

MONTANA *Gardens*



National Award Winning Gallatin Rest Home Sensory Garden
A Gallatin Empire Garden Club Project

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President's Message



DENISE FINK

*President MFGC 2013-2015
Glendive Garden Club*

Dear Garden Club Members,

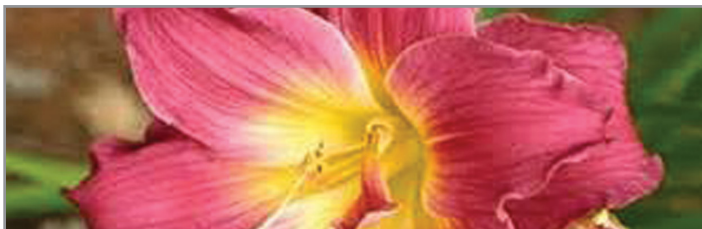
As I sit here with my car doors frozen shut it is difficult to think of the summer issue. But before you know it we will be out weeding, planting, hoeing, harvesting, and working all the long day in the yard.

I recently read an article on mindfulness. It was recommending a type of meditation where you put all of your thoughts into the here and now. It's supposed to be good for stress, blood pressure, and mental health. I suggest we practice gardening mindfulness.

Make sure you have at least a comfortable chair and maybe a little table in your beautiful yard. Promise yourself that at least once a week you will just sit in your garden, drink a beverage, and enjoy what all your work has created. Don't think about what you have to do next, just smell the flowers, soak up the sunshine (with your hat on of course), listen to the birds and bees, drink your drink and relax.

If you feel like it you can invite a friend or neighbor to join you. But don't add any work. They can get their own glass of tea. Just enjoy.

Thank you,
Denise Fink



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#12 Anna Brandt	

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Garden Therapy

As your State Garden Therapy Chairman, I would like to encourage your club to actively participate in a Garden Therapy Project. There are so many things you can do to help others in your community and in so doing establish an interesting project that encourages your members to work together toward rewarding results.

The National Garden Club's Garden Therapy program is a way to meet the needs of others through the diverse interest and abilities of garden club members. To participate a club needs to understand what Garden Therapy is. Garden Therapy is defined as the use of garden-related activities as an aid to the recovery and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities. So what do we mean by garden-related. It is defined as the growing of plants, the artistic use of plants and other natural materials, the study of birds, nature and conservation, and the exhibiting of knowledge, interests and skills in these areas. Garden club members work with people instead of doing for or giving to them. The person with a disability should be actively involved if possible. Sometimes that is not possible and a "service project" would be appreciated although has less therapeutic value. The beauty and scent of plants and flowers, or the birds at a feeder can brighten surroundings, lift spirits and perhaps help to hasten recovery.

Where to start? Hold a club discussion and see what your members might be interested in doing. Contact local hospitals, schools, convalescent, retirement or assisted living facilities, rehabilitation centers, community groups such as shelters, juvenile court, Girls and Boys Clubs, homebound persons or senior citizens centers. Ask if they would be interested in a project - large or small. Stay within your abilities and desire to serve. Be sure you are wanted, have a project planned and are willing to follow through.

The information above was taken from NGC's manual Horticultural Therapy: A Guide for All Seasons. It has great ideas for projects and I will share some with you in future e-mails. In turn, please share your ideas with me so I can pass them on to other clubs. Please share this e-mail with your club members. If every club took on one small project we could spread "seeds of hope" throughout Montana.

JoAnne Gibbons

MFGC Garden Therapy Chairman

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Raised beds at the Gallatin Retirement Center enable residents to tend vegetables and flowers they plant.

New Membership Chairman

VANETTE NAGAMORI

Welcome Vanette Nagamori.

