



Macomb County Master Gardener Association

August 2024 Newsletter

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From the MCMGA Board

Hello MCMGA EMG's!

One thing I would like all of you to be thinking about is nominations for our September elections.

We need to fill (2) 2 year terms and (1) 1 year term - Consider running for one of these positions. Let the president know if you can help in either of these capacities, remember you receive volunteer hours for these positions.

Please submit names to macombcountymga.org by Sep 5 so that we can prepare the ballot.



Enjoy the rest of your summer,

Thank you, Karen – MCMGA President

Welcome to our New Newsletter Editor!

Thank you to Pam Horner for volunteering to be the newsletter editor! She starts with the September newsletter. We're looking forward to see her creative talents at work.

Upcoming Programs and Meetings

Programs & meetings held at the VerKuillen Building, 6:30 pm unless otherwise noted

"Intro to Foraging" with On-Site Exploration Presenter: Rachel Mifsud from Will Forage for Food

Date: Thursday, August 15th 2024

"The Role Played by Michiganders in the Development of Modern Horticultural Science" *Also - BOARD ELECTIONS* Presenter: Dave Putt Date: Thursday, September 19th 2024

Advice and Tips on Seed Saving Date: Thursday, October 10th 2024

"All About Elderberries" with a Make-and-Take Workshop Presenter: Erin Stewart of Heart and Soul Naturals Date: Thursday, November 21st 2024

No December Meeting

Don't forget to Log Your Ed Hours - Past 2024 Ed Program Info

"New Membership Camaraderie Games" Presenter(s): MCMGA Board Date: Thursday, January 11th 2024

"Growing a Better Garden Without the Work" Presenter: Luke Marion from MI Gardener Date: Tuesday, February 13th 2024 Location: Virtual via Zoom

"We Laughed, We Cried, We Could've Died" - Gardening Conferences Presenters: Jean Persely and Lisa Lane Date: Thursday, March 21st 2024

"Bird Songs in Your Garden" Learn how to translate what your backyard birds are saying to you Presenters: Pam and Bob Gors of Wild Birds Unlimited Date: Thursday, April 25th 2024

"Three-Season Gardening for April Through November Blooms" with a tour of Demonstration Garden on the grounds Presenter: Diane Reynolds Date: Thursday, May 16th

Plant Swap & Talk Date: Thursday, June 20th 2024

"Edible Weeds" Presenter: Ellen Collins Date: Thursday, July 18th 2024

MCMGA Kroger Fundraising

To Sign up Go to 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: 877-576-758

MCMGA Native Plant Sale Fundraiser

Native Plant Sale: Sept 15, 12-3 at the Octagon House, 57500 Van Dyke, Washington. Proceeds support our speaker series and grants. Pre-order is now open until Sep 7 as well as plants available the day of. Preorder online or via mail.

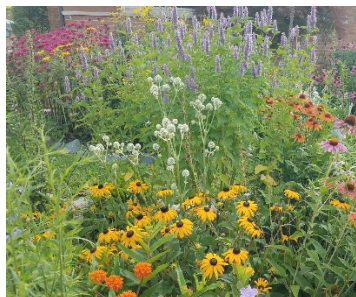
<https://macombcountymga.org/2024-native-plant-sale> Questions: Dave Putt: dputt@yahoo.com

MSUE Master Gardener Conference:

If you are interested in room and/or ride share, please reach out to jean.persely@outlook.com. We have an EMG requesting a ride/room share.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/master_gardener_volunteer_program/master_gardener_conference/

VOLUNTEER DOCENTS NEEDED FOR Yardeners GARDEN TOUR



The Yardeners of St. Clair Shores is having its 31st annual Garden Tour on Saturday August 3, 2024 from 9am until 3pm. The gardens will all be located in St. Clair Shores. The shifts can be either 9am until 12 noon; 12 noon until 3pm or 9am until 3pm. We are a MSU Volunteer Project and volunteer hours are available. There will be an opportunity to view the gardens prior to the Garden Tour Day with our pre-tour. Please email us with any questions: scsyardeners@gmail.com. Photo credit: Jennifer Rizzo

MSUE Conservation Stewards:

Want to learn more about Michigan natural communities in your area, directly from local experts and organizations committed to conservation? Look no further than the Michigan Conservation Stewards Program! We are now enrolling adult learners into four all-new cohort locations across Michigan this fall.

Get all the details for the Michigan Conservation Stewards Programs in Berrien, Macomb, Marquette, and Newaygo, and to register, visit canr.msu.edu/csp.



Crocker House Tea:

Macomb County Historical Society at the Crocker House Museum & Gardens
Presents a Tea:
**"To Find A Use for Every Plant:
A History of the Old Herbals"**
with Dave Putt

**Saturday
June 22nd, 2024
Luncheon at Noon
Program at 1pm**

Crocker House Tours Available
Garden Tour Available
Gift Shop Open

Tickets:
Members: \$35.00
Non Members: \$40.00
Tickets include tea and lunch followed by presentation by Dave Putt, MSUE Master Gardener and former President of the Macomb County Master Gardener Association.

To purchase tickets call 586-465-2488 or visit our website at www.crockerhousemuseum.org