



MICHIGAN CONSULTANTS COUNCIL  
*Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.*

**Landscape Garden Walk Award Requirements**

**Three \$100 awards are given;**

Club membership up to 49

Club membership 50 to 99

Club membership 100 and above

**No Book of Evidence is required.**

In a large envelope, include the following: MGC Award Application, Walk Map/ticket, Publicity, Labeled photos of the garden walk (limit 14), educational handouts, a one page narrative that show cases the walk; brief description of gardens, number of club members and their participation, member recruitment and educational displays, etc.

**The following scale of points is used to Judge Garden Walk Entries**

20 points – Clarity of map, tour schedule, location of gardens in relation to distance

20 points – Overall appearance of gardens

20 points – Variety of garden types (Shade, rock, formal, water, etc.)

10 points – Publicity

10 points – Educational value (Plant markers, worthy features)

10 points – Club Involvement (membership recruitment, budget, members involved)

10 points – Miscellaneous (floral designs, plant sales, displays, refreshments)

100 Points – TOTAL

By November 1,



## **GARDEN WALK NOMINATIONS**

### **HELPFUL HINTS FOR CLUBS**

There is no official handbook to guide clubs through the process of planning a garden walk but here are a few suggestions to get you started. I welcome more ideas from you as you read through these suggestions.

No Book of Evidence is required.

- Identify the unique gardens of your members. How do they differ? Are they sun or shade gardens, water features, perennials, mixture of all, trees, unique plants, etc.
- **THEME** – will you provide the various gardens with additional items for a theme? Quilt designs, Victorian, tea parties, gardening with animals, children’s horticulture, friendship garden, etc.
- Docents and guides could wear gardening hats, special aprons/dresses, create displays of themed items.
- Do you want it to be a public event? How many gardens can you view in one day – five or six?
- Committee Captains – publicity, ticket sales, public sponsors, posters, newspaper articles, water stations, snacks, entrance tables/ticket sales at each house, docents in gardens, guides, educational information tables, treats, etc.
- Parking – city street limitations, residential restrictions, driveways, do you need guides or transports?
- Vendors – where? Each garden? One garden?
- Ticket pricing – before event sales versus day of event at an increased price?
- Give away items – planters, garden art, books
- Contest score sheets – Children’s discovery in each garden with tucked away animals, garden tools, identify the mystery plant in each garden. Get them all right? Give them a prize. How many pollinators did you see? Can you identify them?

These are just a few ideas I thought of to explore and implement. I welcome more ideas as you plan your garden walks this summer. Let’s keep this listing active and add your thoughts for future garden walks.

**The deadline for the Garden Walk Nomination is: November 1**