



MONTANA



Gardens



FALL INTO THE HOLIDAY SEASON! – Enjoy the creativity of Montana Federation of Garden Club Members as they decorate pumpkins and gourds for centerpieces at meetings, for the pleasure of community organizations and as principle attractions for their annual fundraisers.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The weather in Montana is very unpredictable as we have one nice week and then the next a snowstorm passes through dumping snow and cold temperatures in its path. September was our wettest month ever recorded in Eastern Montana. We had over 20 inches of rain fall in one month and our average for the whole year is 13 inches. Other cities have had more snow in October than ever recorded. What a year of extremes!

Since being elected President of MFGC, I have attended the Rocky Mountain Region fall board meeting in Missoula the end of August. There was a glad and dahlia show that was just spectacular! All eight states were represented and the meetings were great. Thanks to Jim Sadler and his committee people for putting on this successful Fall Board for the RMR.

We held our MFGC Fall Board meeting in Great Falls, October 4-5 with the theme of "Rockin' on the River". We had a couple of workshops on social media, Excel and some tips for our cell phones. Our program after lunch was on pebble art where the artist created beautiful framed pictures using rocks and pebbles. We passed out the RMR awards to the clubs in attendance and they were all pleased with their certificates. Mary Ann Carey, our Montana Garden Club Member of the Year could not attend the convention in June, however she was in attendance at the Fall Board meeting and I was able to congratulate her on her award.

At our Judges Council meeting we talked about our symposium we will be having July 17-18, 2020 in Great Falls, MT. We are hoping to study succulents and composite flowers. More details will be available at a later date.

This past year our awards committee has been busy re-organizing our awards. I have sent out the new version to our members and to our webmaster to be placed on the web. The due dates for all the awards are also listed there. We hope this helps our clubs when filing out their award applications. **Please get them in by the due dates.**

I attended the Fall Board meeting in St Louis in September and it was great to visit with all our Rocky Mountain Presidents and chairmen. One of the highlights of the trip was to tour the newly renovated landscaping project at NGC Headquarters. They just installed a new courtyard and a butterfly garden that will be beautiful in a year or two. On our own we did some touring of St. Louis and got to see the Jewel Box, a glass house in Forest Park and outstanding flowers. We went to the St. Louis Botanical Garden after the dedication at headquarters on a 95 degree hot and humid day. We enjoyed looking at the beautiful flowers; the water lilies were breathtaking! Program presenters were Maureen Christmas, who did a floral design presentation, and, Mark Glenshow, who talked on the great horned owls. Our banquet speaker was Dr Peter Wyse-Jackson, President of Missouri Botanical Gardens. He is a plant conservationist and has traveled the world rescuing endangered species.

I want to wish you a happy holiday season. Enjoy it with your family and friends. The seed catalogs will be arriving soon and we can spend the winter dreaming of our gardens next year!



Sherry Corneliusen,
MFGC President



"Bloom Where You Are Planted"

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DEADLINE / ISSUE

March 1, 2020 – Spring 2020

July 1, 2020 – Summer/Fall 2020

November 1, 2020 – Winter 2020-21

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INTRODUCTION OF 2019-21 MFGC OFFICERS



**JIM
SADLER**

Jim Sadler is the **First Vice President of the Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.** He has been a member of the Missoula Garden Club since 1994 and served as its first president after it reorganized.

Jim was MFGC Member of the Year in 1999 and a National Award Merit winner representing the Rocky Mountain Region. He is a past District Director for Western District and has chaired several state conventions, symposiums and schools. He is the Superintendent of the Floriculture building at the Western Montana Fair and serves as the flower show chair of the standard show. He is a Master NGC judge, a Master Iris Judge, has served as the Regional Vice President of the American Iris Society, a Horticulture and Design Judge for the American Rose Society and is the present Design Chair for the Northwest Region. He is the Design and Symposium Chair for the Rocky Mountain Region of NGC and organized the 2019 RMR District Meeting held in Missoula.

He is very active in Missoula. He is the Chair of the Fair Events Committee of the Western Montana Fair and a Trustee of the Historical Museum at Ft Missoula, both appointed positions by the Missoula County Commissioners. He also was a Trustee for Missoula County Public Schools serving on the High School Board as vice-chair for 21 years. He is treasurer of the Western Montana Shrine Club for the Algeria Shrine Temple and secretary of their Midget Car Club. He also chairs the scholarship committee for his local Masonic Lodge 13.

He is married to Linda Sadler and they have a son and daughter-in-law who live and work in Washington DC.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE LIFE MEMBER'S ROSE DRAWING AT THE FALL BOARD MEETING:



**KATHY AUSTIN and
CAROL BRADY**



**DIANE
WARD**

Diane Ward is the **Second Vice President of the Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.** Diane Ward has been a garden club member in the Whitehall Garden Club since 2006. She moved to Montana from Virginia in 2005. Joining the garden club has helped her adjust to the challenges of growing plants and vegetables in this region of the country.

