recording Secretary; Darlene Skari, Parliamentarian; Linda Sibley, 1st Vice-President; Joyce Hendricks, 2nd Vice-President; Denise Fink, President

Credentials Report: Jim Sadler – 7 State Officers, 8 District Directors, 7 Club Presidents, 10 State Chairmen, 5 Advisory Council members for a total of 46 members in attendance

Past Presidents Present: Norm DeNeal, Ruth Layton, Mary McLane, Darlene Skari, and Phyllis White

Quorum and Standing Rules: Parliamentarian Darlene Skari declared a quorum

Timekeeper: Cheryl Carroll

Committee to Approve Minutes of 2013 Convention: Joyce Hendricks approved the Minutes as printed in the Fall 2013 Montana Gardens

Treasurer’s Report: Glenna presented the mid-term Financial Report and moved to have it accepted as printed, Motion carried.

State Officer Reports:

President Denise Fink pointed out that her theme, “Honor the Past and Embrace the Future,” encourages club projects to have something old or something new in their content. Denise learned at National Fall Board that Linda Nelson has assigned chairman positions for each aspect of the Conservation Pledge: air, water, forest, land, and wildlife. Living in Montana, there are plenty of awards/projects to choose relating to these items. Linda also has created a grant to bring top notch speakers to the local clubs. Annie Mollock is chairman for the RMR project and Joyce Hendricks is chairman for the National project. Denise encouraged everyone to pursue the displays along the side walls of our meeting room. Vision of Beauty calendars were available for sale. Darlene Skari serves on a National committee that selects the photographs for this calendar.

1st VP Linda Sadler shared her involvement with Rocky Mountain Region activities: annual meeting in Salt Lake City and RMR Treasurer. She will be distributing regional awards for Montana later in the meeting. Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl posters were on display in the meeting room. Linda treats her duties as Awards Chairman as a learning experience. She feels becoming an officer really teaches one the “ins and outs” of garden club from National down to the local clubs.

2nd VP Joyce Hendricks encouraged clubs to consider applying for a National President’s award being that there are such a broad selection of topics. Joyce invited us to convention in Billings. Denise suggested Spa baskets to go along with the Convention theme, “Gardening is Healthy.”

MFGC Chairman Reports:

Executive Committee recommended the Dearborn Garden Club be moved in Central District 5. Explanation by Denise Fink and motion by Phyllis White, approved. Lynne Mahan read the revised policy wherein \$500 is transferred from the General Fund to the Flower Show School fund for each school and moved to adopt the policy. Motion carried.

Jubilee Grants: This is the final year for Jubilee Grants. We will shift over to National President Linda Nelson’s project. Making a World of Difference—Choices Matter. Norm DeNeal showed a video of the last three MFGC Jubilee Grant winners (\$200 each) accomplishments: **Anaconda Garden Club** built an all-white flower garden in Anaconda’s Kennedy Commons. The plantings are Zone 3 hardy and deer resistant. **Butte Garden Study Group** created a small pond with a water feature by the Whittier Wildcat Junior Gardeners. **Whitehall Garden Club** established a “Plant-It-Pink” garden on the Ambulance building grounds to honor breast cancer survivors.

Awards: Linda Sadler, Chairman. Every Chairman on the Agenda today has some form of an award for club members to utilize. Some of the monetary awards have been increased, making it more worthwhile to apply for the awards. Application deadlines are: National awards December 1, RMR awards April 15, Yearbook awards November 1 (Sharon Miller, Chair). The award application is limited to three pages each award. Linda has assigned a chairman for each Award Category A thru E, and they are listed in the Awards section of the 2013-2015 Directory.

MFGC 2013 Fall Board Meeting Minutes

Speaker's Bureau: Clear speakers you want added to the Bureau with Linda Clark, Chairman.

Linda Nelson Educational Grant: Linda Clark said up to \$200 per club annually is available for obtaining Speaker's Bureau presenters and be reimbursed to cover expenses. Glenna added that the entire Grant allowance for MFGC is \$1,000. The intent of this grant is to get members to utilize the Speaker's Bureau and Video Library. Reimbursements for speakers outside the Bureau will require Executive Committee approval.

Flower Show School: Susan Billmeyer's report was given by Sherry Cornelliussen and is on file. Mary Kempf, Joyce Hendricks, and Carol Works will take the test to become a judge on October 24, 2013. Sherry invited people to attend the July 9/10 Symposium in Great Falls, which is being chaired by Luanna Maxwell. Topics of study are petunias and daylilies, and design will be employing underwater and illuminary techniques. The horticulture instructor is David Robson, Illinois, and the design instructor will be Claudia Chopp, Wisconsin/Florida.

