



## **MONTANA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2019**

I hope you are all staying safe and warm through this very cold weather. Your officers have been busy planning for this coming year and so I want to share with you some of what is on the horizon.

We are looking forward to the upcoming **District Meetings**. This is a great time for sharing what your club has done and is planning for the coming year. Sherry Corneliusen, President Elect; Glenna Waltee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and myself will be traveling the state to attend these meetings and share with you. The schedule is as follows:

Eastern Gateway, Miles City: April 10<sup>th</sup>

Hi-Line: Nashua: April 11<sup>th</sup>

Yellowstone: Billings: April 12<sup>th</sup>

Southwestern: Anaconda: April 13<sup>th</sup>

Northern: Shelby: April 24<sup>th</sup>

Central: Great Falls: April 25<sup>th</sup>

Western: Stevensville: April 26<sup>th</sup>

Lewis & Clark: Bozeman: April 27<sup>th</sup>

**As our FUND RAISER** for MFGC this year we will be selling a very nice cardigan sweatshirt. We will be bringing samples of these to the District Meetings and taking orders at that time. We will have a few sizes and colors available so you can try on the medium, large and extra large for size comparison. They are also available in XS and 4XL so they should have a size for everyone. Colors we will have at the meetings include

charcoal heather, estate blue heather, and medium heather. Deep black is available if you need a black one. We will have a signup sheet at the District meetings for you to pre-purchase one of these nice cardigans. If you are not at the District meeting and still want one you can order them through Sherry Corneliusen, 1014 Road 248, Glendive, Mt. 59330 or email me at [sher@midrivers.com](mailto:sher@midrivers.com) with color, size and send me your money. Cost of the sweatshirt will be \$37 payable to MFGC. The MFGC logo will be printed on the upper left corner. Updated information will be available at the District Meetings. We plan to deliver the sweatshirts to you at the convention in Miles City.

Speaking of our **2019 Convention** please be sure and put the dates of June 21-22 on your calendar and plan to attend. We will be meeting in Miles City. The club there has been very busy planning for us to have a great time. The Theme is "Blooming on the Prairie." Our national president will be here to help with the induction of new officers. More information will follow in The Gardens. I hope to see many of you there.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** This is the year when we elect new MFGC officers. We will be looking for a first vice president, a second vice president, a treasurer and a secretary. If you would like to serve the organization in any of these capacities please contact Linda Sadler, nominations chair, 1220 Clements Rd. Missoula, MT 59804-2980, 406-728-4743, [lindahillsadler@gmail.com](mailto:lindahillsadler@gmail.com).

**Awards:** This is a great time to be thinking about and getting your awards applications in to our chair person, Myrna McCollum. She and her committee are looking forward to receiving many wonderful applications. Please send your applications to Myrna McCollum; 4413 Central Ave., Great Falls, MT 59405-1643. The **Deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**Flower Show Awards** applications should be sent to Susan Andrews, 2429 Bridger Hills Dr., Bozeman, MT 59715-7654

**C-12 Photography Contest Awards** applications should be sent to Donna Dowell, 6045 Meininger Dr., Missoula, MT 59808-3910.

Please be thinking who in your club you can honor with the **Circle of Green Thumb Award**. I hope every club will consider honoring a member who has contributed significantly to the clubs activities.

**Scholarships:** Patty Schlaeger, Life Members Chair, has sent a letter to the schools letting them know of their scholarship. If you know of someone who could benefit from this please have them contact Patty.

**Youth:** Toni Ziegler notified me of a program that gives free cabbage plants to children's gardening projects. The plants are from Bonnie Plants. She reports that they are very nice plants. If interested check out the Bonnie Plants web site.

**Web Page:** Please be checking out web page to make sure the information about your clubs is up to date. If you have information, pictures, etc. to send to our web master, Elaine Wood the email address is [mfgweb@gtfalls.com](mailto:mfgweb@gtfalls.com). This is a great way to share what you are doing, when and where your club meets, and contact information.

I saw this poem on face book and thought it was worth sharing.  
Every gardener knows under the cloak of winter lies a miracle...a seed  
waiting to sprout, a bulb opening to the light, a bud straining to unfurl. And  
the anticipation nurtures our dream. Barbara Winkler