

MONTANA

Gardens



Cover Photo: Giant Springs in Great Falls, Montana was discovered by the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1805 and is one of the largest freshwater springs in the world. Water flows at an astonishing 156-190 million gallons of water per day. The water stays at a constant temperature of 54° F and has been carbon-dated to be about 3000 years old.

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A MESSAGE FROM MFGC

President Denise Fink



Greetings Fellow Gardeners:

My term is drawing to a close. We are almost half way through our District Meetings and Convention is just around the corner. Great Falls has been working very hard for you. They will offer tours of local nurseries, the Veterans Memorial, the Blue Star Memorial Marker, the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and Giant Springs Park. Life Members will start with a short hayride (*you can drive in if you need to*) and then they will have a theme dinner with an "East Meets West" program. We will be voting on the new state officers so come one and all and celebrate with your friends at the Saturday Night Installation and National Award Banquet.

One of best recruitment suggestions I have heard came from Fort Benton. Offer your new Master Gardeners a free year's membership in your Garden Club. What a great way to reach out and welcome people who love plants.

I thank everyone in the state for your friendship, love and support. I have been honored to serve you. Good luck Linda, Darlene, Phyllis and all the new District Directors, Officers, and Chairmen. *You couldn't ask for better members to support you!*

—Denise Fink, President
Montana Federation of Garden Clubs

**Please "Honor the Past
& Embrace the Future."**



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#4 Judy Rente **#5 Pat Biggs**
#6 Vanette Nagamori **#7 Jane Ereaux, Sharon Miller**
#8 Marie Jones **#10 Joyce Hendricks**
#12 Anna Brandt

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Phyllis White, Chairman
Norman DeNeal, Darlene Skari, Ruth Layton,
Mary McLane, Mary Olson, Jean Thomas, Marie Jones

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NEW MFGC WEBSITE UP & RUNNING

The new MFGC website is up, running and available for your members to use. More information is being added every day. There are many new features, such as the "Calendar" page. By clicking on each event, another page opens with information and a Google map (if that information was submitted with the event). On the "Clubs" page, you will see a map at the top showing each garden club in the state. Lower on that page are links to your garden club. Please send me updated information, such as the new club president, contact phone and/or email, and a high-resolution photo or two of your members or a community project for your club's page. You might want to use pictures of members working on community projects. If you don't have any current photos, plan on taking some this summer and we'll add them later.

There is a new "Member Login" at the top right banner of the page. This area is for garden club members only and can only be opened with the password. You will see information on MFGC forms, organization structure and finances, bylaws and a helpful page of guidelines for club treasurers (*and presidents*). Right next to it is an "f" logo for Facebook. By clicking on that icon, or the big picture at the bottom of each page, you can read what is happening on the MFGC Facebook page. All club presidents have been sent this information and the password. Please let your members know how to access these two areas. You may want to put the password on the membership cards or in your yearbooks for reference.

I welcome your information and updates. Please send me information on club plant sales, flower shows and fundraising projects.

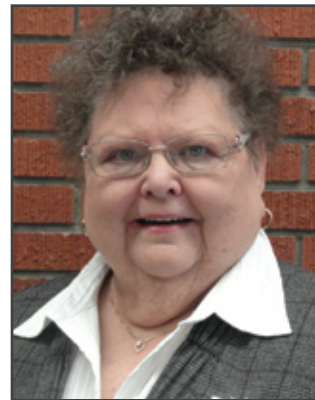
—Phyllis C. White, Webmaster
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This and That

Jim and I were in Spokane recently and we stayed in a hotel on the river by Waterfront Park. Spring was in the air. The flowering trees were in full bloom as well as the daffodils and tulips. The new season changes are welcomed. While traveling home, we could see the change of spring beginning as the trees on the mountains had started to leaf.



Change will happen in your garden club and in MFGC. New officers will soon be installed in your clubs, districts and MFGC. Give your new officers help, enthusiasm and support, which will make the new term a wonderful experience for everyone.

Great Falls will be the site of our June 12 - 13 convention. Workshops and activities are being planned. Come join the fellowship of meeting fellow gardeners and also your friends across the state. *See you in Great Falls!*

—Linda Sadler
MFGC President-elect

FREE ADMISSION TO TIZER BOTANICAL GARDENS

A longtime member of the Helena Garden Club, Belva Lotzer has been an avid supporter of the Garden Club's Mission and all that they do. She and her husband started Tizer in 2000 as "a back yard hobby that got out of control." But the more people saw it, the more they realized there was a hunger for garden information. Today they are a demonstration garden for many programs. Through the years many state clubs have visited the gardens.

In 2011 the Helena and Dearborn clubs helped to secure a grant to rebuild Tizer Gardens after a devastating flood. Members still spend many hours to help them prepare for opening days.

As a way to thank members for their support, the Lotzers will open their gardens to MFGC Members this year. Members must show their membership card to the front desk staff upon arrival. If club members come as a group they are happy to set up a lunch area for them, but Tizer only has a snack bar, so they recommend you bring a lunch.

