

## *Join a Garden Club*



## *Get Connected*

Our Membership is comprised of busy and vibrant individuals, and volunteerism plans in important role in their lives. Through their interaction with MGC, both on a state level and through their local garden clubs, many have forged lasting friendships and fostered their own personal growth, in addition to experiencing the satisfaction of contributing to their communities.

Michigan Garden Club encourages individual and community projects of learning and sharing designed to heighten the beauty of our environment in the short term and contribute to its long-term sustainability.



## *Enhancing the Beauty & Continuation of our Environment through:*

### *College Scholarships*

Central Michigan, Ferris State, Grand Valley, Michigan State, Michigan Technological, Northern Michigan, University of Michigan, Wayne State and Western Michigan.

### *Loda Lake Wildflower Sanctuary*

Since 1949, a partner for the education and preservation of wildflowers with the National Park Service in the Huron Manistee National Forest near White Cloud.

### *World Gardening*

Support to High School students at the 4-H Center in Belize for tools and seeds

### *Youth*

Junior Garden Clubs



For information, or to learn how to start a garden club in your community, please visit our web site.

[www.michigangardenclubs.org](http://www.michigangardenclubs.org)

# *Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.*

*Est. 1931*



## *Our Mission*

To provide leadership in education, resources and networking opportunities for our members to promote love of gardening, floral design, landscape design and civic environmental responsibility.



*Building a Better Michigan Through  
Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.*

## *Making an Impact*

Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. (MGC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with 6,530 Members in 174 Clubs. MGC is a Member of National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) with nearly 190,000 Members and is part of their Central Region (CR). In addition, there are inter-national affiliates making NGC the largest garden related volunteer organization in the world.



Founded in 1931, MGC had its origin in the Ann Arbor Garden Club who felt that a state federation in a national organization would exert more influence to conserve

and protect our state's beauty and improve the quality of member's gardens. Forty representatives from fifteen known Garden Clubs of Michigan joined together. It is through their wisdom, foresight and efforts that policies and objectives which were established remain the foundation as we know it today.



## *Learning Friendship and Fun*

Club and District Meetings

Flower Shows - Symposiums

Flower Arranging Guilds/Educational Courses

Central Region Meetings

State and National Conventions

## *We Go Beyond Gardening*



Members have educational opportunities to add dimension to their gardening experience by attending NGC Flower Show, Environmental, Gardening Study and Landscape Design schools. By completing requirements for these studies, attendees become Consultants in the respective areas and eligible to join the Michigan Consult-ants Council. Many go on to become Accredited Flower Show Judges and are better able to educate other members, and the public, in Horticulture and the art of Floral Design in addition to staging Flower Shows which adhere to standardized NGC guidelines.



## *Educational Projects*

Artistic Crafts

Blue Star Memorials (Honor Military)

Bees, Birds and Butterflies Preservation

Civic Beautification

Community Gardens

Disaster Relief

Energy Conservation

Environment and Conservation

Garden Therapy

Habitat for Humanity Landscaping

Legislation

Litter, Recycling and Reclamation

Native Plants and Invasive Species

National Garden Week

