



Macomb County Master Gardener Association Monthly News

October 2018



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General Information

Annual Meeting and Board Elections Report

Meeting started at 7:46 p.m., September 11, 2018

Sarah Jane Hanson introduced the candidates for the Board of Directors. Members were requested to place ballots in the ballot box before leaving. Due to proxy ballots that were mailed on time but not yet received, the final results were expected to be announced within the next two days. Sarah Jane then explained that members should send in the MMGA \$5.00 dues directly to the MMGA and that the \$10.00 MCMGA dues would be just for the MCMGA membership. Certified Master Gardeners and Trainees joining the MCMGA will need to pay dues to both Associations to maintain liability coverage.

Lisa Lane addressed the social media information. Slips with the MCMGA addresses and information were available. Lisa provided the Master Gardener Banquet information: reservations were being taken online, Green Thumb Awards are peer recognition of a Master Gardener and recommendations should be submitted to Karen Burke at the MSUE office.

Bob Ternes was unable to attend due to family health issues.

Sarah Jane Hanson reviewed some desired changes to the By-laws. Changes would change the quorum for a vote from 50% of the membership to those present at the meeting and to reduce the time a proxy designation is valid from three years to 10 days after the meeting. After much discussion, it was proposed and approved to table any changes and review the By-laws again before voting on any changes.

Joann Roman gave the Treasurer's report and we have a positive balance in our account.

Mary Gerstenberger clarified the roles of MSUE, MMGA and the MCMGA. In January, the \$20.00 fee paid to MSU Extension through the VMS is to remain a certified Master Gardener. A separate \$5.00 fee is paid to the MMGA (state association) and provides the liability insurance. Another membership fee of \$10.00 is paid to the MCMGA (local association). The MCMGA is a chapter of the MMGA and must follow the guidelines of the state association. Changes to the MCMGA By-laws cannot be enacted unless approved by both the local membership and the state association.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Election results:

Newly elected Board members are Dennis Beltz and David Putt. Congratulations to both of you. With deep appreciation we extend our thanks to departing Board members Sarah Jane Hanson and Bob Ternes for their dedication and service the MCMGA. You will be missed on the Board.

Please Note!

Volunteering as a member of the Board of Directors or on any committee of the Macomb County Master Gardener Association are considered Master Gardener Volunteer Hours and are listed under the project: MSUE Program Support: Local EMG Association – Committee/Event Activities or MSUE Program Support: Local EMG Association – Leadership Activities



Next Board of Directors Meeting is Thursday, October 11 , 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 to all events.

Wednesday, October 17, 2018



“Preparing the Garden for Winter”. Michigan’s harsh winters can wreak havoc with your garden if you’re not prepared. Jim Miller of English Gardens will tell us exactly what needs to be done this fall so you’ll be off to a blooming start next spring. 6:30-7:30 P.M. Mt. Clemens Library, 150 Cass Avenue. Free to MCMGA members +1 guest. \$5.00 each for all others.

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



2018

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

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:

Don't forget to check the VMS for project listings that can use volunteers! Help is always needed for the gardens at the Mt. Clemens Farmers Market, Octagon House, Shadbrush Nature Center and Martha T. Berry.

Volunteer Opportunities at the MSUE Demo Garden

Mondays and or Thursdays starting at 11:00-1:00+

Bring your hand tools, weed bucket and a hat. We will be getting the garden ready for fall and dividing many of our plants and these plants will need a new home. Come join us!

Contact: Diane Reynolds at dmr131@hotmail.com

MT. CLEMENS FARMERS MARKET



October 27 - Pumpkin Party and Pork Roast

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 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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11: Pests by Gail Morrell

As summer fades to fall this is a great time to evaluate the landscape problems that plagued you this past growing season. Whether your problem was a mammal (deer, chipmunks, moles, rabbits, skunks, squirrels, voles, woodchucks) or an insect/arachnid pest it is important to identify the damage first. Once you have positively identified the problem you are better able to implement a successful treatment plan. We will explore control options from barriers and repellents to organic or chemical see what works best and then choose the control option that's best for you.

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

Yardeners of St. Clair Shores

On **Monday, October 22, 2018** at 7pm we will have our last presentation - Putting Your Garden to Rest by Lori Tiseo and Deby Ritter. As you prepare to put your garden to bed for the winter, it is time to start thinking about spring. Along with tips for helping our winter garden visitors thrive and keeping winter visual interest, learn how fall is the best time to begin getting your yard off to a good start when spring arrives. This presentation is open to everyone and is free! It will be held at the St. Clair Shores Public Library at the southeast corner of 11 Mile Road and Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.



Also, we are looking for gardens for our Garden Tour 2019. If you live in St. Clair Shores or know someone who does and they would like to have their garden considered, please email us and we can contact you. Please provide your name and address and a contact telephone number.

Tomlinson Arboretum

Contact Loretta Macklem for volunteer information at lorettaemacklem@gmail.com

Meadow Brook Garden Club

Berries, Bugs and Snags – Gardening for Birds

The Meadow Brook Garden Club will meet Friday, October 26, 2018 at Meadow Brook Hall, 350 Estate Dr., Rochester MI 48309-1904. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 9:15 a.m. with program to follow at 10:00 a.m. featuring guest speaker, Rosann Kovalcik, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Grosse Pointe Woods, Master Gardener and board member of the Michigan Audubon Society. Rosann will talk about creating a garden with birds in mind. Learn how native plants provide essential habitat and food for birds. See photos of many different birds that you can attract to your yard. Guests are welcome and reservations are not required. There is a \$5 non-member fee. For more information, call 248-364-6210, email MBGCmembers@gmail.com or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

Tollgate

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

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