



Macomb County Master Gardener Association Monthly News

June 2019 -----
Happy Father's Day!



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General Information



***DON'T FORGET -----
MCMGA Garden Tour June 22!
Tickets available at the June 12 program –
cost \$5.00***

Next Board of Directors Meeting is June 6, at 2:00 p.m.

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.

2019

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 and their sources 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. 6:30-8 P.M. at the Mt. Clemens Library, 150 Cass Ave. **Free to MCMGA Members + 1 guest. \$5.00 for all others. (1.5 education hours--Project area: Community Beautification--Public Areas)**



Saturday June 22 MCMGA Garden Tour

Cost is \$5.00, Tour Book provided

Tickets may be purchased in advance at the May and June educational programs, or the day of at a garden center location to be determined.

A.M. Tours --- 9 to 1

P.M. Tours --- 1 to 5

Up to 10 Projects will be available to tour. For more information go to the MCMGA website at www.macombcountymga.com



Thursday July 18, 2019

“Butterfly Gardening”. John Blair, will share his more than 20 years of experience in designing native habitats for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds. 6:30-7:30 P.M. at the Mt. Clemens Library, 150 Cass Ave. Free to MCMGA Members + 1 guest. \$5.00 for all others. **Quarterly Meeting to Follow. (1.0 education hour—Project area: Environmental Stewardship: IPM-Pollinators)**

MCMGA Quarterly Meeting will follow. Please attend.





Janet Macunovich Doubleheader!

Tuesday August 13, 2019

"Plant it Well, Even When the Roots are Wrong"

and

"Weeds: To Know Them is to Beat Them"

Janet Macunovich, author of several gardening books, newspaper columnist and provider of the on-line gardening help site, Garden A to Z will give two presentations. First up is "Plant it Well, Even When the Roots are Wrong." As Janet explains, the gardening community, nation-wide, is already suffering the effects and facing even more calamity because of the condition of roots in nearly all woody plants being produced. It is very likely the people doing the planting and aftercare have absolutely no idea of what's up. The root situation causes immediate failures, but even worse it causes poor growth, health problems, and plant death in the long run. In her presentation, she will explain the problem, help people recognize the symptoms in the plants they are growing and buying, and demonstrate individual-planting solutions. Next up is "Weeds: To Know Them is to Beat Them." This is one of Janet's most popular presentations and she gives an in-depth look at how to remove weeds and keep them out of the garden, with many how-to examples featuring some of the most common and worst weeds a gardener confronts. **6:00-8:00 PM** at the Mt. Clemens Library, 150 Cass Ave. **\$5.00 to MCMGA Members and \$10.00 for all others. (2.0 education hours--Project area: Community Beautification --Public areas)**

Thursday September 5, 2019

"Healthy Soils and Wise Fertilizing". Sue Grubba, landscape designer since 1985 and founder of the company, Creative Scapes. Sue's presentation is built along the premise that healthy soil is the key to gardening success. Learn how focusing on soil and fertilizer can eliminate many other chores and problems. You'll see what's in the soil, how to change it and how it affects our choice of plants, soil additives and planting techniques. 6:30-7:30 P.M. at the Mt. Clemens Library, 150 Cass Ave. Free to MCMGA Members + 1 guest. \$5.00 for all others. **Annual Meeting to follow. (1.0 education hour—Project area: Environmental Stewardship: Soils/Soil Testing)**



MCMGA Annual Meeting will follow. Please attend!

Wednesday October 9, 2019

"Bees, Pollination and Beekeeping". Dave Putt, Advanced Master Gardener and MCMGA Board Member, will begin by explaining the many different types of bees in Michigan and their role as pollinators. This will be followed by a primer on beekeeping with emphasis on how you can become a beekeeper. 6:30-7:30 P.M. at the Mt. Clemens Library, 150 Cass Ave. Free to MCMGA Members + 1 guest. \$5.00 for all others. **(1.0 education hour—Project area: Environmental Stewardship: IPM -Pollinators.)**

Tuesday November 12, 2019

"Succulents". George Papadelis, owner of Telly's Greenhouse will share his knowledge of growing and selecting succulents for your home and garden. 6:30-7:30 P.M. at the Mt. Clemens Library, 150 Cass Ave. Free to MCMGA Members + 1 guest. \$5.00 for all others. **(1.0 education hour--Project area: Community Beautification--Public Areas)**

Education Hours 2019:

- January 17**, Starting Dahlia’s Indoors, Project area: Community Beautification: Public Areas..... 1 Hr.
- February 9**, Orchard Restoration and Pruning Program, Project area: Food: Produce for Donation – St. John and Paul Church Apple Orchard..... 2 Hrs.
- March 26**, Wildflowers in Michigan Gardens Project area: Environmental Stewardship—Native Plants...2 Hrs.
- April 18**, Seed Starting, Project area: Environmental Stewardship—Soils/Soil Testing..... 1 Hr.
- May 14**, Heirloom Vegetables, Project area: Food-General Gardens.....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 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.

