

Bob's Corner:

A very wise lady (my mother) often says that winter is the best time to plan for spring. This year is no different. Even though snow still covers the ground, we can all think of how beautiful things will look again this spring when plants start sprouting through the garden soil.

KMB is already off and running with our own planning for spring. We have an exciting and ambitious schedule of events and programs to help groups and communities promote beautification, anti-litter campaigns and overall environmental enhancement.

“Celebrate Spring”

Come help us kick-off the growing season by attending our annual **“Celebrate Spring”** event. This year's gathering will be held **Friday, March 26th at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing** and is open to the public. Highlights include a reception and silent auction at 5:30 pm, followed by a dinner at 6:30pm. We are very excited to have Dr. Brad Rowe, Professor of Horticulture at Michigan State University as our featured speaker. The award-winning Rowe is renown for his expertise in garden and landscape design. For ticket information, please click onto our Home Page.

Michigan Clean-Up Days (April 1 – May 31)

Officially proclaimed by Governor Jennifer Granholm, the annual **Michigan Clean-Up Days** has become a state-wide success. You can join us by organizing a local clean-up project. Be it a school, playground, park or streetscape, you can get friends and neighbors involved to make a difference in your community. KMB can also assist by giving you ideas as well as promoting your project state-wide by posting it on our website: www.keeptmichiganbeautiful.org. In 2009 we posted over 125 such projects from all over Michigan.

“Keep It Clean & Green” Campaign

Now is a great time for schools and students to become involved with our **Keep It Clean & Green** campaign. This growing program is designed to have students, statewide and at all levels, develop an enhanced awareness of how they can help beautify their local areas and preserve the environment. Though sponsored by KMB, each school can develop its own program and/or KMB Club as it fits their specific goals. If your school or organization would like to become involved with this campaign, please contact us for more information.

We Need Your Support!

KMB is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization. We get our funding through donations from private individuals/families, clubs, municipalities, business and foundations. We ask your support to continue to maintain our high quality programming. If you wish to become a Donor-Member for 2010 or to become more involved with KMB as a volunteer, please contact us at **989-763-1789** or via e-mail bobeldridge@charter.net.

Yours For A Better Michigan!

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