



Welcome to Billings, Montana! (Top) The view at sunset from the Rimrocks Billings famous landmark. (Bottom) Photos from the beautiful DanWalt Gardens where convention goers will have an evening event during the 86th Annual Meeting of the Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JIM SADLER, MFGC PRESIDENT

The one thing I know for certain, Garden Club members love flower shows, either to view and enjoy or to participate and have entries.

At the June convention we are planning a Design Only Specialty Show with Petite designs. The reason for a Petite show is obvious. With so many members traveling from a distance, a Petite show is the most practical. Because we are not requiring pre-registration, potential participants will not be under any pressure. My belief is that the more entries we have in a class, the value of the Blue Ribbon is greatly enhanced. We will be offering National Awards in each of the sections and the Design Excellence Award for the best design in the show. Space should not be an issue because of the size of the arrangements. A good many of our judges need judging credits. This show should be able to help them toward satisfying their judging credits.

I am including the classes for the flower show in the article on the next page to give everyone a head start. You now have another reason to come to the convention. A garden party is also planned. This will be the end for my term as President. I have done what I could to encourage flower shows in every gathering.

It is my belief that beauty should always be celebrated. To be able to construct an item of beauty is one of the privileges of life.



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DEADLINE / ISSUE

July 1, 2023 – Summer/Fall 2023
November 1, 2023 – Winter 2023-24
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DESIGN ONLY SPECIALTY SHOW WITH PETITE DESIGNS

Section A Table Artistry Section

"Pretty dishes make food taste better."

Class 1 "Teatime" a table set for 1 person.

Dimensions allotted 12."

Class 2 "Moss Mansion" an Exhibition Table must contain some vessel meant for the service of food and set within the allotted space of 12."

Class 3 "Picnic on the Rims" an Exhibition Table must contain some vessel meant for the service of food set within the allotted space of 12"

Section B Designers Choice Section

"Adventure is found where you seek it."

Class 4 "EXPLORE" 5" designers' choice

Class 5: "SCOUT IT OUT" 5" designers' choice

Class 6: "HIDE AND SEEK" a Multi-Rhythmic 5" design

Section C Award of Distinction Section

"Roadside treasurers can be fascinating"

Class 7: "TRAVEL IN TIME" 8", Designer's Choice

Class 8 "IRRESISTIBLE" 8", Designer's choice

Class 9 "FAST FORWARD" 8", Spatial Thrust



Pictured Above: Jim Sadler has created two petite designs to show how much fun MFGC members can have when they don't have to haul a lot of flowers and design materials. He encourages everyone to consider entering the Petite Design Show at the beginning of the 2023 event in Billings, Montana June 20.

PLANT AMERICA GRANT AWARDED TO GFFG

NGC President Mary Warshauer is pleased to announce a recipient of Plant America Community Project grant from Montana. ***It's the Great Falls Flower Growers Club!*** They received notification before Christmas after having supplied the necessary information on their application.



In the fall of 2021, the Great Falls Flowers Growers Club decided to clean up and replant the Tourist Park with native trees shrubs, and perennials. In April of 2022, Kerry Hovland and Cheryl Hagastad began whacking and pulling miles of Engleman Ivy and filling trash bags full of buckthorn, thistles, and every kind of weed imaginable. As one area was cleaned, Steffen Janikula, Trail Coordinator, laid down weed fabric, then hauled beautiful rocks and landscaped the area. Steffen and his crew, also built a special flower bed, for the Great Falls city flower, the Iris.

Kerry Hovland, Tourist Park Chairman, applied for a grant of \$250 worth of product from Espoma, \$980 from Plant America, and also a \$1500 grant from The Native Plant Society. GFFG was fortunate to receive all three.

Alex Smithson, Trail Artist, is going to design a metal Iris, to showcase the Iris bed. Our club along with Steffen, Trail Coordinator, and The Native Plant Society will begin selecting and planting this summer.