Vanette is the Northern District Director and she has agreed to step in and take Jackie Freedom's place as membership chairman. Jackie sadly lost both her parents this winter. Our prayers and hearts go out to her. We wish her strength to cope with all she has to do. ***Jackie had a membership plan that Vanette will continue with. It is a contest for the best Club Brochure. There is a \$25 prize for the winner.*** As our MFGC President goes around to District Meetings she will be handing out a National Brochure that your club can copy and use, or you can develop your own and maybe win the prize. We hope everyone is interested in supporting new members and new clubs and helps us to grow Montana.



Vanette says, "One of the most valuable means of advertising is "word of mouth." When it come to increasing garden club membership, talking to friends, neighbors and even people who you have just met will get you results. Showing your excitement and enthusiasm gets those around you excited. As conversations go – one thing leads to another, and before you realize it you have opened the door for a verbal invitation to join a garden club. Garden clubs not only offer valuable information about gardening – it's a wonderful vehicle for socializing and making new friends."

Make Plans to Attend THE FALL BOARD MEETING IN MALTA

Fall Board is a time for learning and fun! The Malta Dirt Daubers Garden Club will be hosting Fall Board on October 18th in Malta. Our theme is "Recycle Today for a Better Tomorrow." The evening of October 17th will be a social gathering to get acquainted and have hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. We have some fun things planned...*you won't want to miss Fall Board.* More details and the registration form will be in the next issue of Montana Gardens.



THIS AND THAT

From Linda Sadler

I know Spring is here. In my front garden, the earth worms have been doing their thing. Little mounds of earth are all over the area. Worms belong to the phylum annelida. When I team taught with the science teacher, we watched the boys tease the girls with worms. Of course, the girls screamed and ran. It was in that science class where I learned how valuable worms were to the soil in our gardens. The worm eats its way through the soil enriching and aerating it. Worms are often called "nature's plow."

Worms like nitrogen-rich compost but not synthetic nitrogen fertilizers. Worms are sensitive to changes in your soil and may flee elsewhere when the chemical composition of the soil changes. Your worms will survive winter in soil that freezes gradually. When a sudden cold storm happens, worms will be protected where you have mulched the garden. When we work in the garden be aware of the worms and take care of them. Worms are one of the few creatures beneficial to our gardens.

Linda



THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF MFGC, INC. invite the membership of our State to attend the 77th Annual Convention in Billings, Montana

Thursday June 19th

At the home of Joyce Hendricks:

3127 Edmond St. Billings, Mt.

12:30 – 2:00pm Executive Committee

2:00 – 3:30pm Finance Committee

4:00 – 5:00pm Advisory Council

6:30pm Judges Council

Holiday Inn Grand Montana

5500 Midland Road, Billings, Montana

Friday June 20th

Holiday Inn Grand Montana

8:00am Registration Hotel Lobby

9:00 am Big Horn Center Call to Order

11:45am Break for Lunch. Poolside room Joyce Hendricks Presiding. Honoring Past Presidents, District Directors, and Garden Club Member of the Year

1:15pm Resume business Meeting. Big Horn Center

2:30pm Workshops Gallatin or Bitterroot rooms or self guided tours

4:30pm Open bar

6:30pm Life Member Dinner Missouri Room

Saturday June 21st

9:00am Resume Business Meeting. Big Horn Center

11:45am Break for Lunch. Missouri Room, State Awards Luncheon. Featured Green Thumb Winners. Linda Sadler Presiding

1:30pm Resume Business meeting. Big Horn Center

3:00 – 4:30pm Workshop. Gallatin and Bitterroot rooms

3:00pm Self-Guided Tours

4:30pm Cash Bar

5:30pm Practice for Parade of Presidents and District Directors

6:30pm National and RMR Awards Dinner. Beverly Heidelberger Rocky Mountain Regional Director Denise Fink Presiding. Missouri Room

REGISTRATION FORM "GARDENING IS HEALTHY"

77th Annual State Membership Convention — June 20-21, 2014



Holiday Inn Grand Montana Billings 5500 Midland Road, Billings MT 406-248-7701

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail Address _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Please check ALL applicable Titles: * indicates Voting Member

