



# Macomb County Master Gardener Association Monthly News

February 2019 -----

*Happy Valentine's Day*



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## General Information

### MCMGA Membership

Those Master Gardeners who wish to be a member of both the local Macomb County Master Gardener Association (MCMGA) and the state association (MMGA) must pay the \$15.00 membership fee to the local association. The MCMGA will then send in the \$5.00 fee for its members to the MMGA. The deadline to register for the MMGA must be met for the local association, MCMGA, as well. Emeritus status pay a \$10.00 MCMGA membership fee since they do not pay for VMS recertification. Alumni members of the MCMGA pay a \$10.00 MCMGA membership fee since they cannot be a member of the state association and have no voting rights. Membership forms are now on our website:

[www.macombcountymga.com](http://www.macombcountymga.com) Fees and forms can be sent to our P.O. Box (See address at end of newsletter) or brought to any of our educational or association meetings (held at the Mt. Clemens Library, 150 Cass Ave., Mt. Clemens). **Paying fees to the local or state association is not the same as re-certification! The \$20.00 cost of Master Gardener re-certification is only handled through the VMS.**

**Membership Forms and Project Grant forms are now available on the MCMGA website.**

**Next Board of Directors Meeting is Thursday, February 7 , at 2:00 p.m.**



## MCMGA Quarterly Meeting report

Attendance: 36 members

Lisa Lane, President's Report: Lisa welcomed everyone to the meeting. She reported that a survey for the membership is expected to come out in March. Janet Kaltzenbach was recognized for her achievement in establishing the butterfly garden at the Clinton Township Senior Center.

David Putt, Vice-President and Education Chairperson: David reviewed upcoming educational programs. All programs except for the February Pruning class will be held at the Mt. Clemens Library. On August 13, Janet Macunovich is scheduled to give 2 lectures in one night and there may be a need to add a cost for members to help cover the speakers fee. A Master Gardener Projects Garden Tour is being planned for this summer in either June or July and details will be coming.

Joann Roman, Treasurer: Financial report was given with a reminder that our balance is down which led to raising the dues, since we were paying out more than was coming in. Joann reminded members that we are participating in the Kroger Community Rewards program and it would be helpful if members would sign up for it. It was suggested by a member to also check the Amazon Smile program.

Mary Gerstenberger, Secretary: Member cards have all the MCMGA contact information on the back of the card. The different fees and dues for the Master Gardener program and the MCMGA were reviewed. Members were reminded to get their individual projects approved to get volunteer hours. Mary reminded that the MCMGA has a free donation table where members can bring items in good condition that other members would be free to take. Magazines or books should be in a fairly recent time frame, probably not over 5 or 10 years old.

Dennis Beltz, Director-at-Large, Grant Committee Chairperson and By-Laws Committee Chairperson: Dennis reminded members that the Grant Application deadline is March 15. The Grant Guidelines and Application are on the MCMGA website. It is preferred that applications be emailed, but they may also be mailed to our P.O.Box. The By-Laws have been submitted to the MMGA for approval and will be brought before the membership for a vote at the annual meeting.

Karen Burke, MSUE: Reminded Master Gardeners that re-certification was still open and that if anyone had difficulty with it they could email her or call the office for help. We have two VMS Ambassadors who will be helping to track hours and 2 VMS Ambassadors who will be working on projects. The VMS Home page will be updated regularly with information and education opportunities. Karen encouraged MG's to enter their hours in a timely fashion.

Q & A:

- Janet asked about hospitality for the February pruning class. As it is in a different location, the MCMGA is not planning to provide refreshments.
- The suggestion was made to put out a donation can for the refreshment table.

Meeting adjourned.

# Educational Programs

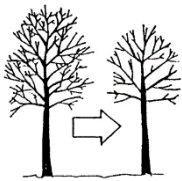


To register for any of the following events, please Email: [macombcountymga@yahoo.com](mailto:macombcountymga@yahoo.com) Please remember to bring your membership card and wear your MG badge to all events.

## 2019

**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 Everyone!

**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.

**MCMGA Quarterly Meeting will follow. Please attend.**



**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.

**Education Hours:**

January 17, 2019, Starting Dahlia’s Indoors, Project area: Community Beautification: Public Areas..... 1 Hr.

## 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.

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://KrogerCommunityRewards.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

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.