Pictured Above (Left) The trail before the cleanup and (Right) The trail after the cleanup

2023-2025

Theme Goals



Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve as the next MFGC State President in 2023-2025. This is a great honor and I will do my best to uphold the integrity of this position.

THEME: “Sow It and Grow It”

My interpretation of this theme is two fold:

First, let's embrace the outdoors. “*Plant America*” has been a program that NGC started and has been very successful. I want to expand this program a little more. We need to think outside the box. Reach out to the community. Many of you already do this by working with other organizations such as the Kiwanis, Libraries, Girl/Boy Scouts, Rotary Club, Schools, Extension Offices, Churches and Nursing Homes.

One example could be a flower show – excite the public to participate, invite judges from outside your area and don't use the same judges every year. Give the invited judge the opportunity to say “Yes or No.”

Another example could be planning a Design Workshop and encourage the public to come and participate.

My second interpretation of this theme, “Sow It and Grow It”, pertains to the youth in our community. We need to plant the seed in children's heads to the world of plants. Introduce them to the various types of flowers, trees and crops. Give them the space to explore and grow. They are our future.

GOAL:

I would like to see a closer bond between our clubs. Since Montana is such a large state, this goal will be challenging. Sharing experiences and problem solving together can be a lasting experience. Conditions are so extreme from the north to the south and from the east to the west, but we have common interests, no matter where we live: *they are education and friendships.*

Thank you again for your support and I am looking forward to the next 2 years.



Diane Ward
MFGC President-Elect

MONTANA'S WILDFLOWERS



Lewis's Mock Orange is a perennial shrub. It is a member of the hydrangea family and is also called Syringa.

“*Philadelphus Lewisii*” is a deciduous shrub with long arching branches with oval soft green leaves. It grows 5 to 12 feet high. It has an abundance of fragrant white flowers reminiscent of Orange Blossoms. It was described by Meriwether Lewis on his expedition. Native Americans used its straight stems in making arrows.

Susan Andrews,
Wildflower Chairman

Long Range Planning Committee Recommendation

The MFGC voting members and delegates will be asked to amend and restate in its entirety:

**Bylaw Article VIII, Duties of Officers #4
The Treasurer, item g) to read as follows,
“Shall submit the Annual Financial
Statement to the MFGC Webmaster within
30 days of the Annual Meeting. The
Statement will be posted in the private
member's section of the website.”**

GARDEN CLUB ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



Gumbo Gals Celebrate 50 Years!

The Gumbo Gals Garden Club of Nashua joyously celebrated an enjoyable afternoon of gathering members, former members and guests at a 50th anniversary party in honor of their incorporation. The Gumbo Gals became a member of the Montana Federation of Garden Clubs on September 28, 1972. There were sixteen charter members at that time. The club has both grown and diminished through the years. Currently there are eight members who enjoy monthly gatherings with programs and gardening tips and techniques. The 50th anniversary party was held in Nashua at the Senior Citizens Center. Decorations, memorabilia, door prizes and delicious “flower bouquet” cupcakes along with punch and coffee were enjoyed by all. Gumbo Gals President, Linda Sibley, gave a welcome to all and made introductions. Hi-Line District Director, Kathy Waters from Malta, presented a reading of how different things were fifty years ago to the present time. Congratulations to the Club was the order of the day with 28 signing the guestbook. An enjoyable time was had by everyone with many wishes for the club’s continued success. Linda Sibley encouraged those non-members attending to join in the club’s up-coming activities.

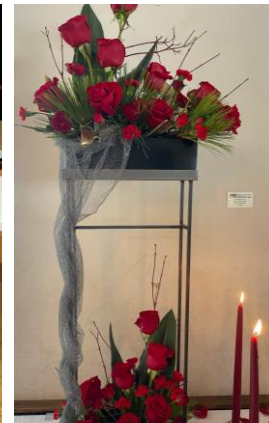
Pictured below, left to right are: District 7 Director Kathy Waters, and Gumbo Gals, Dorothy Skyberg, Bonnie Meyer, Dorothy Hiad-Larsen and Linda Sibley.

