



# Macomb County Master Gardener Association Monthly News

May 2019 -----

*Happy Mother's Day!*



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## General Information

**Next Board of Directors Meeting is May 9, at 2:00 p.m.**

### Quarterly meeting minutes from April 18:

Meeting opened at 7:35 p.m.

Lisa Lane, President, reported on results from 44 of the surveys taken in March. Several of the suggestions for educational programs are in the works for 2020 including: rain gardens, shade gardens, ponds, and extending the season. Field trips are also being considered. We are hoping to schedule fund raisers with some of the garden centers members indicated that they shop at. We have 65% of our members using Facebook. If details from the survey are desired, members can place a request for them through our email: [macombcountymga@yahoo.com](mailto:macombcountymga@yahoo.com)

Lisa announced that there is a sale on MCMGA products: \$2.00 off mugs and \$3.00 off aprons and bags.

David Putt, Vice-President and Education Chair, presented an update on education programs and details on the June 22, Garden Walk. Cost of the walk is \$5.00 and tickets can

be purchased in advance at the May and June educational programs. Tickets the day of the walk will be available at a local garden center, location to be determined.

David reminded us that seating is limited to 100 for the Janet Macunovich presentation in August. There is a charge for everyone attending (\$5.00 for members, \$10.00 for general public). Register early!

Joann Roman, Treasurer, gave the financial report. Three new members joined this evening. Total membership stands at 87, down from last year. Dues to the MMGA have been paid for all members who are actively certified Master Gardeners for this year.

Joann reminded members that they need to register for MCMGA educational programs by 4:00 p.m. the day of the class if they wish to find their name on the “registered for class” list.

Mary Gerstenberger, Secretary, reminded members that they need to print their email information clearly as we have had a number of problems with recording them. Recognition was given to those who received special awards at the Master Gardener Banquet:

Forsythia Award to David Putt  
Unsung Hero Award to Marcia Schwarz  
Master Gardener of the Year to Lisa Lane

Dennis Beltz, Member-at-Large, Chair of Grant and By-Laws Committees, reported that the By-laws have been sent to the MMGA and are in the process of being reviewed. Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) will be reviewed and updated. Both By-laws and SOP will be posted on the MCMGA website.

Dennis met with two volunteers from the general membership who served as the Grant Committee. The committee looked at the value of the projects in relation to the goals of the MCMGA. Four \$150.00 grants were awarded to:

The Pollinator Garden of the MSUE Demo Garden – Ginny Crooks accepting  
St. John and Paul Orchard – Jeannie and David Newlin accepting  
Cherokee Elementary – Terri Wolf accepting  
Octagon House – David Putt accepting

Floor was opened to members for Q&A:

- Question on where we stood with Amazon Smiles. We have no updates yet.
- Lisa mentioned that there was an opportunity for a fund raiser at a Jimmy John’s parking lot rummage sale. She is looking into it.

- Jeanie Newlin made an announcement to the membership about a volunteer opportunity at St. Mary's School. Master Gardeners are needed to help students with planting on Growing Green Ecology Day, June 3, 2019. Students will range in age from Grade 1 – Grade 7. There will be a "Pollinators" presentation and students will move in groups to three 15 minute stations. Time is 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 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 and wear your MG badge to all events.

### 2019

**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



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](http://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 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.

## 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

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:

### 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. **Order forms and information is found at the end of this newsletter.**

The Gardeners 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](mailto:scsyardeners@gmail.com) . Everyone is welcome to attend Gardener 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.

### **Friendly Gardener meeting May 9 @ 7:00 pm**

Location: Riverwood Community Church (Directions below)

Everyone welcome! If you are a first-time visitor please fill out a green slip upon arrival.

#### **1. TOOL SHARPENING BY JON LINDNER**

Pruners \$1, Ax/Hatchet \$2, Shovel \$3, Lawn Mower Blade \$5.

**2. JEAN PERSELY: Pick a Pollinator!** We all love to love honey, but did you know that pollinators are more than just honey bees? Who else pollinates flowers? What food requires pollination? When you pick any one pollinator to focus on, they all win! Let's explore which pollinators like which plants as well as how and why we should create pollinator habitats.

**3. SEED & BULB EXCHANGE-**Label with name and color, sun/shade and place in a bag/envelope

Please no loose bulbs or seeds. These can be placed on the "New Home" table.