Flower Show School Course I

Susan J. Billmayer, Flower Show School Chairman

The Gallatin Empire Garden Club of Bozeman, Montana will be hosting Flower Show School Course I accredited by National Garden Clubs, Inc. on August 21, 22, and 23, 2015 at the Bozeman Senior Center, 807 North Tracy Ave. (*across from the Gallatin County Fairgrounds*). The School will consist of the study of horticulture one day, the study of floral design one day and a course covering Flower Show Procedure. Students taking the test in each of the four Schools work toward qualifying as an accredited Flower Show Judge. However, testing is not required. If members are not interested in becoming a Judge, they may still attend both days or either day of instruction which interests them. The purpose of this school is to enrich members' knowledge of horticulture, design and flower show procedures, and to provide greater understanding of standards of exhibiting and judging a Standard Flower Show. Attendance by your club members will help them plan and promote flower shows of the highest quality and educational value to the public.

Instructors will be **Judith Newman** from Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin teaching Horticulture and Flower Show Procedure and **Mary Lou Waitz** from Port Angeles, Washington teaching Flower Show Design.

MONTANA MEMBER SERVES ON VISION OF BEAUTY CALENDAR COMMITTEE

I have just completed four years on the Vision of Beauty Calendar Committee. Each Region has a representative chosen by the National President, an affiliate member and one person whose job is publicity. The Chairman, publicizes trules for entries, organizes the photos by giving each one a number, keeps track of the pictures chosen and leads the discussions but does not make the decisions. The committee members vote on each photo that is passed around for viewing. The term is limited to six years. I was asked to remain for two more, but was endorsed by the members of the Montana Federation to serve a term as the Regional Director.

The job of the committee is to choose the designs that are printed in the calendar. The competition is intense, with over three hundred entries out of which about 70 are chosen and arranged to fit the year during two intense days at National Fall Board. Unless one of the members has seen a design in a show, no one knows where they came from or who the designer was. If one of the members recognizes a design, she just quietly does not express an opinion, or vote about keeping or discarding it. For the first time each design was sent digitally in 2014 as well as by printed photo.

Designs are chosen for creativity, quality of the photo which includes clarity and the ability to print well, excellent design, and a pleasing and neat background. I quickly found that looking at a picture to judge a design was far different than standing in front of one at a flower show.

* **Local chairman is Phyllis White**, P. O. Box 921 Bozeman, MT 59771; 406-586-0400; gardens@bresnan.net

* **Local Registrar is Susan Andrews**, 2429 Bridger Hills Dr. Bozeman, MT 59715; 406-582-4135; sugar30@latmt.com

* **Flower Show Schools Chairman is Susan Billmayer**, 565 Bevolden Rd Hogeland, MT 59529; 406-379-2545; gsee@itstriangle.com

A **brochure** containing a course registration form will be distributed at your District meeting. We are interested in knowing if any members from your club are considering attending.

Please discuss the School with your members at the next meeting and ask for interest. We'd like the names, phone numbers and emails of your members considering attending so we can send them more specific information next month. If you have a Judge in your club, they can answer general questions, too, and may be willing to lend the required reading materials to students. The Judges Council has offered partial registration reimbursement to the first 10 students enrolling for the course and taking the test on the 23rd of August. This is a way to encourage more students to become accredited Judges while lowering the cost to those students.

Flower Shows are fun! We think this is a wonderful opportunity to learn more, grow more and do more.



The second day brings time spent placing the photos with the appropriate week of the calendar. Also, descriptions are checked for accuracy, and scientific names of plant materials are added if not on the entry sheet. Finally the information is typed into computers to get ready for the printer.

We had a harmonious committee, with an efficient, positive chairman who was a great leader. The experience was a time of learning that I will always value thanks to knowledgeable and cooperative fellow members.

I encourage Montana designers to enter more designs. There is a new entry date and clarified requirements all available on the Garden Club.org website. I know we have great arrangers. With newer digital cameras, it is easier to take good pictures, and while finding professional photographers is difficult, there are many talented amateurs. The calendar is a valuable source for inspiration, and a valuable part of National Garden Club.

—Darlene Skari

Calendar Committee Member

REGISTRATION FOR FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL — COURSE I

BOZEMAN, MT | AUGUST 21-23, 2015

NAME _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____ *

STREET _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

GARDEN CLUB _____

* COURSE OUTLINES WILL BE EMAILED TO EACH STUDENT TO STUDY BEFORE THE COURSE.
REGISTRATION POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 1, 2015 * NO REFUNDS ISSUED AFTER THAT DATE

Circle the Course in Which You Wish to Register

FULL COURSE FOR CREDIT \$ 85.00 ** (Includes test fee)

AUDIT FULL TIME \$ 85.00 ^

AUDIT AUGUST 21, HORTICULTURE and PROCEDURE \$ 45.00

AUDIT AUGUST 22, DESIGN and PROCEDURE \$ 45.00

REGISTRATION POSTMARKED AFTER AUGUST 1, 2015 add \$ 15.00

LUNCH IS INCLUDED IN ALL FEES TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

**The Montana Judges Council is providing "Shirley Spildie Memorial Grants" in the amount of \$75 to the first ten registered students applying for the grant and completing the exam.