Great Falls Flower Growers Celebrate 90 Years!

Great Falls Flower Growers was established March 10, 1933 and was federated with MFGC in 1938. Back in those early years monthly meetings were quite a social event. Ladies dressed to the “nines”, wearing their “Sunday best”, including hats, gloves, and jewelry. The “ROSE” which was chosen as their logo, remains the same as is their colors: rose and green. Today a new member receives a rose and a giant cookie, letting them know, they are a SMART COOKIE for joining GFFG.

Organizing a garden club in 1933, was not an easy task. These forward-thinking ladies had no money, just a strong desire to make it happen. The Anaconda Company Smelter, along with the local florists, and the Chamber of Commerce, were instrumental in getting GFFG started. During the 1950’s, membership was at 350. Due to the size of the club, it was difficult to find a meeting place and in 1957, the club split, keeping GFFG and forming RGC (*Rainbow Garden Club*).

On March 10 the Great Falls Flower Growers members and guests celebrated this milestone anniversary with a special party at the Meadow Lark Country Club (albeit during a raging blizzard). Everyone dressed in their finest with hats and gloves. Special floral arrangements were designed by Patty Howse for the tables representing “Past, Present and Future.” Celebration Chair, Myrna McCollum, welcomed everyone and told them to enjoy themselves as they looked through exhibits on the memorabilia table and were served a special anniversary cake. is looking forward to another 90 years! *Pictured Below left to right: The anniversary cake; The ladies on the planning committee left to right are Bev Edwards, Darlene Skari, Patty Howse, Sue O’Leary, Myrna McCollum and Kerry Hovland; and one of Patty’s lovely floral arrangements.*



A Special Invitation to Attend the 2023 Convention in Billings



Welcome to Billings! The Thumb R Green Garden Club in Billings is excited to invite you to the 86th Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. convention to be held June 21-23rd at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center! (See the registration form on page 7 for details)

We are planning to hold the Judges Council dinner and meeting at the Dan Walt Gardens here in Billings. This should be lovely by June 20th with lots of plants in bloom. All are invited to attend and enjoy the meal and a tour of the gardens. We are hoping to have an educational program at the meeting on "Petite Designs."

We are also having a Petite Design Flower Show during the convention. This should be a lovely addition to our meetings. I hope many of you will show off your creativity by bringing designs. Entries will be accepted on June 21st from 8:00 am-9:00 am and during a morning break. (Please see Jim's article for the schedule.)

We have scheduled time for you to tour local gardens and garden centers, always a favorite thing for gardeners to do. And, we have some excellent educational opportunities with speakers on the plant select program and community gardens. **We are always learning!**

Everyone is invited to attend the Life Members dinner on the 21st. Life Members chair, Patty Schlaeger and her committee always plan a fun time you won't want to miss. Proceeds from this event go to support our Life Member's scholarship.

A Silent Auction will be held during the convention. We hope each of our state clubs will bring items to include. Bidding on these items is always fun and you likely will take home something wonderful.

We hope you will come and visit us and enjoy a time of friendship, fellowship, enjoying Billings, as well as participating in the business of our state garden federation.

Joyce Hendricks, Convention Chair



LIFE MEMBERS PROGRAM AT THE 2023 CONVENTION PROMISES A GOOD TIME!

Calling all MFGC Life Members, MFGC Members and Guests! You are invited to have a great time at the Life Member's Annual Meeting and Talent Show on Wednesday night at the convention. In addition to meeting our Scholarship winner and promoting Life Members, we always have lots of fun after a day of garden club business and tours.