Member Services/National Life Members: Carol Works displayed goods/literature available to members through National; Carol alerted us about free Apps on the website www.gardenclub.org. She encouraged members to join National Life Members for a one-time fee of \$200, which funds a \$3,500 scholarship annually.

Bees, Wildflowers, Pollinator: Sue Leferink has utilized Garden Club grants to design, plant, and install a certified wildlife habitat native plant demonstration garden in Helena called Montana Wild. The Montana Native Plant Society is also an avenue for awards/funding tied to wildflowers. The new Girl Scout Wildflower patch (\$1.75 each) is a great way to interact with our youth and teach them about wildflowers. NCGC's native bee project called BGAP (bee gardeners and pollinators). Sue listed a number of innovative and lucrative ways to use Mason bees for fundraisers: become a speaker, grower, seller of pollinator bees. She encouraged us to provide habitat for solitary bees in our yards. MFGC has partnered with Crown Bees to allow members to attend Bee School and receive Bee Mail.

Membership: Lynne Mahan gave this report for Jackie Preedom, Chairman. Jackie wants to start a contest among MFGC clubs who submit a brochure about their goals and achievements. She is thinking \$25 might be the prize for best brochure.

Life Members: Lynne Mahan gave this report for Susan Woods, Chairman. Seven members have joined since convention, six of whom have contributed to the Rose program already. The two Great Falls clubs contributed to the "Dollars for Scholars" program.

Facebook Page: Susan Andrews gave this report for Annie Mollock, Chairman. Annie reports that there are 376 members on the page.

Birds and Habitats: Nelone Nilsen lives along the Smith River and has identified many birds that weren't supposed to be in this part of the United States: a Cardinal and Evening Grosbeaks, for example. She suggests keeping a specific bird scrapbook, noting the first sighting and where/when it appears again.

Past President Phyllis White wears many hats since leaving office as MFGC president: mtfgc.org webmaster, Nominating Committee Chair for both Montana and National, and liaison for Zone 4 magazine. A web page is available to each club at no charge; these pages require being updated by their club, both words and pictures. Notify Phyllis if you want to use the site for advertising an upcoming event for \$10 or have your club events placed on the calendar page. Our website has been accessed over 39,000 times since inception. Seven new members were approved by the Nominating Committee and will be elected at the 2014 Convention. She is also chairman of NGC's Nominating Committee and will share any useful information that we can use for MFGC's purposes. A Nominating Committee Procedure manual is in the works by Phyllis. Phyllis would like any inputs to the National President's quarterly newsletter which is sent electronically to every MFGC President, who in turn should distribute it to each member. The Zone 4 magazine partnership is continuing. Five dollars of subscriptions flagged as an MFGC member will go to our Awards fund, earning over \$200 in nine months for us.

Fun with Linda and Denise: Linda handed out eleven Regional awards some of whom netted \$50 for the recipient. Denise reviewed the handouts she received from National on conducting an effective meeting and various topics we can take back and use in our individual clubs.

Announcements:

Invitation to Annual Tea/Bazaar, Great Falls Flower Growers, December 5, 2013, 11:30 a.m. at 2001 Central Avenue in Great Falls. Theme: "Toy Land"

Invitation to 2014 Convention, Joyce Hendricks and Bobbie Meyers, hostesses, June 21 and 22, 2014 at the Billings Holiday Inn. Theme: "Gardening is Healthy"

Montana Symposium 2014, hosted by Great Falls Flower Growers and Rainbow Garden Club, July 9, 10 at the Holiday Inn in Great Falls.

MFGC Policies and Procedures do not need to be posted in the Montana Gardens or be voted on by the Board of Directors.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Award Updates

RMR Awards, Due to Linda Sadler by **August 10, 2014**. No Project May Be Submitted Two Years in a Row.

The Book of Evidence must contain:

1. *The name/number of the award applied for*
2. *Name/addresses of group or individual applying for the award*
3. *Several photo's (preferably color) with brief descriptions*
4. *Written description of project*

The following RMR Awards are NOT listed in the current MFGC Directory:

- Award 14. Landscape Design
- Award 15. Landscape Design
- Award 16. Youth Awards
- Award 17. Fund-Raising
- Award 23. Club Programs
- Award 24. Youth Gardening
- Award 25. National Garden Club Projects



Please refer to the MFGC website for all the details on these RMR Awards that were omitted from the directory.