#### **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](mailto:gailstraughen@gmail.com)

## Basic Vegetable Gardening Class

The Center Line Community Garden is sponsoring a class on basic vegetable gardening on May 20, 6:00 p.m. at the Center Line Public Library, 7345 Weingartz St, Center Line, MI 48015.

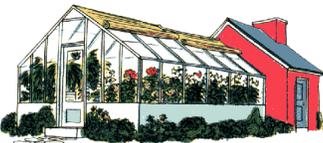
## Meadow Brook Garden Club Programs

### Meadow Brook Garden Club Perennial Plant Sale

Rochester, MI – Perennial plants are those that come back every year. Luckily, the Meadow Brook Garden Club Plant Sale does too, this year on **Thursday, May 16**. A large variety of Michigan grown plants, including many from the Meadow Brook Hall gardens, will be available at very reasonable prices. Several pots, both terra cotta and plastic, will also be available to purchase. Plan to shop from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Meadow Brook Hall located at 350 Estate Drive, Rochester, MI 48309. Credit cards are accepted. All proceeds benefit the gardens at Meadow Brook Hall. For further information, please call 248-364-6210, email [MBGCmembers@gmail.com](mailto:MBGCmembers@gmail.com), visit [www.meadowbrookhall.org](http://www.meadowbrookhall.org) or find us on Facebook.



### Meadow Brook Greenhouse Plant Sale



The Meadow Brook Greenhouse yearly plant sale of annuals will be held **Thursday, May 16** from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm and **Friday, May 17** from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Located at Meadow Brook Greenhouse 527 Golf View Ln., Rochester, MI 48309. Follow the signs on campus. Please call (248) 364-6171 for more information.

### Meadow Brook Garden Club Invites Gardeners

Meadow Brook Garden Club maintains the gardens on the estate grounds of Meadow Brook Hall, 350 Estate Drive, Rochester MI. 2019 gardening days are every Tuesday morning April 9 through October 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon.

All who are interested in gardening are invited to join in helping to maintain these beautiful gardens, designated as a Proven Winners Signature Garden. Master Gardeners and candidates will earn volunteer hours toward your Master Gardener required hours. Bring hand tools (pruners, trowel, cultivator) and any other gardening items that you normally use. Come and join us and meet fellow gardening enthusiasts. Experience is not required. For further information, call 248-364-6210 or contact [MBGCmembers@gmail.com](mailto:MBGCmembers@gmail.com).

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](http://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:

SPRING SPRUCE UP (First Saturday in May) May 4, 2019

Sign Up starts at 9:45 A.M. Meet at the West entrance of the Arboretum , located at 17855 18 Mile Road, East of Garfield in Clinton Township at Road End. Orientation and picture op starts at 10 A.M. followed immediately by planting opportunities for Blackgum, White Pine, Sycamore, Pin Oak, American Mountain Ash and American Beech.

Participant are encouraged to bring gloves and work clothes. Also a garden rake or a spade and a friend or neighbor or two.

A complimentary light luncheon will follow the event.

SENIOR CENTER BIRD WALK Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Bus and transportation provided from Senior Center. Meet at 9:30 A.M on Beechwood. Walk to west branch of Kukuk Creek, north to Canal Road and return. Estimated time: one hour. Anticipate uneven terrain. Led by Barbara Baldinger, Macomb Audubon Society Member and long time "birder," supporter and Friend of the Arboretum. In case of inclement weather, the bird walk will be moved to the following Wednesday, the 29<sup>th</sup>, at the same time.

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 20<sup>th</sup>, at the same time.

## 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](mailto:gfhungerford@gmail.com)

For more details and information you may also contact Susan Silver at 586-212-9637 or [susanjeansilver@gmail.com](mailto:susanjeansilver@gmail.com).

Apply to Project: Community: Beautification – Public Areas

## MT. CLEMENS FARMERS MARKET



*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](mailto: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 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**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](mailto:sharonpat@wowway.com) or 586-268-3626, for more information

## Docents needed for Indian Village Garden Tour

*(Volunteers may need to contact the Macomb MSUE office to check if the hours may be counted toward Master Gardener volunteer credit)*

On Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9, Indian Village will be hosting its 46th Home & Garden Tour. The Tour includes six beautiful homes, three churches, the historic Waldorf School, its Centennial Garden, and another public green space.



The Centennial garden was created from three empty lots in the neighborhood in 1996 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the auto industry in Detroit. We invite members of the Macomb County Master Gardeners to participate. We use SignupGenius for our volunteer signups.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a48a9ad22abfc1-20194>

Volunteers receive docent lanyards that enable them to tour the homes for free (normal admission is \$25). They are also invited to the Workers' Thank You Party on Saturday night as our guests (normal admission is \$20).

