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Gardening with Purpose continues to be supported and promoted by MGC, with updates on the MGC website, including an up-to-date directory of food kitchens and pantries in every county of Michigan, an online donation form for us to keep track of donations and other forms of assistance to help our members to be successful at assisting the many people who need it. This program stresses donations of fresh produce, but **as winter and holidays approach, we encourage donations of non-perishable food to local pantries**

Thank you to the 39 people who attended the MGC Awards Judging Day in East Lansing on Nov 5. We had fun while also successfully judging the many applications submitted by our clubs. The districts pre-judged the Yearbook entries, which, once again, allowed our day to be more streamlined and productive. Quite a few award applications have been forwarded for further judging at the National level. Fingers Crossed as we anticipate those results. **Kudos to the clubs and members who creatively prepared these wonderful applications and to every MGC club for the fantastic projects that are so worthy of recognition.**

Recently MGC launched a new line of merchandise available through our website. **Check out MGC Wearables today!**

The MGC Board of Directors and Committee Chairman are working diligently to continue the strong leadership and benefit base that MGC possesses. **Congratulations and Welcome to our newest appointment - Ronnie Dush, MGC 1st VP!**

A few other committee appointments have been made and the only Board of Directors position expected to be open after Jan 1, is Webmaster/Manager. Though not as efficient as I would like, MGC website updates are constant, as we strive to keep members informed. **See the updated 2025-2027 MGC Leadership Roster on the MGC website.**

Constant Contact has been recently updated with email addresses provided by the MGC database. If you do not feel that you are receiving Constant Contact messages, and have already "resubscribed" through the MGC website, please don't hesitate to contact Shelly Andrews, MGC Member Services Administrator, sandrews@migardenclubs.org.

Remember to mark your calendars for the **2026 MGC Conference, June 7-8** at Doubletree Ann Arbor. This Conference will include a **State Flower Show! The Flower Show Schedule is included in this issue.**

More information will follow via Constant Contact in February.

Until next time...May your winter and holidays be filled with joy, family, friends, good health and... Happy Garden Planning!

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