☐ Club President* ☐ Garden Club Member ☐ National President ☐ Club Delegate* ☐ State Life Member
☐ Regional Director ☐ Alternate Delegate* ☐ Flower Show Judge ☐ Regional Board Member
☐ District Director* ☐ Student FS Judge ☐ National Board Member ☐ State President*
☐ Landscape Consultant ☐ Nat'l Life Member ☐ Elected State Officer* ☐ Student LS Consultant
☐ Guest ☐ Appointed State Officer* ☐ First Time Attendee ☐ State Chairman* ☐ Advisory Council Member*

** name must appear on Delegate Registration Form*

REGISTRATION AND MEALS:

Registration deadline is June 5th. Hotel registration deadline is June 5th to get the convention rates. No refunds after June 5th. All MFGC Members must Register to attend any function.

Full Time Registration: June 21st & 22nd \$20.00 _____

Full Time registration postmarked after June 5th \$30.00 _____

One Day Registration: **Friday** _____ **Saturday** _____ \$15.00 _____

One Day Registration Postmarked after June 5th \$20.00 _____

Friday _____ **Saturday** _____

On-Site Full Registration (*no meals*) \$35.00 _____

On-Site One Day Registration (*no meals*) \$20.00 _____

Meals: Check all that apply

Friday Lunch \$15.00 _____

Friday Life Members' Banquet \$25.00 _____

(*Open to all Life Members & Potential Members*)

Saturday MFGC Awards Luncheon \$13.00 _____

Saturday Banquet, NGC Awards Presentations \$31.00 _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to:

Thumb R Green Garden Club and send to

Thumb R Green Garden Club, P.O. Box 872, Billings, Montana 59103



(left) Western District - Missoula Garden Club (right) Western District- Stevensville Garden Club



(left) Jo Daniels Western District - Mission View Garden Club President (center) 2nd Vice President Joyce Hendricks presents NGC President Linda Nelson's Award Convention and Symposium (right) Northern District – Conrad Vice President Donna Arvidsor presents Chester member Marge Bebhart for a lovely talk



(left) First Vice President Linda Sadler presents a Rocky Mountain Regional Award (above right) Conrad Garden Club with (lower right) Vanette Nagamori District Director and representative from the Fort Benton Garden Club

MFGC DISTRICT MEETINGS

We have been to three district meetings so far and the themes and talks have been fascinating. Here are some of the highlights: The Western District had "Art in the Garden." We had an artist who packs up her van and drives around and paints out in the open. This sometimes involves encounters with sunflower ranchers and machetes. Her paintings were beautiful and allowed you to look at your yard in a different way. Other club highlights included a "Totally Tomato Tasting" by the Mission View Garden Club featuring 11 tomatoes, foods and drink with tomatoes, and, the best tastes chosen.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Missoula hosted Fall Board last year and put on a Miniature Design and Horticulture Show which was loved by us all. Stevensville conducted workshops at the local senior home for Christmas, Valentine's Day and Saint Patrick's Day. *What a great therapy project!*

Central District focused on NGC Linda Nelson's conservation pledge with informative displays from all three clubs and a guest speaker. Our **Central District** Director welcomed the **Dearborn Garden Club** to her visiting list. **Great Falls Flower Growers** donated all their profits from their Holiday Tea to Toys for Tots. They had a shower for their caterer's new baby and are hosting the Flower Show Symposium this summer. **Dearborn GC** maintains a Bluebird Trail and are working on a travelogue with Phyllis White. **Rainbow Garden Club** put on their annual Fashion Show and Luncheon which is their major fund raising event. They also support the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind. Great Falls also has a **Life Members Group** that hosted our luncheon after the District Meeting.

Northern District had a little weather problem and most Chester and Fort Benton members couldn't get there, *but we had a fabulous time*. They provided a very springlike theme with wheat grass interspersed with flowers, wonderful tables and a bluebird program which included a video of the complete life cycle of the Bluebird from egg to fledging.

