



## MACOMB COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year Members!

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season, and like all of us we are sure you are looking forward to turning the calendar over to 2021.

We look forward to beginning the new year at our first education event scheduled for January 12th 2021. Please note that our first quarterly meeting will follow the presentation on succulents.

Normally we would renew our membership at the meeting but this year we will be sending you your application or you can download a form from our [MCMGA website](#). Once we receive your completed application we will mail you your membership card.

Please be aware that we need your application and dues back by March 15, 2021 in order to send your MMGA dues in with the entire group.

Also be aware that grant applications are available on the website and are due no later than March 15, 2021.

We look forward to this new year, we have a lot planned already and are hopeful that we will be able to meet in person soon!

So mark your calendars for January 12, 2021, we can't wait to see you! Please remember to bring any ideas you have to our Zoom meeting. Let's get this gardening season underway! 🌱

Best Regards!

Joann, Karen, Debbie, David and Lisa



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The [MCMGA website](#) is working!



The next Board of Directors Meeting is on Tuesday, January 5th at 10:00am



If there's anything that you would like to have included in the next newsletter, or have any comments or suggestions, please send to:

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## ❄️🧊❄️ EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ❄️🧊❄️

### Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>:

**"Succulents Are Sexy"** by Bill Hendricks. Bill is the president of Klyn Nurseries in Lake County, Ohio. He has amassed a collection of over 4000 cacti and succulents. He was named the "2014 Grower of the Year" by Nursery Management Magazine.

Free ZOOM meeting @ 6:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83783462352?pwd=REdNc3k5TjI0ZnhIbEpMemFVSIzI+-QT09> Passcode: 589276

(1.0 Education Hour – Community Beautification: Educational Display Gardens")

Quarterly Meeting to follow

### Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>:

**"Seed Starting"** by Karen Burke. Karen is our former Macomb County MSUE Program Worker, a gold-level Advanced Master Gardener and current member of the MCMGA Board.

Free Zoom meeting @ 6:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84338006400?pwd=UHBHZGxScWFTRXZtcVJOMk-FGU2xDdz09> Passcode: 983681

(1.0 Education Hour – Community: Quality of Life)

### Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>:

**"Composting"** by Mary Gerstenberger. Mary is a retired Consumer Horticulture Coordinator for MSU Extension in Macomb County, an advanced Master Gardener and former MCMGA board member. She writes a column for the Michigan Gardener Magazine.

Free ZOOM meeting @ 6:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86396017689?pwd=Vmo0dkpFTUhCaEZJQlh3L05Fa-FJBUT09> Passcode: 664288

(1.0 Education Hour – Environmental Stewardship: Composting)



❄️🧊❄️ **PRIOR PROGRAM EDUCATION HOURS** ❄️🧊❄️

(enter into VMS as follows:)

January 12th: MCMGA "Succulents Are Sexy" (Bill Hendricks)  
Project: Community Beautification: Educational Display Gardens  
1.0 Education Hour

❄️🧊❄️ **FUNDRAISERS** ❄️🧊❄️

ENGLISH GARDENS FLOWER OF THE MONTH HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED 😞

But, coming soon!



The Kroger Family of Companies is committed to community engagement, positive social impact and charitable giving at the national and local levels. Every community is unique, but our common goal is to partner with the neighborhoods we serve and help the people live healthier lives.

One of the ways in which we do this is through our Kroger Community Rewards program. This program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card. Go to:

<https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>

Sign in or create a digital account (Kroger Plus Card). Link your card to: CQ024 (organization #) or Macomb County Master Gardener Association

If you have any questions or problems, please contact the [Customer Service Center](#)

🌲🧊🌲🧊🌲 **OTHER EVENTS** 🌲🧊🌲🧊🌲

[MSU Extension - Gardening in Michigan \(webinars\)](#) 🌸

[Invasive Species: Spotted Lanternflies \(article\)](#) 🐛

[Introduction To Lakes \(6 Week Online Course\) \\$115.00](#) 🐟



## Friendly Gardener Club of Sterling Heights

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Many of you have expressed that you miss being able to recycle items at our Friendly Gardener meetings and being made aware of recycling events.

**Until meetings & recycling events resume here are some ways to recycle:**

-Electronic items may be dropped off at Best Buy. At the Hall Road location, the greeter at the door will direct to two blue doors in front of the store. Open the door and drop your items into a huge box. Includes most items with a cord.

-The City of Sterling Heights maintains a voluntary drop-off recycling center for its residents @ 12260 Clinton River Road. **Hours:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Google Sterling Heights Recycle Center for a list of what is accepted.

-Newspaper recycle bins have been removed from many schools and churches. Eisenhower High School still has a newspaper recycle bin in the parking lot of the performing arts center @ 6500 25 Mile Road, Shelby Township. Sterling Heights Recycling Center also accepts newspapers.

-Used household batteries can be dropped off at the Washington Township Municipal Building, 57900 Van Dyke, between 26 & 27 Mile. A drop box is located in the lobby and also outside the door. We will collect batteries when meetings resume.

