



# Macomb County Master Gardener Association Monthly News

## December 2018

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### General Information



*All the best wishes for Happy Holidays, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from your Board of Directors:*

*Lisa Lane*

*David Putt*

*Joann Roman*

*Mary Gerstenberger*

*Dennis Beltz*

### **Reminder:**

As the calendar year draws to a close, be sure to enter all of your volunteer and education hours in the VMS. Volunteer hours required for re-certification are 20 and education hours required are 10.

## Project Grants

Each year the MCMGA offers the opportunity to apply for grant funds for Master Gardener Projects. Please be watching the MCMGA Newsletter in the New Year for notice of when the 2019 Grant Application Form will be posted on our website.



**Next Board of Directors Meeting is Thursday, December 6 , 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.

December 2018  
No classes  
Merry Christmas

## 2019

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.**

Saturday February 9, 2019

**“Orchard Restoration and Pruning Program”**. Arranged by Master Gardener Jeanie Newlin. A one-hour classroom presentation on fruit tree pruning followed by a one-hour hands-on pruning experience at the SS John and Paul Church Apple Orchard. This program is novice focused and will address the restoration of mature fruit trees. Please dress for the weather and bring pruning tools. 1:00-3:00 P.M. at SS John and Paul Catholic Church, 7777 28 Mile Rd., Washington Township. Free to MCMGA Members + 1 guest. \$5.00 each for all others.

**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.

**Thursday April 18, 2019**

**“Seed Starting”**, William Jaquinde, MSU Tollgate Market Manager will lend his expertise on everything you need to know and consider when starting plants from seed. 6:30-7:30 P.M. at the Mt. Clemens Library, 150 Cass Avenue. Free to MCMGA Members + 1 guest. \$5.00 each for all others.

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**Tuesday May 14, 2019**

**“Heirloom Vegetables”**, Former Macomb MSUE consumer horticulture coordinator and Master Gardener Mary Gerstenberger. This presentation will cover what is an heirloom vegetable, what are the benefits or drawbacks of growing them, where can we get seeds or plants to grow our own heirlooms. 6:30-7:30 P.M. at the Mt. Clemens Library, 150 Cass Avenue. Free to MCMGA Members + 1 guest. \$5.00 for all others.

**Wednesday June 12, 2019**

**“The Rose – Unequaled by Any Other Plant Form”**. Duane DeDene, American Rose Society (ARS) certified Master Consulting Rosarian and current President of the Metropolitan Rose Society. This presentation has something for everyone – beginner to master gardener/rosarian. The colorful program provides insight into the various types or classes of roses focusing on those most commercially available. It will then discuss the ins and outs of what to look for when purchasing a rose, describe how to plant roses as well as give tips on caring for your roses throughout the year. The program identifies the most common insect pests and fungal diseases a rose grower may encounter and how best to control them. Information will also be provided with regard to sources for easy care roses. 6:30-8 P.M. at the Mt. Clemens Library, 150 Cass Ave. Free to MCMGA Members + 1 guest. \$5.00 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

**August 16**, Sterling Heights Nature Center..... 1.5 hrs Apply to project: Environmental Stewardship – Native Plants

**September 11**, Highlighting the Evening Garden .. 1 hr. Apply to project: Community: Beautification – Public areas

**October 17**, Preparing the Garden for Winter..1 hr. Apply to project: Community: Beautification – Public areas

**November 14**, Garden Rooms.....1 hr. Apply to project: Community: Beautification – Public areas

## Fundraisers

### Think Christmas!

#### 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.

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to go beyond being a part of the community to also helping create a stronger community. We appreciate your participation in our Community Rewards program to help accomplish that mission!

We have recently upgraded our Community Rewards system, and as a result, your Non-Profit Organization (NPO) has a new account number. **(CQ024)** Please reference the new number when contacting us for assistance. New members can enroll by searching for either the **new number** or the **name of your organization**.

[Kroger Community Rewards.com](http://Kroger Community Rewards.com)

Sign in/Register for Kroger Rewards Account

Proceed as directed

Edit Kroger Community Rewards, enter Kroger Plus Card #

Enter NPO – CQ024 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 **(Think Christmas!)**

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:

### Indoor and Holiday Plant Care

Join the "Homemakers and Handymen" group on **Thursday, December 6**, at 7:00 p.m. for information and discussion on the care of indoor and holiday plants. Homemakers and Handymen meet on the first Thursday of the month at Metropolitan Church of the Nazarene, 18945 Frazho Rd., Roseville, 48066. Everyone is welcome! If you need further information contact Mary Gerstenberger at [mgmgerst4x4@gmail.com](mailto:mgmgerst4x4@gmail.com)



### Smart Gardening with Vegetables 101 Webinar Series

This MSUE webinar series will cover basic gardening start to finish. **Begins on January 22** and runs through February 26, 2019. Time is 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Registration by January 12 is \$30, from January 12 through January 17 cost is \$40.00. **No registration after January 17.** For more information or to register go online to: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/SGVEG101JAN2019>

# Happy Holidays!

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