Conrad had a program on Cattails including how to prepare and eat them. They told about their planting yellow marigolds in the shape of a ribbon at the VFW as their way to show support for our Veterans. They have purchased BeeGap Mason Bees as pollinators and are also working to promote water conservation in keeping with our NGC goals.

Linda, Joyce and I are really looking forward to the next round of District Meetings across Montana during the Months of April and May!



(Pictured above top) Members of the Great Falls Flower Growers (Center) Members of the Rainbow Garden Club (Bottom) New to the Central District are members of the Dearborn Garden club (Pictured below) Conservation program presented at the Central District Meeting



MINUTES 76TH ANNUAL MFGC CONVENTION

Jorgenson's Inn, Helena, Montana

Friday, June 28, 2013

Call to Order 8:30 a.m.

MFGC President Phyllis White presiding

Presentation of Colors

Lewis & Clark County 4-H Ambassadors

Pledge – Kathy Austin – Rainbow Garden Club

Inspirational Reading – Grace Lucas – MFGC Chaplain

Introduction: Jeff Hagener, Director, MT Dept. Fish, Wildlife & Parks who spoke about water conservation

Welcome and Introduction of Head Table: Officers and NGC
President – Linda Nelson

Preliminary Credentials Report: Annie Mollock – voting strength of 63

Preliminary Registration Report: Ruth Layton

Change in committee to approve convention minutes – approved

Declaration of a Quorum: Darlene Skari, Parliamentarian

Reading and Adoption of Convention Rules: Darlene Skari, Parliamentarian – approved

Adoption of Convention Program – approved

Appointed committee to approve 2013 Minutes: Linda Sadler – Chair, Lynne Mahan, Pat Biggs

Introduction of Pages: Page for NGC President Linda Nelson is Christi Mock; Page for MFGC President Phyllis White is Annie Mollock

Appointment of Tellers – Diane Ward and Kathy Waters

Appointment of Timekeepers – Sherry Corneliusen and Crueza Squires

Thank you to Townsend Garden Club for hosting the convention

Garden Club Member of the Year: Lucille Johnson from Rainbow Garden Club

Memorial Service: Linda Sadler

Minutes of Fall Board Meeting – Linda Sadler – approved

State Officer Reports – filed

Review of Audit Committee – Carol Works – approved

Treasurer's Report – Glenna Waltee – explained, filed

Long Range Planning – Jane Ereaux

Moved to amend MFGC By-Laws

Article V – Membership – approved

Article V 2.b.1. Individual Member: any individual who has paid the annual dues. Any individual who has not paid the annual dues by October 1 of the fiscal year shall be suspended from membership in MFGC and lose all membership privileges.

Moved to Amend MFGC By-Laws

Article XIII – Advisory Council – approved

Article XIII 1. Members shall be the past presidents of MFGC who are dues paying members and are active in their clubs and districts.

Reports of District Directors and Club Presidents (Reports on file)

District #2 – Western – Joann Notti

District #3 – Southwestern – Rosemary Corrigan

District #4 – Lewis & Clark – Sue Leferink

District #5 – Central – Ivy Jackson

Announcements

Recess – 11:25 AM

Saturday, June 29, 2013

Call to Order: 9:00 am by MFGC President

Phyllis White

Credentials Report: Annie Mollock – 1 National President, 8 State Officers, 7 District Directors, 13 Club Presidents, 4 Proxies for Club Presidents, 6 Advisory Council Members, 25 State Chairmen, 50 Delegates, Guests 5, (33 duplicates)
Total Voting Strength – 73; Registration Report

– Ruth Layton – 111 individuals registered

Proposed Budget – Glenna Waltee MFGC Treasurer – approved

Nominating Committee Report – Norm DeNeal Recording Secretary – Lynne Mahan; Treasurer – Glenna Waltee; 2nd Vice President – Joyce Hendricks, 1st Vice President – Linda Sadler. There were no nominations from the floor. All officers were elected.