2014 CONVENTION REPORTS IN BRIEF

Finance Committee Report—Phyllis White Chairman

Linda Nelson Grants are available for 2014-2015. Speakers do not necessarily have to be listed on the MFGC Speaker list. A new grant program has been created using interest from the MFGC Endowment Fund. These grants are for educational programs at District Meetings next spring. Each District Director may apply for \$50 matching Grant to pay a speaker. Application forms will be available at Fall Board in Malta and are due to Darlene Skari by March 31, 2015.

The cost of purchasing general liability insurance for clubs has increased. Therefore, the fees clubs pay for purchasing insurance certificates for specific club events, such as Flower Shows, plant sales, bazaars, and so on, will increase to \$100 per certificate. Glenna Waltee will send each club a letter explaining the general liability insurance coverage. Most clubs do not need a certificate for their club meetings. The liability insurance coverage is a benefit of belonging to the Federation.

The Proposed Budget for MFGC for fiscal year June 1 2014 to June 1, 2015 includes several items of note: We are undergoing a special project to redesign the website, when this is complete we will have a members only section that will not be available to the public so we can post the directory to save costs. Printing and mailing costs for the Montana Gardens are a large part of the budget. The On Line Color version is so beautiful. Please consider going to on line only, and notify Diane Ward at: k-d@outdoors.net to change to email.

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB & MURPHY SCHOLARSHIPS

by Fay Weber, Chairman

This year we had two outstanding applicants for the NGC Scholarship and the recipient is Joshua Pecukonis from Great Falls, Mt. This fall Joshua will be a senior at Montana State University majoring in Environmental Horticulture Science. His advisor writes that Joshua has distinguished himself with his academic ability, work obligations and community service, including food and coat drives, and maintaining plants for a Garden Club and the MSU Teaching collection, and writing for local papers. Because of his strong academic and personal qualities, he was chosen for a teaching assistantship in the Woody Ornamentals Class and participated in a research project on the identification of a semi-dwarfing gene in the Silver Maple tree. He works with his own fruit trees by grafting different scions to existing branches. He is also an organic producer and a Junior Master Gardener. He was selected to be the speaker for the 2013 Montana State University Agricultural Award for Excellence Banquet.

We also had two strong candidates for the Murphy Scholarship and Leea M. Anderson was selected. Leea is a senior at MSU in Environmental Science: Sustainable Natural Resource Management and Geology. Her professors said she is an excellent student with a spirit of scientific adventure and a curiosity that exceeds the usual student boundaries. Besides being a full time student, she has two part time jobs.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL by Mary Olson

The MFGC Landscape Design School Course IV of the series was held May 16, 17, and 18, 2014 in Helena, MT. Instructor was Kellee Anderson, Butte-Silver Bow County Extension agent. Three students attended. Subjects studied, development of Landscaping Architecture: WWII to present, Contemporary Landscape Design, Design for the Future, Redesign of Areas, Herbaceous Materials in the Landscape, Community Participation, and Evaluating Landscape Design of Residential, Public, and Business Property

Tours included a wild plant garden at MONTANA WILD, a rock walled front terrace, a shade garden at an old Victorian Home, a garden with tulips, perennials, a bower of roses, lilacs, annuals in a vintage hard scape, and a frontier ranch in Grizzly Gulch.

PENNY PINES PROGRAM by Marie Hoyer

I have been sending out monthly newsletters about a topic relevant to the aims of the program to every club president and will continue to do so in 2015. I encourage every club in Montana to help reforest devastated land due to fire or insect damage. Send a \$68 Penny Pines donation to Glenna Waltee; she will forward the monies to the appropriate destination. Remember, the tree saplings will last 80 years or more.

Under Montana's Big Sky

SYNOPSIS OF CLUB ACTIVITIES

JUNE 2013-2014

Remarks by President Denise Fink

Belgrade Bloomers were allowed a free booth at the farmers market once per month to sell plants; **Butte Garden Study Group** did a great report in poetry form: *"a kids garden at a school that teachers use as a tool. This year with a new fountain and flowers galore, that kindergarteners to fourth grade kids adore."* **Chester Garden Club** moved their Blue Star this year and did fund raising for a storage space for their records. **Ft. Benton** has a Community Garden with raised beds; partnered with the High School to revive a sensory garden at the local nursery home. **Glendive Garden Club** learn how to be better Gardeners from each other. **Malta Dirt Daubers** used three tactics for increasing membership: increasing community visibility, renting space at the fall craft fair, and two programs at meetings, one main speaker for 15 to 20 minutes, and a member with a 5 minute talk. **Miles City Garden Club** award a Golden Trowel Award to someone in the community each week all summer long. **Missoula Garden Club** has taken on a new project the Rose Garden at the Memorial Rose Park, formerly done by the Rose Society. **Nashua Gumbo Gals** hosted the District Meeting at the Fort Peck Interpretive Center and are almost up to their third Penny pines Donation. **Rainbow Garden Club** planted another tree in Veteran's Memorial Park on Arbor day and paid for a scholarship. **Saco Garden Club** is refurbishing three Historic Buildings - Huntley School, the old Saco Jail, and the Immanuel Church. **Stevensville Garden Club** planted Red, White and Blue plantings at their Blue Star Marker, and conducted Christmas, Valentine's Day, and St. Patrick's Day workshops at the local Senior Home.

