



# Macomb County Master Gardener Association Monthly News

September 2018

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## General Information

### Annual Meeting and Board Elections on Tuesday, September 11

**A quorum of 50 members present in person or by proxy is needed for voting purposes!**

**Be involved in your Association and join us for both the educational program and the Annual Meeting!!**

#### Agenda to include:

- Clarification of MSUE Master Gardener and MCMGA rolls: communications and information
- Election of 2 Board of Director members. Nominees:
  - Dennis Beltz: Advanced Master Gardener
  - David Putt: Advanced Master Gardener, Master Composter, Master Rain Gardener, Conservation Steward and Great Lakes Education Program Assistant Cruise Director. MS degree in Biological Sciences.
  - Robert (Bob) Ternes: (Incumbent) Advanced Master Gardener, member MCMGA Board of Directors, Chairperson MCMGA Grant Committee
- Review and possible amendment to By-Laws regarding quorum requirements and duration of proxy designation
- If you cannot attend and wish to vote, you can request to have a proxy represent you. Please email the MCMGA at [macombcountymga@yahoo.com](mailto:macombcountymga@yahoo.com) to request a proxy form.

## 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 Monday, September 10 , 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.

### Tuesday, September 11, 2018

This is an update to our educational offering for Tuesday, September 11. Our scheduled speaker for that evening will be out of town for that date.

I'm pleased to share with you that professional gardener and speaker, Sue Grubba will be presenting her program on "**Highlighting the Evening Garden**". Below is synopsis of her presentation. Cost remains the same.

Free to MCMGA members +1 guest. \$5.00 each to all others.

*"Imagine plants that perform at night by enticing you with their colors and sense of fragrance. This class focuses on the transitional phase from dusk to night time by incorporating annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs, vines and low voltage lighting. Sue is a landscape night lighting expert, and will share techniques incorporating low voltage lighting fixtures with evening blooming plant and fragrant plant material."*

Please join us for this exciting presentation. And, remember, following the presentation is our Annual Meeting, and election of a new BOD. It is important that you attend this meeting in person or by proxy vote, in order for us to make voting quorum.

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 Annual Meeting will follow. New BOD Elections. Please attend.**

**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**

**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.....

## 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

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](mailto:dmr131@hotmail.com)

## MT. CLEMENS FARMERS MARKET

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)

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 Fermentation by Friendly Gardener, Fred Mitschke** A presentation to explain the pros and cons of fermented food. The health benefits and how to make fermented vegetables, containing high quality probiotics.

**Also SEPT. 6 Harvest Sharing:** Members may bring in their harvest to share with other members if they have an abundance of tomatoes, zucchini, cukes, etc.

**Also SEPT. 6 Plant Exchange:** Please have **ALL** plants labeled with your name, name of plant & color & plant location (sun or shade). Please **NO** invasive plants.

### **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 **Saturday, September 22, 2018** we will have our annual Fall Plant Exchange. Everyone is invited! Now is the time to start taking a look at your garden and planning for next year. Are there some plants you would like to add or some you would like to divide? Come to the Plant Exchange! BAG, TAG, and DRAG your offerings to give



away or trade to other gardeners. No money is involved. Come with your plants and enjoy our "Tailgate Garden Party". Please label all plants. The plant exchange will be held in the parking lot behind the St. Clair Shores Public Library (southeast corner of 11 Mile Road and Jefferson, St. Clair Shores) from 9am until approximately 11am.

**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

Our Fall planting day is not that far off. Please mark **Saturday, September 29**, at 10 a.m. on your calendars. We will be planting over 50 trees & bushes that day, including Redbud, Chinquapin Oak, Serviceberry, Yellow Birch, Juniper, Shrubby Cinquefoil, Black Willow, Chokecherry, and Black Chokeberry. The yellow birch and shrubby cinquefoil will be new additions to our ever-expanding collection of Michigan natives.

Contact Loretta Macklem for volunteer information at [lorettaemacklem@gmail.com](mailto:lorettaemacklem@gmail.com)

## Meadow Brook Garden Club

### Creative Vegetable Gardening

Meadow Brook Garden Club will meet **Friday, September 28, 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, Art Cameron, PhD. Dr. Cameron is a Professor of Horticulture at Michigan State University, Director of the MSU Horticulture Gardens and an avid botanist and gardener. He will give tricks that can make vegetable gardening more fun and productive. He will cover bed preparation, watering systems, pest management and weed control among other topics. Tips for harvesting, storing and cooking vegetables will also be shared.



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](mailto:MBGCmembers@gmail.com) or visit [www.meadowbrookhall.org](http://www.meadowbrookhall.org).

## Tollgate

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



## Dahlia Show

The Dahlia Show presented by the Southeastern Dahlia Society is open to the public and will be held on Saturday, **September 15**, from Noon -9:30p.m. and Sunday, **September 16**, from 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. The location is Orchard Mall, 6337 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

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