She has served as a past President of the Whitehall Garden Club for four years and as District Director of the Southwestern District #3.

Diane was inducted as the MFGC Recording Secretary in 2015- 2017 and received valuable experience about the MFGC organization. She is an accredited National Flower Show Judge and enjoys going to the flower shows around Montana.

Kurt, her husband, has been solicited on occasion when "man-power" has been needed with some of Whitehall's projects. She is grateful for his willingness to help. Diane is looking forward to the next two years and excited about visiting the other clubs around the state and getting to know their members.

In the next issue of Montana Gardens we will feature the balance of our elected and appointed officers:

Recording Secretary Lynne Weischedel, Corresponding Secretary Lilla Flesjer and Parliamentarian Phyllis White.



**GLENNA
WALTEE**

Glenna Waltee is the **Treasurer of the Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.** Glenna is a 5th generation Montanan, born in Havre 77 ½ years ago.

She was married for 57 years to husband Don, who passed away last May. They have three daughters and now have four granddaughters. Glenna worked in radio and television for 10 years and then went to work for the USDA Forest Service where she worked for 25 years before retiring in 1995. Glenna and Don moved around the United States for their jobs, taking them to Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Arizona, and Washington DC. Her career path took her from being a clerk at a District level to an Administrative Officer on the Custer National Forest in Billings to the national level as a Budget Analyst in DC. Glenna was selected by her agency to participate in a *Legis* Program where she worked for a Representative as a staffer for six months. Interesting work but was glad to get back to her job with the Forest Service. Glenna and husband Don built their retirement home in Whitehall, where she plans on staying. Glenna is also a Master Gardener and Accredited Flower Show Judge.

Glenna was instrumental in getting an addition built on the Whitehall Library and the Community Swimming Pool that was built while working on those committees with her grant writing skills. The highlight of her Garden Club years was when she was chosen as Garden Club Member of the Year in 2014.

HAVRE BULLHOOK BLOSSOMS ARE NOW ALL MFGC LIFE MEMBERS

In November 2019 the members of the Havre Bullhook Blossoms set a new record with the MFGC Life Members when all club members became members:

Congratulations to: Carrie Aageson, Susan Billmayer, Janice Brady-Bergren, Karen Covert, Paulette Cronk, Sandra Curtiss, Maranna Dean, Pat Floyd, Terri Hildebrand, Linda Haugen, Juanita Hockett, Linda Hoines, Raela Hulett, Cathy Jamruszka, Jessica Jones, Judy JJones, Sherry Kegel, Cheryl Kuka, Georgia Leland, Helen Manaras, Diana Martin, Minnie McCann, Kyla McNamara, Vicki Niederegger, Jody Olson, Lela Patera, Norma Ralph, Marisa Robertson, Carole Spolar, Gloria Tilleman, Pat Tilleman, Karen Vosen and Judy Ward!

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB, INC.

Excerpts from the President's Postcard, "KEEPING IN TOUCH" NOV-DEC 2019 ISSUE



A new initiative has been proposed for the 2019-2021 administration by the NGC Climate Control Chairman, Victoria Bergeron, using **PAT - Plant America with Trees – Each ONE (member) Plant ONE (native tree)**. She is working with committee members from the Environmental Concerns and Conservation, Gardening, Horticulture as well as Landscape Design, Environmental and Gardening Schools to offer assistance in obtaining, planting and maintaining future tree plantings. We encourage plantings by EACH garden club member during this administration. Imagine the impact of 165,000 tree plantings across America! It is our hope to help offset the loss caused by our many natural disasters that have destroyed areas and create a strong impact of our commitment to preserve natural areas in our communities and world.

NGC is learning and growing together, as we embrace the many opportunities offered to us. Let us continue our dedication to plant seeds of service to our world. *"Reconnecting with Nature"* through conservation, membership and youth involvement will strengthen us not only as individuals, but also as a national organization. Thank you for ALL that you share with NGC, Inc.

GAY AUSTIN. NGC PRESIDENT

JUNIOR GARDEN CLUBS

National Garden Club has provided outstanding leadership in promoting Junior Garden clubs since 1931. These clubs answer a child's curiosity about the world of plants/gardens. Clubs may choose to work with established children's organizations (*Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs*), contact their local schools and arrange a visit, or form a group from their children's friends. However large or small makes no difference: helping children enjoy and appreciate the *"intrinsic beauty"* of gardening is important.

It doesn't matter how many times you meet with Juniors or how long a meeting lasts. Just making initial contact can spark imagination and ingenuity for future contacts with youth. Though all of our clubs are "short-staffed," missing the opportunity to mold potential gardeners is just that: **A MISSED OPPORTUNITY!**

To get started, visit the Forms on the MFCG web. You will need a password (*ask your President or Youth Chairman*). Click on the Junior Garden Registration form and follow the instructions to register your club. Ongoing Junior Garden Clubs must be re-registered each year using this same form.