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

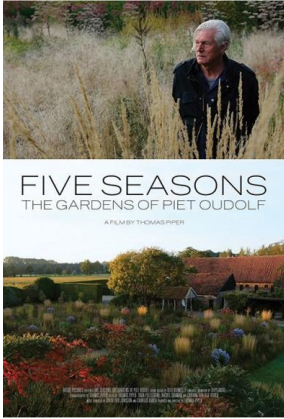
You will see group name on right side of page. Questions/Problems: 877-576-7587

MCMGA Items Available for Purchase *Special Sale!!*

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:



*Join the
Macomb Bloomin' Sunflowers
for a special screening of
"Five Seasons: The Gardens
Of Piet Oudolf"*

*(A Fundraiser for the Piet Oudolf
Garden on Belle Isle)*

When: Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Where: Okulski Theatre, 14920 Windmill Pointe Drive, Grosse Pointe Park (located in Windmill Pointe Park). At Park entrance gate, just mention you are there for the movie. (Please note: This venue has stairs & limited theatre-style seating)

Matinee Time: 2:00 P.M. (There will be a short introduction to the movie by a Piet Oudolf Garden Volunteer)

Movie: *"Five Seasons: The Gardens of Piet Oudolf"*

An award-winning documentary about the internationally renowned Dutch garden designer/horticulturist and plantsman who created the High Line Garden in NYC and the Lurie Garden in Chicago.

It has been quoted, "the Dutch landscaper has become famous the world over for his breathtaking projects: from New York's High line to his prairie garden in Somerset, England, to his private garden and test beds at Hummelo in his native Holland". It was a stroke of genius for filmmaker Thomas Piper to convince Oudolf to allow him to film his creative process, and what he has created in *"Five Seasons The Gardens of Piet Oudolf"*. The documentary is an elegant, poignant, and unprecedented glimpse into the 74-year old designer's world and thoughts. It is a tantalizing 75 minute documentary in which to lose yourself in one man's vision and passion.

Concessions: Popcorn & Fountain Drinks available for purchase (No outside food allowed in the Theatre)

Cost: \$20 – All proceeds to the Piet Oudolf Foundation that funds the maintenance endowment. This documentary movie screening is open to Everyone!!! Bring a Friend!!!

Please mail checks payable to Pat Cencek to: 13317 Whittier Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48312. The movie has been approved for MSU Extension Master Gardener education hours. Any questions, please contact Pat at 586-795-4601 or send an email ... rcencek@comcast.net

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Deadline Date: June 3, 2019 (No Refunds after Deadline)

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Please include information for all attendees.

Yardeners of St. Clair Shores

All Presentations are free and will be held at the St. Clair Shores Library located at the corner of 11 Mile & Jefferson

SATURDAY, JUNE 8 – 9am to noon YARDENERS NATIVE PLANT SALE



Advanced orders encouraged, MAY 24 is the deadline to place your order for pick up on the day of the sale at the **Selinsky- Green Farmhouse Museum** behind the St. Clair Shores Library parking lot, located at the corner of 11 Mile and Jefferson. This is your opportunity to introduce or add native plants to your gardens. When we grow native plants in our own yards, we create vital Michigan habitat areas to help ensure the continued existence of both plants and wildlife. Native plants are beautiful and they attract birds, butterflies and bees, all important pollinators.

The Yardeners of St. Clair Shores is a non-profit group dedicated to achieving beneficial environmental results by teaching and practicing earth friendly gardening. This includes the use of Native Plants, wildlife habitat landscaping, composting and Integrated Pest Management minimizing the use of harmful chemicals. The funds we raise go back into the community through donations, educational programs and planting projects. For more information please contact Laurel Fowler at (586) 415-7110 or email scsyardeners@gmail.com . Everyone is welcome to attend Yardener meetings. There are no fees or dues to pay nor is membership required. The scheduled meeting dates are February 11, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, and November 25 at 7:00 pm. All meetings are held at the St.Clair Shores Library at the corner of 11 Mile and Jefferson.

Friendly Gardener

Location: Riverwood Community Church (Directions below)

Guests are welcome. Guests please fill out a **green information** slip on your **first** visit.

JUNE 13, 2019 SUE KEEHN* 7:00 pm *** \$3 donation appreciated**

Creating Island Gardens: Explores the creation of an "island" garden. Presentation includes 52 slides, allowing a 360 degree view of a beautifully planted garden. It explores all aspects of creating this style of garden including site selection, size, height, plant use, focal points and design, along with many inspiring pictures of island garden examples ready for use.

& PLANT EXCHANGE –Please label all plants with name of plant, color, sun/shade, your name

Directions to Riverwood Community Church:

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

For more information contact: gailstraughen@gmail.com

Meadow Brook Garden Club Programs

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

Troy Garden Club Programs

Troy Garden Club meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month. Meetings begin with check-in at 11:45 AM and a light lunch at 12:00 noon. Guests: \$7.00 Speakers begin at 1:00 PM. Location: Big Beaver United Methodist Church 3753 John R. Road, Troy, MI 48083 (just south of Wattles) Website:

www.TroyGardenClubMI.com

Volunteer Opportunities:

Don't forget to check the VMS for Projects that need volunteers!