☐ Check this box if you wish to apply for the grant.

^ Accredited Flower Show Judges auditing full time may deduct \$10.00.

Please send this form and a check payable to the Gallatin Empire Garden Club for the course fee to:
Susan Andrews, Registrar, 2429 Bridger Hills Dr., Bozeman, MT 59715

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee unanimously selected the following slate of candidates for the 2015-2017 term:

1st Vice President, Joyce Hendricks

Thumb-R-Green Garden Club, Billings

2nd Vice President, Sherry Corneliusen

Glendive Garden Club

Recording Secretary, Diane Ward

Whitehall Garden Club

Treasurer, Jane Ereaux

Malta Dirt Daubers Garden Club

MFGC Nominating Committee Members:

Phyllis White, Chairman
Patricia Biggs
Judy Rente
Donna Dowell
Kathleen Waters
Anna Brandt
Fay Weber
Mary Olsen



—Phyllis C. White, Chairman
Nominating Committee
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MONTANA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC

BY-LAWS PROPOSED CHANGES FOR 2015

Committee: Jane Ereaux, Mary McLane & Darlene Skari

Below are recommended changes to the 2014 By-Laws:
Article VIII - Duties of Officers

4. The Treasurer:

Current: 4.g. Shall submit the Annual Financial Statement to the editor of the Montana Gardens for publication in the first issue following the Annual Meeting.

Proposed: 4.g. Shall submit written Financial Statements for the Annual Meeting and Fall Board Meeting to the MFGC Webmaster for publication on the members only web site within thirty days of the meetings.

5. The Recording Secretary:

Add: 5.c Shall submit written minutes of the Annual Meeting and Fall Board Meeting for publication to the Montana Garden Editor and the MFGC Webmaster for the members only web site within thirty days of the meetings.

Rationale: Provides a secure location to view these reports, as it is a Members Only Section on the MFGC Website. The changes also follow the direction the National Garden Clubs is going. The By-Laws and Standing Rules are published on the NGC Website for the Membership and Board of Directors. The By-Laws and Standing Rules contains references to NGC's requirement for minutes and financial reports.

MINUTES
77TH ANNUAL MFGC CONVENTION
Holiday Inn Grand Montana — Billings, MT

Friday, June 20, 2014

Call to Order 9 a.m.

MFGC President Denise Fink presiding

Welcome and Introduction of Head Table and Guests: Officers

Invocation – Norm DeNeal- MFGC Chaplain

Presentation of Colors – The Young Marines

Pledge – Lynne Mahan – Rainbow Garden Club

Welcome: Tom Hanel, Billings Mayor

Welcome Response: Jim Sadler – Thank you to Billings and
Convention Committee for all their hard work

Memorial Service – Norm DeNeal

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

Preliminary Registration Report: Merita Murdock, Registrar –
84 registered attendees

Preliminary Credentials Report: Jim Sadler – voting strength of 55

Declaration of a Quorum: Darlene Skari, Parliamentarian

Appointment of Committee to Approve 2014 Convention Minutes:

Joyce Henderson, Bobbie Meyers, Lawanna McCullough

Introduction of 2014 Convention Chairman – Joyce Hendricks

Introduction of Pages: Page for RMR Director

Beverly Heidelberger, Rosemary Power;

Page for MFGC President Denise Fink, Katz Hettinger

Adoption of Convention Program, Denise Fink –

Jim Sadler, approved

Garden Club Member of the Year: Glenna Waltee, Whitehall GC

Appointment of Tellers – Katz Hettinger and Linda Buckingham

Appointment of Timekeepers – Betty Furgason and

Rosemary Power

Report of Committee to Approve 2013 Convention Minutes:

Linda Sadler, Chairman – approved

State Officer Reports- filed

Review of Audit Committee – Gail Zarr, Norm DeNeal

Election of Nominating Committee – Phyllis White, Chairman

Judy Rente, Pat Biggs, Kathy Waters, Anna Brandt, Fay

Weber, Donna Dowell, Mary Olson

Treasurer's 2013-2014 Financial Report – Glenna Waltee –
explained and filed

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

District # 2- Western – Cheryl Carroll

District # 3 – Southwestern – Nancy Johnson

District # 5 – Central – Pat Biggs

District # 7 – Hi-Line – Kathy Waters for Jane Ereaux/

Sharon Miller

District # 8 – East Central – Marie Hoyer for Marie Jones

Announcements

Recess – 11:30 a.m.

Reconvened -- 1:15 p.m.