The \$1 per Junior Club fee can be sent with your Club's annual registration in June. Add a note to MFCG's Treasurer that \$1 is earmarked for Junior Garden Clubs

Many of us take gardening for granted, but to children who are lucky enough to find a mentor, it opens vistas as new and exciting as outer space.



**LYNNE MAHAN,
MFCG YOUTH
CHAIRMAN**

PENNIES FOR PINES

At the State Convention in Miles City in June, monies from Montana sent to NGC for the fiscal year totaled \$544. This represents eight donations of \$68 each.

As of Sept 5, 2019, the State Treasurer has sent to NGC a total of \$408 for the Penny Pines Program accumulated from June 1, 2019. Donations have been received from the following clubs: Belgrade Bloomers \$68, Gallatin Empire Garden Club \$68, Glendive Garden Club \$68, Helena Garden Club \$68 and Thumbs-R-Green Garden Club \$136.

My thanks to these five clubs for contributing to this cause. This is a cause in which the state of Montana directly receives benefit as deforested areas are replenished with new seedlings when the land is ready for replanting.

Update to the above Fall Board report: Dearborn Garden Club sent in \$68 for the Helena National Forest and Big Timber Hoe and Hope Garden Club sent \$68 to the State Treasurer. My thanks to these two additional clubs.

Total monies sent to NGC by the State Treasurer for the Penny Pines Program as of October 30, 2019 is \$544.

Please keep working on this worthwhile program. A suggestion is to keep the Penny Pines Program in each member's awareness by having your Penny Pines Committee chairman report each meeting as to the amount collected or have a unique and distinct "bank" for the pennies/coins to be deposited and present at each meeting.



**COLLEEN MASON,
MFCG PENNY PINES
CHAIRMAN**

NGC GARDENING SCHOOLS TO PARTNER WITH PLANT AMERICA WITH TREES INITIATIVE



NGC President Gay Austin is promoting the initiative by the NGC Climate Control Chairman, Victoria Bergeron, to Plant America with Trees in 2019-21. Victoria would like to work with our committee members. Our Gardening Consultants are continually asking what they can do with their knowledge that would go beyond their own home landscapes.

So now we have a challenge and a goal in each of our clubs and communities--Boy and Girl Scout Troops, Church Youth groups, Habitat for Humanity Landscaping, HOA plantings, Green School beautification projects, partnering with Master Gardener/Extension programs, Native Plant Societies, ETC. Please email and include in all your newsletters and School handouts this important NGC project information. Make sure your state and local NGC School chairmen have copies and include in any District, State or Region meetings.

Landscape Design Consultants and Environmental Consultants, NGC Horticultural experts--all are needed for this initiative!!

.... AND Articles for KIT and TNG with photos that describe your projects are most welcome!!! We also have a new opportunity to Blog on the new NGC website. Stay tuned.

**Barbara Hadsell, NGC, FFGC
Gardening Schools Chairman**



As the premier volunteer gardening organization in the world, we are uniquely positioned to fight climate change. We will plant at least 165,000 trees each year- -one for every member.

Worldwide tree-planting initiatives (*millions of trees*) for carbon sequestration by governments and non-profit organizations help offset loss of flora due to natural disasters and intentional deforestation. NGC's longstanding, successful programs have contributed to reforestation of National Forests. Local members plant trees on Arbor Day and for other occasions. The new NGC project, **PAT** (*Plant America with Trees*), will fill a need that these efforts do not.

Our membership is distributed all across America, with many in urban/suburban areas. These densely populated areas have claimed natural habitats. They have been built over, paved or planted with turf grass and exotic species. Many exotics are invasive, actively destroying native flora and fauna and isolating native species in ever smaller areas. Native plants do not sequester more carbon than non-natives do, but they give our biomes a better chance of surviving by creating wildlife corridors. Pollution and climate change further deplete resources.

NGC encourages our members to involve their communities with this effort as we hope to plant at least 165,000 trees in each year of this administration. Each ONE (member)—Plant ONE (native tree).

**Victoria Bergeron, NGC
Climate Control Chairman**



Save the Date!

The 83rd Annual State Convention of the
Montana Federation of Garden Clubs
will be held in Havre, Montana

