

Kent Garden Club

Grand Rapids, Michigan



2018-2019 Yearbook

Organized 1913, Federated 1931

**District IV Club #124
Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.
Central Region, Inc.**

**National Garden Clubs, Inc.
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**Charter Affiliate
West Michigan Horticulture Society, Inc.**

TOTAL MEMBERS: 109
Active Members: 84
Associate Members: 19
Honorary Members: 6

While private clubs are exempt from the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), we are able to accommodate those handicapped or disabled when we hold our meetings at the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park.

We encourage members to make the Membership Chair and/or the 1st Vice President aware of special needs, generally; and specifically if they will be attending a meeting, so that we may be appropriately responsive. That would also apply to members who are bringing a guest with special needs. These needs could be permanent or temporary.

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A Message from your President

Kent Garden Club has evolved and diversified in its one hundred and five years and yet the club's structure and goals remain very similar to its roots. We have moved from only accepting new members in the spring and summer "after their gardens were inspected and judged favorably," to concentrating and developing educational opportunities for youth, conservation, road beautification, Veterans affairs and flower shows. The "promotion of a greater interest in gardening and exchanging experiences that are of mutual education of club members and community" (KGC bylaws 1916) are still very much a part of our activities.

KGC members are teaching Southwood Elementary students in Kentwood about Square Foot Gardening in order to increase the yield of their raised beds. Seeds have been planted, watered and cared for hoping for a late spring harvest. Two more rotations will be made and produce will be shared with students and their families. Partnerships have been made with teachers to coordinate STEM educational goals. Also, monies have been dedicated and raised from our Spring Fashion Show, Mrs. Bundy's (first KGC president) Closet to increase the garden to include the community, add a beautiful wooden gate and stabilize the fence.

This year KGC members have increased their participation in the Discover Millennium Park Event, a Kent County Parks Environmental Program. This is our second year presenting information about pollinators. This year we are including details about SB 298, a bill to make the Black Swallowtail Butterfly our State insect. In co-ordination with MGC a Native Plant patch was created. Discover offers unique experiences presented by Master Naturalists to teach young people about how important native plants are to local environments including flora, fauna and wetlands. We have a large KGC team ready to educate Scouts and families about pollinators, SB 298 and Native and Invasive plants.

At the ripe old age of 105, the history of our Club is very important. An arrangement has been made with the Grand Rapids Public Library to store our records, keeping them safe in a controlled environment and increasing their accessibility for researchers of Women's and Grand Rapids history. Also it is time to write another history of our club. A committee will be collecting reminiscences of past presidents and members to record for future generations.

Kent Garden Club will continue its work with Veterans, Flower Shows, horticulture, environmental issues and most importantly friendship. This club offers something for everyone!

Karin Maupin

NGC,CR,MGC Leadership

National Garden Club, Inc. President

Nancy Haargroves

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Theme: Plant America

Projects: 1. Grant program for clubs to support community work

2. Second book for youth, The Frightened Frog

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Projects: Loda Lake, Blue Star, Black Swallowtail,

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**We are proud of KGC members serving MGC, Inc. and NGC,
Inc.**

Lynn Miller, *Co-Chair of Environmental School*

Dolores Stouwie, *MGC Advisory Council*

KGC Leadership

Executive Committee 2017-2018

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2017-2018**

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Executive Board Responsibilities

President:

Assesses and guides membership activities in relation to community involvement and constitutional goals.

Calendar

Club Goals

Community Projects Evaluations

Evaluation Financial Oversight

Nominating Committee

Life Membership Nominations

NGC/MGC Liaison

Parliamentarian

First Vice President—Fundraising & Membership:

Coordinates two crucial aspects of a non-profit service organization, and arranges our special events.

Fundraising:

Membership:

Hostesses

Membership Committee

New Member Social

Dues Renewal Form

Special Events:

Bus Trip

Christmas Luncheon

Picnic

Second Vice President—Community Outreach & Education:

Coordinates community service and education projects

Community Outreach:

Flower Shows

Gardening on the Grand

Habitat for Humanity

Ken-O-Sha POHI Program

Public Lectures

Spade Brigade:

Blue Star Highway Memorial Planting

Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park Ram's Garden

Third Vice President—Membership Education and Communication:

Coordinates member experiences within the club.

Membership education:

Design Classes

Flora Fans

KGC Scholarships

NGC Schools

Program Committee

Communications:

Historian

KGC Newsletter

Photographer

Telephone Committee

Yearbook

Fourth Vice President—Advertising and Promotion:

Coordinates the club's goals by promoting programs through the use of print, broadcast media, and online public service announcements.

Promotion:

- Awards
- MGC Communication
- NGC Communication
- News Releases

Publicity:

- Facebook
- Website

Secretary:

Records club activities and assists with club correspondence.

- Board meeting minutes
- Business meeting minutes
- Club correspondence
- Motions Book

Treasurer:

Provides financial oversight

- Committee financial reports
- Club monthly financial report
- Inventory
- MGC roster
- Annual budget

Committee Chairs

Standing Committee Chairs

Awards	Lynn Miller
History Committee.....	Chris Mosher, Becky Goodspeed
Hostesses.....	Jan Dildine
Life Membership	Karin Maupin
Membership	Gabriele Blacklidge
Newsletter	Anne Todd
Nominations.....	Jeanne Tiggleman '19 ; Adele Krhovsky '20, Linda Ortman '21
Parliamentarian.....	Lynn Miller
Photographer	Jeanne Tiggleman
Programs.....	Jan Brown, Carolyn Dee, Joanne Mundt
Publicity	Kathy Wolverton
Telephone.....	Karen Hendrickson
Ways and Means.....	Kathy Wolverton
Website and Facebook ..	Becky Goodspeed, Jeanne Tiggleman
Yearbook 2018-2019.....	John and Kathy Miller

