

MONTANA *Gardens*



Above left – Sherry Corneliusen smiles after her installation as President of the MFGC Above right – Jim Sadler, MFGC 1st Vice President (I) stands by the floral design he made in honor of NGC President Gay Austin (r). Right – Mary Ann Carey is our 2019-2020 Garden Club Member of the Year



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INTRODUCING OUR 2019-21 MFGC PRESIDENT

Thank you for electing me your President of the Montana Federation of Garden Clubs. My theme for the next two years is "Bloom Where You Are Planted" and it goes well with the National theme of "Plant America." I want to thank the Miles City Garden Club for hosting the MFGC Convention this year with the theme of "Blooming on the Prairie." There were 91 attendees, an excellent turnout for Eastern Montana. The weather was a bit cool and rainy, but it did not dampen our spirits. Some of the members enjoyed a horse drawn wagon ride around town and got to see the Blue Star Marker that Miles City installed a few years ago. Others enjoyed yard tours in the rain, but gardeners are a hardy bunch and a little rain did not keep us from seeing pretty flowers and beautiful yards. We also enjoyed a tour of the Tongue River Winery and of course, most of us brought home some of their delicious wine. Thanks goes out to my own club, the Glendive Garden Club, for their help with the convention and I would like to offer a special note of appreciation to Liz Smith, chairman of this fantastic convention. According to history, Miles City was host to the second MFGC Convention in 1939 so it was only fitting that we came back to Miles City 80 years later.

We were honored with the presence of our NGC President, Gay Austin from McComb, Mississippi who installed our newly elected officers. Myrna McCollum and her awards committee passed out awards for the 2018-2019 year and more than \$1,000 was awarded to different clubs for their projects. I encourage your club to apply for awards for next year. They are all listed in your directory. Also apply for the NGC awards along with the Plant America grants, Espoma and Ames Tools grants. RMR

awards are due August 1 to Myrna McCollum. Check out other important dates on the web or in the **Montana Gardens**.

Montana has a new grant this year and it is the Endowment Interest Grant. Check it out on the web and in this issue of the **Montana Gardens**. MFGC has money to help your clubs with their projects. Applications are due September 1.

My goals for this term are to work on communication with letters, phone calls, emails and other social media to keep everyone informed. I would like to see us stress education by holding schools, symposiums, tours, flower shows and workshops to increase our knowledge of horticulture. As garden club members, we need to work with our youth in their junior garden clubs and offer the senior kids a chance to receive one of our many scholarships to further their education. Remember they are our future.

I appreciate all who offered to take a chairmanship position. We can make our organization stronger by working together to carry out our mission.

I encourage all of you to "Bloom Where You Are Planted" and let's "Plant America."



Sherry Corneliusen
President MFGC



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DEADLINE / ISSUE

November 1, 2019 – Winter 2019-2020

March 1, 2020 – Spring 2020

July 1, 2020 – Summer/Fall 2020

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INTRODUCTION OF NEW 2019-21 MFGC OFFICERS



National Garden Club President Gay Austin installed the Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. officers at the 82nd annual meeting in Miles City, Montana on June 22, 2019. The 2019-2021 officers are (left to right) Phyllis White, Parliamentarian; Lilla Flesjer, Corresponding Secretary; Glenna Waltee, Treasurer; Sherry Corneliusen, President; Lynne Weischedel, Recording Secretary; Jim Sadler, First Vice President; Diane Ward, Second Vice President.

NGC PRESIDENT ADDRESSES MFGC CONFERENCE

National Garden Club President Gay Austin, said the challenge for her administration is membership. She would like to see each club increase membership 21% by 2021. This first involves leadership in recruiting new members and helping them become active, and, stimulating each member to in turn become an active member gatherer. She said change can happen in a club through partnerships with other organizations seeking to protect our natural habitats and environments so we can ensure a healthy world for future generations. The work garden clubs do brings great community pride for others around us.

"Through my travels, I have enjoyed hearing the successful programs of garden clubs who are dedicated to their communities' needs," said Gay, "Although we live in different parts of our nation, it is obvious that we are alike in that we promote the mission of National Garden Clubs, Inc. PLANT AMERICA." In closing she presented MFGC with a check for \$100 to be used for the Awards Program.

MARY ANN CAREY PRESENTED GARDEN CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

At the recent Montana Federation of Garden Clubs annual state meeting in Miles City, Mary Ann Carey was chosen to receive the highest award given to a garden club member.

As an active garden club member of the Whitehall Garden Club, Mary Ann has served as President of the local garden club and on various committees. She is an Accredited National Flower Show Judge who was presented her Flower Show Judge pin in 2018 and has since judged many flower shows across Montana. Mary Ann has attended the Seattle Flower and Garden Show numerous times and the Philadelphia Flower and Garden Show where she attended many gardening workshops. She has entered floral designs in the Jefferson County Fair for over 20 years. Upon moving to her home in 1978, she inherited a much neglected yard and house. Her yard and gardens now contain over 40 conifer trees and shrubs. She has since added many perennials, annuals, vines, water fountains, pebble mosaics, pathways, glass garden art, a hoop house and raised beds, all of which she made herself. She is not only an outdoor gardener, Mary Ann has over 20 houseplants that include gorgeous orchids.

This active member's volunteer work includes weeding, mowing and pruning at Boulder Public Library, the Bull Mountain Fire Hall and Saint John Catholic Church. She makes the flower arrangements for Mass and takes flowers to the Bear Grass Assisted Living facilities. She also grows pumpkins for the kindergarteners. Mary Ann is a Level 1 Master Gardener who hosts and attends garden tours and classes. She never stops learning about flowers and gardening. *Her best source of information, she says, are gardeners!*



Congratulations to Mary Ann Carey, we are all very proud of you!

MONTANA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

ENDOWMENT INTEREST GRANT GUIDELINES

The Endowment Program of the Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. provides grants for projects by local federated garden clubs in the State of Montana. The Endowment Interest Grant Program has been making annual grants since 2015.

Eligibility Project must:

- Be charitable in purpose
- Have able and committed leadership

Ineligible Projects:

- Conferences
- Planning, research or untested projects
- Partisan or sectarian activities

About the Grants

- Grants will be up to \$500
- Grants must be used for projects benefiting communities or residents of Montana
- Grant requests are reviewed by the Executive Committee and the Endowment Committee of the MFGC, Inc.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered

Preferred Projects

Priority will be given to projects that meet the following criteria:

- Provide a long-term, direct benefit to local residents or community
- Enjoy support from community members
- Projects have an ongoing, sustainable funding source
- Address important, unmet needs

Cash Match

Cash match is required for the grants

- For every five dollars of grant funding, applicants must have at least one dollar of matching funds for the project. Cash must be either pledged or in-hand. Please include some form of evidence of cash match such as a letter of commitment or a copy of a donation received.



- In-kind match (such as committed materials, real estate, building, donated time or other good or service) is valuable and shows the importance of the project to the community. Please describe any in-kind match committed to the project.