June 11 to 13, 2020

at the

**Best Western Plus – Havre Inn & Suites
hosted by the Bullhook Blossoms Garden Club**

**More information and registration to follow in the
next issue of Montana Gardens!**



2019 MONTANA ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION AWARD WINNERS

Bullhook Blossoms	10f	Civic Development	1 st
Bullhook Blossoms	12b	Butterfly	1 st
Bullhook Blossoms	18c	Blue Star	Award of Merit
Bullhook Blossoms	26b	Photography	1 st
Bullhook Blossoms	3a	Yearbook	1 st
Dearborn Garden Club	19	Pressbook	1 st
Dearborn Garden Club	3a	Yearbook	1 st
Gallatin Empire G.C.	3d	Yearbook	3 rd
Great Falls Flower Growers	3a	Yearbook	2 nd
Great Falls Flower Growers	2e	Conservation	1 st
Great Falls Flower Growers	1c	Garden Therapy	1 st
Gumbo Gals	3a	Yearbook	3 rd
Helena Garden Club	3a	Yearbook	1 st
Miles City Garden Club	3c	Yearbook	Award of Merit
Missoula Garden Club	7b	Trees – Marvin Vinion	1 st
Missoula Garden Club	8c	Tour	1 st
Missoula Garden Club	10e	Civic Development	2 nd
Missoula Garden Club	20b	Special Achievement	1 st
Missoula Garden Club	3b	Scrapbook – Flower Show	2 nd
Rainbow Garden Club	1c	Garden Therapy	1 st
Rainbow Garden Club	2a	Conservation	1 st
Rainbow Garden Club	3d	Writing – Patty Schlaeger	1 st
Rainbow Garden Club	3 e-c	Writing – Amy Grisak	1 st
Rainbow Garden Club	4c	Horticultural Excellence	2 nd
Rainbow Garden Club	5f	Flashdrive Program	1 st
Rainbow Garden Club	7a	Trees	1 st
Rainbow Garden Club	10e	Civic Development	1 st
Rainbow Garden Club	11c	Conservation/Environment	1 st
Rainbow Garden Club	16a	Youth	2 nd
Rainbow Garden Club	26b	Photography –Amy Grisak	2 nd
Stevensville Garden Club	3c	Yearbook	Award of Merit

RAINBOW GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS COME TO THE RESCUE!

For more than 25 years the Rainbow Garden Club has been supplying 40-50 pumpkins to the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind for Halloween. Three years ago a Great Falls business informed the club they would now provide the pumpkins. However, a few days before Halloween Rainbow members learned no pumpkins had been delivered to the children. With no funds in their budget (*and most stores had no pumpkins left*) the club turned to the community for help.

The owner of a landscape company, Steve Tilleras, said he had several pumpkins left from his pumpkin patch and donated them to Rainbow. Albertsons also donated 24 small gourds and gave a case of apples to the children. Club members remained after their November meeting to decorate the pumpkins and gourds to give the school for Thanksgiving.



The children will now be able to take home pumpkins for Thanksgiving spent with their families! **Thanks ladies!**

Due Dates for Awards 2019-2020

Date Due	Type of Award/ contest and Chairman
Nov 1	NGC Award of Excellence, listed separately on NGC website Send to Jim Sadler: 1220 Clements Road, Missoula, MT 59804-2908
Nov 15	Youth Poetry Contest, Youth Poetry Contest Information from NGC: <i>2019-2020 Theme: "Adventures in the Garden" 2020-2021 Theme: "Exploring Backyard Mysteries"</i>
Nov 15	Youth Essay Contest Information from NGC: <i>2019-2020 Theme "Challenges in Preserving our Natural Habitats" 2020-2021 Theme "Adapting our Actions to Protect our Natural Habitats"</i>
Nov 15	Youth Sculpture contest. Send all youth award applications to Lynne Mahan: 1317 Derby Dr., Great Falls, MT 59404- 6508
Dec 1	Club Yearbooks: Send to Annie Mollock, 818 Quail Run, Unit B, Bozeman, MT 59718
Dec 1	All National Awards (except NGC Flower Show Awards) Send to: Myrna McCollum, 4413 Central Ave., Great Falls, MT 59405-1643
Dec 1	NGC Standard Flower Show Awards: Send to Susan Andrews, 2429 Bridger Hills Dr., Bozeman, MT 59715-7654
Jan 1	NGC Member Award of Honor, SR-3 NGC Youth High School Distinguished Service Award, # Y-6, Send to: Myrna McCollum, 4413 Central Ave., Great Falls, MT 59405-1643
JAN 1	Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Send to: Jennifer Strzelczyk, P. O. Box 1254, Malta, MT 59538-1254
Jan 10	NGC Publicity Press Book Award #MP-1 Send to: Myrna McCollum, 4413 Central Ave., Great Falls, MT 59405-1643
Feb 1	MFGC Standard Flower Show Awards: Send to: Susan Andrews, 2429 Bridger Hills Dr., Bozeman, MT 59715-7654
April 15	MFGC State Awards, Sections A, B, C, D, Send to Myrna McCollum, 4413 Central Ave., Great Falls, MT 59405-1643 No late applications accepted!
April 15	MFGC State Award B 10, Cathy Atkinson Creative Design Award Send to Vicky Barbieri, 504 Howie Road, Big Timber, MT 59011-7835
April 15	Photography award, C-10 Send to: Donna Dowell, 6045 Meininger Dr., Missoula, Mt. 59808-3910.
Aug 1	Rocky Mountain Region Awards Send to: Myrna McCollum, 4413 Central Ave., Great Falls, MT 59405-1643 Rocky Mountain Award Chairman – Denise Fink

REASONS TO NOT JOIN A GARDEN CLUB

1. Don't know where the club meets
2. Don't know anyone in the club
3. Not a joiner
4. Don't have room for a garden
5. Don't know much about gardens
6. Don't know when the club meets
7. Didn't know there was a Garden Club
8. I wasn't invited

Don't let this happen to your membership!

