



# Macomb County Master Gardener Association Monthly News

## August 2018

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## General Information

### Annual Meeting and Board Elections on Tuesday, September 11

**A quorum is needed for voting purposes!**

**Agenda to include:**

- Change in MCMGA membership cost
- Clarification of MSUE Master Gardener and MCMGA rolls: communications and information
- Election of 2 Board of Director members (Let us know if you wish to run for a position or send a nomination to the Board at [macombcountymga@yahoo.com](mailto:macombcountymga@yahoo.com) )

If you cannot attend and wish to vote, you can request to have a proxy represent you. Please email the MCMGA at [macombcountymga@yahoo.com](mailto:macombcountymga@yahoo.com) to request a proxy form.

### Please Note!

Volunteering as a member of the Board of Directors or on any committee of the Macomb County Master Gardener Association are considered Master Gardener Volunteer Hours and are listed under the project: MSUE Program Support: Local EMG Association – Committee/Event Activities or MSUE Program Support: Local EMG Association – Leadership Activities



**Next Board of Directors Meeting is Wednesday, August 15, at 2:00 p.m.**

# Educational Programs



To register for any of the following events, please Email: [macombcountymga@yahoo.com](mailto:macombcountymga@yahoo.com) Please remember to bring your membership card to all events.

**Thursday, August 16, 2018**

**“Sterling Heights Nature Center” FIELDTRIP!** Join us at the Sterling Heights Nature Center located at 42700 Utica Rd., for an outside and inside tour, followed by a movie “Worlds Alive”. **MUST REGISTER! NO WALK-INS!! Limited Capacity.** \$5.00 each for non-members.

**Tuesday, September 11, 2018**

**“Fall Time-Best Time for Startin’ a New Garden”.** Join Advanced Master Gardener Susan Silver as we learn to prepare and shape your new beds for Spring using proven and simple methods. Nursery catalogs will aid your selections for laying out your perennials and colors; and, coordinating annuals into your plan with spectacular results. 6:30-7:30 P.M. Mt. Clemens Library, 150 Cass Avenue. Free to MCMGA members +1 guest. \$5.00 each for all others. **MCMGA Annual Meeting will follow. New BOD Elections. Please attend.**

**Wednesday, October 17, 2018**

**“Preparing the Garden for Winter”.** Michigan’s harsh winters can wreak havoc with your garden if you’re not prepared. Jim Miller of English Gardens will tell us exactly what needs to be done this fall so you’ll be off to a blooming start next spring. 6:30-7:30 P.M. Mt. Clemens Library, 150 Cass Avenue. Free to MCMGA members +1 guest. \$5.00 each for all others.

**Wednesday, November 14, 2018**

**“Garden Rooms”.** Join us as Sue Keehn presents an overview of what an outdoor garden room is, it’s purpose to the individual or family, planning for components in a typical garden room and customizing it to meet your needs, designing a plan and working within a budget. She will discuss your entertainment needs and creative ideas to try, lighting for necessity and artistic interest, and landscaping to complete it. 6:30-7:30 P.M. Mt. Clemens Library, 150 Cass Avenue. Free to MCMGA Members +1 guest. \$5.00 each for all others.

**December 2018**  
**No classes**  
**Merry Christmas**

**Thursday, January 17, 2019**

**“Starting Dahlias Indoors”**. Gary Polenychko and Mary Lynn Cook from the Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society will show you the methods they use to start Dahlias indoors to get an early start on the growing season. Discussion will feature warming up the tubers you have in storage, getting the tubers you ordered this winter ready for planting, potting indoors, and getting ready to plant outside. 6:30-7:30 P.M. Mt. Clemens Library, 150 Cass Avenue. Free to MCMGA Members +1 guest. \$5.00 each for all others.  
**MCMGA Quarterly Meeting will follow. Please attend.**

**February, 2019**

Tentative pruning class. Date and cost to be determined.  
Being arranged by Jeanie Newlin

**Tuesday, March 26, 2019**

**“Wild Flowers in Michigan Gardens”**, Master Gardener Cheryl English. Often considered to wild and crazy for the average garden, wild flowers can thrive and provide years of beauty even in small urban gardens. Don’t limit yourself to the development of “well behaved”, “garden worthy” cultures. Learn how the species themselves can be a successful part of your garden while providing an attractive environment for our local fauna as well. 6:30-8:30 P.M. at the Mt. Clemens Library, 150 Cass Avenue. Cost \$5.00 each for MCMGA Members +1 guest. \$10.00 each for all others.