Application Package Checklist

Please include all of the following items in your application

- MFGC's Endowment Interest Grant Application Cover Sheet (form on the mtfgc.org website)
- Project budget including a description of cash and in-kind match and proof that cash and in-kind match is committed to the project.
- Copy of 501(c)3 if your organization has this designation
- A description of the Club organization including what it does in the community, who your organization serves, and a list of board members and/or project leaders.
- A written description of the proposed project, in two pages or less, to include the following:
 1. A detailed description of the proposed project
 2. Explanation of how the project meets the Montana Federation of Garden Club's funding priorities
 3. Describe the impact of the project in the community
 4. Estimate how many people will benefit from this project

Where to send the Application

- Application packages must be received by September 1, 2019
- Deliver FOUR copies of the package (stapled is fine) to: MFGC, P.O. Box 662, Whitehall, MT. 59759-0662

Fundraiser Sweatshirt Project for MFGC Continuing

SHERRY CORNELIUSEN, MFGC PRESIDENT

We decided at convention to keep taking orders for the cardigan fundraiser for the Montana Federation of Garden Clubs. You are still able to order a cardigan sweatshirt from me. I will be taking orders along with your money and ordering the cardigan sweatshirt in your proper size and color to be distributed at the Fall Board meeting in Great Falls, October 4-5. Some of your club members may have already ordered one and you can ask them to try it on for size comparison. They are available in XS, small, medium, large, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL so there should be a size for everyone. Colors include charcoal heather, estate blue heather, and a medium heather (*which is light grey, see picture below*). Deep black is available if you would like black. An MFGC logo is embroidered on the upper left corner. If you did not order a cardigan and want one of these nice warm sweatshirts you can still order them through me, Sherry Corneliusen, 1014 Road 248, Glendive, MT 59330 or email me at sher@midrivers.com with color, size and send me your money. Cost of the sweatshirt is \$37 payable to MFGC. If you order 2XL or larger there is an additional \$3 charge, so those larger sizes are \$40. I will be taking orders until Aug 30, the weekend of Labor Day. If you would like a nice, warm cardigan sweatshirt, order before Labor Day. If you have any questions, email me or call me at 406 486-5787.



2019 National Scholarship and Murphy Memorial Scholarship Presented

It has been my privilege to serve as the Montana Federation of Garden Clubs Chair of the National Garden Club Scholarship Committee for three terms. Having completed seven years, it's time to turn the Montana National Scholarship and the Murphy Memorial Scholarship position to a new chair. I'm proud Montana has submitted candidates that were awarded NGC and Murphy Scholarships for each of the past seven years.

A major responsibility of the Montana National Garden Club Scholarship Chair is to notify Montana colleges and universities about the scholarship availability for students planning careers related to gardening, landscape design, environmental issues, floral design and horticulture. Students may apply their sophomore year and are eligible for the scholarship their junior, senior and at the master's degree level. This year all Montana private and state colleges and universities were contacted by email regarding the National Garden Club and the Murphy Memorial Scholarships. Contacting the universities in November/December is important as the change in deadline from March to February has reduced the number of applicants.

Another major responsibility is the selection of the best candidate to send to the National Garden Club Scholarship Chair. This year Bailey Christoffersen's application was submitted, and we recently learned that he is one of the 2019 recipients of the \$4,000 scholarship. He is an incoming senior at Montana State University, Bozeman with a major in Crop Science and a minor in Agricultural Business. This is the second year he has received the scholarship. He grew up in Froid, Montana, located in Northeastern Montana, where his family raises wheat, peas, hay and cattle. Bailey's professional goal is get a job in the agricultural community.



Above (Left) Bailey Christoffersen (Right) Melissa Wysocki

Due to his family farm experiencing a 100 percent hail loss last summer, Bailey is especially grateful to again receive the National Garden Club Scholarship.

Selected for the 2019 Murphy Memorial Scholarship is Melissa Wysocki, an incoming senior at Montana State University who is majoring in Land Rehabilitation with a minor in Soil Science. Melissa works diligently on two jobs in order to take personal financial responsibility for her education while maintaining academic excellence. She engages in several leadership roles on campus and the community such as volunteer work for Keepers of the Wild Animal Sanctuary, Gallatin Valley Farm to School Program, Bounties of Bridger's Food Pantry, team leader for Habitat of Humanity and a volunteer for Eagle Mount therapy program for handicapped children. She is truly deserving of the Murphy Memorial Scholarship.

It has been my joy to work with these wonderful students who are seeking ways to reduce their university financial indebtedness. It such an honor to be part of an organization that recognizes this need and provides the opportunity for outstanding students who are good stewards of the earth to be recognized and financially rewarded.

Dr. Fay Weber, Montana National Scholarship Chair

LIFE MEMBERS LUNCHEON PROVIDED MFGC MEMBERS WITH FELLOWSHIP, AWARDS, ROSES AND A SCHOLARSHIP

The 2019 annual Life Members Luncheon at the MFGC conference gave those attending a chance to get to know each other a little better. Life Members and guests were all handed a "Friendship BiNGO" card as they entered the meeting room. Everyone had to fill the 24 blank spaces with another person's name until all the blocks held a name going around the room from table to table asking someone to sign a square. During the luncheon names were called and when a BINGO line or four corners was completed, a prize was won. It was a great way for members to gain better name recognition of one another.

I was pleased to announce the winner of the "traveling" rose trophy given to the club with the most new Life Members. Although the Havre Bullhook Blossoms forgot to bring the trophy to Miles City, they were able to keep it again for the year with eight new Life Members. **Way to go ladies!**



I also encourage members to conduct drawings during your club year for a \$50 Life Members Rose Pin to help us continue with our scholarship program. Also, anyone can purchase as many rose pins as you want during the year. They make excellent memorials or gifts.

It was a pleasure to award our \$1,000 2019 Life Members Scholarship to Riley Hunt. Riley is a senior at Montana State University. She is active in both campus and community organizations. Riley says through her summer employment with a professional landscape company she is looking to broaden her experience and learn new skills that will help her in a career in horticulture once she earns her degree. Although Riley could not come to Miles City, she sent us a taped thank you for her scholarship.

(left) Riley Hunt

Patricia Schlaeger, MFGC Life Members Chairman

2019 DISTRICT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The officers of the Montana Federation of Garden Clubs get to see how big the "Big Sky State" really is when it comes time for the annual District Meetings. These ladies traveled from one side of the state to the other; from the north to the south. President Joyce Hendricks related that these spring meetings, which test drivers in all kinds of Montana weather, are most enjoyable since it gives the officers a chance to meet with all members of our affiliated garden clubs. The meetings were held throughout two weeks giving officers a reprieve in between for the Easter holiday.