1. Have a new member tea.
2. Give out spring bulbs and have a contest on who's blooms first. Create an event out of it. Give a prize for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
3. Have business cards made with your club information on them and pass them out to everyone you talk to about a plant, a lawn mower, a garden, a recipe, any excuse at all.
4. Advertise with posters on bulletin boards, libraries
5. Put a want ad in the paper.
6. Have a speaker and invite the public
7. Sponsor an entry at your local fair with a prize of a membership
8. Have a yard of the week program in summer and invite all the weekly winners, Choose a yard of the year out of those and give a membership to the winner.

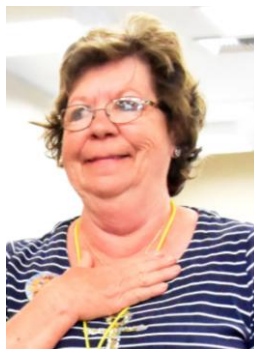


9. At all fundraisers have a spot for recruiting.
10. Invite your neighbors..... All of them!

Encourage your members to be actively recruiting. Let's plant Members. Contact me if you want to discuss any ideas.

**Liz Smith
Membership
Chairman**

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WHITEHALL GARDEN CLUB and the WHITEHALL VETERANS DEDICATE A GOLD STAR MEMORIAL MARKER



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 living service men and women are represented by the Blue Star and those who had lost their lives are represented by the Gold Star. The only way one of these markers can be installed is through the sponsorship of a Garden Club.

The Whitehall Gold Star Memorial Marker is the first Gold Star Marker in Montana. It was placed in Silver Tower Park, in Whitehall, Montana near the Blue Star Memorial Marker and the Veterans Wall. The marker was dedicated on September 29th as "Gold Star Mother's Day." Usually the weather in Montana during September is beautiful with a generous display of fall color. However on September 29, 2019 an unusual winter storm dumped snow all across Montana and put a damper on the Whitehall Garden Club's dedication ceremony. Most of the garden club members carried on with the dedication and pictured below is a photo of the Marker taken the next weekend. Congratulations Whitehall Garden Club for all your planning and dedication to making Montana's first Gold Star Memorial Marker a reality!

Pictured below is the Whitehall Gold Star Marker a week after the dedication snow storm



MFGC FALL BOARD MINUTES
Great Falls, Montana
October 5, 2019

Call to Order

President **Sherry Corneliusen** called the meeting of the 2019 Fall Board to order at 9:10 a.m. on Saturday, October 5th at Meadow Lark Country Club, Great Falls, MT. Recording Secretary **Lynne Weischedel** was present.

Opening Exercises

Patty Howse, Central District Director led the Pledge of Allegiance

Patty Howse, Central District Director led the Garden Club Creed

Joyce Hendricks, Chaplain gave the invocation

Sherry Corneliusen welcomed everyone to the 2019 Fall Board

2018 Fall Board Minutes were approved as published

Preliminary Credentials Report

Lynne Mahan gave the Preliminary Credentials Report (on file)

Quorum

Sherry Corneliusen declared a quorum;
44 registered

Appointment of Committee to Approve the 2019 Fall Board Meeting

The President appointed the following committee to approve the minutes of the MFGC 2019 Fall Board Meeting:

Jeannie Bennett, Colleen Mason and Carol Works

Reports of Officers:

Sherry Corneliusen, President, report on file

Jim Sadler, 1st Vice President, report on file

Proposed District Meeting dates:

Eastern Gateway District

Glendive April 15, 2020

Hi-Line District

Saco April 16, 2020

Yellowstone District

Big Timber April 17, 2020

Combined Western, SW & Lewis & Clark

Districts April 18, 2020

Central District

Great Falls April 23, 2020

Northern District

Chester or Conrad April 24, 2020



Diane Ward, 2nd Vice President - Some awards still need funding – fund for a two year period at a time. Each club needs to verify their current list of members: to include names, addresses, emails and phone numbers; designate State & National Life Members.

Announcement – Mary Ann Carey is Garden Club Member of the Year.

Glenna Waltee, Treasurer, report on file. Envelopes for donations are available as well as Membership cards which allow free entry to Tizer Gardens & discounts at Great Falls greenhouses

Committee Reports

Myrna McCollum, Awards Committee, new directory out and can be download off line, report on file

Kathy Austin, Blue Star Chairman

Whitehall Gold Star dedication, Central District planning one Spring 2020. Glendive working on a Blue Star Memorial

Susan Billmeyer, Flower Show Schools and Symposiums, report on file. Symposium Great Falls 7/17-18/2020

Joyce Hendricks, planning stage for Landscape Design School

Patty Schlaeger, Life Members is updating Members list. When paying for a new member there is a form available on the website. It needs to be used. Rose pin drawing held.