District Director and Club President Reports – continued

District #6 – Northern

District #7 – Hi-line

District #10 – Yellowstone

District #12 – Eastern Gateway

Announcement of Elections Held on Friday:

Life Members: Susan Woods – Chair; Annie Mollock – Secretary; Judges Council: Sherry Corneliusen – Chair; Darlene Skari – Secretary; Susan Andrews – Treasurer

Chairman Reports

Invitation to the MFGC Fall Board Meeting in Missoula, October 12, 2013 – Jim Sadler

Invitation to the 77th MFGC Convention in Billings June 20-22, 2014 – Hosted by Thumb R Green and Sow & Grow

Reminders: Donation envelopes are available and membership cards

Please register your Junior Garden Clubs

The 5 Valleys Gladiola and Dahlia Society will have a convention and Gladiola Show at the Southgate Mall August 19 & 20 for Gladiolas and August 20 & 21 for Dahlias.

Announcement: Afternoon Programs, Ways & Means and Silent Auction open until dinner

Recessed: 11:31 am

Installation of District Directors and State Officers Courtesy Resolution: Mary McLane

Benediction: Grace Lucas

Convention Adjourned: 9:10 pm Sine Die

Susan Andrews
Recording Secretary

BIRD CHAIRMAN REPORT

As Bird Chairman it is my responsibility to help club bird chairmen with their reports and what they send to the state convention. There are several good sources of information about birds. I prefer the Sibley Book on Birds as I find it the easiest text to find the bird I am looking for. I also use the Birds and Blooms Magazine and the Montana Outdoors Magazine. They both have a lot of good information and pictures of birds.

However, one of the best sources for information about Montana birds is our Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department. They publish a flyer with all kinds of information and they also have a web site that is very informative.

One of the things that I have learned as a Bird Chairman is that the birds use the rivers as their highways. And, living on a river as I do, I have a lot of birds who pass through. They do not stay most of the time, but I do get to see them.

We had the pleasure of a cardinal a few years ago. He was only here for about three days, but what a sight to see! We were told it was only the sixth reported sighting of a cardinal in Montana.



You are probably familiar with the Eurasian Collared Dove. The Fish, Wildlife and Parks was able to track them from Florida up the Mississippi River to the Missouri River, and then to the smaller rivers in the state. They are considered an invasive species and can be hunted year round.

Nelone C. Nilsen
State Bird Chairman

MONTANA GARDENS REPORT

MFGC members have enjoyed the new format of Montana Gardens. We have only changed the layout; we still have the same number of sheets of paper as the former publication (12 full pages, rather than 24 half pages). We print the cover and back cover in full color. When our magazine is on display it is very attractive and encourages opening to see what we have to say! We also list our contents on the front cover. It is important that contributors keep our deadlines as published in Montana Gardens on page 2. Production on many articles is on-going, but in order to complete the magazine we need to get information on or before the deadlines of April 1 – Summer, July 1 – Fall; November 1 – Winter and February 1 – Spring...not after.

This magazine is our conduit for information to members for by-law changes or other business presented at our state convention or state board meetings and must be published in time for members 30 days in advance of any voting sessions. Production takes close to two weeks after the final proof of the magazine. Montana Gardens is sent out bulk rate, so it is usually the last mail processed in order for us to get the lowest possible postal rates.

THIS IS YOUR PUBLICATION! It is our vehicle to get information from our committee chairmen to all the members in MFGC. Garden Club members play an integral part in community beautification and we should be flooded with your photos and stories of your accomplishments. Our contributors this year have submitted many interesting articles. Thanks to you all!