The Eastern Gateway District #12 Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 10 at the First Baptist Church in Miles City. Their theme was "Montana In The Spring." The special speaker was Mary Jo Barnard who told about "Barn Quilt Trails" and showed samples of quilt designs used. On Thursday, April 11 the Hi-Line District #7 Meeting was held at the Valley County Pioneer Museum. The program highlight was a tour of the museum. The Yellowstone District #10 Meeting was held on Friday, April 12 in Billings at the Garden Avenue Greenhouse which included a greenhouse tour. On Saturday, April 13 the Southwestern District #3 Meeting was held in Anaconda at the Copper Village Museum and Art Center. They had loads of fun with their "Carnival" theme. The featured program was "Birds of the Warm Springs Management Area" and speaker was Gary Swant, Montana's most famous birder.

The second week of the District Meetings was held without President-Elect Sherry Corneliusen due to a case of the shingles. The meetings continued on Wednesday, April 24 with Northern District #6 in Shelby at the Comfort Inn. "How does your garden grow," was their program which was a demonstration on judging designs. On Thursday, April 25 Central District #5's three clubs met at the Great Falls Do Bar Hall and treated everyone to the film, "The Flight of the Butterfly." The Western District #2 Meeting was held in Corvallis at the K & S Greenhouse with the owner, Gale Price, who presented the program. The final District Meeting was held in Bozeman on Saturday, April 27. Lewis & Clark District #4 club members met at the Bridger Canyon Fire Company with Steve Thorson from the Montana Honey Bee Company who gave an excellent presentation.

Pictured below and on the next page are group pictures of men and women in our garden clubs throughout the state of Montana who gathered for a good time and interesting programs during the District Meetings of the MFGC.



Glendive Garden Club



Miles City Garden Club



Saco Garden Club



Gumbo Gals



Malta Dirt Daubers



Fun at the Yellowstone Meeting



Whitehall Garden Club



Dillon Garden Club



Anaconda Garden Club

2019 DISTRICT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Toole County Garden Club



Conrad Garden Club



Chester Garden Club



Rainbow Garden Club (above) Great Falls Flower Growers (below)



Dearborn Garden Club



Missoula Garden Club



Stevensville Garden Club



Norm DeNeal conducts the SW District Meeting



2019 MFGC ANNUAL CONVENTION

MONTANA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
EIGHTY SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION MEETING MINUTES
Sleep Inn Suites, Miles City, Montana

Friday, June 21, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Joyce Hendricks, MFGC President called the 82nd Annual State Convention of Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc to order at 9:00 AM on Friday, June 21, 2019, at the Sleep Inn Suites, Miles City, Montana and welcomed those in attendance.

Presentation of Colors – Pledge of Allegiance: Boy Scouts of America, and Joyce Hendricks

Opening Exercises: Lynne Weischedel, MFGC Recording Secretary, was present.

Welcome & Introductions: Gay Austin, NGC President; Joyce Hendricks, MFGC President; Sherry Corneliusen, MFGC President Elect; Glenna Waltee, MFGC 2nd Vice President Pro Tem; Carol Works, MFGC Corresponding Secretary Pro tem and Credential Chairman; Phyllis White, MFGC Parliamentarian; Lynne Weischedel, MFGC Recording Secretary; Liz Smith, MFGC 2019 Convention Chair; John Hollowell, Miles City Mayor.

Inspirational Thought: Cheryl Carroll, MFGC Chaplain

Registration Report: Not available

Quorum & Rules of Convention: Phyllis White, MFGC Parliamentarian, declared a quorum present.

Reading and Adoption of Convention Rules: Phyllis White, MFGC Parliamentarian, read the Standing Rules for the 82nd Annual Convention for adoption. **ADOPTED**

Appointment of the Committee to Approve the 2019 Convention Minutes: Joyce Hendricks, MFGC President, appointed the following to approve the minutes of the 2019 Convention Minutes: Jody Olson, Judy Rente and Jeannie Bennett.

Time Keepers Appointed: Joyce Hendricks, MFGC President, appointed the following to serve as timekeepers for the 2019 Convention: Annie Mollock and Judy Rente.

Report of 2018 Minute Approval Committee: Sherry Corneliusen reported the minutes from the 2018 State Convention were approved and circulated.

Reports of Officers: President Joyce Hendricks, President Elect Sherry Corneliusen (on file), 2nd Vice President Glenna Waltee (on file), Treasurer Vicky Barbieri not present – Glenna Waltee gave the Report (on file)

Credentials Report: Carol Works, gave the following Preliminary Credentials Report as of 10:00 a.m. June 21, 2019 showing a voting strength of 25 (on file)

National President 1
Regional Director 0
Appointed or Elected Officers 5
State Garden Club Presidents 1
Past Regional Directors 1
Regional Representatives & Chairmen 1
Members of Committees 3
Delegates 28
Less Duplications 3
Voting Strength 25
Elected Alternates 1
Web Master 1

Total MFGC members registered 81

Financial Audit: Gail Zarr reported that the financial audit was found to be in order.

Past Presidents: Joyce Hendricks, MFGC President, introduced all of the former MFGC presidents in attendance: Marie Jones, Mary Davis, Norman DeNeal, Phyllis White and Linda Sadler.

Memorial Service: Cheryl Carroll, MFGC Chaplain, conducted the memorial service for Garden Club Members who have died.

Nominating Committee Report: MFGC 1st Vice President, Jim Sadler; MFGC 2nd Vice President, Diane Ward; MFGC Recording Secretary, Lynne Weischedel; MFGC Treasurer, Glenna Waltee. There were no nominations from the floor. **ELECTED BY ACCLIMATION**

Report of District Director & Club Presidents:

Western District: Donna Dowell, Director, not present; Presidents' report (in book) **Southwestern**

District: Cathy Speich-Ferguson, Director, not present (Norm DeNeal gave report); Presidents'

report (in book) **Lewis and Clark District:** Connie Leatherman, Director, not present; Presidents'

report (in book) **Central District:** Ivy Jackson, Director, not present; Presidents' report (in

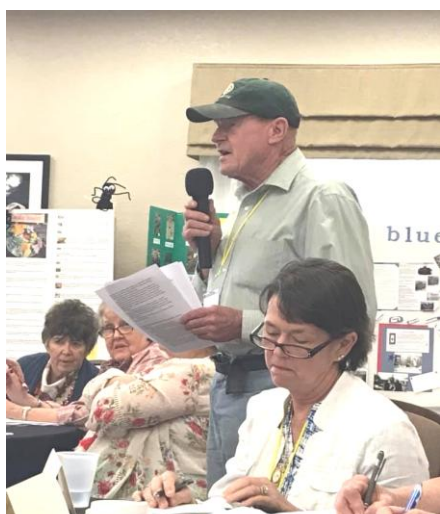
book) **Northern District:** Carol Works, Director; Presidents' report (in book) **Hi-Line District:** Gloria

Tillman, Director, not present (Kathy Waters gave report); Presidents' report (in book) **Yellowstone**

District: Rosemary Power, Director; Presidents' report (in book) **Eastern Gateway District:** Lynne

Weischedel, Director; Presidents' report (in book)

Lunch: Sponsored by Life Members, Patty Schlaeger, Life Member Chair, presiding.