Diana Raymond, Media

Media library list is on the website

Jim Sadler, Plant America Grants are available for projects

Annie Mollock, Social Media

Kathy Waters, Butterflies and habitats, on file

Colleen Mason, Penny Pines - \$68.00 per club, suggestion to add to regular business so that the clubs remember to make their donations, designate forest (form is on website).

Lynne Mahan Youth Coordinator, New Jr. Gardening Form.

Elaine Wood, Webmaster, send articles as a Word or PDF document

Glenna Waltee, Jim Sadler and Diane Ward, Endowment Committee, grant criteria on Website

Workshops held on

Facebook, Excel and Cell Phone Functions

Luncheon Program, Pebble Art by Monica

New Business

Executive Board approved the July Symposium Motion made by **Vanette Nagamori** for **Linda Sadler** to be an alternate for National Garden Club Nominating Committee, seconded by **Annie Mollock** **PASSED**

Club dues are due on June 1st

MFGC is looking for an Assistant Treasurer

Enough tickets sold to award 2 Rose pins; winners were **Kathy Austin & Carol Brady**

RMR Awards - **Sherry Corneliusen** presented the awards **The Credentials Report, as amended, was as follows:**

Elected Officers	5
Appointed Officers	2
District Directors	5
Past State Presidents	4
State Chairmen	18
Club Presidents	12

(No Proxies)

Subtotal 46

Duplications (subtract from total) 8

Voting Strength 38

Adjournment

The President adjourned the MFGC 2019 Fall Board at 2:20 p.m. on Saturday October 5, 2019

Lynne Weischedel, Recording Secretary

Sherry Corneliusen, President

Approved by:

Jeannie Bennett, Colleen Mason, Carol Works



**Montana Federation of
Garden Clubs, Inc.
Operating Budget
Fall Board Report
6/1/2019 to 9/30/2019**

	Income	Expenses
Membership Dues	\$5,055.00	\$540.00
Montana Gardens	\$30.00	\$908.77
Fundraising	\$2,924.00	\$2,104.50
State, Region, Nat'l Mtgs.	\$2,380.00	\$933.45
Designated Funds	\$2,376.35	\$2,250.81
Suspended Funds	\$908.00	\$1,112.00
Insurance	\$100.00	\$1,481.00
Miscellaneous	\$8.50	\$241.23
Administration	\$0.00	\$581.52
Total	\$13,781.85	\$10,153.28

2019 FALL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

ROCKIN' ON THE RIVER!



Above Left: MFGC President Sherry Corneliusen (R) officially congratulates Garden Club Member of the Year Mary Ann Carey. Above Right: One of the beautiful centerpieces created by Carol Brady, Dearborn Garden Club



Pictured Left to Right: Fall Board Members take a walking tour of the riverbank on the Meadow Lark Country Club golf course to see how new rocks, shrubs and trees have kept the riverbank from eroding; Fall Board Co-Chair Patty Schlaeger and MFGC Recording Secretary Lynne Weischedel pause along the trail; Old cars still remain on the riverbank to prevent erosion while new conservation work continues.



Pictured Left to Right: MFGC Corresponding Secretary Lilla Flesjer and President Sherry Corneliusen; MFGC First Vice President Jim Sadler; Garden Club friends take a smile break during the Fall Board; "Pebbles by Monica" featured an artist who uses pebbles to "paint" pictures.

UNDER MONTANA'S BIG SKY

Glendive Garden Club

The Glendive Garden Club has had a busy year. We are looking forward to our December meeting with a potluck lunch and a fun filled day making Christmas arrangements. In November we had a hydrangea lesson which was very educational. October found us making decorated pumpkins for our annual Harvest Fest. We used succulents, dried materials, nuts, pine cones and ribbon to decorate approximately 150 pumpkins, and sold them for a fundraiser for the club. This year we made \$1600 on this fun project. **(Pictured below are club members during the sale)**



September found us making glass art topiaries for our yards with many beautiful glass pieces collected throughout the year. Yard sales and thrift stores are our favorite shopping spots. In August we visited one of our member's potato farm where we got a tour of the facility and learned a lot about growing potatoes in Eastern Montana. Several members from the club traveled to Fertile, MN to visit the Bergeson Nursery and came home with a pickup load of many beautiful plants.

(Below are club members with plants)



July is our picnic month with wonderful food and visiting. We held our bi-annual yard tour in July with four beautiful and unique yards. **(Pictured below left)**



In the spring we have our plant and bake sale around Mother's Day weekend and also sponsor a daffodil and tulip contest for our community. Next year we hope to get more participants. We also plant and maintain flowers at five different locations around town.