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

District # 4 – Lewis & Clark – Judy Rente

District # 6 – Northern – Vanette Nagamori

District # 10 – Yellowstone District – Joyce Hendricks

District #12 – Eastern Gateway – Anna Brandt

Adjourned – 2 p.m.

Saturday, June 21, 2014

Call to Order: 9:30 a.m.

by MFGC President Denise Fink

State Chairman Reports (reports on file)

Montana Gardens: Patty Schlaeger, Editor; Diane Ward,
Circulation

Social Media, Annie Mollock

Website, Phyllis White. Reported on Zone 4 monies generated.

Endowment, Mary Olson (suggestions read by Denise Fink)

Long-Range Planning, Darlene Skari. No current project.

Member Services, Carol Works (read by Darlene Skari)

Membership, Vanette Nagamori (oral report)

NGC Special Projects, Joyce Hendricks (oral report)

Penny Pines, Marie Hoyer

Protocol and Resolutions, Darlene Skari (no report)

Award of Excellence for Regions, Annie Mollock

Awards, Linda Sadler

Blue Star Memorial Markers, Kathy Austin

Flower Shows: School, Symposium, and Credentialing,
Susan Billmayer

Landscape Design School, Mary Olson

Life Members, Susan Woods

NGC and Murphy Scholarship, Fay Weber. \$4000 Scholarship
winner to be presented Saturday evening.

Media Library, Lawana McCoullough. Denise drew our attention
to DVD display and suggested Club President's review the
list and utilize this service

Photo Archiving/Flicker/Photographer, Kathy Waters for Jane
Ereaux. Denise thanked Katz Hettinger for taking
Convention pictures.

Speakers Bureau, (not present, no report). Denise pointed out that
the form is being revised to simplify use of this facility.

Birds and Habitats, Nelone Nilsen

Butterflies and Habitats, Bonnie Huber. Denise pointed
out NGC's concern for dwindling number of Monarch
butterflies.

Community Gardens/Growing Edibles, Sherry Corneliusen

Conservation/Sustainability, Annie Mollock

Garden Therapy, Jo Ann Gibbons (not present, no report)

Horticulture/Small Space Gardening, Jim Sadler (oral report)

Native Plants/Wildflowers, Sue Leferink

Xeriscape Gardening/Water Conservation, Sue Leferink

Crown Bees, Sue Leferink. Denise thanked Sue for holding two
workshops at this Convention.

Judges Council, Sherry Corneliusen (oral report)

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl, Jennifer Strezelczyk. Poster winners
announced.

Junior Garden Clubs, Tony Ziegler (not present, no report)

New Business – Recommendations from Executive Committee:

Motion was made to explore the possibility of a travel
agency arranging a trip for all interested MFGC members to
attend the 2016 Seattle Flower Show. Motion carried. Motion
was made to pass on the acceptance of RMR Secretary
position if Darlene Skari is elected RMR Director, Phyllis
White is elected alternated RMR Director, and Linda Sadler
is re-elected RMR Treasurer. Motion carried.

Proposed 2014-2015 Budget – Glenna Waltee MFGC

Treasurer- approved.

MINUTES (continued)
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Saturday, June 21, 2014

Call to Order: 9:30 a.m.

by MFGC President Denise Fink

Announcements:

Sue Leferink reminded us of the native seeds on the back table for sale at half-price.

Kathy Waters placed Indian corn seeds from ancient Latin roots on the back table.

Let Glenna Waltee know if your club has received a grant under MFGC's non-profit number. She will report it to the IRS.

Award sponsors please send in your money to Glenna. Patty Schlaeger explained Montana Gardens deadlines. The Fall issue deadline is July 1, 2014.

Diane Ward sent around a sheet for members to indicate if they want to receive soft (electronic) copies of the Montana Gardens.

Adjourned: 11:30 a.m.

Reconvened: 1:30 p.m.

Fund Raisers: The vendors present at this Convention contributed 15 percent of their revenues to MFGC. Silent Auction winners were announced. The Ways & Means table was officially closed.

Recessed: 11:31 a.m.

Meeting Reconvened: 1:30 p.m.

Invitation to the MFGC Fall Board Meeting in Malta October 17 and October 18, 2014 – Malta Dirt Daubers, Kathy Waters

Invitation to the 78th MFGC Convention in Great Falls June 12, 13, 14, 2015 –Hosted by Rainbow Garden Club, Great Falls Flower Growers and Dearborn Garden Club, Patty Schlaeger and Myrna McCollum

Invitation to Fall Board Meeting in Fort Benton October 10, 2015 – Hosted by Fort Benton and Chester Garden Clubs

Announcements: Darlene Skari asked people to gather at 5:30 to practice the Parade of Presidents and District Directors march in the hotel Ballroom.

Meeting Adjourned – 3 p.m.

National and RMR Awards Dinner – 6:30 p.m.

