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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This past year has had many of us feeling alone, isolated and worried about our future. All of us have been affected and effected by C19 and the world we are living in. It has been sad and painful.

I have done research on this vaccine. I know how they fast-tracked the development and put it into early trials. I learned about our logistic problems of distribution before vaccines were released. I learned about the need to **continue** with our diligence in wearing masks, keeping physically distant and washing our hands. Even as people vaccinate we will have to maintain these standards.



(Art project using plants and pounding out the colors and shapes)

However, I am sure all of you wonder will we ever meet again. Yes we will. It might be at a park pavilion, with masks, physical space and your own lunch. That might happen this year as people become inoculated. However, I can not guarantee this. Time will give us answers.

The board will continue to reassess and find ways to stay connected to **you-our members**. It is a challenge thinking about safety, getting together and giving hugs. You are all missed very much. I am wishing for a safe New Year, one filled with HOPE, LOVE & KINDNESS. Joan Lenhard

JANUARY BOARD MEETING

To join, please let Ronalee know. She will send you a link for the Zoom meeting. As always your input is welcomed. Joan Lenhard

CHAIRS & BOARD POSITIONS

It is the time a year we start recruiting for our leadership at all levels. Please accept the challenge to provide leadership to this club.

I am hoping the current board members will stay on in the capacity in which they currently fill. This leaves us with an opening as VP. In this capacity you will Co-VP with Ronalee and take over as President in May of 2023. Ronalee will continue as Co-VP creating a transition and supporting role. Barb Amundsen will no longer be our Recording Secretary. I will be stepping down as the chair for Neighborhood Beautification which is responsible for our garden tours in the summer.

I hope many of you will continue in your role as chair (and supporting groups for those chairs) for the many other committees. Please take a moment and think about the 3 positions we know that will be open for next year. Your role will start in June.

Please contact me if you are interested in helping with the future of the garden club. We need you. If you can no longer help as a chair please reach out and let Ronalee, Sue or I know. Joan Lenhard

HORTICULTURE



(Learn about plants, cultivars, disease, grass, trees and pest management)

The Master Gardener Program through Extension is starting March 2021. Virtual training on Tuesday mornings from 9am to 1pm, from March 2nd to June 8th. It will be conducted via Zoom. The only travel that will be required for the training will be picking up the manual curb side and I am waiting to determine the specific location(s). The cost for the 14-week class is \$325 and there are partial scholarships available. This link to the registration page provides more information about the training.

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/mginghamspr21/>

For the complete list of upcoming EMG trainings, visit this link:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/master_gardener_volunteer_program/join-us/upcoming-extension-master-gardener-trainings

This program is outstanding. Our recent grads – Daiva, Jean and I were exposed to many topics.

There are scholarships available from EMG and GCGL. Isabel Branstrom IngCo Extension

MGC NEWS

Monday mornings at 10:00 tune in to learn. Each week a presentation is provided. I have attended many and LOVE IT. The problem is we also meet on Mondays. AUGH The good thing is they are recorded and you can go back and watch. This is free to you as you are automatically enrolled as a member of MGC through your membership with GCGL. The presentations are on Zoom. That information is in our newsletter under the Websites title and in your little blue program book. Joan Lenhard

IIB UPDATE

Anne Crimmins, IIB District Director, passed away on December 25, 2020 which was her 68th birthday. Anne was a vibrant, energetic person who loved her native plant gardens and used her Master Gardener skills to give back to her community through the Hartland Garden Club. She was also very active with the Community Outreach Sharing Center in Hartland. Anne was a force on the board of Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. and committed to update their technology.

Anne is survived by her husband, David Grassi (747 N. Pleasant Valley Rd., Milford, MI 48380), three sisters and four brothers. Her sister, Terri Tomac, is a member of the DeWitt Millennium Garden Club. Her address is 13480 Turner Road, DeWitt, MI 48820.

Memorial contributions can be made in Anne's name to Hartland Home and Garden Club, 8231 Foldenauer Drive, Howell, MI 48843 or Community Sharing, P.O. Box 405, Highland, MI 48357. Ronalee Polad

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ann Lipkowitz

GREENS MARKET NEWS

We will have a report in our January meeting. Joanne Bauer

MEMBERSHIP

Barb Amundsen's home line is no longer active.

Please welcome our newest member, Mary Anne Smith. Mary Anne belonged to the club several years ago and was President from 1984-1986.

Our President, Sue Kesti's great grand daughter passed away. Please keep Sue and her family in your prayers.



(Screen shot of members who attended the Christmas Tea 2020 by Ronalee Polad)

THE GARDEN CLUB OF GREATER LANSING ANNUAL TEA 2020

It was great to see all of these smiling faces at our Annual Christmas Tea on December 14, 2020. It was the wrap up to a very strange year for our garden club. Members shared stories and were able to talk to each other. Thank you to everyone who showed up.

It looks like we will be meeting virtually for at least the first few months of 2021 and then hope to meet outdoors after the weather breaks. Please stay safe, get vaccinated and hope to see you soon. Happy New Year 2021! Ronalee Polad

UPDATE ON HOME GARDEN

I am busy guessing what books I want to look at from the library. It is hard to make decisions when I can't peruse the garden books on the shelf. I have ordered 10 books and only 1 really looked interesting. My last pick-up was 5 books and within the day I decided they were all going back.

I am looking at books that will help with design, putting veggies in with the flowers – I think a Brie Arthur book might be in order. I have a gift card and will order Piet Oudolf book maybe 2 of them.

I have measurements for my gardens and hope to make renderings and possibly painting/drawings during the winter months.

I have been looking at information on ordering seeds. I know I will order early. Last year so many people ordered it was a hunt for some seeds and plants. I have been looking at articles about ordering from your local seed savers and state or region for the best plant, seed, cultivar. I will let you know what happens. Joan Lenhard.



(Think about an arrangement for the March Show)

MARCH FLOWER SHOW

Remember we are proceeding with the show. PLEASE think of entering. I have a program book and it is also n the IIB website. Joan Lenhard

CORN PROJECT

Last year we canceled but we were planning and getting ready. This year we will need to wait and see what happens with schools. We will be ready for action if needed.

Little did we know that this could impact us for such a lengthy time period. Hoping for the best. Sandy Oleson.



(Last year frozen on Lake Lansing)

WEBSITES

Websites/Calendars to check for gardening events
Capital Area Master Gardeners –
www.mgacac.wordpress.com

Michigan Master Gardener Association –
www.michiganmastergardener.org
Let's Garden Lansing – lets gardenlansing.org

Allen Neighborhood Center –
www.allenneighborhoodcenter.org/exchange/

Michigan State University Horticulture Gardens -
https://www.canr.msu.edu/hrt/our_gardens/

Michigan Volunteer Management System –
www.michigan.volunteersystem.org

Sixteen Sprigs Lavender Farm call 803-3081
<http://www.sixteensprigs.org>
Facebook Sixteen Sprigs Lavender Farm

National Garden Club
www.gardenclub.org
username: member Password: conserve

Michigan Garden Club
www.migardenclubs.org
username: Member Password: mgcgrow

District IIB
<https://mgcdistrict2b.weebly.com/>
password: zbgardeners