-If you do not want to leave your house to donate clothing and misc. items, contact Vietnam Veterans of America. Google VVA Pickup to schedule a pickup online. Many times, you can arrange pick up the same week.

-If you have furniture to donate contact Furniture Bank 248-332-1300 or Grace Center of Hope 586-997-9942. If items are in the garage or outside pick up is free. If they need to be moved from inside there may be charge.

-If scrappers come to your area put out metal items on the ground with your trash and many times someone will pick them up.

-When meetings resume we will still have the "Needs a New Home" table where you can offer items you no longer need to others at no charge.

-We will also still be collecting the ink cartridges--so hold on to them!

-We will also collect dried up magic markers, unwanted nail polish, and pop tabs.

I will keep you updated on when meetings will resume. In the meantime, **Stay Safe** and have a **Happy & Healthy New Year.**

Gail Straughen



## **Meadow Brook Garden Club Programs**

<https://meadowbrookhall.org/programs/meadow-brook-garden-club-programs/>

Call (248) 364-6210 for more information

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Water and Chateau Gardens of France (Irene and Pete Townsend)

## **Michigan Gardener**

<https://www.michigangardener.com>

Look for the next issue of Michigan Gardener in April 2021; it's their 25th year!

## **Rochester Garden Club**

<http://rochestergardenclub.org>

## **Shelby Gardeners Club**

<https://www.shelbytp.org/gardeners/>

## **Troy Garden Club**

<http://troygardenclubmi.com/events/>

## **Yardeners of St. Clair Shores**

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In 2021, the spring equinox occurs on Saturday, March 20. This event marks the astronomical first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere.

## You know that you're a gardener if... (check all that apply)

1. Your own gardening book collection rivals that of Barnes & Nobles. 📖
2. You delay vacation travel until all fruits & vegetables have been harvested. 🍎
3. Dirt (soil) is everywhere; in your house, the trunk of your car, and on your shoes. 🏠 🚗 👢
4. Every vacation has a nursery and/or botanic garden involved. 🌸
5. A plant sale at Lowe's is more exciting than a sale at your favorite department store. 🏷️
6. You receive at least a dozen gardening catalogs in the mail. 📧
7. You keep trying to give away zucchinis and tomatoes to friends, neighbors, co-workers (and sometimes your mail carrier), and wonder why they start avoiding you. 🍅
8. Home Depot, Lowe's and English Gardens know you by your first name. 🏠
9. You have a mountain of plastic pots secretly hidden away. 🗑️
10. You own one too many floppy straw hats and pairs of garden shoes. 🧢 👟
11. People are eager to share all their gardening problems with you. 🗣️
12. You carry pruning clippers in your back pocket. ✂️
13. You carry seed saving materials (envelopes, scissors, labels) in your purse or car. 🛍️
14. Your yard is in better shape than the inside of your house. 🏠
15. There are potted plants scattered everywhere, just waiting to be added to your garden. 🌿
16. There are plant cuttings in water on the kitchen counter, and on every window sill. 🍷
17. You use Latin words in public and know how to pronounce them. 🗣️
18. You tour a garden, and first look for the composting and irrigation set up. 💧
19. Everything you see becomes a planter. 🍷 or 🍷 or 🍷 or 🍷 or 🍷 or 🍷 or 🍷
20. You drive by a perfectly manicured lawn and imagine how it would look as a rain garden. 🌧️
21. You have more pairs of gardening gloves than earrings. 🧤
22. You look at vehicles based on how many tools, flats, and bags of mulch they'll hold. 🚗
23. Every known plant identification app has been downloaded to your phone. 📱
24. You stop talking mid-sentence when you see a plant you don't recognize. 🌻
25. You try to save every half dead little plant that should have gone into the compost bin. 🌿
26. You wake up in the middle of a cold night and go outside and cover up your plants. 🧊
27. You water other people's plants if they look thirsty. 💧
28. You'd give up going to a movie in order to weed your garden. 🎬
29. Your fingernails are the shortest they've been since birth. 💅
30. You know the botanical name of a plant, but can't remember the common name. 🌻
31. You're in a state park, and have to resist the urge to pull a weed or dig up a plant. 🌲
32. Your version of a "selfie" is a picture of a plant. 📷



- 33. You have taken bags of leaves (i.e. other people's trash) to use as mulch or compost. 🍂
- 34. You see a tree being removed, and ask to have the wood chips dumped on your driveway. 🌳
- 35. You buy all of the dead/dying plants at garage/estate sales and attempt to revive them. 🌱

Anything to add to the list? Please let me know!



Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, Inc. (WNF&GA)  
(More information next month)

## DON'T MISS THIS!

James Herriot's adventures as a veterinarian in 1930s Yorkshire, England get a glorious new adaptation in **All Creatures Great and Small**, a seven-part series based on his beloved books. See the highly anticipated premiere Sundays, January 10 – February 21, 2021 at 9:00pm on **PBS MASTERPIECE** (channel 56).



Hey, all you geniuses  
who sang "Let it Snow"  
back in December...  
Happy now?



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