Project Committee Chairs

Community Outreach

Calendar.....	Jeanne Tiggleman
Gardening Deed Doers	Babs Sharp
Habitat for Humanity	Babs Sharp
Gardening on the Grand.....	Barbara Hoogeboom
Ken-O-Sha POHI Program.....	Marlene Heemstra
Ram's Garden.....	Sue VanHaren
Blue Star Highway.....	Lynn Miller
Friends of Brookby.....	Karin Maupin, Sue Jabin
Habitat for Humanity.....	Babs Sharp
Veterans Outreach.....	Adele Krhovsky

Education

- Children’s Environmental Programs.....Karin Maupin,
Kathy Miller, Jeanne Tigglemen
- Flora Fans Kathy Wolverton
- Flower Show.....Lynn Miller, Anne Todd, Gabriele Blacklidge
- PollinatorsJeanne Tiggleman

Membership Events

- Christmas Luncheon.....Adele Krhovsky
- New Members Social..... Gabriele Blacklidge
- Summer PicnicBarb Hoogeboom

Special Projects (*Must be submitted to Executive Board*)

- KGC Handbook.....Gabriele Blacklidge and Eva Weber

Committee Descriptions

Committee Chair Responsibilities

(May not be applicable to every Committee Chair)

- 1) Forms and organizes committees as needed to meet the goals of the Committee.
- 2) Attends Board Meetings and/or communicates with assigned Vice President on issues that need to go before the Executive Board.
- 3) Works with the Treasurer and the Executive Committee to establish a reasonable budget to support the activities of the Committee.
- 4) Submits receipts for expenses on a timely basis according to the treasurer's requirements, using KGC reimbursement form.
- 5) Prepares and prints three copies of Annual Report for the April Meeting, for submission to chairman, president and vice president.
- 6) Submits materials to the Awards Chair for Books of Evidence.

Standing Committee Descriptions and Responsibilities

Awards: Reviews and advises Committees on available awards through MGC and NGC.

- 1) Advises Committees on requirements for submitting projects for awards.
- 2) Reviews award rules to ensure the understanding of requirements is correct.
- 3) Works with the committee chairs to assemble the Book of Evidence for an award.

Historian: Maintains an ongoing history of Kent Garden Club in an organized and accessible manner.

- 1) Forwards certain historical Kent Garden Club materials to the Grand Rapids City Historian for archiving.
- 2) Arranges for the proper storage of historical materials.

Hostesses: Arranges for members to provide refreshments at meetings on a rotating basis.

- 1) Submits schedule of Hostesses to the Yearbook chair.
- 2) Maintains records of participation for the Membership Committee.

Life Membership: Works with the President on the selection of a KGC member for a Life Member designation from either MGC, CR, or NGC.

- 1) Arranges for the recognition to be available at the annual Christmas Luncheon or another date as chosen by the President.

Membership: Helps encourage new members, retain current members, and inspire participation by all members to support the activities of Kent Garden Club.

- 1) Offers recommendations to the board to help increase membership.
- 2) Presents new membership applications for board acceptance.
- 3) Introduces new members at meetings.
- 4) Encourages current members to interact with new members and guests.
- 5) Organizes a New Member Social to introduce new members to the board, to other new members and to familiarize them with the operation of the club, member responsibilities and projects and activities of KGC.
- 6) When appropriate, supports all members with greeting cards, phone calls or electronic communication.

- 7) Encourages all members to support the activities of the club
- 8) Maintains membership records

Newsletter: Prepares, publishes and mails publication to members. The Newsletter includes information on meetings, upcoming events, tips on gardening and news about members.

- 1) Submits Newsletters to Award Chair for MGC.
- 2) Mails Newsletter to MGC President, MGC 1st Vice President, and District IV Director, and MGC “Gate” editor.

Nominations: Conducts nominations for the Officers and one member of the Nominating Committee in accordance with the by-laws of KGC.

- 1) Determines candidates for Executive Board in January
- 2) Reports the slate of candidates at the February meeting and via email.
- 3) Arranges for publication of candidates in the Spring Newsletter.
- 4) Presents slate at March meeting; opens nominations from the floor; final vote taken.

Parliamentarian: Attends regular and board meetings to ensure that business is conducted in accordance with the constitution of Kent Garden Club

- 1) Advises the Executive Board on procedures for constitution changes and/or standing rules revisions.
- 2) Presents constitution changes to the Membership and arranges for publication in the Newsletter

Photographer: Takes photos at all KGC meetings and events and submits to Historian and chairmen of KGC website and Facebook page.

Programs: Arranges for programs consistent with the mission of Kent Garden Club

- 1) Arranges for meeting space, room set up and requirements for the programs, to include a written, signed speaker's contract. Works with the Treasurer on payment for the speakers and facilities.
- 2) Submits information on Programs and Workshops to the Yearbook Chair on a timely basis.
- 3) Extends "thank you" to speakers and assures they receive speaker's fee in a timely manner.

Publicity: Prepares press releases and public service announcements on activities of KGC, and puts activities on MGC Calendar.

Telephone: Organizes a committee to communicate with members about member concerns and timely matters that have not been published in our yearbook or newsletter, as requested by the President or other designated Executive Board Member.

- 1) Prepares a list of Committee Members and a Call List for the Yearbook Chair.

Fundraising: Explores and executes fund raising activities to enhance the financial strength of Kent Garden Club.

- 1) Plans and implements fundraising activities
- 2) Organizes annual Wreath Sale for Kent Garden Club.

Yearbook: Assembles and prepares annual Yearbook. Arranges for publication and distribution to members.

Submits one copy of the Yearbook to each of the following: MGC Awards Chair, MGC President, and MGC First Vice President. Two copies are submitted to the District IV Director.

Website and Facebook: Designs, maintains and updates KGC websites with current news, events, articles, photographs, etc., as submitted by Executive Board and/or Committee Chairs.

Continuing Project

The object of this club shall be to promote a greater interest in gardening through the development of the home garden, the exchange of gardening experiences, the improvement of garden design, the perpetuation of interest in artistic floral design, the use of new plants best suited to our Michigan climate, the conservation of our Michigan environment, flora and wildlife, and an active interest in civic beautification.

All members are encouraged to participate. Please contact the Chair of the Committee listed on pages 11 and 12 for specific information.

