



# Macomb County Master Gardener Association Monthly News

## November 2018



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## General Information

### Reminder:

As the calendar year draws to a close, be sure to enter all of your volunteer and education hours in the VMS. Volunteer hours required for re-certification are 20 and education hours required are 10.

### Who Gets Paid What?

#### **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.

#### **Optional:**

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.

Those Master Gardeners who wish to be a member of the local Macomb County Master Gardener Association (MCMGA) must pay the \$5.00 MMGA registration fee directly to the MMGA and pay the \$10.00 membership fee to the local association for a total cost of \$15.00. The deadline to register for the MMGA must be met for the local association, MCMGA, as well. Please note that as a Chapter of the MMGA we are subject to its By-laws and Article 8.2, Limitation on Chapter Membership states, “Only members of the Association may be members of any local chapter. Any member of the Association may, but is not required to, participate in one or more chapters.”

## Project Grants

Each year the MCMGA offers the opportunity to apply for grant funds for Master Gardener Projects. Please be watching the MCMGA Newsletter in the New Year for notice of when the 2019 Grant Application Form will be posted on our website.

**Next Board of Directors Meeting is Thursday, December 6 , at 2:00 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 to all events.

**Wednesday, November 14, 2018**

**“Garden Rooms”**. Join us as Sue Keehn presents an overview of what an outdoor garden room is, it’s purpose to the individual or family, planning for components in a typical garden room and customizing it to meet your needs, designing a plan and working within a budget. She will discuss your entertainment needs and creative ideas to try, lighting for necessity and artistic interest, and landscaping to complete it. 6:30-7:30 P.M. Mt. Clemens Library, 150 Cass Avenue. Free to MCMGA Members +1 guest. \$5.00 each for all others.

**December 2018**  
No classes  
Merry Christmas



**2019**

**Thursday, January 17, 2019**

**“Starting Dahlias Indoors”**. Gary Polenychko and Mary Lynn Cook from the Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society will show you the methods they use to start Dahlias indoors to get an early start on the growing season. Discussion will feature warming up the tubers you have in storage, getting the tubers you ordered this winter ready for planting, potting indoors, and getting ready to plant outside. 6:30-

7:30 P.M. 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.**

**February, 2019**

Tentative pruning class. Date and cost to be determined.  
Being arranged by Jeanie Newlin

**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.

**2018 Education Hours**

**January 10**, Backyard Butterflies..... 1.5 hrs. Apply to project: Environmental Stewardship: IPM Pollinators

**March 29**, Courtship and Nesting Behaviors...1.5 hrs. Apply to project: Environmental Stewardship: Integrated Pest Management General

**April 16**, All About Hydrangeas.....1 hr. Apply to project: Community: Beautification – Public areas

**May 17**, Garden Tool Care..... 2 hrs. Apply to project: Community: Beautification – Public Areas

**June 25**, The Iris Lady..... 1 hr. Apply to project: Community: Beautification – Public Areas

**July 25**, Island Gardens.....1 hr. Apply to project: Community: Beautification – Public Areas

**August 16**, Sterling Heights Nature Center..... 1.5 hrs Apply to project: Environmental Stewardship – Native Plants

**September 11**, Highlighting the Evening Garden .. 1 hr. Apply to project: Community: Beautification – Public areas

**October 17**, Preparing the Garden for Winter..1 hr. Apply to project: 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 (Think Christmas!)

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:

# THE MACOMB BLOOMIN' SUNFLOWERS

invites you to their annual

## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

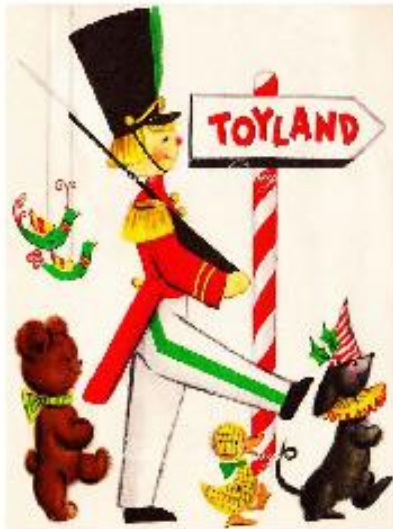
Tuesday, November 27, 2018

at



46915 Hayes, Shelby Township

(southwest corner at 21 Mile - Entrance on Hayes)



Celebrate this year's Holiday Luncheon on Main Street USA with an entertaining hour of music with fellow gardeners and those we have met over the past years on our gardening adventures. Put on your holiday attire and join us as we enjoy a family-style lunch of Chicken Picatta, London Broil, and Pasta at *Enchantment* and reminisce about our educational and fun tours. Everyone is welcome. **Lunch will be served promptly at Noon. The doors will open at 11:00 a.m. with a cash bar.**

Photo albums from our past Garden Travel Tours will be available for viewing. We will also have a Holiday Garden Raffle with beautiful gardening prizes that will benefit the new Belle Isle Piet Oudolf Garden in front of the Nancy Brown Peace Carillon. Plans are for a late summer 2019 plant installation.

Following lunch, Paul Ritchie, an award-winning singer and songwriter from Macomb County, will perform a one-man multi-media holiday show. Paul has traveled extensively entertaining audiences worldwide for over 20 years on Cunard Cruise Lines' world famous ocean liners including the QE2, Queen Mary 2, Queen Victoria and most recently the Queen Elizabeth.

**Price: \$38 - Includes Family-Style Lunch and Holiday Musical Revue by Paul Ritchie**

**Deadline Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 (No Refunds After Deadline)**



*A Magical Fun Time --- It will be Toy-rific!!!*

Please make check payable to:  
And mail to:

"Pat Cencek"  
13317 Whittier  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Holiday Luncheon 2018

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Please include the above information for all attendees.  
Any questions, please feel free to contact Pat Cencek at 586-795-4601.

# MT. CLEMENS FARMERS MARKET



**Market is still open on the weekend before Thanksgiving**

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 8-12. *Lawn & Leaf bags will be provided.*

To help with the **Information Booth** please sign up with Marilyn [medcowalt@aol.com](mailto:medcowalt@aol.com) two weeks prior to the date you're requesting. The booth is open from 8-12, Fridays and Saturdays.

Join us, **EARN HOURS** and have fun. Work whatever fits your schedule. All help is greatly appreciated. Please bring your tools, water, gloves, hat, etc. as we do not provide them

The Mt. Clemens Farmers Market is located at 141 North River Rd

The Market is open Fridays and Saturdays until November 17th.

**Outreach Events: Master Gardener Booth - Mt. Clemens Farmers Market**

## Friendly Gardener 2018 Calendar

**Time 7:00 pm at Riverwood Community Church**

12000 Clinton River Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Located on west side of Clinton River Road, south of 19 mile

**\$3.00 Donation appreciated** and everyone is welcome. First time guests please fill out a green slip upon arrival. Refreshments are served. For more information contact Gail Straughen @ 586-247-8087 or [gailstraughen@gmail.com](mailto:gailstraughen@gmail.com)

**NOVEMBER 15:** Pot Luck Social starts at 6:15. No speaker, just good food and conversation.

## Tollgate

For events at Tollgate, check out their webpage: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/tollgate/events/>

**Email:** [macombcountymga@yahoo.com](mailto:macombcountymga@yahoo.com)

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

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Macomb County MGA

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