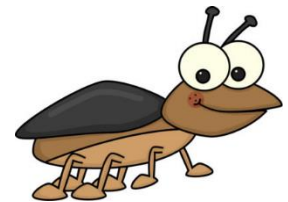
## Other Educational Events and Opportunities:

### Meadow Brook Garden Club Programs

For details go to: <https://meadowbrookhall.org/programs/meadow-brook-garden-club-programs/>

### Bugs in the House and Yard

The Homemakers and Handymen group will have a presentation and be discussing "Bugs in the House and Yard" on Thursday, **February 7, 2019**, starting at 7:00 p.m. Free program and everyone is welcome. Mary Gerstenberger will give the presentation and lead the discussion. Meeting is held at the Metropolitan Church of the Nazarene, 18945 Frazho Rd., Roseville. If you have questions you can contact Mary at [mgmgerst4x4@gmail.com](mailto:mgmgerst4x4@gmail.com)



### Troy Garden Club Programs

**February 13** - Monthly TGC meeting. George Papadelis, Owner/Operator, Telly's Landscaping and Nursery will present, "What's New for 2019".

For details go to: <http://troygardenclubmi.com/events/>



*Join the  
Macomb Bloomin' Sunflowers  
for their Spring Luncheon  
on  
Tuesday, March 12, 2019  
at the  
Italian American Cultural Center  
43843 Romeo Plank Rd. (south of Hall  
Rd) Clinton Township*

**Time:**                      Doors Open at 10:30 a.m.

**Musical Revue:**        **11:00 a.m.** - "That's Amore!!!" with Paul Ritchie  
An award-winning singer and songwriter from Macomb County will perform a one-man multi-media show that takes us to dream destinations (places our tours do not take us) through story and song ... it's love in London, Paris, Rome and all around the world. Paul has traveled extensively entertaining audiences worldwide for over 20 years on Cunard Cruise Lines' world famous ocean liners including the QE2, Queen Mary2, Queen Victoria and most recently the Queen Elizabeth.

**Buffet Lunch:**            **Noon** - Menu includes Chicken Picatta, Roasted Pork Loin, & Pasta  
Soft drinks are included - Cash Bar

**Guest Speaker:**        **After Lunch** - Belle Isle Piet Oudolf Garden Presentation  
Maura Campbell, the former President of the Garden Club of Michigan and currently a Belle Isle Piet Oudolf Garden Volunteer, will join Richard Thomas also a Volunteer to enlighten us about the new Piet Oudolf Garden planned for Belle Isle along with a Q&A.  
Piet Oudolf is the internationally renowned Dutch garden designer/horticulturist, nurseryman and author who created the High Line in NYC and the Lurie Garden in Chicago. The Belle Isle Conservancy, a 501(c)(3), acts as the fiscal sponsor for this garden project and is dedicated to improving Belle Isle for the people of southeast Michigan and its visitors.

**Cost:**                        \$28 pp includes Buffet Lunch, "That's Amore" Musical Revue with Paul Ritchie, and Piet Oudolf Garden Presentation by Maura Campbell and Richard Thomas

**Spring Luncheon Program is open to Everyone!!! Bring a Friend!!!**

Please mail checks payable to Pat Cencek to: 13317 Whittier Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48312  
Any questions, please call Pat at 586-795-4601 or send an email ... rcencek@comcast.net



**Deadline Date: March 5, 2019 (No Refunds after Deadline)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Please include information for all attendees.

**FRIENDLY GARDENER MEETINGS**

**Riverwood Community Church**

**7:00 pm \*\*\* \$3 donation appreciated \*\*\* Guests Welcome\*\*\* Refreshments Served**

12000 Clinton River Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Located on west side of Clinton River Road, south of 19 mile \*\*\* Next (north) to Farmstead Park

**MARCH 14, 2019: GARY EICHEN \*\*\* 7:00 pm \*\*\* \$3 donation appreciated**

**Healthy Lawn Care Program for Watershed Protection** This program is about how homeowners can have a green, healthy lawn, but also reduce the amounts of fertilizer and weed control used, sometimes eliminating weed control altogether. It explains soil biology, how grass plants grow, and proper cultural practices. It also informs homeowners that prefer to have a Lawn Service, about the Michigan Green Industry Assoc. industry sponsored program of companies who follow the guidelines of the Healthy Lawn Program. Gary will also discuss organic fertilizer.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Pruning Schedule for SSJP Orchard:**

**February**

Saturday, February 9, 1-3 p.m. Orchard Restoration and Pruning Program,  
Indoor Presentation at SSJP Church, outdoor hands-on pruning at SSJP Orchard  
Friday, February 22, 10-12 a.m.

**March**

Sunday, March 3, 1-3 p.m..  
Saturday, March 9, 1-3 p.m.  
Friday, March 15, 10-12 a.m.  
Saturday, March 23, 1-3 p.m.  
Sunday, March 31, 1-3 p.m.

**Dress for the Weather, wear boots and gloves, bring pruning tools. Meet at the shed behind the church! [radnewlin@gmail.com](mailto:radnewlin@gmail.com)**

SSJP Orchard is located behind St. John and Paul Catholic Church at 7777 28 Mile Rd. Washington Township., between Campground and Mound Roads! Meet at the shed behind the church! Lost? Questions? Contact [radnewlin@gmail.com/586-321-5492](mailto:radnewlin@gmail.com/586-321-5492).

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