Rocky Mountain Region Director, Beverly Heidlberger spoke about getting involved at the regional level of garden club and the benefits thereof.

Awards Chairman, Linda Sadler presented National awards to clubs.

Final Registration Report – Merita Murdock – 84 individuals registered

Final Credentials Report: Jim Sadler

7 State Officers, 7 District Directors, 12 Club Presidents, 4 Past State Presidents, 15 State Chairmen, 24 delegates, (13 duplicates) Total Voting Strength – 56

Courtesy Resolution: Sherry Corneliusen

Benediction: Norm DeNeal

Convention Adjourned- 9:15 pm. Sine Die

Respectfully submitted,
—Lynne Mahan

GROWING GARDEN CLUB
MEMBERSHIP =
KEEPING CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Do you remember the first time you went to a garden club meeting? Was everyone wearing a name tag? It is easier to mingle and get involved with members when nametags are worn. As a member you can avoid embarrassment of not knowing other members' names, and, a new member will feel more welcome when his or her name is remembered. Speaking with someone by name is a more friendly means of communication. A nametag will assist members in putting a name with a face.

Does your club have a designated greeter? This is a great way to meet other members, and a small gesture that will make everyone feel welcome and happy they are members. When new and old members are greeted with a big smile, you'll be amazed how good you feel. Let members know that you value their membership and that they are important!

—Vanette Nagamori
MFGC Membership Chairman



2015 FALL BOARD
MEETING

OCTOBER 9-10, 2015

FORT BENTON, MONTANA

**More Information to be presented
at the MFGC annual convention in
Great Falls, and in the Fall Issue of
Montana Gardens.**

**The Executive Committee of the Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
cordially invites you to the 78th Annual Convention in Great Falls, Montana on
June 12th–13th, 2015.**

Convention Theme: We are Caretakers

Myrna McCollum -- Administration

Patricia Schlaeger – Publicity & Life Members

Convention Co-chairpersons

Thursday, June 11, 2015 Hilton Garden Inn

12:00 – 6:00 p.m. Registration Hilton Garden Inn hallway
12:00 -- 6:00 p.m. Ways & Means Set-Up Little Belt Room
2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Executive Committee: Chateau Room
3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Finance Committee: Chateau Room
4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Advisory Council Chateau Room
6:30 p.m. Judges' Council Chateau Room

**Members responsible for their own meal.*

Friday, June 12, 2015 Hilton Garden Inn

8:00 a.m. Registration Hilton Garden Inn Hallway
8:00 a.m. Ways & Means opens Little Belt Room
9:00 a.m. Call to Order— Sweet Grass/Bear Paw Rooms
Denise Fink --MFGC President
Welcome and Introduction of Head Table and Guests
Invocation, Presentation of Colors & Pledge
America The Beautiful: Welcome—Mayor Mike Winters;
Memorial Service—Jim Sadler; Reading/Adoption of
Convention Rules; Preliminary Registration Report;
Preliminary Credentials Report; Quorum Report; Appointment
of Committee to Approve 2014 Convention Minutes;
Introduction of 2015 Convention Co-Chairpersons;
Introduction of Pages; Adoption of Convention Program;
Appointment of Tellers; Appointment of Time Keepers;
Report of Committee to Approve 2014 Convention Minutes;
Report of Elected Officers; Nominating Committee; Financial
Review Committee; Announcement – Garden Club Member
of the Year; District Directors and Club Presidents Reports

11:45 a.m. Business Meeting in Recess

12:15 p.m. Luncheon—Sweet Grass/Bear Paw
Hosted by Dearborn Garden Club, Theme - “Water”
Presiding, MFGC President, Denise Fink
Honoring Past Presidents, District Directors
1:30 p.m. Resume Business Meeting—Sweet Grass/Bear Paw
Continuation of District Directors and Club Presidents
Reports; State Chairman Reports
Life Members Meeting - Susan Woods Presiding
Self-Guided Tours - Cars will be available to lead each tour
6:00 p.m. Leave hotel for the Schlaeger Ranch
7:00 p.m. Life Members' Dinner Program— “East Meets West”
Schlaeger ranch - 388 Wilson Butte Road

Saturday, June 13, 2015 Hilton Garden Inn

9:00 a.m. Resume Business Meeting, Sweet Grass/Bear Paw
Continuation of State Chairman Reports; Announcements

11:45 a.m. Business Meeting in Recess

12:15 p.m. State Awards Luncheon—Sweet Grass, Bear Paw
Rooms Hosted by Rainbow Garden Club, Theme - “Land”
Presiding Linda Sadler, Awards Chairman
Featuring Circle of Green Thumb Winners

1:30 p.m. Resume Business Meeting, Sweet Grass/Bear Paw
Preliminary Registration Report; Preliminary
Credentials Report; New Business: Recommendations from
Executive Committee; Proposed Budget; Invitation to Fall
Board Meeting; Invitation to 2016 MFGC Convention