Our plans for the upcoming year are to sponsor the Yard of the Week contest from Mother's Day until Labor Day. The Glendive Garden Club is also planning to dedicate a Blue Star Memorial Marker next fall.

Whitehall Garden Club

The Whitehall Garden Club has a social just before our meetings where we have "brunch food" and beverages. The November meeting featured a Thanksgiving theme with two casseroles, cranberry chutney, small muffins, apple crunch and some delicious squash. **(Below Left) Glenna Waltee is at the table! (Below Right) Diane Ward welcomes new member Nondys Mason-Wright.**



(Pictured above) Our members at the November meeting where Jayne Dean, club secretary, gave a very entertaining presentation about food and politics going back as far as 1899!

Belgrade Bloomers

The Belgrade Bloomers have been busy decorating 80 donated pumpkins for their annual fundraiser that is held in conjunction with the Bozeman Senior Center's Fall Festival on October 18 & 19. Several members of the club donated pumpkins they had grown; and, other pumpkins were donated by both Albertson's and Town & Country grocery stores in Belgrade, MT.

The pumpkins are first washed, then moss, gathered from the Hyalite Canyon in Bozeman, is glued to the top of each one. Various succulents grown by club members Phyllis White and Linda Lindgren as well as other dried plant material are added. Every pumpkin is different and a work of art!

Since the pumpkins aren't cut, they will last up to six weeks *(the succulents need to be lightly sprayed with water weekly)*...after the pumpkin is no longer usable, the succulents can be removed and replanted for a brand new plant or two!

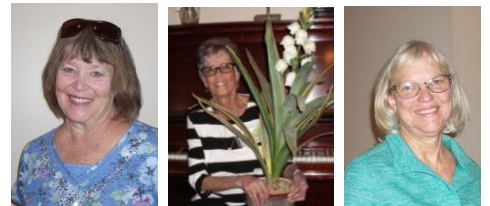
What a great way to recycle!

Dearborn Garden Club

The Montana Federation of Garden Clubs state convention, Miles City, June 21-22, 2019 was attended by Dearborn Garden Club President Jo Lee Burman, Director Helen Shewman, Delegate and Past President Colleen Mason. *Meetings:* July 17, 2019-Annual picnic followed by a geological tour through the canyon to Wolf Creek. August 10-Dearborn Garden Club float for the Cascade Rodeo Parade. August 21 -Tour of Montana Wild in Helena. September 18- Dearborn Garden Club member Jan Topper presented "Methods & Plants for Wilderness Survival." October 16-Potluck lunch and visit by Central District #5 Director Patty Howse who gave a report on Fall Board. Janice Driver presented "Soil Health-The Dirty Truth."

Dearborn Garden Club Barrel of the Month - Members prepare, plant, and clean the barrels. Businesses water them. Winners: *July-Sacred Heart Catholic Church, August-Cascade Post Office, and September-Montana's Best Realty.*

(Pictured Below (L to R) Patty Howse, Jan Topper and Janice Driver)



This is a huge fund raiser for the club! And, we share lots of laughs and friendship while we decorate....very bonding and fun!!! **This year we raised over \$1500!**



FROM THE TREASURER'S PEN



NEW LIFE MEMBERS:

- ❖ Maranna Dean, Bullhook Blossoms GC
- ❖ Kyla McNamara, Bullhook Blossoms GC
- ❖ Sherry Kegel, Bullhook Blossoms GC
- ❖ Pat Tilleman, Bullhook Blossoms GC
- ❖ Jessica Jones, Bullhook Blossoms GC
- ❖ Terri Hildebrand, Bullhook Blossoms GC
- ❖ Janice R Brady, Bullhook Blossoms GC
- ❖ Juanita Hockett, Bullhook Blossoms GC
- ❖ Linda Hoines, Bullhook Blossoms GC
- ❖ Minnie McCann, Bullhook Blossoms GC
- ❖ Lela Patera, Bullhook Blossoms GC
- ❖ Brenda Hansen, Rainbow Garden Club
- ❖ Carol Drga, Rainbow Garden Club

NEW AWARDS SPONSOR:

Award A-9-1 New Junior Garden Clubs, 3 Levels of Club Membership, Glenna Waltee

PENNY PINES:

Rainbow GC, \$68 for Lewis & Clark County
Glendive GC, \$68 for Custer National Forest
Thumb-R-Green GC, \$136 for the Custer and
Gallatin National Forests
Hoe & Hope GC, \$68 for Lolo National Forest



Montana Seasons Greetings:

"We wish you the special gifts of this holiday season, Peace, Joy, and lasting Happiness."

- *Dearborn Garden Club*

"Love, Joy, and Peace to all our gardening friends."

- *From the Gumbo Gals of Nashua*

"Happy Holidays from our house to yours. May peace, love and beautiful flowers surround you this holiday season as you enjoy it with family and friends."

