

Bob's Corner:

Winters in Michigan can often be cold, snowy and harsh (this year an exception, thus far). For outdoor enthusiasts, however, skiing, snowboarding, ice skating, riding snow machines, and ice fishing are great ways to enjoy Michigan's two beautiful peninsulas. And for us garden lovers, winter is a great time to make plans for Spring and the upcoming growing season. To me there is nothing better on a cold winter's day than to sit by the fireplace (a glass of wine is optional but highly recommended) and scout through the many garden catalogs received in the mail. I still get a rush out of ordering seeds, plants and other garden accessories that will go into my greenhouse when I open it up each March.

Thank You KMB Donor-Members!

On behalf of everyone at KMB, I want to thank all of those individuals, groups, businesses, corporations, and municipalities who, through their financial and gift-in-kind donations, helped to make 2011 a banner year for our organization. Your on-going support for KMB's mission and goals allows us to continue to provide top quality programming on a statewide basis.

KMB Celebrates 50 Years of Serving Michigan

This year we at KMB will be celebrating our 50th Year Anniversary. Founded in 1962, our organization began as a small group created to encourage civic groups to get involved with outdoor beautification and anti-littering. Over the past five decades we have done that and a whole lot more. On Friday, May 18th, we will be hosting a 50th Anniversary Celebration, at the Haworth Conference Center in Holland. The event will be open to the public. So mark your calendars and save the date. More specific information will be announced soon.

Board of Directors Has 4 New Members

The KMB Board welcomes four new members in 2012: Erica Baarman (Fenville), Frank & Carol Romano (Grosse Pte. Park) and Renee Tokar (Gowen). All four bring a great deal of experience and enthusiasm to the group. The Board now consists of 40 members who serve 2-year terms.

Michigan Clean-Up Days

It is not too early to start thinking about getting involved with our annual Michigan Clean-Up Days (April 1-May 31). We are especially excited about the campaign this year in that we will be partnering with Keep America Beautiful's Great American Clean-Up, taking part during the same 2-month time period. Is your group planning to take part in a clean-up, anti-litter, or beautification project this year? Let us know and we will post and promote it on our website for you. If you would like some "how-to" ideas, please contact us and we can give you a hand.

Yours for a better Michigan!

Bob Eldridge
Executive Director