Top to Bottom: Miles City Blue Star Marker; our "twin smiles"; Norm DeNeal discusses a motion; Roadrunner Wine from the Corneliusens and wonderful country music

2019 MFGC ANNUAL CONVENTION

Circle of Green Thumb Awards: Circle of Green Thumbs Awards announced by President-elect Sherry Corneliusen. President Joyce Hendricks presented Awards to those honorees present: Christi Mock, Judy Rente, Marisa Robertson, Jeanne Vetch and Penny Zimmerman.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned 12:25 p.m.

Saturday June 22, 2019

Call to Order: Joyce Hendricks, President, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. on June 22, 2019

Chairmen Reports:

Montana Garden magazine editor: Patty Schlaeger (on file)

Webmaster: Elaine Wood – send updates for the web page to her

Endowment Committee: Glenna Waltee (on file)

Bee's and Water Wise: Sue Leferink (on file)

Credentials Report given by Carol Works (on file)

Appointed or Elected Officers 6

State MFGC President 1

MFGC State Chairmen 16

District Director 3

Delegates 14

Advisory Council 5

Club Presidents 10

MFGC voting members 54

Less Duplications 13

Total Voting Strength 41

Registration Report given by Carol Works (on file)

MFGC members attending 81

Guests 10

Total Attending 91

Chairmen Reports continued:

NGC Member Services: Carol Works (Display) – new chairman is Sharon Dahl

Blue Star/Gold Star: Kathy Austin (Display)

Flower Show Schools and Symposium: Susan Billmeyer (on file)

Butterfly: Kathy Waters (on file)

Penny Pines: Sharon Dahl (absent) – Sherry Corneliusen gave the report

Native Plants and Wildflowers: Susan Andrews

Flower Show Books of Evidence Chairman: Susan Andrews

Life Members and Public Relations: Patty Schlaeger (on file)

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl: Jennifer Strzelczyk (on file)

Youth Coordinator: Toni Ziegler – Lynne Mahan is the new Chairman

Scholarship: Faye Weber (absent) – Joyce Hendricks, MFGC President gave the report (on file)

NGC Non-Print Chairman - Phyllis White reported

New Business:

Executive Committee recommendation – Lynne Weischedel, MFGC Recording Secretary, read recommendation: "When funds are available, the 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, District Directors, Parliamentarian, and Awards Chairperson, if in attendance, may be reimbursed, if requested for convention registration fees." Change to original wording that included meals, except Life Members and Judges Council dinners. **REJECTED**

Endowment Committee recommendation for new grant criteria **PASSED**

Proposed budget – presented by Glenna Waltee (on file)

Announcements:

Jim Sadler – RMR Fall Board in Missoula, August 23rd and 24th, 2019.

Havre invited everyone to the 2020 State Convention June 11-13, 2020.

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. to reconvene at the Installation Banquet.

Lunch: Awards Luncheon, Glenna Waltee, 2nd Vice President, presiding. MFGC Awards Chairman Myrna McCollum announced the MFGC award winners. President Joyce Hendricks announced the NGC award winners.

Call to Order: The President reconvened the meeting at the Installation Banquet on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

National President: Gay Austin gave remarks.

Courtesy Resolution: Mary Davis, MFGC Past-President read the Courtesy Resolution and moved its adoption. **ADOPTED**

Installation of Officers: NGC President Gay Austin installed the MFGC officers for the term June 2019 to June 2021, President Sherry Corneliusen, 1st Vice President Jim Sadler, 2nd Vice President Diane Ward, Treasurer Glenna Waltee, Recording Secretary Lynne Weischedel, Corresponding Secretary Lilla Flesjer, and Parliamentarian Phyllis White.

MFGC President Sherry Corneliusen gave an acceptance speech.

Adjournment Sine Die President Joyce Hendricks adjourned the 82nd annual meeting of the Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, 2019

Lynne K Weischedel, MFGC Recording Secretary

President Joyce Hendricks

Approved by: Jody Olson, Judy Rente, Jeannie Bennett



Photos top to bottom: MFGC President and President-Elect set the western theme; Myrna and Jolee get ready to pass out the awards; Another outstanding floral design; Jenn poses with her grandfather's wagon team she helped drive to the Miles City Blue Star Marker

**Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Annual Operating Budget Report
for Fiscal Year 2018-2019**

Income

Membership Dues	\$5,694.00
MT Gardens Publication	\$60.00
Website Support	\$0.00
Fundraising	\$407.00
State Meetings	\$3,443.16
Designated Funds	\$2,531.00
Suspended Funds	\$976.00
Promotion/Publicity	\$56.42
Insurance	\$300.00

Total \$13,467.58

Expenses

National Garden Club Dues	\$621.00
MT Gardens Publication	\$2,927.60
Website	\$17.49
Fundraising	\$0.00
State, Regional, National Meetings	\$3,939.21
Designated Funds	\$2,854.71
Suspended Funds	\$1,544.00
Promotion/Publicity	\$0.00
Insurance	\$1,447.00
Miscellaneous	\$49.99
Administration	\$212.35
Total	\$13,613.35

**Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Annual Operating Budget Report
for Fiscal Year 2017-2018**

Income

Membership Dues	\$4,118.00
MT Gardens Publication	\$30.00
Website Support	\$0.00
Fundraising	\$4,426.00
State Meetings	\$2,628.00
Designated Funds	\$3,463.74
Suspended Funds	\$2,088.00
Promotion/Publicity	\$87.17
Insurance	\$600.00

Total \$17,440.91

Expenses

National Garden Club Dues	\$651.00
MT Gardens Publication	\$2,764.48
Website	\$17.49
Fundraising	\$240.00
State, Regional, National Meetings	\$3,461.01
Designated Funds	\$1,083.96
Suspended Funds	\$952.00
Promotion/Publicity	\$0.00
Insurance	\$1,773.00
Computer/Program	\$629.97
Supplies	\$262.51
Administration	\$168.95
Total	\$12,004.37

**Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Annual Operating Budget Report
for Fiscal Year 2016-2017**

Income

Membership Dues	\$8,317.00
MT Gardens Publication	\$55.00
Website Support	\$0.00
Fundraising	\$1,685.04
State Meetings	\$1,789.95
Designated Funds	\$3,364.63
Suspended Funds	\$612.00
Promotion/Publicity	\$0.00
Insurance	\$300.00

Total \$16,123.62

Expenses

National Garden Club Dues	\$693.00
MT Gardens Publication	\$2,514.50
Website	\$17.49
Fundraising	\$286.93
State, Regional, National Meetings	\$3,807.05
Designated Funds	\$9,006.35
Suspended Funds	\$1,112.00
Promotion/Publicity	\$20.00
Insurance	\$295.39
Miscellaneous	\$315.00
Administration	\$847.39
Total	\$18,915.10

Montana's First Gold Star Memorial Marker

The name Gold Star came from the custom of families of servicemen hanging a banner called a service flag in the window of their homes. The service flag had a star for each family member in the United States Armed Forces. The living servicemen were represented by a Blue Star, and those who had lost their lives were represented by a Gold Star.