Workshops, Sweet Grass & Bear Paw Rooms

2:00 – 2:50 p.m. Horticulture, Crafting and Design with
Succulents - Phyllis White, Moderator
3:00 – 3:45 p.m. Taking Planting to a New Level - Mike Dalton
Unique ways to grow vegetables and flowers
5:00 – 6:00 p.m. No host cash bar—

Entertainment --Laura Welker-Harpist

5:30 p.m. Practice Parade of Presidents and District Directors
6:30 p.m. National and RMR Awards Dinner, Hosted by: Great
Falls Flower Growers Club, Theme - “Forests”
Sweet Grass & Bear Paw Rooms
Presiding Denise Fink, MFGC President
Parade of Club Presidents; Introduction of Honored Guests;
Blessing; Entertainment; Speaker: Sandy Robinson, NGF
President; Presentation of National Awards; Installation of
2015 – 2017 MFGC Officers; Final Registration Report;
Final Credentials Report; Courtesy Resolution; Winner of the
Counted Cross Stitch picture; Benediction;

Dessert Reception Honoring Sandy Robinson, NGC President

– Great Falls Convention Tours –

The hosts of the 2015 MFGC Convention have planned varied experiences for those attending. While the main purpose of the convention is the business of the organization, education and fun are also important. To further these goals, two tours are planned so members may choose which one to take part. The tours will follow the afternoon business session on Friday.

Tour one will focus on horticulture with visits to local nurseries.
Tour two will go to the Veterans Memorial where there is extensive planting by the Great Falls Flower Growers and a Blue Star Marker with two benches installed by the Great Falls clubs, and then on to the Lewis and Clark National Interpretive Center. The exhibits, videos and native plantings make this an exceptional destination. A short trail also leads to the park at Giant Springs.

With the difficulty to schedule and pay for buses, the tours will be by auto. Local members will lead a car pool and will drive so those who do not want to take a car will have transportation.

Maps will also be provided. A list of other places of interest will be provided for those who don't wish to participate in either of the tours.

Members will be asked to sign up for the tour they choose at the time they register at the convention. The tours will end early enough so that there is time to get ready for the Life Members Dinner, which will be held in the country.



**78th ANNUAL STATE MEMBERSHIP CONVENTION June 12 & 13, 2015
MONTANA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS**

Great Falls Hilton Garden Inn – 2520 14TH Street Southwest, Great Falls, MT (406) 452-1000

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Please check ALL applicable titles (*indicates Voting Member) (^ Name must appear on Delegate Registration Form)

<input type="checkbox"/> Club President*	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden Club Member	<input type="checkbox"/> National President
<input type="checkbox"/> Club Delegate*^	<input type="checkbox"/> State Life Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Director
<input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Delegate*^	<input type="checkbox"/> Flower Show Judge	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Board Member
<input type="checkbox"/> District Director*	<input type="checkbox"/> Student Flower School Judge	<input type="checkbox"/> National Board Member
<input type="checkbox"/> State President*	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> National Life Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Elected State Officer*	<input type="checkbox"/> Student Landscape Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointed State Officer*	<input type="checkbox"/> First Time Attendee	
<input type="checkbox"/> State Chairman*	<input type="checkbox"/> Advisory Council Member*	

Hotel registration deadline is Monday, May 11, 2015 to get the convention rates. (\$104 + tax)

Registration and Meals: Convention Registration Postmarked Deadline is Tuesday, May 12, 2015.

All MFGC Members must register to attend any function.

Full time Registration: June 12-13, 2015, postmarked on or before May 12 \$25.00 _____

Full time Registration: postmarked after May 12 \$35.00 _____

One Day Registration: Friday _____ Saturday _____ \$20.00 _____

One Day Registration Postmarked after May 12: Friday _____ Saturday _____ \$25.00 _____

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

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

Meals: Check all that apply

*Friday Lunch \$20.00 _____

*Friday Life Members Banquet (off premises) \$25.00 _____

(open to all Life Members and Potential Members)

*Saturday MFGC Awards Luncheon \$20.00 _____

*Saturday Banquet, NGC Awards Presentations \$30.00 _____

Breakfast is on your own each day

Total Enclosed \$ _____

(*Please make list of any food issues (allergies, diabetic, lactose intolerant or gluten free, etc.) and send on separate sheet with registration).

Please make checks payable to 78TH MFGC CONVENTION and send to:
Sherry Meadors, Registrar, 1225 Park Garden Road, Great Falls, MT 59404.

Check # _____

District Meetings

WESTERN DISTRICT #2

Western District met in Charlo hosted by Mission View G.C. on April 15. The location was the Historic Leon Hall. We had Doukhobors soup (*Google that*). We had a program on the Leon Hall and after the meeting toured Charlo Park, a long term project of the Mission View Garden Club. There have been several grants over the years from National to support this project. The park provides the only place in town where family and friends can congregate and picnic. We hope to provide support for their new project to provide a covered shelter. We haven't had a State project for a while. We'll keep you updated at convention.



