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Our Mission

- To stimulate the love gardening
- encourage home and community beautification
- promote better horticultural practices
- encourage all forms of conservation
- provide education and resources
- promote the programs of MGC and NGC



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Best Wishes to the New Edelweiss Garden Club Board!



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Christmas Luncheon Reminder

Our Club's Christmas Luncheon will held at **Jack's Place – Marsh Place Resort**. The luncheon will be held on: **Wednesday, December 11, 2013**. Warm up by the fireplace with a cup of tea, coffee or fountain drink. Or enjoy a glass of wine (cash bar) from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. **12:30 pm Lunch with music by Jim Akans**.

MENU includes fountain drinks, coffee & tea, mixed green salad, rolls, Chef's choice of vegetable, dessert and your choice of:

- Broiled Walleye w/Lemon Butter Sauce & Roasted Redskins
- Chicken Marsala over a bed of Noodles
- 8 oz New York Strip Steak (med rare) w/Garlic Tomato Butter & Roasted Potatoes

Any questions, contact Mirja Hoeft at 989-732-2664. In lieu of Christmas gifts, members are encouraged to make donations for the benefit of the VFW Post 1518 Program: Installation of New Officers & Accolades to the Officers leaving My thanks to the Christmas Luncheon Committee for organizing this delightful event: Mirja Hoeft, Shirley Tankersley, Roseann Kujawa, and Karen Gurchiek.

Creative Gardening Featured in January

At the January 8th Business Meeting, Ruth Doss will present information on "Wall Gardening". We are delighted to have Ruth Share her expertise on "Wall Gardening". Ruth will be demonstrating how to construct a wall container, as well as, recommending what plants work best.



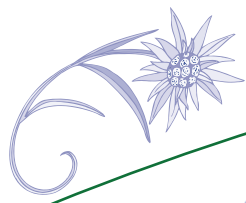
Please Join Us in February for "Tea and a Movie"

The February 12th meeting will feature the theme "Gardens of the World". Please plan on meeting at our UNIVERSITY CENTER for the February Business Meeting. Please bring your favorite tea cup. This meeting will feature a spot of tea, treats, and movie. We also will discuss Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. "World Gardening" Belize Project.

Cheers to a Successful Greens Sale!!!!

On behalf of your Board, I would like to Thank Each of You who participated in the Greens Sale. Each purchase provides finances which allows us to serve our community in many ways such as developing our community gardens, providing a Community Garden Walk, opportunities to learn about our passion of gardening, support for Habitat for Humanity, a Chamber of Commerce Membership, Luncheon expenses, Memorial Books for the Library, postage, Brochures, printing and supplies.

Once again, our supplier provided us with lovely greens. The Sportsplex is a great setting for us in many ways. Pat Sitz, Caryl Irrer, Sue Hegarty, Dee Burau, Cynthia Hilling, expertly facilitated the event. Thank you committee members: Pam Karbowsky, Nancy Pike, Nancy Valuet, Lois Kalis, Sue Symkowiak, Pam Greve, Linda Kirkpatrick, Diane Sheldon, Denise Matteini, and Betty Hartmann.



Gardeners' Gift Giving Suggestions

Barbara Campbell, National Garden Club, Member Services Chair recommends that we choose to shop through their partners: Patroit Seeds, Gardener's Supply, Brent and Becky's Bulbs, flower Magazine and Smithers-Oasis Floral Supply. Look for their logos on the NGC website: www.gardenclub.org Follow the directions to shop. NGC benefits from all sales that begin through the NGC website.

Wiki HOW...Give-a-great-gift-to someone recommends be creative, make a gift. Give a live plant in an acrylic terra cotta painted pot. Add seed packets, gloves, Gardening Tips book. Paint the pot using colors that harmonize with her garden. Another suggestion: Have a Landscape Designer; design a garden for someone special. WOW!!

Keepers of the Earth

Making a World of Difference – Choices Matter is the 2013 – 2015 theme of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. President Linda Nelson is spear heading the awareness as well as, proposing action activities that will indeed make a world of difference in our daily lives and the future. Please take time to read the November issue of Keeping In Touch. It is full of valuable KEEPERS OF THE EARTH information. Here are just a few highlights:

Did you know that 1 out of every 3 bites of food we eat must be pollinated by bees. In Time Magazine, August 19, 2013 issue, their cover story was about the honey bees. They stated that these bees are the glue that holds our agriculture system together, and the glue is failing. What can we do? Plant at least 1 pollen-rich native plant in our garden.

Environmentally, what can we do? Mary Sue Calvin, Coordinator of Environmental Concerns and Conservation Committee recommends 1 step at a time. Drink less bottled water; plant 1 plant for the birds, bees, and butterflies; use less (or no) fertilizer and pesticides in your garden, car pool to club meetings; recycle; talk to your grandchildren about the importance of being a champion of the environment.

Mary Sue Colvin, Water Protection & Conservation Chairman has several excellent suggestions that involve choices that we make in our everyday lives. If all of us do these suggestions, we can make a world of difference! One example is to water your yard before 8:00 am to reduce evaporation and wind interference. Saves 25 gallons/day. Check out the rest.

December/January/February Calendar

December

Happy Holidays!

- 03 - EGC Board Meeting, Airport, 10:30 am
- 11 - Christmas Luncheon, Marsh Ridge, 11:30 am

January 2014

- 08 - Business Meeting, Sportsplex, 10:00 am Social, Meeting begins 10:25 am

February 2014

- 12 - Business Meeting, University Center, 10:00 am Social, Meeting begins 10:25 am