The Whitehall Garden Club established a Blue Star Memorial Marker at the Town's Silver Tower Park on May 21, 2011, Armed Forces Day. The garden club felt this beautification project was a fitting memorial to the service people who are fighting for our country. The Gold Star Marker honors the families whose loved one paid the ultimate price defending the United States of America. All family members representing all conflicts, all branches of service and all circumstances of death are supported. While their hero paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, survivors live daily with the pain of this sacrifice. Gold Star Families endeavor to provide an atmosphere of emotional and psychological support for healing.

The Gold Star Memorial Marker will be placed in Silver Tower Park, in Whitehall, Montana near the Blue Star Memorial Marker and the Veterans Wall. The 12" by 20" plaque is designed to be placed in civic gardens, parks and historical sites. This year a special day has been designated as "Gold Star Mother's Day" on Sunday, September 29th, 2019. This is the day the Whitehall Garden Club will hold the dedication ceremony with the revealing of the Gold Star Plaque. Everyone is invited to attend the dedication ceremony; the time will be announced at a later date. This project is both charitable in purpose and has enabled and committed leadership within the Whitehall Garden Club membership. It is difficult to estimate how many people will benefit from this project when you count the residents of Whitehall and the surrounding areas, the visitors to the town who stop at the park, and the students who lunch there during school hours.



**Glenna Waltee
Whitehall Garden Club**



MFGC AWARD WINNERS

How wonderful to see all the work garden clubs do throughout the year. There were over 112 Award Books of Evidence entered, not including flower show or yearbook applications. Thank you for your club's participation! All the first place winners are listed below. Those awards with a sponsor received cash; those not sponsored received a certificate.

MYRNA MCCOLLUM, AWARDS CHAIRMAN

MFGC AWARD	WINNERS	PRIZE
A-2 - Bessie Sterling	Dearborn GC - Cascade	Certificate
A-3 - Vivian Stuart	Whitehall GC	Certificate
A-4 - Florence Baker	Belgrade GC	Certificate
A-5b - Charlotte Straub	Dearborn GC - Cascade	\$20
A-5a - Charlotte Straub	Missoula GC	\$20
A-6a - Alice Hamilton	Belgrade GC - Phyllis White	\$20
A-6b - Alice Hamilton	Whitehall GC - Sarah Smart	\$20
A-7b - Esther Hamel/B Burns Garden Therapy	Rainbow Garden Club - GF	\$15
A-7a - Esther Hamel/B Burns Garden Therapy	Stevensville GC	\$15
A-8 - Junne Johnsrud Mem Award	Gallatin Empire - Bozeman	\$20
A-9 - Lillian Westin Wildflower	Gallatin Empire - Susan Andrews	\$25
A-10 - Ceri Breen Wildflower Conservation	Gallatin Empire - Susan Andrews	\$10
A-11 - Ruby Benjamin Wildflower Photography	Bullhook Blossoms - Havre	Certificate
A-13b - Florence Baldwin Environ Education	Bullhook Blossoms - Havre	Certificate
A-13a - Florence Baldwin Environ Education	Missoula GC	Certificate
A-15 - Mae Brennan Habets Pub Pr Book	Dearborn GC - Cascade	\$10
A-16 - Dorothy Lechner Youth	Bullhook Blossoms - Havre	\$10
A-17 - Rose Kopp Special	Rainbow GC - GF	Certificate
A-18b - Alpha Mitchell Living Legacy	Rainbow GC - GF	Certificate
A-18a - Alpha Mitchell Living Legacy	Stevensville GC	Certificate
A-19 - Barbara Hanic Beautify with Flowers	Whitehall GC	\$10
A-20b - Marie Jones Container Gdng (a)	Bullhook Blossoms - Havre	\$15
A-20a - Marie Jones Container Gdng (a)	Missoula GC - Jim Sadler	\$15
A-20b - Marie Jones Container Gdng (b)	GFFG - Pat Biggs	\$15
A-21a - Elizabeth Kehmeier Scrapbook	Belgrade GC	\$25
A-21b - Elizabeth Kehmeier Scrapbook	Bullhook Blossoms - Havre	\$25
A-23 - Mary J Olson Trees	Rainbow GC - GF	\$10
A-24 - Mary Davis Patriotic	GFFG	Certificate
A-25b - Darlene Skari Public Workshop	Rainbow GC - GF	\$25
A-25a - Darlene Skari Public Workshop	Missoula GC	\$25
A-27 - Phyllis White Conservation	Rainbow GC - GF	\$50
A-28a - Denise Fink Past to Future	Missoula GC	\$20
A-28b - Denise Fink Past to Future	Bullhook Blossoms - Havre	\$20
B-1a - Mae Burke Magill	Missoula GC	\$20
B-1b - Mae Burke Magill	Rainbow GC - GF	\$20
B-3 - Dearborn GC Scrapbook	Gallatin Empire - Susan Andrews - Bozeman	\$10
B-5a - Kerin McCarver Special	Belgrade GC	\$ 7.50
B-5b - Kerin McCarver Special	Dearborn GC - Cascade -	\$ 7.50
B-6 - Laura Works Memorial	Bullhook Blossoms - Havre	\$25
B-7 - Chairman Leadership	GFFG-Pat Biggs	Trophy
B-9 - Cathy Atkinson Creative Design	Missoula GC - Jim Sadler	Certificate
B-11 - Esther Hamel Butterfly	Bullhook Blossoms - Havre	\$50
B-12a - Mary Lee Award	Missoula GC - Cheryl Carroll	\$20
B-12b - Mary Lee Award	Bullhook Blossoms - Havre	\$20
C-1a - Award of Appreciation	Belgrade GC	\$50
C-1b - Award of Appreciation	Bullhook Blossoms - Havre	\$50
C-2 - Horticulture	Whitehall GC	\$20
C-3 - Floral Design(a)	Bullhook Blossoms - Havre	\$20
C-4 - Garden Club Member of the Year	Mary Ann Carey - Whitehall GC	tiara
C-5 - Bird Report	GFFG - Myrna McCollum	\$20
C-7 - Bird Scrapbook	GFFG - Myrna McCollum	\$20
C-9a - Multimedia	Belgrade GC	\$20
C-9b - Multimedia	Bullhook Blossoms - Havre	\$20
C-9b - Multimedia Power Point	Rainbow GC - Rainbow GC - GF	\$20
C-10 - Blue & Red Yearbook	Stevensville GC	\$20
C-10 - Blue & Red yearbook	Dearborn GC - Cascade	\$20
C-10 - Blue & Red Yearbook	Miles City GC	\$20
C-11 - Award of Excellence	Bullhook Blossoms - Havre - Boys & Girls Club	\$100
D-1a - Youth Club Sponsorship	Malta Dirt Daubers	Certificate
D-1b - Youth Club Sponsorship	Rainbow GC - GF	Certificate
D-2 - Youth Gardening	Rainbow GC - GF	\$20
E-1a - Standard Flower Show	Thumb R Green - Billings	\$20
E-3a - Small Standard Flower Show	Missoula GC	\$20
E-3 - Holiday Flower Show	Belgrade GC	\$20