This year we are showcasing **YOU**, our members! We are asking each District Director to provide one act for our program. This can be a skit, a song, an instrumental, a poetry reading or ??? However, if a District does not have an act for our show, then the District Director will have to pull an "act" to perform out of our hat. Sounds like we will have a great time either way. **And of course, don't forget to purchase a Life Member's Red Rose!**

**Patty Schlaeger,
MFGC Life Members Chair**

Building Community Through Gardening



June 20-23, 2023

Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. 86th Annual State Membership Convention

Billings Hotel & Convention Center, 1223 Mullaney Ln, Billings MT 59101

Call (406) 248-7151 and reserve your hotel room by May 23, 2023

Ask for "MFGC" rate of \$119 + tax for a double room (up to 4 adults).

Hotel does not provide a breakfast with rooms. There is a restaurant in the hotel and several nearby.

Name: _____ Club: _____ District: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Please circle all applicable titles: *Indicates voting member **Delegate's name must appear on club delegate registration form.

Advisory Council Member*	Alternate Delegate**	Appointed State Officer	Club Delegate**	Club President*
Club President Proxy**	District Director*	Elected State Officer*	First Time Attendee	Flower Show Judge
Garden Club Member	Guest	Landscape Design Consultant	National Board Member	National Life Member
Region Board Member	Region Director	Region Officer	State Chairman*	State Life Member
State President*	Student FS Judge	Student LD Consultant	*indicates voting member	**indicates club delegate

**Registration: Registration form and fees must be postmarked by June 1, 2023. No routine refunds after June 15, 2023.
MFGC Members must register to attend any function. Add registration and meals for total cost.**

REGISTRATION:	Convention Registration Members & Guests are welcome to all meals	\$35	\$ _____
	Late Fee (postmarked after June 1, 2023)	\$10	\$ _____
MEALS:	Tuesday, June 20, Judges Council Dinner Social at DanWalt Gardens	\$35	\$ _____
	Wednesday, June 21 Luncheon at convention hotel, (club croissant)	\$24	\$ _____
	Wednesday, June 21 Life members dinner/program at convention hotel (Chicken St. Germain)	\$35	\$ _____
	Thursday, June 22 Awards luncheon at convention hotel (Chicken Club Salad)	\$24	\$ _____
	Thursday, June 22 Installation Dinner at convention hotel (Grilled Flank Steak)	\$40	\$ _____
Coffee, iced tea and gratuity included in meals. Please contact hotel directly for gluten free options and note here _____			
TOTAL ENCLOSED			\$ _____

Make registration checks payable to: Thumb R Green, Send to: Merita Murdock, 649 Brookwood Dr, Billings MT 59101-7050.

TENATIVE SCHEDULE –

6/20/23

1-3 Fin & Ex. Comm. Meetings
3-4 Club Pres. & Dist. Director Meetings
4-4:30 Advisory Council
5:30 Judges Council Dinner

6/21/23

8 –9 Petite Flower Show Entries
9-11:30 Business Meeting
12—1:30 Lunch
1:30 Tours
5:30 Life Members Dinner

6/22/23

9 Business meeting resumes
11:30 Awards Lunch
2-3 Education
3:30—4:30 Education
6:00 Installation Dinner

6/23/23 8:30 am BOD meeting

By entering the event and by your presence at 2023 Montana Federation Annual State Membership Convention, you consent to be photographed, filed, and/or otherwise recorded. You consent to use of your image, voice or name for publicity, advertising, informational, educational or promotional purposes by Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

MFGC's SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS REACHES MANY MORE SCHOOLS

Although our Life Member Scholarship Applications are primarily sent to our 4-year state universities we think it is important to remember that many students attend the two-year schools for various reasons (financial, location, etc.), and then transfer to a four-year school when they've decided their majors. We do know that students studying some kinds of Ag are excellent candidates for MFGC/NGC scholarships, i.e., Scholarship Recipient Tyler Noyes is an outstanding example.

In January Life Member's Chair, Patricia Schlaeger, sent out news releases to all the newspapers in Montana and up-dated scholarship applications to all the post-graduate schools in the state of Montana to announce the \$2,000 scholarship for Life Members.