If there are other questions contact Kathy Krasity at [kathleenkrasity@yahoo.com](mailto:kathleenkrasity@yahoo.com) or Aislinn Scofield at [ivhgtour@gmail.com](mailto:ivhgtour@gmail.com).

# YARDENERS of St. Clair Shores 2019 Native Plant Sale

## Order Form

All plants are Michigan nursery grown perennials. Plants are in 2" pots and are \$2.50 each, or 5 pots for \$10 - species may be mixed.

**Pickup: Pre-ordered plants** are available for pickup at the Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum in St. Clair Shores (11 Mile Rd. just

east of Jefferson) during the stated hours of the Native Plant Sale: **Saturday, June 8, 2019 (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.)**

**Flowering Native Plants** *n* (nectar) *b* (birds – seeds or fruit) *lh* (butterfly larval host) *hm* (hummingbirds)

| Quantity | Common Name                                    | Scientific Name                     | Height | Sun   | Color     | Bloom Time |
|----------|--|-------------------------------------|--------|-------|-----------|------------|
| _____    | <b>Wild Columbine</b> ( <i>n, hm</i> )         | <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>         | 1-3'   | F – S | Red/White | May-June   |
| _____    | <b>Swamp Milkweed</b> ( <i>n, lh, hm</i> )     | <i>Asclepias incarnata</i>          | 2-4'   | F - P | Rose      | Jul - Aug  |
| _____    | <b>Whorled Milkweed</b> ( <i>lh, n</i> )       | <i>Asclepias verticillate</i>       | 1-3'   | F – P | White     | Jul-Aug    |
| _____    | <b>Sand Coreopsis</b> ( <i>n, b</i> )          | <i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>         | 1-2'   | F – P | Yellow    | Jun-Jul    |
| _____    | <b>Purple Coneflower</b> ( <i>n, b</i> )       | <i>Echinacea purpurea</i>           | 2-4'   | F – P | Pink      | Jul - Sep  |
| _____    | <b>Rose Mallow</b> ( <i>lh, n, hm</i> )        | <i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>          | 2-3'   | F – P | White     | Jul - Aug  |
| _____    | <b>Blue Flag Iris</b> ( <i>n</i> )             | <i>Iris virginica</i>               | 2-3'   | F – P | Blue      | Jun - Jul  |
| _____    | <b>Northern Blazing-star</b> ( <i>n, hm</i> )  | <i>Liatris scariosa</i>             | 2-3'   | F     | Pink      | Jul - Aug  |
| _____    | <b>Marsh Blazing-star</b> ( <i>n, hm</i> )     | <i>Liatris spicata</i>              | 2-4'   | F     | Pink      | Jul - Aug  |
| _____    | <b>Cardinal Flower</b> ( <i>n, hm</i> )        | <i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>           | 1-2'   | P     | Red       | Jul - Aug  |
| _____    | <b>Great Blue Lobelia</b> ( <i>n, hm</i> )     | <i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>          | 1-2'   | P     | Blue      | Jul - Sep  |
| _____    | <b>Bee-Balm</b> ( <i>n, hm</i> )               | <i>Monarda fistulosa</i>            | 2-3'   | F     | Lavender  | Jul - Aug  |
| _____    | <b>Foxglove Beardtongue</b> ( <i>n, hm</i> )   | <i>Penstemon digitalis</i>          | 2-3'   | F – P | White     | Jun - Jul  |
| _____    | <b>Prairie Phlox</b> ( <i>n</i> )              | <i>Phlox pilosa</i>                 | 2'     | F - P | Pink      | May-Jul    |
| _____    | <b>Wild Petunia</b> ( <i>n</i> )               | <i>Ruellia humilis</i>              | 1-1.5' | F     | Lavender  | Jun - Aug  |
| _____    | <b>Stiff Goldenrod</b> ( <i>n</i> )            | <i>Solidago rigida</i>              | 2-5'   | F     | Yellow    | Aug - Oct  |
| _____    | <b>Prairie Heart-leaved Aster</b> ( <i>n</i> ) | <i>Symphotrichum oolentangiense</i> | 2-3'   | F – P | Blue      | Aug-Oct    |
| _____    | <b>Tall Meadow-rue</b> ( <i>n</i> )            | <i>Thalictrum dasycarpum</i>        | 3-6'   | P - S | Cream     | Jun-Jul    |
| _____    | <b>Early Meadow-rue</b> ( <i>n</i> )           | <i>Thalictrum dioicum</i>           | 2-3'   | P - S | Green     | Apr-May    |

Quantity Total x \$2.50 each -- OR 5 plants for \$10

**Total Amount Due (check payable to Marcia Schwarz/Yardeners) – DUE BY MAY 24, 2019**

Mail Order Form with check to: Marcia Schwarz, 22024 L'Anse, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

Please keep a copy for yourself.