Habitat for Humanity:

This committee enables KGC gardeners to demonstrate plant care techniques in public venues. With KGC volunteers, Chair(s) will coordinate chores such as labeling, weeding, edging, deadheading and pruning, as necessary. If applicable, Committee Chair(s) will create a log of general plant maintenance.

Good Deed Doers:

This project is intended to provide assistance and/or help for KGC members who may be experiencing life issues preventing them from tending their gardens. For KGC volunteers this is intended to be a short term activity until the identified member is able to care for their garden once again.

Community Outreach:

1. Ram's Garden at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park - The committee members of KGC will plant annuals in the spring in the MGC Ram's Garden. This project affords KGC members the opportunity to work alongside Frederik Meijer Gardens horticulturalists and staff, while learning about the newest perennial and annual introductions. KGC members provide a service for the FMG, and become better acquainted and learn from each other as well.

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2. Brookby Historical Garden Renovation - The Friends of Brookby is a group of KGC members who have interest in the historical renovation of a Percival Gallagher/ Olmsted Brother's Design at the John Blodgett Estate in East Grand Rapids. Members have researched original garden plans, visited the Oldfield Estate another Galagher/Olmsted Brothers design in Indianapolis, Indiana, planted 7,000 tulip bulbs and will finish with a perennial planting and maintenance program.

3. Ken-O-Sha School, 1353 VanAuken, Grand Rapids, MI 49508. *Kent Garden Club is in its 41st year of service at Ken-O-Sha.* The Committee plans and assists special needs students with crafts and projects relating to nature and horticulture. The committee meets at Ken-O-Sha School, October through May, once a month during the school year.

4. Blue Star Memorial Marker - This program honors our men and women who have served in the armed services of the United States. A Blue Star Memorial marker has been installed at the I-196 Zeeland Rest Stop. This is a collaborative project between KGC and Holland Garden Club, and involves maintaining the planting surrounding the marker three times during the growing season.

5. Southwood Elementary, Kentwood
Southwood Elementary is a reward school whose students outperform on the state standardized tests with similar economic and demographic levels. KGC members have renovated the raised beds, enriched the soil, planted seeds, and watered plants with students, teaching them about the Square Foot Gardening Method to help them increase produce yields. STEM educational goals are also being coordinated with teachers and KGC members to increase the effectiveness of the partnership. Monies have been raised to increase the size of the garden to create a

Continuing Project

community plot. The student and pollinator raised beds will be enriched and maintained. Plans are also in place to add a wooden gate and increase the stability of the fencing.

6. Pollinator Education

Members of KGC have designed and created a butterfly/pollinator exhibit. The goal is to sensitize the public about the life cycle, unique flight patterns and need for protection of Lepidopteras and how to become a pollinator activist. This year we are focusing on the Black Swallowtail and MGC's effort towards passing SB 298 which would make this butterfly our State insect. KGC members have presented this exhibit at a Kent County Parks Discover!

7. Blooming on the Grand

Blooming on the Grand is the continuation of KGC's historical effort of beautifying the banks of the Grand River. The first effort was the planting of nine Kwanzan trees, as member tributes to family, at the Grand Rapids Public Museum. The second attempt was spring of 2017 when five Kwanzan trees were planted at Sixth Street Park. With monies raised from the Summer Solstice Garden Walk, five more will be planted in the fall of 2018.

Education Projects:

1. Flora Fans Study Group –The vision for this program is to provide a forum for interested members to meet and discuss a variety of gardening topics. These meetings may be held at a member's (hostess) home for approximately two hours, or the group may tour a local facility/garden. The hostess member selects the date and time and provides beverages. Attending members are asked to bring a snack. These study groups are intended to be interactive with experienced members serving as a resource. All attendees should come prepared, ready for discussion. We hope that

Continuing Project

this study group will be a source of information to interested members and guests are welcome.

2. Flower Show - The Committee will stage a standard flower show every other year, in the odd years. The show will include design and horticultural divisions, and educational exhibits. The event will be open to the public.

3. Kent Thymes Articles – As an educational resource, members submit articles on horticulture, nature, conservation and floral design for publication in the Club’s newsletter.

4. Gardening on the Grand – One of the goals of Kent Garden Club is to assist deserving local organizations with civic beautification. In 2014 we took on the responsibility of helping care for the gardens at the Grand Rapids Public Museum. During the growing season, we meet monthly to weed/prune/plant. We also plant urns around the building. Our 100th Anniversary rose and boxwood were planted overlooking the Grand Rapids skyline. Members have planted Kwanzan cherry trees in honor/memory of family members.

Membership Perks:

New Members Social - During the year, the Membership Committee will plan a social event for new members to familiarize them with the operation of the club, member responsibilities, projects, and activities of Kent Garden Club.

Fundraisers/Projects:

The proceeds from these projects are used to fund charitable donations and community projects and activities of Kent Garden Club. Fundraisers are all-member events.

Continuing Project

Wreath Sale – November 2018

The Committee purchases fresh wreaths for sale during the holidays to members and to the general public. Decorated wreaths are made to order.

KGC Contributions

Kent Garden Club made the following cash donations for the time period June 1, 2018-May 31, 2019:

Discover Millennium Park
Frederik Meijer Garden & Sculpture Park
Blanford Nature Center
Land Conservancy of West Michigan
Loda Lake Wildflower Sanctuary
Michigan Garden Club Foundation
West Michigan Environmental Action Council

Awards

Kent Garden Club applied for the following NGC/MGC Awards in 2017. Those receiving recognition will be listed on the club's website www.kentgardenclub.org and our KGC Facebook page following the 2018 conventions.

