

**The Michigan Botanical Club**, the native plant society of Michigan, promotes through its aims, the understanding, enjoyment and preservation of our Great Lakes flora, and the conservation of our natural heritage. Founded in 1941, it is a non-profit organization.

### AIMS

- Conservation of all native plants.
- Education of the public to appreciate and to preserve plant life.
- Sponsorship of research and publications on the plant life of the State.
- Sponsorship of legislation to promote the preservation of Michigan native flora.
- Establishment of suitable sanctuaries and natural areas.
- Cooperation in programs concerned with the wise use and conservation of all natural resources and scenic features.

### ACTIVITIES

#### **Conservation of Native Plants**

The Michigan Botanical Club has a number of conservation projects and collaborates with other conservation agencies to protect native plants and natural areas in the state and nationally.

#### **Education**

**Chapter activities** include general meetings with illustrated **lectures** open to the public and **field trips** to areas of botanical interest. The Michigan Botanical Club sponsors two major statewide meetings each year: an **Annual Foray** usually on Memorial Day Weekend to a region of botanical interest and an **Annual Fall Meeting** with a botanical program and field trip. Students may apply for Foray scholarships through chapters. Sometimes **mini-forays** are held later in the growing season.

#### **Legislation**

The Club has been proactive in protecting native plants and their habitats, e.g. testified in 2013-2014 opposing (S.B. 78), the state legislature's anti-biodiversity bill. MBC urged the passage of Michigan Wildflower Protection Act, (P. A.115/1943), to regulate the cutting, removal, transportation, and sale of specified native plants vulnerable to exploitation. A proposal sponsored by the Michigan Botanical Club to declare the dwarf lake iris, *Iris lacustris*, as Michigan's official state wildflower passed (P. A. 454/1998).

#### **Big Trees Project**

Launched in 1957 by Paul Thompson as part of the American Forestry Association national survey, the Club maintains a data base of Michigan's big trees, see <[www.michbotclub.org](http://www.michbotclub.org)>. Big tree information is published in *The Michigan Botanist*. Those interested in nominating a Michigan Big Tree or have questions may contact:

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**Michigan Big Tree Coordinator**  
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#### **Publications**

**Chapter newsletters**, e-notices and website <[www.michbotclub.org](http://www.michbotclub.org)> inform members of meetings, field trips, and other items of interest. Our **state newsletter**, *Arisaema*, published spring and fall, informs members of state activities, eg. the Memorial Day Weekend Foray, the Fall Meeting, projects, chapter reports, and articles of general interest. Occasionally, special publications are issued, e.g. Winter Wild Flowers

Since 1962 the MBC has published a professional journal, *The Michigan Botanist*, devoted to all aspects of plant life in the Great Lakes Region. All members receive this quarterly journal, which is supported by dues and subscriptions. Those interested in publishing in *The Michigan Botanist* should contact the Editor.

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#### **Michigan Botanical Foundation**

The Michigan Botanical Foundation, an independent non-profit tax exempt, 501(c)(3), organization was established in 1992 for the purpose of providing financial support for Michigan botanical research, education, publications, field trips, panels, lectures, and other related activities. Correspondence, inquires and contributions should be directed to:

**Michigan Botanical Foundation**  
**c/o Emily Nietering, Acting President**  
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Dearborn, MI 48124  
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## MEMBERSHIP

We are a diverse group open to anyone interested in the objectives and the functions of the **Michigan Botanical Club**. Amateurs and professionals of all ages are welcome. Your membership will support the Club in its important program to conserve and to protect our native flora and our natural heritage.

Dues are modest, but vary slightly among the chapters. Dues include a subscription to the *Arisaema* and *The Michigan Botanist*. **Chapter contact persons are listed in the next column.**

Membership forms may be downloaded from the Michigan Botanical Club website. For more information, also visit the Club website: <http://www.michbotclub.org>

or contact:

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## CHAPTERS\*\*

### **Huron Valley Chapter**

General meetings, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7:30 PM  
September - April  
Matthaei Botanical Gardens  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan  
Contact: Anton Reznicek, President  
Phone: (734) 764-5544  
Email: <[reznicek@umich.edu](mailto:reznicek@umich.edu)>

### **Southeastern Chapter**

General Meetings, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 2:00 PM  
October - April  
Heritage Park Visitor's Center, Farmington Hills  
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Phone: (313) 278-9269  
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### **Southwestern Chapter**

General Meetings, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 6:30 PM  
October - April  
People's Church, 1758 10<sup>th</sup> St., Kalamazoo, MI  
Contact: Tyler Bassett, President  
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### **White Pine Chapter**

General Meetings, Saturday 2:00 - 4:00 PM  
September - April  
Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI  
Contact: Dorothy Sibley, President  
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### **Special Members Chapter**

(An on-line chapter for members not affiliated with a local chapter) Visit:  
<http://michbotclub.org/special-memberships/>  
Contact: Irene Eiseman, President  
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**\*\*Chapters have field trips mainly in the growing season, but some can be held any time of the year.**

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