She also spent time researching ALL the two and four year schools in Montana to learn which schools had courses eligible for the MFGC and Life Member's Scholarships. **Below is a list of these schools:**

Montana University System Colleges and Schools with HORTICULTURE RELATED COURSES Eligible for \$2000 Life Member's Scholarship in 2023:

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA 4 year
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY 4 year
UM WESTERN 4 year
CARROLL COLLEGE 4 year
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY BILLINGS 4 year
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHERN 4 year
UNIVERSITY OF PROVIDENCE 4 year
ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE 4 year
AANIIH NAKODA COLLEGE 2 year
BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2 year
SALISH KOOTENAI COLLEGE 2 year
FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2 year
LITTLE BIG HORN COLLEGE 2 year
MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2 year

Many of the individual **clubs** in the Garden Club Federation also offer scholarships. Please see that your information gets to the schools listed above that have the required courses for our program.

If you need more information, please contact the MFGC Life Member's Chairman, Patricia Schlaeger for addresses and contacts for the schools listed above.

Patricia Schlaeger
Life Member's Scholarship

NGC NEWSCAPE NEWSLETTER

NEWSCAPE is the NGC newsletter that promotes the Landscape Design, Gardening, and Environmental Schools. It's full of news about School schedules, open gardens to tour, and Montana's very own Landscape Design School course recently held in Glendive (*check out pages 9-10*).

Objective of the Landscape Design Schools:

- Develop a greater sense of appreciation, pride, and knowledge about our private and public gardens.
- Become better educated to make changes in our surroundings so that they will be more beautiful, useful, convenient, ecologically sound and easily maintained.
- Stimulate interest in all phases of landscape design, including community planning that will affect all of our lives.
- Develop a contingent of qualified Landscape Design Consultants to serve in such decision-making areas of public life as providing leadership, educational programs, scholarships, awards and promoting better landscape design.

Welcome to our readers! You are a busy group dealing with schools, tours and events during challenging times. Please send me information about your projects, meetings and schools by August 1, 2023 for inclusion in our Fall 2023 issue of **Newscape**. I look forward to including articles and photos about your events. All submissions must be original material. Photos are welcome! Please send articles in Word format and photos to the Editor at CSCarbaugh@verizon.net.

Caroline Carbaugh, Newscape Editor

ENDOWMENT INTEREST GRANT

The **ENDOWMENT INTEREST GRANT** is a competitive program designed with local clubs and Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. sponsored groups as eligible recipients. Grants will be given up to \$500. For every five dollars of grant funding, applicants must have at least one dollar of matching funds for the project. To date, the Endowment Committee has not received any applications during this fiscal year. The Endowment Interest Grant Guidelines are on the MFGC website.

Application packages must be received by May 15th. Deliver four copies of the package to MFGC, P.O. Box 662, Whitehall, MT 59759-0662.



SPRINGTIME IS MEMBERSHIP GROWING TIME

Spring is not far off. Many of you are starting seeds inside for your gardens. How about planting extra for someone else. Create a giving station-or rather an invitation station. Invite to join your club and offer a plant. A little info on your club and meeting times could be on a card with a popsicle stick in the plant. It is time to grow! ***So, let's grow in Club Members!***

Liz Smith, Membership Chairman

PENNY PINE\$

Your Garden Club can participate in a meaningful and practical conservation project by contributing \$68.00 to a Penny Pines plantation as part of the costs of replanting replacement trees indigenous to a particular damaged area. Whether by fire or by other natural catastrophe, pine trees and other trees are replaced. You may designate a specific forest you wish to have benefit from this contribution.

Under a conservation agreement, the forest service will do the planting, using your donation together with federal funds, and will provide to the plantation the same protection from fires, insects, and disease given other forested areas. The plantations are a part of the regular national forest reforestation program planted on burned-over and brush-covered areas which are potentially productive timberlands. Planting sites are selected by the supervisor of each national forest. These plantations provide soil protection, watershed protection, soil stabilization, future harvestable timber, as well as beauty and shade for recreation.