- NCG 57-A: Standard Flower Show Staged in a Public Building
- NCG YB-1: Yearbook
- NCG MP-3 iv: Social Media/Website
- NCG HP-1: May Duff Walters Achievement Award for Preservation of Beauty: Brookby Historical Garden
- NCG CR 12-a: Sharing Creativity (Best overall Flower Show Schedule); Received First Place
- NGC CR 12-b: Sharing Creativity (Best Flower Show Horticulture Division); Received Second Place
- NGC CR 12-c: Sharing Creativity (Highest Scoring Flower Show Educational Exhibit); Received First Place
- MCG #1: Civic Beautification: Brookby Garden
- MGC #9: Carolyn Gray Award of Merit: Southwood Elementary Project
- MGC #15-C: Share the Harvest Community Gardening: Southwood Elementary Project

Publications

Kent Thymes

Kent Garden Club newsletter is published monthly and distributed to each member by email and USPS. (Past copies are available in Members Only section of KGC website.) The deadline for article submissions is the fifteenth of the month prior to publication date.

MGC Newsletter

Published four times a year: Distributed to members by Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. by email or USPS. Deadlines for submissions to the Newsletter are: July 15 for Sept/Oct/Nov. Oct 15 for Dec/Jan/Feb. Jan 15 for Mar/April/May. April 15 for June/July/August.

NGC Publications

National Gardener Magazine is a quarterly publication available by subscription in print and can be downloaded from the NGC website. Clubs may submit articles and images to NGC editor for review and inclusion. *Keeping in Touch* is published quarterly and is a supplement to the *National Gardener* magazine. These publications are available through the NGC website.

Websites:

CR: www.NGCcentralregion.org

KGC: www.kentgardenclub.org

Members Only Page:

Login: kgemember

Password: KGC1913

KGC: www.facebook.com/KentGardenClub

MGC: www.michigangardenclubs.org

Login: member

Password: mgcgrow

NGC: www.gardenclub.org

Login: member

Password: pumpkin

Facts About Garden Clubs

A member of Kent Garden Club automatically belongs to a state, regional, and national organization:

The state organization is Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. (**MGC**), which comprises 189 clubs and 7,100 members throughout the state of Michigan. The state belongs to the Central Region, which is a part of the national organization, the National Garden Clubs, Inc. (**NGC**). Kent Garden Club (**KGC**) is a member of Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. From the annual dues paid by KGC members, \$5.50 goes to support MGC and \$.50 goes to support NGC.

Kent Garden Club was founded in 1913. However, MGC was not organized until 1931. KGC has had five of its members serve as MGC presidents: Mrs. Joseph H. Brewer was the first president of MGC (1931-1934); Mrs. Earl DeLano (1945-1947); Mrs. John Schaeffer (1981-1983); Mrs. Hilary Snell (2003-2005); and Mrs. Roger Stouwie (2007-2009)

The membership gives credibility to our work on the local level and affords the opportunity to be involved in state sponsored classes and national projects. MGC sponsors four educational opportunities: Flower Show School, Gardening Study School, Landscape Design School, and Environmental School. Each of these schools holds two days of classes twice a year (spring and fall) at various locations around the state. KGC has a scholarship program to fund members tuition to the schools for those in good standing. Application for the honor of receiving a scholarship to represent KGC can be made to the Executive Committee for the school of your choice, after successfully completing the entire course.

MGC holds an annual convention in May/June. It publishes a newsletter four times a year. Each member of a garden club in Michigan receives a copy of this publication.

Facts About Garden Clubs

The state is divided into seven districts, each of which is headed by a District Director. KGC is in District IV. In the spring and fall a day meeting and program is held for clubs in each district.

The Central Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin. A Regional Director is elected each year in rotation by the states. The Central Region does not receive any support through a member's annual dues, but it does have an annual meeting in the fall.

NGC is the largest non-profit organization of gardeners in the world with over 200,000 members. It was founded in May of 1929, and it is headquartered in St. Louis adjacent to the Missouri Botanical Gardens. The NGC publication, *The National Gardener*, is available by subscription, or may be downloaded free from the NGC website. The annual NGC convention is held in April or May.

NGC Mission Statement: National Garden Clubs, Inc. provides education, resources and national networking opportunities for its members, to promote the love of gardening, floral design, civic and environmental responsibility.

NGC Pledge: I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of the planet earth and promise to promote education so that we may become caretakers (stewards) of our air, water, forest, land, and wildlife.

As a member of Kent Garden Club, you have joined a large group of people who support service, education and a more beautiful America! To learn more about these organizations, please go to their websites (page 27)

NGC Member Services

KGC members may contact NGC Member Services at 1-314-776-7574 or www.gardenclub.org to order a Flower Show Handbook, Vision of Beauty Calendar, The National Gardener, Flower Show Ribbons, NGC Schools required reading books, and other garden club related items.

Protected Flowers

Protected Wildflowers

(Protected by Michigan State Law)

- All Club Moses
- All Gentians (*Gentiana* sp.)
- All Native Orchids (*Arethusa* sp., *Calopogon* sp., *Calypso* sp., *Cleistes* sp., *Cypripedium* sp., *Habenaria* sp., *Isotria* sp., *Lister* asp., *Orchis* sp., *Pogonia* sp., *Triphora* sp., etc.)
- All Native Trilliums (*Trillium* sp.)
- Birdfoot Violet (*Viola pedata*)
- Climbing Bittersweet (*Celastrus scandens*)
- False Indigo (*Baptisia leucophaea*) Michigan
- Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida*)
- North American Lotus (*Nelumbo lutea*)
- Pipsissewa (Prince's pine)
- Purple Turtlehead (*Chelone obliqua*)
- Sweet William (*Phlox maculate*)
- Trailing Arbutus (*Epigaea repens*)
- Wild Hyacinth (*Camassia scilloides*)

Protected by Request of Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.

- Adder's Tongue, Trout or Spotted Lily (*Erythronium americanum*)
- Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*)
- Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*)
- Cowslip or Marsh Marigold (*Caltha palustris*)
- Indian Pipe (*Monotropa uniflora*)
- Jack-in-the-Pulpit (*Arisaema atrorubens*)
- Pitcher Plant (*Sarracenia purpurea*)
- Spring Beauty (*Claytonia virginica*)
- Wild Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*)
- Wild Iris (*Iris* sp.)
- Wild Lilies (Except *Hermerocallis*) (*Lilium philadelphicum*: L. *superum*)

Outlawed

- Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) 1997

Facts About Michigan

State Bird:	Robin
State Flower:	Apple Blossom
State Wild Flower:	Dwarf Lake Iris
State Fish:	Brook Trout
State Stone:	Petoskey Stone
State Gem:	Isle Royal Greenstone
State Tree:	White Pine (<i>Pinus strobus</i>)
State Motto:	<i>Si Quaeris Peninsulem Amoenam Circumspice</i> (If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you.)

