

**MICHIGAN DIVISION OF THE WOMAN'S NATIONAL FARM  
AND GARDEN ASSOCIATION, INC.  
SPRING COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 21, 2025**

**Host: Michigan Division of WNF&GA, Inc.**

**Location: Michigan League, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**

**Welcome Remarks** given by Sue Malone, President of Michigan Division

**Invocation** delivered by Sue Marie Klimek, Northville Garden Club

**The meeting was called to order by Michigan Division President Sue Malone at 10:30 am**

**The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America** was delivered by Charlotte Westbrook, Rochester Garden Club

**Roll call was taken by Michigan Division Secretary Barb Lepri, Troy Garden Club.**

**Sixty two branch members and one Member-at-Large were in attendance:**

Bloomfield Hills Garden Club - 3

Clarkston Farm & Garden - 3

Country Garden Club of Northville - 7

County Downs Garden Club - 0

Franklin Branch - 1

Grosse Pte. Farm & Garden - 3

Grosse Pte. Shores - 0

Indian Village - 0

Lapeer Wildflowers Branch - 2

Milford Branch - 4

Moonglow Branch - 0

Northville Branch - 2

Plymouth Branch - 5

Pontiac Branch - 0

Port Huron Branch - 2

Rochester Branch - 6

Romeo & Juliet - 0

Saginaw Branch - 10

Springfield - 2

Trailwood Garden Club - 4

Trenton Branch - 0

Troy Garden Club - 3

Warren Branch - 3

Waterford Branch - 2

Member-at-Large - 1

**OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**All Final 2025 Officer and Committee Reports were provided to all attendees via email. There were a few brief reports requiring approvals from the membership. Those are as follows:**

**Barbara Lepri, Secretary:**

Minutes of the September 25, 2024 Fall Council Meeting, pp. 3-5, were filed as submitted.

**Pat Brown, Charitable Treasurer:**

Reports for Charitable Treasurer and Branch Donations, pp.6-7, were submitted for January 1 - April 30, 2025. Both reports were filed for audit.

**Susan Sonntag, Michigan Division Administration & Operations Treasurer:**

The Michigan Division Treasurer's Report on p. 8 for January 1 to April 30, 2025 was filed for audit.

**ADDITIONAL REPORTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**Registrar's Report, Cheryl Malin:** Cheryl's report was included in the emailed packet on page 14. There are currently 1,130 Michigan Division members including 3 members-at-large. Please send updates to Cheryl at [cmalinwgc@gmail.com](mailto:cmalinwgc@gmail.com). **The password for the website is Malone2025**

**4-H Endowment Report, Sheila Kneeshaw, Trustee:**

This report was part of the emailed meeting packet, page 12.

**National Council Representatives Report, Charlotte Westbrook and Sheila Kneeshaw:**

There will be no National Meeting this year. The report is on page 12 of the packet.

**Daffodils4Detroit:** Robin Heller, chairperson, provided a report included on page 13 of the packet. The next Daffodils4Detroit luncheon will be April 15, 2026.

**Michigan Division Website:** A complete overhaul will take place after the transition. See page 13.

**Newsletter Report, Sue Malone, Editor:** Sue's report is on page 13 of the packet.

**Recognition of Longevity and Exceptional Projects Awards, Cinda Schantz, First Vice President.** Twenty six members were eligible for longevity awards with special recognition to one member celebrating 55 years of service and three for 50 years. Three branches submitted special projects and received recognition with display boards. They are Milford, Saginaw and Trenton. A special award was given to Robin Heller for her excellent work chairing Daffodils4Detroit for the past several years.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Nominations for 2025-2027 Officers**

Jo Sillanpaa presented the slate:

**President** - Cinda Schantz, Saginaw Garden Club; **1st Vice President** - April Everett, Warren Garden Club; **2d Vice President** - Carrie Sue Cempura, Waterford Branch; **Recording Secretary** - Sue Marie Klimek, Northville Branch; **A&O Treasurer** - Sue Sonntag, Saginaw Branch; **E&C Treasurer** - Pat Brown, Warren Branch; **National Representative** - Sheila Kneeshaw, MAL; **National Representative** - Vacant

All nominations were seconded and there were no nominations from the floor. All were elected unanimously. After the installation and remarks by outgoing president Sue Malone, the pin and gavel were presented to Cinda Schantz, 2025-2027 Michigan Division president.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 am.

## **PROGRAM**

**Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum presented by Liz Glynn, Education Lead, MBGNA**

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Lepri, Michigan Division Secretary