Crocker House Docents Needed.

The Crocker House Garden Walk is scheduled for Saturday, June 29 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Would you like to be a volunteer garden docent? We have two shifts available; 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 to 4 p.m. You can tour the gardens during your off shift. If you are interested please have call Kim Parr, Director, at the museum at 586-465-2488 during the office hours of Tuesday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you would be interested in having your garden included on the Garden Walk, please contact Kim Parr as noted above for details and to see if you qualify.

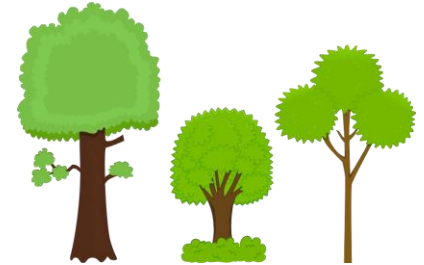
Tomlinson Arboretum Educational and Volunteer Opportunities

Special Events Schedule

Tomlinson Arboretum Committee and Friends of the Arboretum

EVENTS:

CMPL SPONSORED WALKING TOUR Saturday, June 1, 2019
Meet at the main branch of the Clinton Macomb Public Library at 10
A.M.



WILDFLOWER PRAIRIE MGs SURVEY* Saturday, June 8, 2019
Sponsored by ITC Holdings Corp., Martha Holzheuer, ECT Landscape Ecologist and Certified Ecological Restoration Practitioner, will be present to conduct a walking inspection to identify native wildflowers from invasive species & mark or eliminate the latter. Credit and learning opportunity for MGs. Picture Identification Manuals will be provided. 10 A.M. to Noon

SENIOR CENTER WALKING TOUR Thursday, June 13, 2019
Meet at 10:30 A. M. at the Historic Village. Tour lasts 1 ½ to 2 hours and is a 1 ½ mile round trip. In the event of inclement weather, the tour will be moved to the following Thursday, the 20th, at the same time.

WILDFLOWER PRAIRIE MGs SURVEY* Saturday, July 27, 2019
Sponsored by ITC Holding Corp., Martha Holzheuer, Certified ECT Landscape Ecologist, will be present to lead and direct an annual survey and inspection of the Prairie. Credit and Learning opportunity for MG's. Picture Identification Manuals will be provided. 10 A.M. to Noon

*Our objective is to identify and recruit some native wildflower stewards interested in learning about native wildflowers and helping Loretta Macklem, the Arboretum and Friends learn how to maintain this prairie and educate others to appreciate and enjoy it.

Clinton Township Historical Village

Located at the Clinton Township Civic Center, 40700 Romeo Plank Rd., (between the Clinton-Macomb Library and the Township offices), this project requests Master Gardeners to help by answering questions for residents visiting the gardens, tagging plants for identification, helping volunteers determine plants appropriate to the historical village and helping to maintain the gardens. Workdays are scheduled at various times – usually twice a month during the growing season.

Contact: Jeri Hungerford, Historical Society President, at gfhungerford@gmail.com
For more details and information you may also contact Susan Silver at 586-212-9637 or susanjeansilver@gmail.com.

Apply to Project: Community: Beautification – Public Areas

MT. CLEMENS FARMERS MARKET

June 22 – Strawberry Social

time: 8:00 till sold out

cost : TBD

Fresh, locally grown strawberries served on melt-in-your-mouth biscuits with a creamy topping. Don't miss this old fashioned, tasty treat! They will go *Fast!* They're 'BERRY' cool



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 7:30 AM - 11:30 AM. (**New Hours**)

To help with the **Information Booth** please sign up with Marilyn medcowalt@aol.com .The booth is open from 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM, Fridays and Saturdays. (May 4 thru October 26, 2019)

Join us, **EARN HOURS** and have fun. Work what ever fits your schedule. All help is greatly appreciated. Please bring your tools as we do not provide them and water, gloves, hat, etc. Leaf & Lawn bags will be supplied.

The Mt. Clemens Farmers Market is located at 141 North River Rd
The Market is open Fridays and Saturdays until November 23rd.

OUTREACH EVENTS: Master Gardener Booth-Mt. Clemens Farms Market

The Healing Gardens on Shoreline Drive

The Healing Gardens on Shoreline Drive are inviting interested gardeners to our project, it's a great place to earn your volunteer hours. We are located at: 14900 Shoreline Drive, the access road from Hayes to Lakeside Mall, just west of Penna's Banquet Center. They are regularly visited by residents from the adjacent Medilodge and those living in the nearby senior high rise apartments.

Volunteers usually find an area reflecting their interest, and their efforts are involved in typical garden chores to keep the area looking good, respond to changing conditions, and providing plant information to visitors through direct contact and informational signs.

The project allows volunteers to choose work times that fit their schedule; plus periodic group work days. This project is sponsored and supported by the Evangelical Homes of Michigan. Contact Sharon Patrick, sharonpat@wowway.com or 586-268-3626, for more information

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