



Macomb County Master Gardener Association Monthly News

March 2019 -----

Happy St. Patrick's Day



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General Information

MCMGA Membership – Join now if you haven’t already!

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 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. **Project Grants are due March 15!**

Next Board of Directors Meeting is Thursday, March 21, 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

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. (1.5 education hours--Project area: Environmental Stewardship—Native Plants.)**



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. Quarterly Meeting to follow. (1.0 education hour—Project area: Environmental Stewardship—Soils/Soil Testing).**

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. (1.0 education hour—Project area: Food-General Gardens)**

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
More Details Coming Soon!**

Thursday July 18, 2019 **(Tentative Date, Subject to Change)**

“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 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.

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 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/>

Troy Garden Club Programs

March 13 - Monthly TGC meeting. Jim Slezinski, Senior Landscape Designer and Horticulturist, VP of Goldner Walsh Garden & Home will present, "Growing and Enjoying Tropical Plants in Your Summer Garden and Landscape".

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



*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.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 11th - 7pm “HEALTHY LAWN CARE FOR WATERSHED PROTECTION” presentation by Gary Eichen. Gary is a certified Arborist with experience in Plant Health Care and Lawn Care. He is an accredited trainer for the MI Dept of Agriculture & Rural Development Certified Pesticide Applicator Core Program. Join us as we learn ways we can help keep our watershed healthy as we care for our lawns and gardens.

MONDAY, APRIL 8th - 7pm “SMALL WONDERS OF THE EARTH...WHY WE NEED BUGS?” presentation by Mike Reed. Mike has over 25 years of making people aware of the value of some of the earth’s smaller critters. He has mentored students of all ages with local elementary students giving him the nickname: the “Spiderman”. He will show us the world of spiders in our gardens.

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 meeting March 14 @ 7:00 pm

Location: Riverwood Community Church (Directions below)

March 14th Topic: Healthy Lawn Care Program for Watershed Protection by Gary Eichen. This topic is one we had several requests to repeat. Bring your spouse or neighbors if they do the fertilizing or grass cutting, as Gary gives excellent advice on lawn care. 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. Gary will also discuss organic fertilizer options. 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

Meeting Donation: To cover expenses a **donation of \$3** per meeting is appreciated. Please avoid paying with coins if possible, this helps make counting easier.

Refreshments will be served from 7:00 -7:15 during social time.

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

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

Volunteer Opportunities:

Pruning Schedule for SSJP Orchard:

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.



For more information, contact me at radnewlin@gmail.com, text me or call me and leave a message at 586-321-5492

Dress for the Weather, wear boots and gloves, bring pruning tools. Meet at the shed behind the church!

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.

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. The gardens were established by a dedicated group of master gardener's 30 years ago, and have been continuously maintained since then, extending more than a football field in length with a sidewalk meandering throughout. 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.

The Medilodge will host our planning meeting for returning volunteers as well as newcomers on March 21st, at 6:30 p.m., refreshments will be served.

Contact Sharon Patrick, sharonpat@wowway.com or 586-268-3626, for more information or to advise that you will attend the planning meeting, (please leave a message if no answer).

MT. CLEMENS FARMERS MARKET

ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP DAYS



Saturday, April 20, 2019

Saturday, April 27, 2019

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 A.M.

Lawn & Leaf bags will be provided.

Please e-mail Marilyn if you are available.

Saturday, May 4, 2019 the Market will open.

This will be Flower Daze thru June 1, 2019.

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.

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

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