States, regions, districts, clubs, and/or individuals may participate in this program by donating in multiples of \$68. A \$68 donation may be made in honor or in memory of ONE individual, organization, or theme.

Remember to always pass the "money change jar" around the room during your club's meetings!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

As chairman of the nominating committee, I would like to present the following slate of officers to be voted on at the MFGC convention in June:

- **Diane Ward** of the Whitehall Garden Club was voted in as President Elect at our Fall Board.
- **Jeannie Bennett** of the Missoula Garden Club (formerly of the Great Falls Flower Growers Club) is moving up to First Vice President.
- **Cindy Carlton** of the Gallatin Empire Garden Club has been nominated to be Second Vice President.
- **Glenna Waltee** of the Whitehall Garden Club has agreed to stay on as Treasurer for one more term.
- **Ann Wickum** of the Chester Garden Club has been nominated to be our Recording Secretary.

I would also like to thank my committee members who served on this committee with me in presenting this fine slate of officers for the Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

**Sherry Corneliusen, Chairman
Nominating Committee**

UNDER MONTANA'S BIG SKY

Whitehall Garden Club

Whitehall Garden Club member, Sarah Smart, thought we all might want to see why the Whitehall Garden Club members don't get a chance to start much gardening this time of the year. Her "Guardians of the Winter Garden" are under four feet of snow!!!



Sarah Smart also took the photos below for the committee that decorates the Fire Station in Whitehall. They put these cute gnomes in the whisky barrels in front of the Fire Station. Glenna Waltee made the gnomes.



Miles City Garden Club



Miles City Garden Club members have been busy this winter with community projects. **(Pictured above club members work on their many floral baskets.)** Christmas floral baskets were created and sold at the Christmas stroll. The weather was frightful, but the baskets were a popular item. Two of our members shopped for the Santa's Little Helper program and made a special Christmas for a local child. Donations from the club helped the local Jaycees with the Wreaths Across America program which places beautiful Christmas wreaths at the Veteran's Cemetery.



Birdseed ornaments were the project at our February meeting, everyone went home with a treat for their backyard birds. **(Pictured above Miles City GC members enjoy making bird feeders.)** Spring is just around the corner and we are all ready to get back to gardening!

FROM THE TREASURER'S PEN

Memorial:

In memory of Richard T. Seltzer
by Susan Billmeyer

New Life Members:

#941 Beverly Edwards

Great Falls Flower Growers GC

#942 Shary Fiske

Great Falls Flower Growers GC

#943 Dolores Garcis

Thumb-R-Green GC

#944 Gerry Mottram

Thumb-R-Green GC (*founding member*)

New Garden Club Members:

Missoula Garden Club:

Nina Edie, Jeannie Bennett

Belgrade Garden Club:

Suzanne Schneider, Cheryl Moore-Gough

Gallatin Empire Garden Club

Julie Geyer, Marilyn Burr, Kay Linden,
Mary Ann Nielsen

Great Falls Flower Growers:

Elaine Dow, Estella Hammond
Nanette Cummings, Vicky Jahraus
Amy Pfeifenberger,
Tiffany Grundel, Holly Pierce
Stacey Mohney

Dearborn Garden Club:

Diane Robinson, Mary Schrecengost
Carmen McIlhattan

Rainbow Garden Club:

Jane Snowberger, Angela Schlaeger
Lynn Hilton, Becky Gunness

Whitehall Garden Club:

Rob Finney, Kay Fisher, Rosemary Perry,
Terry Ross, Alice Bruce

Penny Pines:

Penny Pines Program:

Gallatin Empire Garden Club for the
Gallatin National Forest \$68

Blue Stars:

Thanks go out to Patty Schlaeger for
Sponsoring us at Meadow Lark for our 90th!

- **KUDOS from GFFG**

Congratulations to GFFG on their 90th
Anniversary. Rainbow Garden Club LOVES our
Older sister! Best wishes for 90 more!

- **Rainbow Garden Club**

WRAPPING IT UP!