Montana Gardens is sent to members both electronically and via hard copy in the US Mail. The magazines are linked on the MFGC website as well. The electronic PDF file is displayed in full color. Please encourage club residents to print a color copy for members who may not have computers (or computer skills). We will be making a change on the back cover of the electronic version. We do not need this space for postal mark and mailing address, so we will use the top of the back cover to promote our National Garden Club and Rocky Mountain Region Themes.

Patricia Schlaefer
Editor



BLUE STAR MEMORIAL REPORT

The Blue Star Memorial Marker Program began in 1945 to honor men and women serving in the Armed Forces during WWII. Markers today are a tribute to all members of the Armed Forces serving in the past, present and future. The only way a marker can be installed is through the sponsorship of a garden club.

My primary goal for this term is to update the “continuity book” listing all Montana cities having Blue Star Markers. Upon completion of that goal, I plan to send updated information to the National Garden Club for the National Register to show rededications, or in some cases the original date of installation. Much of their information is old, and based on when markers were ordered.

My desire to have the National Register list updated started when I got a call from Hope Stockstad in Charlo. There is no information on their Marker on the National Register. The curator at the Nine Pipes Museum of Early Montana History, where the marker is located, questioned Hope “why isn’t it listed on the Register?” Hope then called me. That marker was first located in Missoula in the Rose Memorial Garden. When the Missoula club replaced it with a new one, rather than dispose of it, the Sadlers donated it to Charlo. I’m certain this is why there is no record of Charlo having one, since there was not an order placed from National. I’m waiting for Hope to research and send me exact information on the transfer and placement. Then I’ll fix the omission!

Helena Garden Club continues fundraising for a Marker, and feels they are a few years away. When they have enough money they will discuss with the veterans to find a good location, then partner with someone to help raise the rest of the funds to install and maintain the garden area. They estimate \$5,000 for everything.

In 1953 Miles City ordered a Marker for location by Highway 10, but it disappeared with the Interstate went in. Upon research about 18 years ago, they and the Highway Department came to the conclusion it got scrapped. Somehow it got put on the back burner and forgotten about. During our communication, Miles City Garden Club has decided they would like to look into replacing the Marker. More to come....

Kathy Austin BSMC
Rainbow Garden Club
Great Falls, Montana



MONTANA SYMPOSIUM Sponsored by MFGC

July 9th-10th, 2014

**Hosts: Great Falls Flower Growers,
Rainbow Garden Club**

Holiday Inn, 400 10th Avenue S, Great Falls, MT



STUDY TOPICS

Horticulture Instructor: David Robson, Springfield, IL
Petunias and Daylilies—Growing, propagating, exhibiting and judging with oral and written point scoring
Design Instructor: Claudia Chopp, Wisconsin & Florida
Underwater Design, Illuminary Design, Allied Topic – Floral Design Techniques

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**Deadline for state judges to send
Certification Application: June 6th, 2014**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF THIS EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITY! YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE
A JUDGE TO AUDIT THE SYMPOSIUM.**

The symposium will be held at the Great Falls Holiday Inn. A block of rooms reserved July 8th-10th, 2014 under MT Symposium. Rate of \$109 + tax. Rooms held at this rate until June 10th. For reservations call 1-800-257-1998 or (406) 727-7200

**FOR THE SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE AND
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Under Montana's Big Sky News From Montana Garden Clubs

THUMB-R-GREEN STANDARD FLOWER SHOW IN BILLINGS

A Standard Flower Show "The Buzz on Bees" will be held in downtown Billings on August 1 and 2, 2014. The host club, Thumb-R-Green Garden Club, is excited about a new venue at 2908 2nd Ave. N. in a large atrium in the D.A. Davidson Building. Entries will be accepted Friday, August 1, from 8:00 to 11:00 am. The show will be open through Saturday, August 2 until 12 Noon during the Farmer's Market. All amateur gardeners and designers are welcome to make entries. Contact Diana Halvorson, djhalvorson@bresnan.net, (406) 656-1829 for a schedule if you are interested in entering.