- *Sherry Corneliusen, President, MFGC*



GREAT FALLS DECEMBER FUNDRAISERS
Great Falls Flower Growers – December 5
Annual Holiday Tea "Silver Bells" – 11am to 2pm
Central Assembly of God Church on Central Avenue
Rainbow Garden Club – December 12
Bake Sale and Bazaar – 11 am to 2 pm Eagles Lodge



BUTTERFLY SCULPTURE DEDICATED AT NGC FALL BOARD

(Pictured above) This beautiful butterfly sculpture was dedicated during the NGC Fall Board Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri while MFGC officers were in attendance.

(Pictured below left) The Montana Garden Club Seal is featured on a carpet running down the hallway at NGC headquarters. *(Below right)* MFGC President Sherry, MFGC Past President Joyce and MFGC Parliamentarian and NGC **KIT** Editor Phyllis relax outside the NGC Headquarters.



WRAPPING IT UP

In late September as Autumn had barely began a huge winter storm defied the weatherman. The ground was covered with several inches of snow and the wind piled drifts high with a constant blow. "Can we come inside?" asked my blooming potted flowers, "We're just not ready to succumb to snow showers. We don't want to be left outside to freeze. Can we come inside, oh please, oh please?" Red Geraniums and Petunias blooming violet and white were hauled to the garage ahead of the freezing night. Situated between boxes and tools and other stored stuff, my pretty potted plants have proved they are tuff. On warm days they beg to be pulled back outside to show off their blooms much too pretty too hide. Now as Fall months have passed on through November I have pots full of flowers still blooming in December!



Here's wishing a happy and prosperous holiday season of fundraising to all our Garden Clubs. September through December are especially busy for most all our clubs. This issue is chock full of your wonderful efforts and reports of dollars earned for your projects. **Keep up the great work!**

Patty Schlaeger, Editor

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION 2019-21 THEME:

THE GRASS ISN'T ALWAYS GREENER;

PLANT AMERICA'S DREAM IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD!

Each person can make a difference! Do something to improve your own landscape or a public area. Find the awkward spot in your yard that you only walk on when you mow it – and change it. Add native plants, a pollinator garden, replace unnecessary grass, put in drip irrigation, reduce pesticides, reduce water use, add a bee house, collect rainwater (*if legal in your area*), just do anything/ something to make America a better place. Take before and after photos and post them on social media, or *The Rambler*. Excite others in your club and community about your simple projects. Our beautiful RMR Region includes the States of Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.

Darla Anderson 2019-2021 RMR Region Director

MFGC 2019-2021 THEME

"Bloom Where You Are Planted" goes well with the National theme of **"Plant America."** Our goals for this term are to work on communication with letters, phone calls, emails and other social media to keep everyone informed. We will 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 college bound students a chance to receive one of our many scholarships to further their education. Remember they are our future. We can make our organization stronger by working together to carry out your mission. As your president I encourage all of you to **"Bloom Where You Are Planted"** and let's **"Plant America."**

Sherry Corneliusen 2019-2021 MFGC President

Get Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Posters Entered



Children from first through fifth grade are invited to participate in the 2020 National Garden Clubs, Inc. Poster Contest! The U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. are giving students the opportunity to demonstrate through original drawings of Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl their understanding of wildfire prevention and basic environmental conservation principles.

Smokey Bear is recognized nationally and internationally as the symbol for fire prevention. The original Smokey Bear appeared in 1944. Smokey's message, *"Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"* encourages personal responsibility for fire prevention. Smokey Bear teaches children and adults to be careful with campfires, barbecues, trash fires, and matches.

Lend a Hand, Care for the Land! Woodsy Owl is America's icon for the conservation of the environment. Since 1971, Woodsy has helped parents and teachers inspire children to observe, explore, and care for the environment. He challenges children to *"Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!"* and to take an active role in caring for the land through recycling, reusing, and reducing waste, planting and caring for trees, using resources wisely, and not littering.

POSTER DEADLINE: JANUARY 1, 2020

Jennifer Strzelczyk
SMOKEY BEAR

WOODSY OWL
POSTER

Chairman

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Important Dates for Montana Garden Clubs, 2020

February 1 Scholarships due to State Chairman, Carol Brady
March 1 NGC Scholarship Deadline
April 12 Easter

Proposed District meetings:

April 15 Eastern Gateway, Glendive
April 16 Hi-Line, Saco
April 17 Yellowstone, Big Timber
April 18 Combined Western, SW & Lewis & Clark
April 23 Central, Great Falls
April 24 Northern, Chester
May 1 Life Member Scholarship Due
May 11-14 NGC National Convention & Flower show Milwaukee, WI
May 25 Memorial Day
June 11-13 MFGC Convention, Havre
July 17-18 Flower Show School Symposium, Great Falls, MT
Holiday Inn, proposed study - succulents and composite flowers (daisies, etc)
Sept 23-27 RMR Fall Board, Fargo, ND
October 2-3 Fall Board, Invite from Gallatin Empire Club, Bozeman

Butchart Garden Trip postponed to May or June 2021