Meetings and Programs

Board Meetings, June 2018 - May 2019

Meetings are held monthly to coordinate with the business of the regular monthly meetings of the Club. Exceptions are communicated in advance to all Board and Club members.

The dates and places for the 2018-2019 club year will be communicated in advance in the *Kent Thymes* newsletter, on the website www.kentgardenclub.org, by email or by the Telephone Committee.

Elected officers and Standing Committee Chairs are expected to attend. Any Kent Garden Club member is welcome to join us, but may not vote.

Business Meetings, June 2018 - May 2019

Regular business meetings and workshops are held at: Frederik Meijer Gardens, 1000 East Beltline NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525. Any changes to times and location are noted in the Meetings & Programs description and will appear in the *Kent Thymes*, on the KGC website, or communicated via email. Active members of Kent Garden Club are expected to attend at least five business meetings a year. Meetings are open to the public and members are encouraged to bring guests. The Club business portion of the meetings shall begin at 1:00 p.m., with program to follow.

Program Summary 2018-2019

- Environment - 2
- Floral Design - 2
- Horticulture - 3
- Landscape Design - 4
- Birds – 1

Meetings and Programs

June 2018

Program Focus: Ideas for a Sunny Front Garden

Wednesday, June 13, 2018 ~ 12:30 p.m.

Location: Roselle Park

1010 Grand River Drive, Ada

Hostesses: Nancy Hall, Kathy Wolverston, Karen Englesman

After working as a landscaper while she earned her bachelor's degree in linguistics, Stacy Hirvela finally realized her calling was in the garden. She attended the New York Botanical Garden School of Professional Horticulture in Bronx, NY, interning as a rooftop gardener in Manhattan for designer Jeff Mendoza. Upon graduation, she served as the horticulturist for the former Tavern on the Green restaurant in New York's Central Park for three years before joining the editorial staff at Martha Stewart Living magazine. There, she created, wrote, and edited garden content and co-hosted a call-in program on Sirius satellite radio. In May 2011, she joined the marketing team at Proven Winners Color Choice Shrubs where she continues her mission to educate and encourage home gardeners. Her first book, *Edible Spots and Pots*, was published by Rodale in March 2014.

Design ideas and plant suggestions for creating a front yard garden in a sunny location.

July 2018 – No Meeting

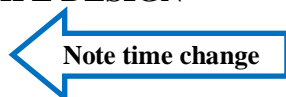
Meetings and Programs

August 2018

Summer Potluck Picnic Luncheon

Program Focus: MEMBERSHIP LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.



Location: Home of **Barb Hoogeboom**

6290 Burton SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49546-6775

Hostesses: Barb Hoogeboom

Join us for a sumptuous potluck as we mix and mingle and enjoy the home and gardens of KGC member Barb Hoogeboom. Beverages and table service will be provided. Each member should bring a dish of their choice. The seven members of the Executive Committee will provide desserts. Guests are welcome.

September 2018

Program Focus: Trees: The Healing Powers of Elderberry Syrup

Wednesday, September 12, 2018 ~ 12:30 p.m.

Location: **Roselle Park**

1010 Grand River Drive, Ada

Hostesses: Becky Goodspeed, Marjorie Goosen, Joyce Wagner

Jacinda NyKamp is an herbalist who graduated from Blue Heron Academy of Holistic Health. She started her company "Natures Belle" over five years ago when she discovered that elderberry syrup apparently cured her young boys from being sick all the time. She processes the syrup and now ships it all over the United States.

She'll educate the group regarding elderberry syrup and how it's healing properties.

Meetings and Programs

October 2018

Program Focus: Bonsai

Wednesday, October 10, 2018 ~ 12:30 p.m.

Location: Frederick Meijer Gardens

Hostesses: Jeanne Ransford, Mary Jo Tholen, Sheri Estes

Steve Jetter has studied Bonsai gardening for approximately 25 years. He started learning with the curator of the Chicago Botanical Gardens. He also spent time in Japan studying with a master there. He has pursued this passion by teaching classes at Frederick Meijer Gardens. He also displays his work in national shows in locations like New York and Chicago.

November 2018

Program Focus: Christmas in Michigan

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Location: Frederick Meijer Gardens

Hostesses: Vicki Leale, Carolyn Dee, Gabi Blacklidge

Barry Jeter and Mary Thomson from Daylily Floral come to us with over 30 years of floral design experience. Experience of floral design for corporations, weddings, events and décor for the home

Meetings and Programs

December 2018

Our Holiday Luncheon

Program Focus: Floral Design

Wednesday, December 12, 2018 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Location: Egypt Valley Country Club
7333 Knapp NE, Ada, MI

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Holiday Luncheon Chair: Adele Krhovsky

Hostesses: Membership Committee

Kent Garden Club members are fantastic floral designers and will decorate each table with a beautiful arrangement to celebrate the season. There will be a social gathering, a short meeting, an awards ceremony and entertainment. Members are encouraged to bring a guest.

January 2019

Program Focus: From Robins to Pines

Wednesday, January 9, 2018 ~ TBD

Location: Frederick Meijer Gardens

Hostesses: Fran Hall, Barb Hoogeboom, Judy Cotner

Ellen Holste is a 2016 Doctoral Degree in forestry and ecology from Michigan State University with specialization in environmental science and policy. She also holds a Masters of Science in forestry from MSU and BA in biology from Augustana College in South Dakota. She spent three years as a peace corp volunteer in Guatemala teaching sustainable agriculture and food security. She is currently the program coordinator at the Pierce Cedar Creek Institute. There she works with all ages providing a range of learning experiences and activities for the community.

