



Macomb County Master Gardener Association Monthly News

January 2020 ----- *Happy New Year!*

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General Information Renewal, Fees and Dues Clarification!!



Optional:

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** (Alumni members are former Master Gardeners who have not re-certified in the VMS) **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 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.**

Those Master Gardeners who wish to be only a member of the state Michigan Master Gardener Association (MMGA) need to send a separate \$5.00 payment to the MMGA. Please remember that there is a deadline to register as a member of the MMGA.

A must for all Master Gardeners:

All Master Gardeners who wish to remain certified must complete the re-certification process on the VMS and connect to the payment site where you pay the **\$20.00** re-certification fee. Checks are made payable to Michigan State and sent to Events Management in Lansing. Please do this before January 25, as late fees will be assessed if you miss the re-certification deadline. Go to the VMS for details.

Please be sure to read the Code of Conduct when you re-certify. Wearing the Master Gardener Badge is only allowed for active, certified Master Gardeners listed in the VMS. Badges are only to be worn when actively volunteering or attending an educational program or conference.

MCMGA Quarterly Member Meeting

January 8th, 2020

President: Lisa

Lisa introduced new MG trainees at the meeting and welcomed them to the association.

Reported that we need to find someone to fill the vacancy on the board which is currently the secretary position. Members were told to email or let a board member know if they were interested in running. Jean Perseley suggested to explain what the secretary's duties are to help people decide if they would be interested in filling this position.

Lisa also discussed that we are currently looking for new venues for meetings and education events. Several locations were discussed. Central location will be preferred with the ability to hold up to 100 people, have audio equipment and allow us to take money on site. Some suggestions were coffee shops, bookstores, Nino's.

A possible native plant sale was purposed based on a recent email sent to the association.

We do not want it to conflict with the Yardeners. Suggestion to hold at the Mt Clemens Farmers Market or also during the restoration workshop for invasive to be held by David Putt and David Newlin.

Vice President: David

David updated everyone on the education events that are currently scheduled. March will be Pam Gors from Wild Birds unlimited. April 14th. will be Jean Perseley on Rain Gardens.

Locations to investigate for events: Funeral Home, St Hubert, St. Peter's MC, St. Thecla, Senior Center of Clinton Township

Two workshops are planned on invasive plants,

1. How to record plants
2. What to do to replace after removal with native plants.

Will be held at an outside location possible late June, July August, (Maybe Native plant sale to coincide with location of workshop?)

Treasurer: JoAnn

No membership cards available today, if you do not come to Feb or March event then they will be mailed to you.

Joann wrote Thank you note for donation to Monarch Watch in lieu of payment to John Blair.

Last year balance 3,507

Member at Large: Dennis Beltz

Grant update for 2020
Deadline March 15th, 2020
Email or mail grant application, forms are on the website.
4 awards up to \$150.00 each

By laws need to finish ASAP, lots of trouble with responses from MMGA past year, ready for approval, committee agreed to meet on Friday January 17th at 10:00 to complete and submit bylaws for final approval. Plan to vote on them at April Meeting.

Karen Burke

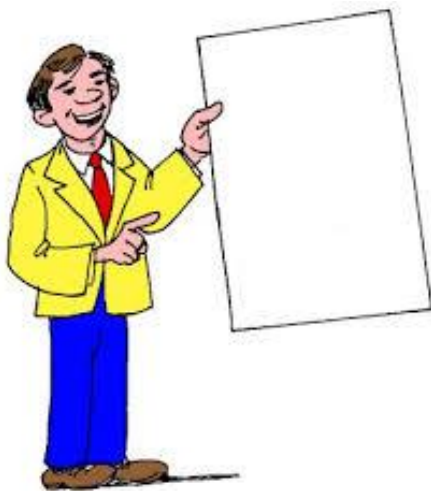
Introduced and thanked VMS Ambassadors.
Upcoming class on what and how to input in VMS will be held by Karen Burke and David Lowenstein.

Karen answered questions regarding recertification.

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



Next Board of Directors Meeting is February 6, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.



ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN OUR MASTER GARDENER BANQUET PROGRAM

Space is now available to advertise your business! \$10.00 for a business card size advertisement. Your advertisement will be featured in the Macomb County Master Gardener Annual Awards Program in Spring of 2020. Simply submit your company's business card with a check payment of \$10.00 to the address below. Deadline to submit your business card with payment March 31st, 2020 Please make check payable to MSU Extension C/O Banquet Committee

MSU Extension Office
21885 Dunham Road, Suite 12
Clinton Township, MI 48036

Educational Programs



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

2020

Tuesday, February 18 Ben Cohen, owner of Small House Farm will speak on “An entertaining look at Seeds and Seed Saving”. 6:30 PM. (1.0 Education Hr.—Environmental Stewardship-Native Plants). Suggested donation of \$5.00 for MCMGA members + 1 guest. Suggested \$10.00 donation for all others. Location: Clinton-Macomb Library, 40900 Romeo Plank Road, Clinton Township.