Total Cash Paid Out for Awards - \$1,100.00 Total 1st Place Certificates - 12
Total Green Thumb Certificates - 15

"This and That"

By JIM SADLER, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

I feel most fortunate to have been chosen to be the First Vice President of the Federation. I have belonged to the Missoula Garden Club since 1992 been District Director and have chaired State Conventions, Symposiums and Flower Show schools and helped out wherever the President needed assistance. My most current assignment is the Rocky Mountain Regional meeting to be held in Missoula on August 23 and 24. This meeting has an added attraction as the Five Valleys Dahlia and Glad Society is hosting the Western International Gladiolus Show and celebrating its 10th Annual Dahlia Show in conjunction with the Regional meeting. The show is being staged and judged on August 23 and not being taken down until after the Regional meeting on August 24. Schedules of the show can be obtained by contacting Amy Zanzig at

Svdsoc@gmail.com.

Darla Anderson is the new RMR District Director and hails out of Utah. Eight states will be in attendance. We are planning a breakfast on your own at the Farmers Market by the River on Saturday morning, and a garden tour of three strikingly different gardens Saturday afternoon. The flower show on Friday is going to be an eye opener. The opportunity to learn, participate and judge some of the Dahlia design classes is once in a lifetime opportunity.

Please send in your registration early to enable me to plan a once in eight years in Montana event.

SHORT REISTRATION FORM

RENDEZVOUS IN MISSOULA

AUGUST 23-24 Missoula, Montana

Name: _____

Address: _____ City, _____

_____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____

Email address _____

Friday Dinner Buffet \$45.00 _____

Saturday Lunch Buffet \$25.00 _____

Saturday Plated Dinner \$50.00 _____

Registration fee: \$25.00 _____

Late fee after August 1

Hotel: Holiday Inn, 200 South Pattee Street, Missoula, Mt 59802 Mention RMR meeting to receive convention rate of \$155.00 per night. Call 406-721-8550 and use the code LUB

Get complete Registration Form online from the RMR Website or from Jim Sadler
Send Registration form and checks to:

Jim Sadler, 1220 Clements Road,
Missoula, Montana 59804
Checks made out to RMR

NOTE: Our hotel room block is now at the Heritage Inn in Great Falls. The Sleep Inn as printed on the forms handed out at the Miles City Convention will not be open in time for our meeting. Please reserve rooms at the Heritage Inn.



MEADOW LARK COUNTRY CLUB - 300 COUNTRY CLUB BLVD (10th Avenue SW)
(The Country Club is located on the South side of the West side of the bridge over the Missouri River)

Friday, October 4 (All events take place at the Meadow Lark Country Club – Main Floor)

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Registration
2:30 pm	Finance Committee
3:30 pm	Executive Committee (MFGC Elected/Appointed Officers)
4:30 pm	Advisory Council meeting (Former State Presidents)
5:30 – 6:30 pm	No host cocktails and "Walk and Talk" Riverbank Conservation Program by Meadow Lark Country Club Manager and their Groundskeeper
6:30 pm	Judges Council Dinner/Meeting or Dinner on your own <i>(Restaurant list provided at registration desk or you can eat at the Country Club with a reservation by 5 pm)</i>

Saturday October 5, 2019

8:30 am – 9:00 am	Registration
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Fall Board meeting
11:00 am	Computer Workshop on Excel and Social Media (bring a smart phone and/or lap top)
Noon	Lunch and Program, "Treasures from Trash"
1:00 pm	Business resumes
3:00 pm	Adjournment

REGISTRATION FORM

(Reservation deadline is September 20. A late registration fee will apply after the deadline)

NAME _____

PHONE _____ Email _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

CLUB _____

Circle all that apply: State Officer Club President District Director State Chairman
 Flower Show Judge Advisory Council Garden Club Member

Registration Fee **\$15 (by 9/20/19)** \$ _____

Late Registration **\$30 (postmarked after 9/20)** \$ _____

Saturday Luncheon and Coffee Break **\$30** (let us know if any food allergies*) \$ _____

*Food Allergy _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Lynne Mahan, Registrar, 1317 Derby Drive, Great Falls, Montana 59404



WE ARE ASKING EACH CLUB TO BRING A PURSE ((One purse per club which can be accompanied with optional accessories) FOR OUR WAYS & MEANS PURSE SILENT AUCTION



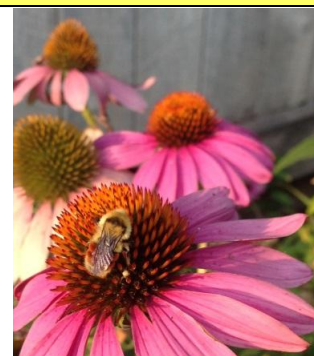
Hotel Reservation Information – Ask for MFGC 2019 FALL BOARD RATE

ROOM BLOCK AT THE HERITAGE INN, 1700 Fox Farm Road (Near the Country Club)

\$90 + tax (two queens) includes Continental Breakfast For Reservations: 1-800-548-8256

Room Block will be held until September 20, 2019

Edible Flowers for All – Sue Leferink, Townsend Garden Club & Study



Flowers not only look beautiful in our gardens but are a lovely way to enjoy delightful cuisine. Whether stuffed, pickled, sprinkled on a salad, rolled into doughs, fried up as a fritter, incorporated into a cocktail, simple syrup, ice cubes or candied for a cake, there is always something to please the pickiest of pallets. The culinary use of flowers dates back thousands of years to the Chinese, Greek and Romans. Many cultures use flowers in their traditional cooking such as squash blossoms in Italian food or rose petals in Indian food. Adding flowers to your food can be a whimsical way to add color and flavor. Some are spicy and some herbaceous, while others are floral and fragrant. The range is surprising.

When eating flowers, it is best to use ones you have grown yourself or know to be safe for consumption. Avoid using flowers that have been sprayed with pesticides or other chemicals especially in public areas such as public parks or by the roadside. Select flowers that have just started blooming and harvest them on bright, sunny mornings.

Eat only the petals, and remove pistils and stamens before eating. If you suffer from allergies, introduce edible flowers gradually, as they may exacerbate allergies. When cooking with or serving edible flowers, clean them by washing them gently in a large bowl of cold water and letting them air dry on a paper towel. Use them immediately or store them in the refrigerator for up to a week in an airtight container lined with a damp paper towel. Ice water can revitalize limp flowers.

This summer select some multipurpose blooming herbs and edibles for your garden to feed the bees and meet your needs all while being water wise to prevent demise.