We'll hear the story of Michigan women who help to lead the conservation movement (1900-present)

February 2019

Meetings and Programs

Program Focus: Succulent Success

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Location: Frederick Meijer Gardens

Hostesses: Terry Quinn, Polly Barlow, Carol O'Rourke

Kathy Rohm is from Coopersville. She is a Michigan State Graduate with a degree in horticulture. She has experience in lawn care, interior plantscape and wholesale customer service. For the last 18 years she has served as the garden supply manager at Flowerland's Alpine location.

We will be introduced to the basic background of succulents, their care and propagation. We'll learn how to identify different succulents, be given ideas for growing and decorating with them. In addition we will be given information regarding insects and solutions for dealing with them.

March 2019

Program Focus: The Art and Practice of Aesthetic Pruning

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 ~ 12:30 p.m.

Location: Frederick Meijer Gardens

Hostesses: Babs Sharp, Joan Bower

David Rettig is the lead horticulturalist in the Richard and Helen DeVos Japanese Garden. He is a Michigan State alumni with a BS in horticulture. Growing up in the upper peninsula of Michigan he was inspired by nature. He has extensively studied and practiced the art of pruning and gardening to promote well being and to foster deeper connections to the natural world.

Dave will help us develop an understanding of the science and tools of pruning. We'll delve into the art of creating cohesive space and discovering the essence of plants through pruning. Prepare to invigorate, revitalize and connect with the garden.

April 2019

Meetings and Programs

Program Focus: Growing Tips for Perennial Flowers and Potted Plants

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 ~ 12:30 p.m.

Location: Bunker Interpretive Center

Calvin College

1750 East Beltline, Grand Rapids

Hostesses: Mary Lou Dame, Karen Hendrickson, Jean Marogil

Since retiring as a handyman, Keith Maleski has embraced his passion as a fulltime gardener. He maintains an extensive flower garden on his property in Belmont. As a hobby he spends his spare time building fanciful birdhouses.

Keith will share tips from his vast experience; the best was to raise perennials and use of potted plants. He'll also give us words on the best tools.

May 2019

Program Focus: Michigan Bird Feeding

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 ~ 12:30 p.m.

Location: Frederick Meijer Gardens

Hostesses: Karin Waterbury, Kristin Ruther, Adele Krhovsky

Laurie Tieman loves to educate people about birding. She is the proprietor of Northland Native Nest on Belding Road. She's been giving presentations and educating people on birding for over 15 years.

Laurie will touch base on spring nesting and summer feeding. She will discuss orioles, humming birds and yard hardware.

June 2019

Meetings and Programs

Program Focus: Flowering Shrubs

Wednesday, June 12, 2019 ~ 12:30 p.m.

Location: Evertt's Gardens

240 84th St SE

Byron Center, MI 49315

Hostesses: Ann Carter, Helen Mitchell, Anne Harrell

Leslie Hammond has been employed by Evertt's since 2013. She holds a horticulture certificate, CCIP and has been designated a certified nurseryman since 2016. She feels blessed to be able to work with God's creations.

We will meet on site of the nursery to view plants, have lunch provided then see a power point presentation on the best usage of flowering shrubs in your landscape design.

Other Meetings or Workshops

Meetings and Programs

At the time this yearbook was printed the following events were listed on the NGC/MGC websites. As other events are added during the year, they will be posted on the KGC website at kentgardenclub.org and in the Kent Thymes monthly publication.

June 25-26, 2018 Michigan's 56th Flower show Symposium
Holiday Inn, 3600 Plymouth Rd, Ann Arbor, MI. Registration and convention details can be found at www.michigangardenclubs.org

October 4, 2018 District IV Fall Meeting

Details provided at a later date

October 16-17 2018 NGC Gardening Study School Course II
Monroe, MI

October 22-23 Central Region Garden Clubs Inc. Convention
Frankenmuth, MI

April 30- May 5, 2019 NGC Convention, Biloxi, MS

May 7-8, 2019 NGC Gardening Study School Course III
Monroe, MI

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Member Accomplishments

National Garden Clubs, Inc. Life Members:

Carolyn Dee	Joann Ott
Sue Ann Jabin	Carol Phelps
Lynn Miller	Dolores Stouwie

Central Region Life Member

Carol Brock	Joann Ott
Lynn Miller	Dolores Stouwie

Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. Life Members:

Gabi Blacklidge	Joyce Latreille
Mary Block	Eva Weber
Carol Brock	Lynn Miller
Louise Budnick	Bonnie Moore
Helen Burkhart	Joann Ott
Carolyn Dee	Carol Phelps
Mary Forslund	Adele Krhovsky
Sue Ann Jabin	Dolores Stouwie
Sue Kelly	Anne Todd
Louise Kenaga	

Kent Garden Club Honorary Members:

Louise Budnick	Dolores Stouwie
Carolyn Dee	Joann Ott
Sue Ann Jabin	

National Garden Clubs, Inc. Accredited Horticulture Instructor

Dolores Stouwie

Accredited Master Judges Emeritus:

Sue Ann Jabin
Joann Ott

Accredited Master Judges:

Dolores Stouwie

Member Accomplishments

Accredited Life Judge:

Carol Brock

Lynn Miller

MSU Master Gardeners:

Sue Ann Jabin

Lynda Lark

Kathy Miller

Shannon Sprague

Penny VandeHaar

Marianne Warnock

MSU Advanced Master Gardeners:

Lois Baker

Helen Mitchell

Mary Block

Bonnie Moore

Sue Bouchard

Carol O'Rourke

Kathryn Bultman

Joann Ott

Lynda Coulston

Carol Phelps

Mary Crawford

Bonnie Jean Randall

Carolyn Dee

Jeanne Ransford

Jan Dildine

Lyn Spies

BarbHooeboom

Mary Ann Sheline

Adele Krhovsky

Shannon Sprague

Karin Maupin

Dolores Stouwie

Lynn Miller

Judy Wetters

Master Gardener Advanced Plant Health Diagnostician:

Bonnie Moore

Master Naturalists:

Sue Bouchard

Mary Crawford

Carol Phelps

Barb Hooeboom

Bonnie Jean Randall

Karin Maupin

Jeanne Ransford

Mary Ann Sheline

Member Accomplishments

Master of Woodland Management:

Lynda Coulston

Garden Study Consultants:

Carolyn Dee

Suzanne Kelly

Bonnie Moore

Joann Ott

Environmental Consultant:

Carol Phelps

Jeanne Tiggelman

Lynn Miller

Landscape Design Consultants:

Carol Brock

Carolyn Dee

Sue Jabin

Louise Kenaga

Lynn Miller

Carol Phelps

Ohara School of Ikebana, Associate 2nd Term Master Course:

Louise Budnick

Sogetsu School of Ikebana

Anne-Lise Whitescarver, Ikebana instructor and Member of Sogetsu Teachers Association in Tokyo.