## **2018 Education Hours**

**January 10**, Backyard Butterflies..... 1.5 hrs. Apply to project: Environmental Stewardship: IPM Pollinators

**March 29**, Courtship and Nesting Behaviors...1.5 hrs. Apply to project: Environmental Stewardship: Integrated Pest Management General

**April 16**, All About Hydrangeas.....1 hr. Apply to project: Community: Beautification – Public Areas

**May 17**, Garden Tool Care..... 2 hrs. Apply to project: Community: Beautification – Public Areas

**June 25**, The Iris Lady..... 1 hr. Apply to project: Community: Beautification – Public Areas

**July 25**, Island Gardens.....1 hr. Apply to project: Community: Beautification – Public Areas

## **Fundraisers**

### **English Gardens Flower of the Month - \$35.00 for the Year!**

How to Order: Fundraiser only gets credit when you order via one of these 3 methods:

1. Call or text Lynn at 586-604-6907, mention Macomb County Master Gardener’s when ordering
2. Online: [adxionline.com](http://adxionline.com) Put “Macomb county Master Gardener’s and the start date you would like in the notes section, or

3. By mail: ADXL Promotions Put “Macomb County Master Gardener’s” in memo section. 48542 Van Dyke Ste. 100, Shelby Twp., MI 48317

## Kroger Rewards:

This is a great program, just sign up and Kroger does the rest, all at no cost to you. Having a Kroger card does not automatically sign you up for the Community Rewards.

Kroger Community Rewards.com

Sign in/Register for Kroger Rewards Account

Proceed as directed

Edit Kroger Community Rewards, enter Kroger Plus Card #

Enter NPO – 76389 or Macomb County Master Gardener Association

You will see group name on right side of page. Questions/Problems: 877-576-7587

## MCMGA Items Available for Purchase

The MCMGA now has totes and aprons available for purchase at our meetings. Totes have end pockets and zipper. Aprons have front pockets. Cost is \$15.00 for bags and aprons, \$12.00 for mugs.



## Other Educational Events and Opportunities:

Don't forget to check the VMS for project listings that can use volunteers! Help is always needed for the gardens at the Mt. Clemens Farmers Market, Octagon House, Shadbush Nature Center and Martha T. Berry.

## MT. CLEMENS FARMERS MARKET

### EVENTS:

*Sweet Corn & Pork Roast / Customer  
Appreciation Day: AUGUST 25TH*

To volunteer for **hands-on garden** maintenance (weeding, deadheading, watering, planting, dividing) you only need to come to the market when it's convenient for you. No signing up is needed. (A great way to start earning your volunteer hours). We are here from 8-12. *Lawn & Leaf bags will be provided.*

To help with the **Information Booth** please sign up with Marilyn [medcowalt@aol.com](mailto:medcowalt@aol.com) two weeks prior to the date you're requesting. The booth is open from 8-12, Fridays and Saturdays.

Join us, **EARN HOURS** and have fun. Work whatever fits your schedule. All help is greatly appreciated. Please bring your tools, water, gloves, hat, etc. as we do not provide them

The Mt. Clemens Farmers Market is located at 141 North River Rd

The Market is open Fridays and Saturdays until November 17th.