Missoula Garden Club



Stevensville Garden Club



Mission View Garden Club

CENTRAL DISTRICT #5

The Central District meeting was held on April 16 in Cascade, Montana. The Theme was "Who Will Be The Caretakers?" The session was called to order by Pat Biggs. Reports were given by presidents of Dearborn, Great Falls Flower Growers and Rainbow Garden Club; MFGC State Officers and the Blue Star Memorial and Birds and Habitats Chairmen. Carol Brady from Dearborn Garden Club was elected the new District #5 Director. *Best wishes, Carol!* The Cascade High School FFA presented a program "Water Adjudication of the Missouri River." The Life Member's held their meeting following lunch.



Dearborn Garden Club



Rainbow Garden Club



Great Falls Flower Growers

District Meetings

NORTHERN DISTRICT #6

The Northern District was hosted by Chester GC. District Director Vanette Nagamori was having surgery so Susan Yurman, previous District Director stepped in to chair the meeting. Darlene Skari presented a program on Cuba and Donna Arvidson, President of Conrad G.C. stepped up to add District Director to her duties. *Welcome Donna!*



Conrad Garden Club

(left) Donna Arvidson, Northern District Director



Fort Benton Garden Club



Chester Garden Club

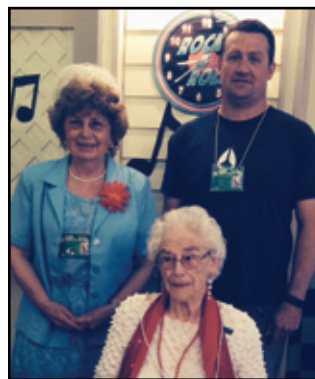
Margaret Meissner seated in front (left) is one of two charter members of the Chester Garden Club.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT #3

With song and style the Anaconda Garden Club hosted the Southwestern District Meeting. We were treated to 50's music, history and a style show. What a wonderful time!



Anaconda Garden Club



Dillon Garden Club



Butte Garden Study Group



Whitehall Garden Club

Under Montana's Big Sky....Club News

DEARBORN GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The March 18th, 2015 Dearborn Garden Club meeting was our first meeting in 2015 and we had plenty of business including planning for the District 5 meeting which was held at The United Methodist Education Building in Cascade on April 16th, 2015. Our regular monthly meeting was April 15, 2015, the day before the District 5 meeting. Even though we were busy, we made sure we had time to honor the three former members of the Dearborn Garden Club who had passed away: Betty Perry, Dottie Anderson, and Shirley Cornelius. We also took the time to get a photo of the members attending the meeting.



CHESTER GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Twelve members met at the Chester United Methodist Church on Monday, March 9, to enjoy a delicious homemade soup and bread luncheon prior to their meeting. Following this, Don Hazen from Riverview Greenhouse of Fort Benton gave an informative power point presentation on new plants and varieties he will have available this year. He will provide plants for the club's plant sale to be held at the Lutheran Fellowship Hall in Chester on Tuesday, May 19. This will be the 32nd year he has provided plants for Chester Garden Clubs' yearly plant sale.

It was reported that the Northern District Meeting would be hosted by Chester Garden Club on Friday, April 17, and will be held at the Chester United Methodist Church. Darlene Skari will present a program on their recent trip to Cuba. There will also be a silent auction with members providing items. State officers and chairmen will be in attendance. There will be a short business meeting during the plant sale on May 19. Members will plant containers for people who purchase plants at the sale who bring their own containers with soil for a charge of \$5.



WHITEHALL GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The purpose of the Whitehall Garden Club is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, to share the advantages of membership by means of educational meetings and to restore, improve and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs for conservation and civic improvements.

One of our most popular programs was Creating Fairy Gardens. One of our members, Karen Ranta, guided us through the processes of making a tiny garden using succulents and decorating with miniature figurines, tiny pieces of furniture, small pebbles and pieces of glass.

We have taken field trips to Karen Brower's garden in Pipestone, MT, to the Sunshine Health Mine, Don Wagner's garden and Jayne & Mike Dean's garden (members of our club) in Whitehall.

This coming year we will be raffling a beautiful quilt that Glenna Waltee made. Her only request is to use a portion of the proceeds to help pay the way for the members who want to attend the Flower Show School in Bozeman. We are very proud of Glenna. She was the 2014-15 MFGC Garden Club Member of the Year and she also received the 2014 Master Gardener award! Congratulations Glenna.

A big project we will be taking on this year is to get an Educational Interpretive Marker/Signage placed at the foot of the Native Plant Garden/Blue Star Memorial/Veteran's Wall. This marker will give a brief description of these 3 separate sections on the Silver Tower Park hillside to all visitors. We received a \$500 grant from the Jefferson Valley Community Foundation to assist us with this very special project.