Karin Maupin, Helen Mitchell and Carol O'Rourke, completion of Sogetsu Books 1-2-3 & 4.

Former Presidents

For their records of leadership, service, devotion and accomplishment, we honor:

*Mrs. McGeorge Bundy	1913
*Mrs. A. D. Rathbone, Jr.	1914
*Mrs. Frank E. Leonard	1915-1916
*Mrs. Stuart Foote	1917-1918
*Mrs. Huntley Russell	1919-1920
*Mrs. P. Hamilton	1921-1923
*Mrs. Lucius Boltwood	1924-1925
*Mrs. Frank Stone	1926
*Mrs. Joseph H. Brewer	1927-1929
*Mrs. Sam A. Morman	1930
*Mrs. Parke McMullen	1931-1933
*Mrs. Francis D. Campau	1934-1935
*Mrs. T. W. Hefferan	1936-1938
*Mrs. Varna B. Stevens	1939
*Mrs. Clyde H. Teesdale	1940-1941
*Mrs. Harry V. Weed	1942-1943
*Mrs. Paul F. Steketee, Sr.	1944-1945
*Mrs. Don G. McAfee	1946-1947
*Mrs. Alexander Sargeant	1948-1949
*Mrs. Herbert Schneider	1950
*Mrs. Carl Forslund	1951-1953
*Mrs. Walter Richert	1953-1955
*Mrs. Frank Halliday	1955-1957
*Mrs. Farnham Schultz	1957-1959
*Mrs. H. A. Lukasen	1959-1961
*Mrs. Herman Schoonbeck	1961-1963
*Mrs. Raymond Wagemaker	1963-1965
*Mrs. Arend Vyn	1965-1966
*Mrs. John Esler	1966-1969
Mrs. Joseph N. Spruit	1969-1970
*Mrs. Clare F. Jarecki	1970-1972
*Mrs. Joseph F. Shaw	1972-1973

Former Presidents

*Mrs. Phillips L. Waterman	1973-1974
*Mrs. John A. Schaefer.....	1974-1975
*Mrs. Charles F. Anderson	1976-1977
*Mrs. James J. Higgins	1978
*Mrs. Glenn Walters	1979-1980
Mrs. R. J. Winklepleck	1981-1982
*Mrs. Chester Smith	1983
*BettyVandenBerg.....	1984-1985
Sue Ann Jabin	1986-1987
Joann F. Ott.....	1988-1989
*Donna Koledo	1990-1991
*Connie F. Snell.....	1992-1993
Cheryl S. Tolley	1994-1995
Nancy Cody	1996-1997
*Inez Wagemaker	1998-1999
Suzanne Kelly	1999-2001
Jan Heindricks.....	2001-2002
Dolores Stouwie.....	2002-2004
Bonnie Moore	2004-2005
Pam Bouma Miller	2005
*Sue Molhoek	2005-2007
Lynn Miller	2007-2009
Louise Kenaga	2009-2011
Gabriele Blacklidge	2011-2013
Anne Todd	2013-2015
Adele Krhovsky	2015-2017

*Deceased

Kent Garden Club Constitution

Organized 1913

Member - Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. - 1931

Member - National State Garden Clubs, Inc. - 1931

Incorporated - 1991

FEI #38-2610434

Constitution Revised 1999, 2002, 2003, 2008, 2009, 2012, 2013

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this club shall be **Kent Garden Club**.

ARTICLE II: GOAL

Section 1.

The goals of Kent Garden Club are:

- To aid in the protection and conservation of Michigan's natural resources and wildlife; to encourage an active interest in civic beautification; to improve roadsides and parks.
- To support the continuance of local botanical gardens and horticultural centers for the advancement of science and the enjoyment and education of the public.
- To advance the study of horticultural education, environmental issues, floral design and landscape design and to assist deserving individuals through donations to local organizations and/or to the scholarship funds of Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc., and National Garden Clubs, Inc.
- To provide education, resources and networking opportunities for club members to promote the love of

gardening, floral design, landscape design and civic environmental responsibility.

Section 2.

Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including such purposes of making distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 3.

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

**ARTICLE III:
MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1.

There shall be three classes of membership: Active, Associate, Honorary.

- A. Active membership shall be limited to those persons who are willing to share in the activities of the club.
- B. Associate membership shall be open to persons who have been an active member for at least five years or for whom consideration can be made for health reasons or demands of work schedule.

- C. Any member who has made an outstanding contribution relative to the club's objectives may be designated as an "Honorary Member" in Kent Garden Club by vote of the Executive Committee after the President's consideration of the membership chairman's research. Honorary Members do not pay annual dues, but receive publications and may vote.

Section 2.

The club may confer State Life Membership or National Life Membership on a member by a vote of the Executive Committee after the president's consideration of the membership chairman's research. However, such recognition shall not negate their obligation to pay annual dues to Kent Garden Club.

Section 3.

- A. Application for membership shall be presented to the Membership chairman in writing. The Membership chair shall bring the names to the Executive Board for acceptance.
- B. Any member dropped for nonpayment of dues who wishes to be reinstated, shall pay dues for the year in which he/she was delinquent.
- C. Any former member who resigned in good standing may automatically be reinstated by presenting his/her name to the membership chairman.

ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE BOARD, OFFICERS AND ELECTION

Section 1.

The officers of this club shall consist of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Fourth Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Former President.

These officers, together with the chairman of the standing committees, shall constitute the Executive Board. The Board shall have power to transact all regular business meetings of the club and shall have power to fill vacancies in its own body, such appointments to continue in force until next regular election.

Section 2.

There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the elected officers that shall have all the powers of the Executive Board in emergency situations between business meetings of the Board.

Section 3.

There shall be a committee on nominations consisting of three members, one of whom shall be elected each year by vote of the membership at the annual meeting for a term of three years. The senior member shall be the chairman.

This committee shall report at the March meeting and further nominations shall be allowed at the meeting.

Section 4.

Election of officers shall be held in April. The term of office shall be for one year and shall begin June 1 and end May 31 the following year.

To provide a rotating committee, no member of the Executive Committee shall serve longer than two consecutive terms in the same capacity, except for the Treasurer who may serve not to exceed five consecutive terms.

ARTICLE V: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A. President: The president shall preside at all meetings of this club and of the Executive Board, decide all questions of order, appoint all committee chairs with the approval of his/her board, act and judge impartially, and such other duties applicable to the office.

B. First Vice President: The First Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, preside and perform all duties required of the President. He/she shall succeed to the office of President should a vacancy occur.

C. Second, Third and Fourth Vice Presidents: The Second, Third and Fourth Vice Presidents shall serve as a liason between the President and the Committees assigned. They shall advise and assist in the work of those committees.

D. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of all meetings of the club and of the Executive Board, reading them in their respective bodies for approval. He/she will attend to correspondence of the club as requested by the President.

E. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all money belonging to the club and shall disburse same in accordance with the budget or as directed by the Executive Board. The books shall be reviewed every year or when a new president or treasurer is elected.

**ARTICLE VI:
DUES**

Annual dues are due by the April Annual Meeting, but no later than April 15. The treasurer shall notify delinquent members in writing if payment has not been received by April 15.

Active membership dues shall be \$20.00 and Associate dues shall be \$25.00, or as determined by the Executive Board. Persons joining after December 1 of any year shall be required to pay only one-half the amount of the current dues for that fiscal year.

The Board shall recommend to the membership proposed changes in the amount of the dues. The proposal shall be presented at a business meeting (prior notice having been printed in the news bulletin) and voted upon at the next business meeting, to take effect June 1st.

**ARTICLE VII:
MEETINGS**

Business meetings will be held once each month during the fiscal year unless otherwise directed by the Executive Board. The April Meeting shall be the annual meeting.

**ARTICLE VIII:
QUORUM**

Active Members present at any business meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Majority of Board members present shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Board, with no less than 5 Board members in attendance.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDING CONSTITUTION

This constitution may be amended at any business meeting of the club by two-thirds vote of the votes cast, notice of the proposed amendments having been given at the previous meeting and printed in the news bulletin.

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all deliberations of this club.

Standing Rules

Rule 1: Order of Business

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of Guests
3. Appreciation of Hostesses
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Report of Treasurer
6. Correspondence
7. Report of Executive Board
8. Report of Special Committees
9. Unfinished business
10. New business
11. Program
12. Adjournment

Rule 2: Meetings and Fiscal Year

The business meetings of this club shall be held on the second Wednesday of each month of the year, unless otherwise specified.

The annual meeting shall be held on the second Wednesday in April, the officers to be installed at the May meeting. The fiscal year shall be from June 1 through May 31.

Executive Board Meetings shall be held the first Wednesday of each month unless otherwise specified.

Rule 3: Committees

Standing Committee Chairs shall be appointed by the President (except that the committee on nominations shall be elected in accordance with Article IV).

Rule 4: Memorials

In the event of the death of a current member, the Secretary shall express the club's sympathy and a memorial tribute in the amount of \$25.00 shall be forwarded to the MGC Foundation unless a specific request for memorials to the Frederik Meijer Gardens was made by the deceased or the family.

Rule 5: Requirements of Active Membership

In order to maintain active membership in Kent Garden Club, each member shall be required to:

1. Participate in at least one fund raising activity and serve on at least one committee.

2. Attend at least five meetings each year.

3. Once in every two years, active members are required to 1) be a host or hostess and 2) bring a horticulture exhibit, flower arrangement or a conservation item to a meeting or an event.

4. Generally, prospective new members are encouraged to attend three KGC meetings and/or other KGC activities in order to learn more about the structure, goals and activities of the Club. Application for membership may be submitted at any time to the Membership Committee Chair or President; however, the applicant will be considered a Provisional Member until approved by the Executive Board.

5. Associate Members are encouraged to participate in the activities of Kent Garden Club.

Rule 6: Club Property

1. Shall be stored in one location determined by the Executive Committee.
2. Inventory shall include President's and Treasurer's records, Books of Evidence and History Books. The annual storage fee statement shall be accompanied by an inventory of miscellaneous items.

Rule 7: Financial Reviews

The Club's financial records shall be reviewed annually at the end of the fiscal year by two club members appointed by the Executive Committee. A financial review shall also occur whenever a new President or new treasurer takes office.

Rule 8: Confidentiality

Information contained in the Kent Garden Club Yearbook is confidential and is intended solely for use by KGC members for club business and is not to be disseminated for any other purpose without the express, written authorization of the KGC Board.

Rule 9: Logo

The official Club logo (reference KGC Business Meeting Minutes dated January 9, 2013) shall be used for any and all communications by and representations of Kent Garden Club to or with the public. All requests for use of the KGC logo must be submitted to the Executive Board for approval. (See guidelines at www.kentgardenclub.org/membersonly)

Rule 10: Electronic Communication

Non-decision making communications may be in the form of postal mail or electronic mail. Electronic media shall not be used to conduct meetings or voting that require members to be present at the same time, in the same room, in full view of each other (e.g., as in the case of discussion and vote on a motion). Electronic media may be used to notify members of future motions, amendments, or other action which may require a future vote and will satisfy the notification requirements in the Constitution.