Wednesday, March 25 Pam Gors, of Wild Birds Unlimited will speak on “Providing Habitat for Birds in Your Garden”. 6:30 PM. (1.0 Education Hr.—Environmental Stewardship-Native Plants). Free to MCMGA members + 1 guest. Suggested donation of \$5.00 for all others. Location: Mt. Clemens Library, 150 Cass Ave.

Tuesday, April 14 Jean Persely, Master Rain Gardener will speak on “Rain Gardens”. 6:30 PM. **Followed by Quarterly Meeting.** (1.0 Education Hr.—Environmental Stewardship-Water Resources). Free to MCMGA members + 1 guest. Suggested donation of \$5.00 for all others. Location: Mt. Clemens Library, 150 Cass Ave.



To register for these events: send an email that you will be attending to macombcountymga@yahoo.com

Education Hours 2020

Wednesday, January 8 – “Cultivating Your Green Thumb Indoors”. **1.0 Education Hr.**—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 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

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 *Now \$12.00 for* bags and aprons, \$12.00 *Now \$10.00 for* mugs..



Other Educational Events and Opportunities:

Master Gardener Class

MSUE will be offering the Master Gardener Volunteer Training on Monday nights from March 2 – June 15, 2020, from 5:00-9:00p.m. Registration fee is \$325 which includes the manual and Volunteer Selection Process background check. For details and to enroll go to:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/mgvpspringmacomb20/> Registration deadline February 17, 2020.

Meadow Brook Garden Club Programs

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

Troy Garden Club Programs

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

Travel with the Macomb Bloomin' Sunflowers to the:

GRAND CANYON

April 21 – May 2, 2020



DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS



Join us to the Grand Canyon National Park, one of the world's most spectacular landscapes. Its pine and fir forests, painted deserts, sandstone canyons, mesas and plateaus, volcanic and geologic features, streams and waterfalls, and the Colorado River all help to breathtakingly combine and form one of the Earth's greatest landmarks. The Grand Canyon is the only one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World located in North America. Our journey takes us through Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Illinois ... stopping at many historic landmarks, museums, gardens and iconic sights along our route including the Hoover and Lincoln Presidential Museums. Spring blooming flowers and outstanding scenery will brighten our days at premier gardens and in the desert southwest.

Tour Includes:

- Round-trip Motorcoach Transportation & Driver's Tip
- 11 Nights Lodging – 1 – Drury Inn & Suites (Iowa City, IA), 1 - Fairfield Inn (Grand Island, NE), 1 – Drury Inn & Suites (Colorado Springs, CO), 2 – Homewood Suites Buffalo Thunder Santa Fe (NM); 3 – Fairfield Inn Flagstaff East (AZ); 1 - Hampton Inn Santa Rosa, (NM); 1 – Hilton Garden Inn Midtown (Tulsa, OK), 1 – Drury Inn & Suites (Springfield, IL)
- Step-On Guides/ – Garden of the Gods/Manitou Springs (CO), Santa Fe (NM), Grand Canyon/Sedona (AZ)
- National Parks/Monuments/State Park fees
- Guide, hotel and included meal taxes/gratuities
- Meals: 11 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners, 8 Lunches, 4 Evening Receptions
- Admissions/Fees – Hoover Presidential Museum, Lauritzen Gardens, Lincoln Sunken Gardens, Kearney Archway, Denver Botanic Gardens, Santa Fe Botanical Gardens, Grand Canyon National Park, Petrified Forest National Park/Painted Desert, Albuquerque Balloon Museum, ABQ Botanic Gardens, Amarillo Botanic Gardens, Philbrook Mansion/Gardens, & Lincoln Presidential Museum plus a visit to Jackalope Nursery (Santa Fe)
- Juice & pastry on departure – Ample snacks and bottle water enroute
- **Please note: Major walking/uneven terrain with touring many of the days. High altitudes are widespread in the southwest.**



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Per person double occupancy
Single occupancy: \$2699
Triple occupancy: \$1795

Limited Seats — Please get your reservation in ASAP. A deposit of \$500 is required to make a reservation. Balance is due by March 20. Itinerary will be mailed out 2 weeks before the tour. Partial refund possible after March 20 based on vendor commitments at time of cancellation. Full refund with replacement.

This travel tour is open to everyone and has been designed to learn more about the field of horticulture. Pat Cencek, Master Gardener/Travel Tour Coordinator has put together this tour. Any questions, feel free to contact Pat at 586-795-4601. Make checks payable to Pat Cencek and mail to: 13317 Whittier Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48312.

The Macomb Bloomin' Sunflowers & National Trails (bus company) are not responsible for any loss or damage of personal property, injury or any negligence of any restaurants, lodging or other properties used for this tour. By registering for this tour, you agree to this disclaimer.

Please make \$500 deposit check payable to: "Pat Cencek" Grand Canyon Tour
Final payment is due March 20 mail to: 13317 Whittier Drive
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Name _____ E-mail _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Roommate _____

All rooms will be non-smoking and will have two beds unless you have another preference. Let us know if you have a special request or need a roommate.

Email: macombcountymga@yahoo.com

Website: <http://www.macombcountymga.com/>

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