These are just a few projects, there are many more! As you can see, everyone finds ways to reach out to the community and share their love of gardening.



Members of the Rainbow Garden Club at their Arbor Day tree planting near the Blue Star Memorial

DEARBORN GARDEN CLUB

The Dearborn Garden Club's May meeting was special as our club honors our Charter and Honorary members during May each year. This year a special decorated cake was made to honor members. Although Charter member Mildred Hicks was unable to attend, two Honorary members, Elsie Berger and Barbara Rumford were present. We also celebrated Elsie's 94th birthday and Barbara's 95th birthday. The Dearborn Garden Club greatly appreciates their continued involvement in the club.



WHITEHALL GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club in Whitehall is ready for a new year. The programs have been established and the first one was in June at Karen Ranta's house where after a brief business meeting, members went outside and made "Fairy Gardens" which they took home.



The club will participate in the Whitehall Frontier Day's Parade and sell Christmas trees in December. Other programs this year will include a progressive luncheon, making mosaic rock designs, learning how to make a water feature in our gardens and a program on bees. As usual, the Whitehall Garden Club keeps busy while having a good time.

MILES CITY GARDEN CLUB

The Miles City Club has been very busy these past several months. The club had its annual spring Membership Drive Tea in May and by June community plantings were completed at Eagles Manor, Chamber of Commerce, Community Garden, Fairground planters and the Baptist Church. Fundraisers included a booth at a flea market and at the farmers' market to sell Memorial Wreaths with the funds being pledged as dedicated towards replacement of the Blue Star Memorial. Two Scholarships recipients have been determined and will be awarded in the future. Five local yards made up the 2014 Summer Secret Garden Tours sponsored by the club. A decision was made bring back the tours and alternate them with a floral show. The club is experiencing interest by guests and the addition of new members.

Memorials and Endowments

ENDOWMENT FUND

In Memory of Olga Mattson,

by the Chester Garden Club, \$25

In Memory of Gail Ridge of the Rainbow GC,

by Denise Fink, \$25

In Memory of Dulce Spencer of the Rainbow GC,

by Denise Fink, \$25

In Memory of Margant Coulter of Mission View GC,

by Denise Fink, \$10

In Memory Adele Walenciak, Mission View GC,

by Denise Fink, \$10

In Memory of Jeanne Cumming, Mission View GC

by Denis Fink, \$25

In honor of Paco Day husband of Lorretta Day,

by Denise Fink, \$25

JUDGES COUNCIL

Memorial for Shirley Spildie

by Luana Maxwell, \$25.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Dottie Anderson, Cascade, MT.,

Dearborn Garden Club

New LM Maria Recossa, Great Falls



BIG SKY STARS *

To Elthea Scow ... Thanks for all your work with Great Falls Area Life Members and for your up-lifting spirit!

Thank you to the Billings Garden Clubs for hosting a wonderful convention. Dearborn Garden Club.

To Diane Ward on your Circle of Green Thumb Award.

PENNY PINES PROGRAM

Gallatin Empire Garden Club \$68.

CLUBS MEET DUES DEADLINES!

Glenna recognized the following clubs in the order of first to pay dues on or before the deadline of June 1, 2014:

Malta Dirt Daubers . Whitehall Garden Club

Conrad Garden Club . Saco Garden Club

Gallatin Empire Garden Club

Gumbo Gals of Nashua—Townsend Garden Club

Belgrade Bloomers Garden Club

You are all to be congratulated!

*Glenna Waltee, Treasurer &
Denise Fink, President*

* A REMINDER ABOUT OUR BIG SKY STARS AND MEMORIAL ENDOWMENTS

Don't forget about sending a \$5 contribution for a Big Sky Star! This is a great way to honor a friend or club member for a birthday, anniversary or to acknowledge a great achievement.

CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Carol Works E-mail: tgardener59520@outlook.com

Norm DeNeal E-mail: normanjdeneal@gmail.com

NEW MEMBERS—GUMBO GALLS

Ann Hill – Nashua, Montana

Sherry Richardson – Fort Peck, Montana

YOUTH CONTEST AWARDS

POETRY CONTEST – NGC's Poetry Contest enables our youth to embrace their creativity through the art of writing.

HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST – Open to High School Students. Rules are available from NGC. Length of Essay – 600-700 words.

YOUTH SCULPTURE CONTEST – Open to children in grades 4-8. Size limited to size that would fit on 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper and consist of recyclable, reused and reduced materials.

SMOKEY BEAR, WOODSY OWL POSTERS – All poster entrees must be sponsored by local garden clubs. Entries for Youth Awards must be sent to sponsoring club by December 15, 2014. State Chairman must receive them by January 1, 2015. Rules can be obtained from NGC website www.gardenclub.org or the state chairman: **Jennifer Strzelczyk** stdjes37@shu.edu

NGC National Poetry Winner 1st Grade

Don't spit or pour bad things

Into the water.

Because, if you do, it

Makes it all yucky!

Then, it's bad news for

You and me and makes

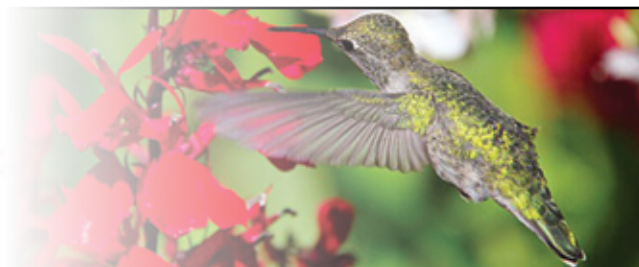
Us all sick and we are no

Longer lucky.

—Grace Brewer, Hobart GC, Hobart, Indiana



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NGC PRESIDENT LINDA NELSON

Garden Clubs are Making a World of Difference!

During these next two years, my focus will be to show how garden clubs are making a world of difference and to lead our members and organization to understand that our choices matter because they have a direct impact on the environment and the health of our planet earth.

“Tread Lightly on Land and Water”

Beverly Heidelberger - Rocky Mountain Region Director 2013-2015

The 2013-2015 Rocky Mountain theme is “Tread Lightly on Land and Water” asking members to leave nature as undisturbed as possible or even to try to return an area back to its natural environment. As Regional Director I am asking that our Conservation Pledge printed below be recited at RMR Garden Club meetings as a reminder of this theme.

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, forests, land and wildlife.

2014 CIRCLE OF Green Thumb Awards

Anaconda Garden Club – **Charlene Hagan**

Belgrade Bloomers Garden Club –

Bob and Earlene Hemmer

Bullhook Blossoms Garden Club in Havre –

Georgia Leland

Butte Garden Study Group – **Carmela Guza**

Chester Garden Club – **Paula Childers**

Dearborn Garden Club – **Carolyn Stremcha**

Dillon Garden Club – **Gary Gerth**

Fort Benton Garden Club – **Janet Worrall**

Gallatin Empire Garden Club – **Cindy Carlton**

Glendive Garden Club – **Sherry Corneliusen**

Great Falls Flower Growers Garden Club –

Marlene Brumfield

Gumbo Gals Garden Club in Nashua – **Dorothy Hlad-Larsen**

Helena Garden Club – **Lesley Strausbaugh**

Joliet Garden Club – **Jolyn Evertz**

Jumping Jumpers Garden Club in Chinook –

Linda Sharples

Lewistown Garden Club – **Emma Light**

Malta Dirt Daubers Garden Club – **Grace Lucas**

Miles City Garden Club – **Donna Zimmer**

Rainbow Garden Club Great Falls – **Donna Baroch**

Stevensville Garden Club – **Linda Clark**

Thumb-R-Green Garden Club in Billings – **Teresa Bessette**

Townsend Garden Club – **Lynette Dyk**

Whitehall Garden Club – **Diane Ward**

Dates & Deadlines to Remember

August 1st, 2014

RMR Awards – Linda Sadler

September 12th & 13th, 2014

RMR Roundup – Colorado Springs, Colorado

October 1st, 2014

Membership Brochures – Vanette Nagamori

October 17th & 18th, 2014

Fall Board Meeting – Malta Montana

November 1st, 2014

Yearbooks – Winter Montana Gardens

NGC Award of Excellence #23, #24 – Linda Sadler

December 1st, 2014

NGC Awards – Linda Sadler

Youth Poetry, Sculpture and Essay - Tonya Lescantz

January 1st, 2015

Smokey Bear, Woodsy Owl – Jennifer Strezelczyk

