

The Michigan Botanical Club was founded in 1941. It is a non-profit organization that promotes the understanding, enjoyment and preservation of Michigan plant life, and the conservation of our natural resources.

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

The Michigan Botanical Club sponsors two major statewide meetings each year: a **Memorial Day Weekend Foray** to a region of botanical interest and an **Annual Meeting** in the fall. Students may apply for Foray scholarships through chapters. **Chapter activities** include general meetings with illustrated **lectures and field trips** to areas of botanical interest, all open to the public.

Legislation

At the urging of the Botanical Club and others, the state legislature passed the Michigan Wildflower Protection Act, Public Act 115 of 1943, to regulate the cutting, removal, transportation, and sale of specified native plants vulnerable to exploitation. The legislature passed Public Act 454 of 1998, to declare the dwarf lake iris, *Iris lacustris*, as Michigan's official state wildflower, a proposal sponsored by the Michigan Botanical Club.

Big Trees Project

Launched in 1957 by Paul Thompson as part of the American Forestry Association national survey, the Club maintains a searchable data base of Michigan and national champion-sized trees, see <www.michbotclub.org>. Big tree information is published in *The Michigan Botanist*.

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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. Contributions may be sent to:

Michigan Botanical Foundation
c/o Patrick F. Fields
5349 North Canal Road
Dimondale, MI 48821-8712

Telephone: (517) 646-7676
Email: <patrickffields@cablespeed.com>

PUBLICATIONS

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.

Our state newsletter, *Arisaema*, published spring and fall, informs members of state activities, such as the Memorial Day Weekend Foray, the Fall Meeting, projects, chapter reports, and articles of general interest.

Each chapter publishes newsletters and/or e-notices informing its members of meetings, field trips, and other items of interest.

Income from the sale of the Club's three special publications on natural history has been used for natural area purchases and for financing other publications.

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 native flora and the natural resources of the state and the nation.

Dues are modest, but vary slightly among the chapters. Chapter contact persons are listed in the next column. Persons desiring to become special state members (not affiliated with a local chapter) may send \$21.00 dues to:

Irene Eiseman
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Dues include a subscription to the *Arisaema* and *The Michigan Botanist*.

More information is available on the Michigan Botanical Club website :
<http://www.michbotclub.org>

or contact

Pamela Laureto, President
Michigan Botanical Club
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CHAPTERS

Huron Valley Chapter

General meetings, 3rd Monday, 7:45 PM
September - April
Matthaei Botanical Gardens
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
Contact: Larry Nooden
Phone: (734) 663-5667
Email: ldnum@umich.edu

Red Cedar Chapter

General Meetings, 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 PM
September – May
Old Botany Greenhouse, MSU
Contact: Mark Ledebuhr
Phone: (517) 202-6839
Email: markl@ledebuhr.net
www.redcedarbotclub.org

Southeastern Chapter

General Meetings, 1st Sunday, 2:00 PM
October - April
Heritage Park Visitor's Center, Farmington Hills
Contact: Emily Nietering
Phone: (313) 278-9269
Email: knietering@sbcglobal.net

Southwestern Chapter

General Meetings, 3rd Monday 7:00 PM
October – April; Field Trips, April - October
Oshtemo Branch, Kalamazoo Library
West Main St. (M-43), Kalamazoo, MI
Contact: Tyler Bassett
Phone: (269) 383-2569
Email: keepitsimple7@yahoo.com

White Pine Chapter

General Meetings, Saturday 2:00 – 4:00 PM
September - April
Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI
Contact: Dorothy Sibley
Phone: (231) 652-2036
Email: dbsibley@mail.riverview.net

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