**Outreach Events: Master Gardener Booth - Mt. Clemens Farmers Market**

## GARDEN WALK

**Garden & Pond Walk \*\*\* Hosted by Rick & Gail Straughen**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 7 Time: 5-8 pm**

14267 Lakeshore Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48313

**Front Yard:** Park like setting with a variety of flowers. Ghost weed abounds and there are seeds to share. Castor beans add a tropical look with many seeds to share. The Lords and Ladies should be turning from green to orange. A rabbit took a liking to our Bubblegum petunias and we found a mix of cayenne pepper, water and dish soap curbed his appetite!



**Path:** The path to the backyard is lined with roses and pink Mandevillas.

**Back Yard:** A pond stream greets you with an English Ivy border and a burst of color from a variety of perennials. The Koi and goldfish (both upper and lower level ponds) stay outside all year long. Carefully take the stone steps down toward the lake to visit the beach area. Under the pine trees you will find the "Grandkids Garden" which has a "tea party" area, kitchen and bathroom. There is a rocking bench to relax near the pondless waterfall and a nice place to view the lake and Cindy's Memorial Garden.

**New in 2018:** Our pussy willow tree that grew from a twig 35 years ago needed to be removed. It was replaced with a bench to view the fish in the pond. Another addition is a small fairy garden nested in a wagon.

**Directions:** North of Canal, South of Hall Rd, between Hayes & Schoenherr. From Canal turn North on Westview (1st side street), turn left on Four Lakes (next street), Four Lakes curves and turns into Lakeshore. Brick ranch on cul-de-sac on the left (north) side of the street.

**OR From Hayes:** Hayes to 19, west on 19 Mile, at Saal (first light) turn right and cross over Canal. Continue on Saal and turn left at Four Lakes (1st Side Street) Four Lakes curves and turns into

Lakeshore. Ranch on the cul-de-sac on the left (north) side of the street. **Large brick mailbox @14267 Lakeshore Drive**

## Friendly Gardener

Meetings are usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month, unless noted otherwise

Time 7:00 pm at Riverwood Community Church \$3.00 Donation appreciated

12000 Clinton River Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Located on west side of Clinton River Road, south of 19 mile

## Yardeners of St. Clair Shores

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd - 9:00 am to 11:00 am YARDENERS FALL PLANT EXCHANGE**

The plant exchange will be held in the parking lot of the St. Clair Shores library located at the corner of 11 Mile and Jefferson. Load up your vehicles with your extra plants and divisions. **Bag, tag and drag** your offerings to trade or give away to other gardeners. No \$\$ is involved, come with your plants and enjoy our "tailgate garden party". Please label all of your plants.



## Tomlinson Arboretum

Our Fall planting day is not that far off. Please mark **Saturday, September 29**, at 10 a.m. on your calendars. We will be planting over 50 trees & bushes that day, including Redbud, Chinquapin Oak, Serviceberry, Yellow Birch, Juniper, Shrubby Cinquefoil, Black Willow, Chokecherry, and Black Chokeberry. The yellow birch and shrubby cinquefoil will be new additions to our ever-expanding collection of Michigan natives.

Contact Loretta Macklem for volunteer information at [lorettaemacklem@gmail.com](mailto:lorettaemacklem@gmail.com)

## Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program

A Master Gardener Training Class will be offered at the Macomb MSU Extension office beginning Tuesday, August 14, from 5:30 -9:30. Cost is \$325. If you know anyone interested in taking the class, they should register on line at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/mgyvpmacomb18/> or contact Karen at the Macomb MSUE office, 586-469-6440 or email [burkeka9@anr.msu.edu](mailto:burkeka9@anr.msu.edu)

## Master Gardener College

Master Gardener College will be held at the Ted Scott Campus of Wayne County Community College in Belleville on Friday, September 14, and Saturday, September 15. For information and to register go to: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=BC170CF2C8E79804>

## Tollgate

For events at Tollgate, check out their webpage: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/tollgate/events/>



### Dahlia Show

The Dahlia Show presented by the Southeastern Dahlia Society is open to the public and will be held on Saturday, **September 15**, from Noon -9:30p.m. and Sunday, **September 16**, from 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. The location is Orchard Mall, 6337 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

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