PLANT LIST TO PICK FROM

Here are a few suggestions of flowers and their uses:

ALLIUMS - Chives, leeks and garlic are all delicious in green salads, potato and pasta salads and dips. Remove the central stem from the flower cluster to release the separate florets. Pickled chive blossoms can be added to a cream cheese spread. Also great for a bloody Mary or martini.

ANISE HYSSOP - Separate the florets and add them to sweet or savory dishes or use the full flowers to garnish a cheese plate.

BACHELOR'S BUTTON - Grassy in flavor, the petals are edible. Avoid the bitter calyx.

BORAGE - These beautiful blue, star-shaped flowers from the borage plant taste a bit like cucumber, which is why they've been used in salads since the Elizabethan Age. They are also delicious in ice cubes, lemonade and refreshing cocktails.

CHAMOMILE - English chamomile has small, daisy-like flowers with an apple-like flavor. If allergic to ragweed avoid chamomile.

DAYLILY - Daylily buds and flowers taste a bit like asparagus. They can be used as a garnish, stuffed, made into fritters or in a stir-fry.

DIANTHUS - All carnation petals are sweet, once trimmed away from the base. The blossoms taste like their sweet, perfumed aroma.

DILL - Yellow dill flowers taste much like the herb's leaves.

ELDERFLOWER - Their elegant, sweet, heady fragrance translates into lots of delicious drinks and desserts.

FENNEL - Yellow fennel flowers are eye candy with a subtle licorice flavor.

GERANIUM - The geranium flower is an edible flower very aromatic and with a fruity flavor similar to the green apple and the rose flower ideal for desserts.

GLADIOLUS - Although gladioli are bland, they can be stuffed or add petals as an interesting salad garnish.

HIBISCUS - Hibiscus petals have a tart and sweet cranberry-like flavor that makes them perfect for teas and cocktails. Drop fresh hibiscus buds into glasses of bubbly and let guests watch them bloom before their eyes.

HONEYSUCKLE - The blossoms make a pretty addition to salads. Don't use the berries; they're poisonous.

MARIGOLDS - Their blossoms have a citrus taste. Use the tiny flowers of signet marigolds, like Lemon Gem or Tangerine Gem in salads and drinks.

MEADOWSWEET - The blossoms are sweet and make a pleasant additions to soups and salads. It is one of the few medicinal teas easy to get down.

NASTURTIUMS - These gorgeous flowers have a slightly peppery taste, almost like watercress, perfect for summer rice paper rolls

PANSIES - Pansies have a slightly grassy, light mint flavor so they work well in festive summer hors d'oeuvres, herb-flavored summer cocktails and fruit salads.

PEONIES - Petals can be added to salads or will happily float in drinks. Another option is to parboil them, add a little sugar and use them as a sweet treat.

RADISH - Varying in color, radish flowers have a distinctive, peppery bite perfect for salads. Try radish honey which has a sweet-yet-light flavor and is not spicy like the plant.

ROSES - While roses have a strong floral scent, their flavor is quite subtle and fruity. Remove the white, bitter base. Dark varieties have a more pronounced flavor. Roses lend themselves well to everything from soups and salads to teas, jams and desserts.

SQUASH AND PUMPKIN - Blossoms from both are wonderful vehicles for stuffing, each having a slight squash flavor. Remove stamens before using.

SUNFLOWER - The flower is best eaten in bud stage when it tastes like an artichoke and can be steamed. Petals can be eaten when opened. The flavor is distinctly bittersweet.

VIOLETS - A perfect companion for everything from salads to iced drinks for a sweet, floral taste. They are particularly beautiful when crystallized, used to top frosted cakes and other desserts.

Sources: <https://www.southernliving.com/food/entertaining/edible-flowers> and <http://theviewfromthegreatisland.blogspot.com/2012/07/how-to-eat-flowers-part-one.html>

UNDER MONTANA'S BIG SKY

Dearborn Garden Club News

The Scholarship Committee of the Dearborn Garden Club announced the winner of the \$1000 scholarship awarded to a graduating senior from the Cascade High School was Koltan Lynn, with alternate winner being Georgia Mortag. Koltan plans on attending Great Falls College MSU to study welding technology while Georgia plans on studying nursing at MSU Bozeman.

In May two of our honorary members celebrated major milestone birthdays. Barb Rumford, a DGC member since 1984, celebrated her 100th birthday on May 21. Elsie Berger, a DGC member since 1984, celebrated her 99th birthday on May 13. Congratulations to both ladies.

The beautification of Cascade was started on May 28 when members of the Dearborn Garden Club planted 14 barrels around town with carefully selected flowers and ended with plantings at Joe's Trailhead. A week prior, perennials were planted at the Friendship Garden and the 911 Garden and at the round garden at Joe's Trailhead.



Pictured above are DGC members: L to R: Betsey Rennhack, Charlene Moug, Colleen Mason, Carol Brady, Helen Shewman and Trish Vielleux after they finished planting

The annual "Prettiest Barrel" competition among the 14 DGC sponsored barrels will occur in July, August and September. Judges are Lois Rumney, Claire Howell, Dorothy Gephardt and Ginny Jones. National Garden Week was celebrated by two members, Kitty Wojtala and Charlene Moug, placing bowls of roses in Cascade businesses along with brochures about the DGC and the National Garden Club and how to become a garden club member.

The Dearborn Garden Club participated in the 40-mile-long Cascade Courier sponsored Rummage Sale on Sat, June 22 while the State Convention was occurring. Fun was had by all and the Club made a nice amount of money to continue our beautification efforts. The Chairman was Charlene Moug.

We have planned our annual picnic in July to be held at the home of Carol and Ken Brady with a tour of Carol's flower and vegetable gardens. Our annual tour will be in August when club members will visit Montana Wild, Ward 6 Edible Garden and a tour of a private garden, all in Helena, Montana.

Havre Bullhook Blossoms Celebrate Their Tenth Anniversary

The Bullhook Blossoms celebrated their tenth anniversary during National Garden Club Week. The Bullhook Blossoms started in Havre in 1942 but had disbanded. The club reorganized in 2009 when Tony Hagener became president of the club. The Bullhook Blossoms key objectives are to provide educational and informative programs that beautify the community. 2019 Club President Jody Olson said the club has a relaxed, yet fun, atmosphere holding those attitudes to their mission statement of promoting the love of gardening, floral design, civic and environmental responsibility.

(Below) Members of the Havre Bullhook Blossoms pose for their anniversary photo.



In June 2020, Bullhook Blossoms will host the state convention for the Montana Federation of Garden Clubs in Havre which will be a huge project for them. They estimate more than 100 garden club members from all over the state could attend. Tony Hagener will be the focus at this convention since she had been recognized for having done much for the town of Havre in addition to being a garden club member.

(Below) A promotional skit was performed at the 2019 Convention in Miles City to encourage MFGC members to start planning to come to Havre in 2020.