**NAME: PHONE:**

**ADDRESS:**

**E-MAIL:**

Are you already on the Yardeners' mailing list (email or overland)? Please circle one: Yes No

**"PLANT MILKWEED...ENJOY MONARCHS!"**

**THANK YOU!**

Please LIKE us on FACEBOOK ...Yardeners of St. Clair Shores

## Culture Guide for Using Native Plants

• **Right plant, right place!** Even though these plants may be native to your area, they have specific conditions under which they flourish. To ensure success, choose plants that meet these conditions or adjust the conditions that you have to meet their needs.

• **Be aware of growth patterns.** Some plants grow and/or spread quickly, while others take time. Some plants will remain small while others grow quite tall. Some can be aggressive and need space or tending. Keep this in mind when planning and planting.

• **Plan, plan, plan!** But don't be afraid to experiment and try new plants. They may grow differently in your yard than expected, and grow differently in different places in your yard.

For more information, refer to Landscaping with *Native Plants of Michigan* by Lynn Steiner

**Plant that prefer well-drained to dry, often nutrient poor soil** (NOTE: These plants may not do well in typical fertile garden soils)

• Whorled Milkweed • Sand Coreopsis • Prairie Phlox • Wild Petunia

Others good plants for these conditions include: Little Bluestem, Side-oats Grama and Prairie Dropseed (grasses); Hairy Beardtongue, Prairie Smoke, Flowering Spurge, and Early and Gray Goldenrods.

**Plants that prefer moist to wet soils** (may need additional watering during hot, dry summers; good for rain gardens)

- Cardinal Flower
- Swamp Milkweed
- Rose Mallow
- Marsh Blazing Star
- Great Blue Lobelia

**Plants with attractive foliage.** These plants are valuable not only for their flowers but their foliage before and after blooming

- Wild Columbine (foliage may die back in mid-summer but will return as the weather cools)
- Early and Tall Meadow-rue (both have foliage reminiscent of maiden-hair fern)

**Plants with vertical flower stalks or clusters above basal plants.** Height listed may reflect that of flower stalk, not actual plant base.

- Sand Coreopsis
- Southern Blue Flag Iris
- Blazing-stars
- Cardinal Flower
- Great Blue Lobelia
- Foxglove Beardtongue
- Prairie Heart-leaved Aster
- Meadow-rues

**Plants that need good air flow** (susceptible to mildew during late summer)

- Wild Columbine • Bee-balm

**Plants that will self-sow.** Under the right conditions, these plants will grow readily from seed if the spent flowers are not removed

- Wild Columbine
- Swamp Milkweed
- Sand Coreopsis
- Great Blue Lobelia
- Wild Petunia
- Heart-leaved Aster

**Plants that may spread** may need to be trimmed back/dug up to restrict spreading. Can be aggressive.

- Prairie Heart-leaved Aster (spreads by rhizomes)

**Plants that are larval hosts for butterflies.** Look for eggs and caterpillars. Leave dead plant material to support pupae.

- Swamp & Whorled Milkweed (monarch)
- Rose Mallow (painted lady; may also be prone to Japanese beetle and sawfly)

**Plants that provide seeds for birds.** Refrain from dead-heading; these plants will provide much needed food for migrating and over-wintering birds, particularly goldfinches (who do stay for the winter – the males just aren't bright yellow any more!)

- Sand Coreopsis • Purple Coneflower

**Plants that provide nectar.** Nectar isn't just good for honey bees and butterflies. Many other bees, small wasps, flies (especially bee and wasp

mimics), moths, even beetles and ants, will use the nectar from many of the smaller flowers

- Platform flowers like the swamp milkweed and stiff goldenrod are good for large butterflies
- Small compound flowers like asters attract many small, interesting pollinators
- Asters and goldenrods are crucial for migratory butterflies, like monarchs
- Spike flowers like blazing-stars and Great Blue Lobelia attract many different pollinators
- Bumblebees and other solitary bees love foxglove beardtongue! (and they don't sting – really!)

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