Treasurer's Notes

MEMORIALS

In memory of Dottie Anderson

by Carmen McIlhatten, Dearborn Garden Club, \$25

In memory of Shirley Cornelius

by Carmen McIlhatten, Dearborn Garden Club, \$25

NEW MEMBERS

Shirley Embleton

Fort Benton Garden Club

Sarah Smart, Thire Vasina, Sandra Taylor, and Evelyn Edmisten

Whitehall Garden Club

Barb Phinney, Vonna Uithoven

Gallatin Empire Garden Club

LuWaana Johnson, Clark Walters, Jessie March

Butte Garden Study Group

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Jeannie Bennett

Great Falls Flower Growers

Betty Peterson

Great Falls Flower Growers

LM Rose Susan Andrews

Gallatin Empire Garden Club

New Life Member, Carol Brady

Dearborn Garden Club

PENNY PINES

Stevensville Garden Club, \$68

Gallatin Empire Garden Club, \$68

Glendive Garden Club, \$68

ENDOWMENT FUND

In Memory of Frank Krause, husband of Peggy Krause, father to Ann Palmer and Jayne Dean, **Whitehall Garden Club by Glenna Waltee - \$20**

In Memory of Jessie Dean Mounce, mother of Annierose Moran, **Whitehall Garden Club by Glenna Waltee - \$20**

—Glenna Waltee, MFGC Treasurer



CHANGES & CORRECTIONS

MONTANA GARDENS — 2015 Spring Issue

Colin Stowers of Great Falls was accidentally listed in the last issue as from Malta. He has won the Rocky Mountain Regionals Smokey Bear Poster Contest!

ATTENTION Garden Club Members

The Dearborn Garden Club needs your good, clean and pre-priced items for the Ways and Means Room at the June Convention. Please bring items you might be willing to buy. Thank You!

—Jo Lee Burman

Ways and Means Chair, Dearborn Garden Club

Wrapping it up...

by Patty Schlaeger, MT Gardens Editor

The District 5 clubs have been working very hard since last fall in getting everything ready to put on the best convention for MFGC Members in Great Falls. *Fill out your registration form and get it in soon!* The Life Members party is always a great time, and this year we are taking you out to the country for a special theme party, **“East Meets West”** with singing, dancing and beautiful Arabian and Quarter Horses.

We will start at the gate with a short hayride (optional). We are pictured below (*my husband, Gary, in Arabian garments and I am in Western attire*) with some of our Arabian horses who will enjoy meeting you. *We will see you all soon!*



SPECIAL CONVENTION T-SHIRTS

Our 78th Annual Convention Committee has been selling T-shirts with the “We Are Caretakers” design for only \$10 each. Great Falls Flower Growers Club members are shown at left wearing their shirts with our special theme photo. If you would like to have a shirt to wear during the convention, please send a request and we will send you the form to order a shirt to be delivered at the convention. Sizes are S-M-L-XL in 5 colors.

Send your request for an order form to:
tamarackgroup@yahoo.com

ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN YOUR GARDEN CLUB!

Garden Clubs offer you advice and instruction, speakers, tours and networking opportunities. Projects include community beautification, award recognition and grants, flower shows, floral design and youth activities. Garden Club members also enjoy access to our free media library, quarterly newsletters, as well as support and camaraderie with gardeners around the state. From the beginner to the experienced grower -- all are welcome. Please visit the Montana Federation of Garden Clubs website www.mtfgc.org or call our Membership Chairman, Vanette Nagamori at 406-622-5356 and we'll help you get growing!

CONSERVATION PLEDGE

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



*Your Officers and Committee Chairmen look forward to seeing you in
Great Falls, Montana on June 12th-13th for the 78th Annual MFGC Convention!*

2015 ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

Many wonderful posters were entered into the poster contest this year and it is always hard to pick the winners. The 2015 winners selected to enter the national contest were:

Encampment Dirt Diggers - 1st Grade Madison Dunning, Encampment, Wyoming
Neighborhood Garden Club - 2nd Grade Addie Blodgett, Holladay, Utah
Encampment Dirt Diggers - 3rd Grade Kaben Pickett, Encampment, Wyoming
Neighborhood Garden Club - 4th Grade Anders Kristensen, Holladay, Utah
Great Falls Flower Growers - 5th Grade Colin Stowers, Great Falls, Montana

I had the great pleasure to have the local forester Bryan Peterson and retired forester Jim Strine to help judge all the posters. Some clubs have trouble getting posters from the schools with all the testing and volume of information they are required to do. The children only have to be sponsored by a garden club and what a wonderful idea it would be to spend an afternoon with your grandchildren or great-grandchildren talking about taking care of the earth and what we can do to recycle and make the planet a cleaner and healthier place for them to live. In years to come they will remember the day you spent time with them drawing and coloring posters. How proud you would be if they won an award and a picture to frame and hang on the wall. Think about it and for information please contact me.

Brenda Slaughter, Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Chairman, Email: bj7slaughter@hotmail.com