FROM THE TREASURER'S PEN MEMORIALS

Endowment Memorial for Don Waltee, husband of Glenna Waltee by Sherry Corneliusen

Endowment Memorial for Don Waltee, husband of Glenna Waltee by Patty and Gary Schlaeger

\$25 to the awards fund in memory of Joan Swails from Gumbo Gals Garden Club

BIG SKY STARS

* A huge thank you to Liz Smith and the Miles City Garden Club for the well-organized 2019 Convention. The entertainment was great, tours were fun and the workshops were educational. Thank you all. Also thanks to the Glendive Garden Club for their help at the convention. –

Sherry Corneliusen, MFGC President

*Thank you to the newly installed officers of MFGC, Jim Sadler, Diane Ward, Glenna Waltee, Lynne Weischedel, Lilla Flesjer, and Phyllis White. It will be great working with you during my term as President.– **Sherry Corneliusen, MFGC President**

*Thank you to the wonderful members of the Miles City Garden Club for hosting a superb convention. ***With wine, horses and awesome members you can't go wrong!*** – **Patty Schlaeger**

*Thank you to Sue Leferink and Christie Mock for their excellent packing skills to help load our Avalanche! – **Patty Schlaeger and her Rainbow travel mates**

*A huge thank you to all of the members of the Montana Federation of Garden clubs for your friendship and support these past two years. You are truly the best! It has been an honor to serve and represent you. **Joyce Hendricks**

*Thank you to everyone who helped to make the 82nd annual MFGC convention a success, especially the Miles City Garden Club members with Liz Smith as chair. Great Job!!
Joyce Hendricks

NEW LIFE MEMBERS



Lynne K. Weischedel, 909 S. Custer, Miles City, MT
59301 of the Miles City Garden Club

Kerry Hovland, 2121 Central, Great Falls, MT 59401 of the
Great Falls Flower Growers Club

Fred Frey, 1760 Frey Lane, Missoula, MT 59808 of the
Missoula Garden Club

Carrie Ageson, 17027 Road 240 N, Gildford, MT 59535,
Bullhook Blossoms in Havre

All fees and contributions are to be made to the Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Treasurer: MFGC, PO Box 662, Whitehall, MT 59759



INSPIRING GARDENS ACROSS THE AMERICAS

The theme for President Gay Austin's administration is Plant America, a singularly focused initiative on gardens and gardening. Both a call to service and a description of what NGC clubs do, Plant America supports the main reason that people say they join a garden club - ***to learn about gardening!***

Covering any and every aspect of gardening, horticulture, garden design, and community service, it applies to every kind of garden: Blue Star plantings, vegetable gardens, community gardens, container gardening, neighborhood plantings, urban farms, low-water xeriscape gardens, etc.

Projects in local communities are what distinguish us from the work of other gardening organizations. Towns, cities, neighborhoods, and roadsides across the United States are all beneficiaries of National Garden Clubs projects.

In order to provide a vehicle to financially support the activities of our member clubs, a new grant program entitled "***Plant America Community Project Grants***" is being established to provide funding for new or existing projects of NGC member clubs in their respective communities across the United States. This will be a permanent fund with grants being awarded during each two-year administration. The goal for the fund is to become a self-sustaining endowment fund like the NGC Scholarship fund providing funding levels that make a significant impact in large projects.

Not only will the community projects funded from it enhance our nation, but, through project publicity, signage and materials bearing the Plant America logo, it provides the possibility of making our organization more visible. ***For more information go to:***
gardenclub.org/projects/plant-america-community-project-grants/asp

WRAPPING IT UP

I don't believe there are many activities that bring out the best in men and women than gardening. We can apply beastly pressure when turning a new garden bed; but those same hands can gently place the tender roots of a bedding plant into place. All across the state of Montana Garden Club Members have been hard at work planting flowers and trees to make our respective cities and towns more beautiful. With the bounty of rain and sunshine in June these community gardens and flower beds will soon be in full bloom. Don't you all feel a great sense of pride each time you drive by and see the contribution you have made to beautify an area? *And, Garden Club Members have fun!* Just put a few women in a car on a road trip and you have an instant party. Coffee, soft drinks, snacks and laughter fill the vehicle as the miles fly by. Every new member should be encouraged to attend a state or district meeting with another garden club member. The exchange of ideas and projects flows at these sessions. However, on the trip back home you can count on a change in the conversation. The buzz is now about all the different ideas for fund-raising, new gardening tips, creativity in floral design and how to get new members.



**Patricia Schlaeger, Editor
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Introducing Our New 2019-2021 Presidents

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GAY AUSTIN

HONORING OUR CIRCLE OF GREEN THUMB AWARD WINNERS!

Judy Rente -- Belgrade Garden Club
Kitty Wojtala -- Dearborn Garden Club - Cascade
Marisa Robertson -- Bullhook Blossoms - Havre
Vonna Thomas -- Gallatin Empire - Bozeman
Bev Edwards -- Great Falls Flower Growers
Marv Vinion -- Missoula Garden Club - Missoula
Shelly Roseburg -- Rainbow Garden Club - Great Falls
Wendy Lukas -- Stevensville Garden Club
Maureen Dawson -- Whitehall Garden Club
Linda Walters -- Thumb R Green - Billings
Mary Jane Clark -- Helena Garden Club
Penny Zimmerman -- Glendive Garden Clubs
Jeanne Vetch -- Miles City Garden Club
Barb Andriozzi -- Anaconda Garden Club
Larry & Patricia McGrath -- Butte Garden Club

New Awards Sponsors

Award A-14 Special Children - Joyce Hendricks
Award A-8.I Wildflower and Native Plants - Linda Haugen
Award B-4 Beautification - Lynne Mahan
Award B-7 Chairman Leadership – Phyllis White
Award B-13 Anaconda GC Community Beautification Award

A special thanks to these new awards sponsors. If you personally, or your garden club, would like to be an award sponsor in the future, please let the awards chairman know. *Sponsoring an award is a great way to recognize family or garden club members!*

MYRNA MCCOLLUM, AWARDS CHAIRMAN

DATES TO REMEMBER

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL AWARDS

RMR Director, Denise Fink, requests ALL Rocky Mountain Region award applications be sent to the State Awards' Chairman, Myrna F. McCollum, by August 1, 2019:

4413 Central Avenue, Great Falls, MT 59405-1643

mccollum@bresnan.net

*RMR meeting in Missoula, Aug 23-24 Jim Sadler, Chair

*National Fall Board, St Louis, MO– September 18-20

*MFGC Fall Board in Great Falls October 4-5

*Yearbooks to Annie Mollock by December 1

*NGC awards to Myrna McCollum-December 1

*Flower Show Awards to Susan Andrews – February 1

*2020 MFGC awards due to Myrna McCollum –

April 15, 2020

*Vision of Beauty deadline-June 1, 2020 if mailed and

July 1, 2020 if Emailed

*MFGC 2020 Convention – Havre, MT June 11-14, 2020

*Need a host for MFGC Fall Board meeting 2020

(Below) President Sherry Corneliusen admires a novelty floral arrangement at the National Garden Club, Inc Convention in Biloxi, Mississippi