CHESTER GARDEN CLUB

Several club members and guests met at the United Methodist Church on Monday, March 10, at noon, with a sack lunch to listen to Don Hazen of Riverview Greenhouse of Fort Benton talk about planning "your garden design". He also told about new varieties of flowers, trees, bushes, etc. that he has available and will be for sale at the club's annual plant sale on Monday, May 19. He answered many questions and gave suggestions for various growing problems those in attendance had. It got everyone enthused about spring planting. The Northern District 6 annual meeting was hosted by the Conrad Garden Club on Friday, March 21. The theme of the meeting was "Bloom Where You Are Planted". Reid Stewart spoke on bluebirds and the Bluebird Trail.

Welcome New Life Members from Western District: Donna Dowell, Nina Eadie, and Gary Clark. The Western District is Planning a District Party or Tea this Spring. Sounds like fun!

CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS:

Norm Deneal: email change to normanjdeneal@gmail.com

New email address for Glenna Waltee:

glennawaltee@yahoo.com

New email address for Lynne Mahan: mahanlk@charter.net

Note the correction that the leader/contact person for the Whittier Wildcats Junior Garden Club is Marcee Cameron, 2410 Harvard Ave., Butte Montana 59701, (406) 533-9196, marceec@bresnan.net. It is not Tonya Lescantz, as listed.

MEMORIALS AND ENDOWMENTS

Endowment Fund

In memory of Chandler Biggs by Denise Fink, \$25.

In memory of Chandler Biggs by Lynn & Ken Mahan, \$30.

Judges Council

In Memory of Shirley Spildie by Denise Fink, \$100.

Life Members –New

Donna Dowell – Missoula Garden City Garden Club

Gary Clark – Missoula Garden City Garden Club

Nina Edie – Stevensville Garden Club

Penny Pines Program

Rainbow Garden Club \$68.

Miles City Garden Club \$68.

Just like Spring with new growth, new projects, and new members, it's time for the new year dues for state membership. By starting your collection now you will have the opportunity to contact your membership before they are off on all their summer holidays, etc.

Please provide a listing of your club's membership with any additions and/or corrections on names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses. If you have had your elections for new officers, please add that information and indicate your Life Members.



The Montana Federation of Garden Club's membership dues of \$10 per member are due on June 1, 2014 and will become delinquent on September 1, 2014.

Glenna Waltee

Treasurer





National Garden Clubs



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.

HAVE A BUG FREE TIME OUTDOORS!

Spending time outdoors is great – except for all the bugs! But you can stay relatively bug free if you...

GET OUT THE CLIPPERS!

Keep tree branches cut back from your deck and patio and you can minimize ants. Pull up any weeds nearby, too – mosquitoes use them as rest stops.

KEEP FLIES AWAY WITH BASIL!

Flies hate basil, so if you keep a plant on your patio they'll steer clear. Also, the more water you add to the pot, the stronger the scent.



PLANT THE NATURAL PESTICIDE!

Beautiful chrysanthemums' leaves contain the same chemical – pyrethrin – found in most pesticides. Just having them in your garden will send bugs packing.

GIVE FLOWERS A SHOWER!

Soaking them thoroughly with a garden hose before a picnic or party mimics a rain shower. Pollinating insects like bees don't like wet conditions and will stay away until plants dry out. That's usually about two hours.

WIPE DOWN TABLES WITH VINEGAR!

It's a great disinfectant that bugs back away from, so they'll stay away from your meal. And, outdoors the odor will fade so it won't bother guests.

BLOW BUGS AWAY WITH A FAN!

The air current from a fan will deter flying and biting insects because they aren't strong enough to fly against the wind it makes. It'll also blow away any trace of your scent so they can't find you!

MINIMIZE STANDING WATER!

Cut down on mosquitoes and other flying insects by emptying buckets, kiddie pools and other water basins. Anywhere there's stagnant water you've got a breeding site!



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