

## *Lisa's Letter - read more*

The MGC project, *Gardening with Purpose*, is a valuable way to assist the underfed in Michigan. A report form is on the MGC website, and I encourage every member to donate to food pantries in their area, then report the donation through this form. The Food Pantry Directory is up to date. As summer harvests wrap up, donate your extra and remember to donate at your Fall District meeting or event, these donations will be counted, as well, and every pound offers MGC assistance to this important issue.

The MGC Board of Directors is hard at work for you, our MGC clubs and members. Get to know more about these hard-working and conscientious people in this issue.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for reporting your member updates and paying dues for your club in such a timely manner. Sincere thanks go to Bunny LaDuke, MGC Treasurer, Ronalee Polad, MGC Financial Assistant, and Shelly Andrews, MGC Member Services Administrator, for their dedicated efforts throughout the summer to accept, document, assist clubs, and follow up on these updates and payments.

Check the MGC website and mark your calendars for the in-depth educational opportunities that Michigan is so fortunate to host through:

### **NGC Schools hosted in Michigan:**

\* Gardening School Course #3 - April 17-18, 2026. Watch for Registration in February 2026. Thank you so much District 3B for your continued support of Gardening School.

\* Landscape Design School, in East Lansing will hold Course #4 September 22-23. Thank you so much District 2B for your continued support of Landscape Design School.  
A new Series is being planned in District 5, stayed tuned for more information.

\*Register now for Environmental School Course #2 held in Hickory Corners, Nov 3-4, and mark your calendars for course #3 April 6-7, 2026. Thank you so much District 3A for your continued support of Environmental School.

\* Day of Sharing, sponsored by Michigan Association of Accredited Judges, on Oct 23, in East Lansing.

Awards day will be November 5, in East Lansing. We'll need 3-4 Reps from each District. Lunch will be provided for this fun day that offers fellowship and an opportunity to see how the Awards process is handled and to get ideas for applying for club awards.

Mark your calendars for the 2026 MGC Conference, June 7-8 at Doubletree Ann Arbor. If you have suggestions for speakers, etc., please share them with me.

NGC has finally scheduled the 2026 Convention: May 4-6, in St Louis, MO, home of the National Garden Clubs headquarters. Any garden club member is invited to attend, and this will be a rare opportunity to visit the NGC HQ. I hope you see you there!

**Until next time...Happy Gardening!**

*Lisa*

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