

District 1 Continued:

Robin Heller, president of Garden Club of Michigan told me on this month's Presidents Meeting that GCMI is co-sponsoring a presentation on owls of Michigan by Naturalist Christina Funk, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, November 5 at 7 PM. Free to the public but you do need to register on Eventbrite. I've sent the flyer to your club's president with more details.

Submittal date for awards is right around the corner. There are lots of opportunities to show our fellow MGC gardeners just how special your club is. Please take a moment to review the available awards opportunities on the MGC website. While you are there, check out NGC and Central Region awards too. It's also a great place to look for ideas of what your club could do with the community, seniors, and youth. Submittal deadline is October 15th.

By the time you read this, the deadline for applying for donations to worthy non-profits in District 1 or statewide that share MGC's mission will have passed, BUT there is always next year. Be thinking now of who to nominate in 2027. The window to submit an application opens once again in June–October 2027.

In addition, Grow & Share Grants are open yearlong as long as there are funds available in the District's budget. Consider your projects that might be eligible for a G&S grant and start planning early. It's a first-come/first-served situation. Find information and application on the MGC website/Member Resources/**MGC Grow & Share Grant Program**. While you are there, check out MGC project grants will be awarded throughout the MGC fiscal year (June 1-May31) based on the criteria noted on the application and available funds.

I am in a visiting frame of mind. I love meeting you all and making new friends. Please invite me to an upcoming meeting.

And hoping to see many of you at the District 1 Fall Meeting on October 15th in Ferndale. Be sure to introduce yourself. I don't know everyone in District 1 yet, but I am working on it!

