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Form **990-EZ**

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

OMB No 1545-1150

2013**Open to Public
Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

A For the 2013 calendar year, or tax year beginning , and ending		D Employer identification number	
B Check if applicable	C Name of organization		E Telephone number
☐ Address change	MICHIGAN FLORICULTURE GROWERS COUNCIL		20-2725762
☐ Name change	Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address)		F Group Exemption Number
☐ Initial return	235 NORTH PINE STREET		517-372-1500
☐ Terminated	Room/suite		
☐ Amended return	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code		
☐ Application pending	LANSING MI 48933		
G Accounting Method ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify) _____		H Check ☒ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)	
I Website: WWW.MIFGC.ORG			
J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) (5) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527			
K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other _____			
L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ		\$ 80,132	

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒

Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	80,132
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4 Investment income	4	
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6 Gaming and fundraising events		
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b		
c Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		
d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d		
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
b Less cost of goods sold	7b		
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8		
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	80,132	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	31,048
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	417
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	49,550
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	81,015	
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-883
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	251,187
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	250,304

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II ☒

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	251,187	22	250,304
23 Land and buildings	0	23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	0	24	
25 Total assets	251,187	25	250,304
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	26	0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	251,187	27	250,304

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III ☒

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

See Schedule O

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

Expenses

(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)

28		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	28a	
29		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	29a	
30		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	30a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV ☐

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
VAL VAIL-SHIREY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	20.00	0	0	0
DON MARVASO JR PRESIDENT	1.00	0	0	0
KARL ECKERT VICE PRESIDENT	1.00	0	0	0
DICK DERKS SECRETARY/TREASURER	1.00	0	0	0
CHET BARTELS DIRECTOR	1.00	0	0	0
ANDY BUIST DIRECTOR	1.00	0	0	0
BILL TUINIER DIRECTOR	1.00	0	0	0
PAUL KARLOVICH DIRECTOR	1.00	0	0	0
CARTER KENT DIRECTOR	1.00	0	0	0
MIKE FABER DIRECTOR	1.00	0	0	0
KEN TUINIER DIRECTOR	1.00	0	0	0
MARK WATKINS DIRECTOR	1.00	0	0	0

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ERIK RUNKLE DIRECTOR	1.00	0	0	0
DENNIS CRUM DIRECTOR	1.00	0	0	0
JIM TUINIER DIRECTOR	1.00	0	0	0
TOM DUDEK DIRECTOR	1.00	0	0	0
KRISTEN GETTER DIRECTOR	1.00	0	0	0
HEIDI WOLLAEGER DIRECTOR	1.00	0	0	0
ERIK RUNKLE DIRECTOR	1.00	0	0	0

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V ☐

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		X
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)		X
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?		X
b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		X
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		X
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?		X
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b		
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a		
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b		
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ▶ _____, section 4912 ▶ _____, section 4955 ▶ _____		
b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		
c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ _____		
d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ _____		
e All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ None		
42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ JULIAN VAIL LLC Telephone no ▶ 517-372-1500 235 NORTH PINE STREET Located at ▶ LANSING MI ZIP + 4 ▶ 48933		
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		X
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____		X
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 — Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43		
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		X
d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)		X

- 46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

	Yes	No
46		X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI ☐

- 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

	Yes	No
47		

- 48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

	Yes	No
48		

- 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

	Yes	No
49a		

- b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

	Yes	No
49b		

- 50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None"

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

- f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶

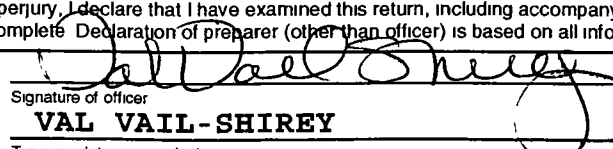
- 51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None"

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

- d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶

- 52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A ▶ ☐ Yes ☐ No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here		11-14-14
	Signature of officer VAL VAIL-SHIREY	Date EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
	Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name TIMOTHY R. BRENNER CPA	Preparer's signature TIMOTHY R. BRENNER CPA	Date 11/12/14	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN P00946898
	Firm's name ▶ Timothy R. Brenner, CPA, PC	Firm's EIN ▶			
	Firm's address ▶ PO Box 367 Holt, MI 48842	Phone no 517-699-1040			
	May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ ☒ Yes ☐ No				

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZComplete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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COUNCIL**

Employer identification number

20-2725762**Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 - Other Expenses**

Description	Amount
Expenses	
Advertising and Promotion	\$ 5,325
Office	\$ 2,927
Travel	\$ 1,581
Conferences/Meetings	\$ 11,658
TELEPHONE	\$ 472
BOARD MEETING EXPENSES	\$ 188
GRANT	\$ 25,469
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 100
MEMBER EXPENSES	\$ 1,830
Total	\$ 49,550

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24 - Other Assets

Description	Beg. of Year	End of Year
OFFICE FURNITURE	\$ 0	\$ 865
Less Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 0	\$ 865
Total	\$ 0	\$ 0

Form 990-EZ, Part III - Primary Exempt Purpose

TO PROMOTE THE INTERESTS OF MICHIGAN GROWERS OF FLORICULTURE PRODUCTS AND
TO ENCOURAGE A PROFITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE FLORICULTURE INDUSTRY IN
MICHIGAN.

Name of the organization

MICHIGAN FLORICULTURE GROWERS

Employer identification number

20-2725762

Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 31 - All Other Accomplishment

ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR-BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR VAL VAIL-SHIREY HAS A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH JULIAN VAIL LLC, THE ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COMPANY FOR MICHIGAN FLORICULTURE GROWERS COUNCIL. VAL VAIL-SHIREY DID NOT RECEIVE DIRECT COMPENSATION FOR SERVING AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BUT JULIAN VAIL LLC RECEIVED PAYMENT FROM MICHIGAN FLORICULTURE GROWERS FOR THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

RENT:

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT FEES:

POLICY CONSULTING:

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