This is real crazy weather that's going on right now! What can I say? I've been here in Arizona for a month and a half and we have had just about everything that Mother Nature can throw at us: *Gale force winds, torrential rains, hail and sleet, 80-degree heat, flooding, and, would you even believe SNOW in Scottsdale and Tucson???*

Before we left Montana in February it was getting warm enough for some of our garden club members to start preparing garden beds for our spring planting. We were also starting to chalk up a year without high hay consumption since we had no hay due to the draught last summer. But winter is not over, not by a long shot. Our hired hands had to dole hay out by the trailer full with our pastures under cover of snow. This year we have been very conservative and still ran out. Trying to buy hay from Arizona was also a nightmare. I put my "marketplace" savvy family to work and while I was still in a worry-mode they had found hay, paid for it, had it hauled and stacked in the barn.

While here in Chandler, I have met with the golf resort's garden club ladies. They maintain yearly plantings at the club's entrance and around all the fairways. I was able to tell them all the wonderful projects that our Montana garden clubs do for their communities and even interested a few to do artistic design. I left them with a personalized butterfly coloring book to pass out to visiting grandchildren and an invitation to come North and cool down at our Montana Convention when the pavement is melting in Arizona.

Right now, the desert is in full bloom and I have to share some of these brilliant colors. After all, who knows when winter will be over Montana.



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DON'T FORGET TO MAKE UP SILENT AUCTION ITEMS FOR THE MFGC CONVENTION!

INFORMATION FOR AWARDS

All Montana Federation of Garden Clubs dues paying members are eligible to apply for MFGC, RMR, and /or NGC awards and contests unless otherwise stated. Members, garden clubs, study groups or groups of clubs must be in good standing in MFGC to apply. Junior, intermediate, high school clubs and individual youth must be a member of a federated garden club to be eligible for specific awards or contests. Member clubs or individuals may make application for each award and category, if qualified. An application form that may be filled in on your computer is on the MFGC website. Electronic entries are accepted but they must be in PDF or WORD format. Deadlines for Awards and Chairmen are listed below:

April 15 MFGC State Awards,

Sections A, B, C, D,

Linda Sadler,

1220 Clements Road,

Missoula MT 59804-2908

April 15 E Awards

Susan Andrews,

2429 Bridger Hills Dr.,

Bozeman MT 59715-7654

April 15 MFGC State Award B 10, Cathy Atkinson Creative Design Award

Vicky Barbieri,

504 Howie Road,

Big Timber MT 59011-7835

April 15 Photography award, C-10

Donna Dowell,

6045 Meininger Dr.

Missoula MT. 59808-3910

July 1 NGC Vision of Beauty Calendar Photos per web site

August 1 Rocky Mountain Region Awards

Linda Sadler,

1220 Clements Road

Missoula MT 59804-2908

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 15 – Deadline for MFGC Award Aps

**District meetings and officer travel in April 2023 by
Date, Day, District, District Director, Host Club and
City Location***

April 18 Tuesday - All day officer travel to Ft Peck

April 19 Wednesday	District 7	Kathy Waters
	Nashua/Saco GCs	Ft Peck, MT

April 20 Thursday	District 12	Liz Smith
	Glendive GC	Glendive, MT

April 21 Friday	District 10	Sherry Doty
	Thumb R Green GC	Billings, MT

April 22 Saturday	District 4	Christy Mock
	Townsend GC	Townsend, MT

April 26 Wednesday	District 6	Diana Raymond
	Conrad CG	Conrad, MT

April 27 Thursday	District 5	Vanette Nagamori
	GFFG, RGC, Dearborn	Great Falls, MT

April 28 Friday	District 2	Colleen Hoffman
	Missoula GC	Missoula, MT

April 29 Saturday	District 3	Ann Palmer
	Dillon GC	Dillon, MT

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May 2 - 4 National Garden Club Annual Meeting

The Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, WV

June 20-23 – MFGC Annual Meeting

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