



MICHIGAN CONSULTANTS COUNCIL Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR PLANNING YOUR GARDEN WALK

- 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.
- Suggest that docents and guides wear gardening hats, special aprons/dresses, create displays of themed items.
- Is it to be a public event? How many gardens can you view in one day – five or six?
- **Suggested 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
- 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
- Develop a contest score sheet for children. Children can hunt and discover tucked away animal statues, garden tools, etc. Identify a mystery plant in each garden. Winners can be given a plant.

When you are planning your walk and have questions, please contact your district MCC representative for more information. All garden walk nomination packets are sent to the MGC Awards Chair:

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PACKET AND PICTURES IS OCTOBER 1ST

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