

Macomb County Master Gardener

Monthly Newsletter

April 2024



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Board of Directors

Karen Burke - President

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Sara Grix - Secretary

Ellen Collins - Treasurer

Upcoming MCMGA Education

To register for events:

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<https://macombcountymga.org/upcoming-meetings>

Please remember to bring your membership card and wear your Master Gardener Badge to all events.

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General Information

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Macomb County Master Gardener Association

Next Board of Directors Meeting is Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 5:00 pm via Zoom

If there is anything you would like to have included in the next newsletter, please send an email

to: macombcountymga@yahoo.com

Letter from the Board



Happy Spring!



Mother Nature is still playing with us. The spring flowers that have tried to bloom for us are still hiding from the snow. We don't blame them. We hope your winter sowing is going great as well as any other any seeds you have started. We will be planting outside before we know it.

In the meantime....take time to strengthen your muscles, work on your balance, check your tools, purchase your sunscreen, hats, etc. Get everything ready to go!

Also, when we get those warmer days don't forget to clean your bird feeders out. MSUE has had some wonderful webinars lately on birds and we are having a great presentation from Pam Gors of Wild Birds Unlimited in April. Don't forget to register and save your seat! See you there!

Important Information

Please see the links to important information on our website:

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MCMGA Board Minutes

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Attendees: Ellen Collins, Karen Burke, Sara Grix, Katie Baker, Linda Simpson

Karen called the meeting to order at 4:35pm.

Professional Comments:

- Please register for the Extension Master Gardener banquet taking place May 8th @ 6:00pm! It will take place at the Verkuilen building and there is a new menu for this year.
- Dig and Divide program on plant division and the demo garden scheduled for the evening of June 6th. This is a free event with more details to come.
- Walk-in Plant and Insect Diagnostic Lab at Warren office: Thompson Center, 11370 Hupp Ave., Warren, 48089. May 15: 12:30-2:30, June 5: 10-noon, June 26: 12:30-2:30, July 24: 10-noon, August 7: 12:30-2:30.

Treasurer's Report:

Ellen reported that the organization's finances are healthy. \$500 in dues came in. We also received money from Kroger rewards and the apparel rebate. Expenses last month included the speaker fee of \$100. Copies of the financial statements are available to members at meetings or by request.

Program:

- March 21, 2024 - Jean Persely and Lisa Lane: We Laughed, We Cried, We Could've Died - Gardening Conferences (in person)
- * April 25, 2024 - Wild Birds Unlimited: Bird Songs in Your Garden (in person)
- May 16, 2024 - Diane Reynolds: Three-Season Gardening For April Through November Blooms (in person - with a tour of the Demonstration Garden)
- June 20, 2024 - TBD
- * July 18, 2024 - Ellen Collins: Edible Weeds (in person - possibly at the Charity Garden)
- Aug. 15, 2024 - Rachel Mifsud from Will Forage for Food: Intro to Foraging (in person - with on-site exploration)
- * Sept. 19, 2024 (Elections) - Dave Putt: The Role Played by Michiganders in the Development of Modern Horticultural Science (in person)
- Oct. 10, 2024 - TBD
- Nov. 21, 2024 - Erin Stewart of Heart & Soul Naturals: All About Elderberries (in person - with a make and take option)
- Dec. 2024 - No meeting

*denotes Quarterly meeting

- All meetings are at the Verkuilen building unless otherwise noted
- Looking for someone to discuss tool care as a possible educational class
- Looking at a plant swap for June education meeting

Old Business:

- Grants: Six applications have been received so far. Linda will be contacting the members interested in being involved in the grant committee soon.
- If you participate in an MCMGA committee, then that time can be logged as volunteer hours.

New Business:

- The association received an email to be a sponsor or get an ad for the Master Gardener Conference in August. Karen is going to look into these options and report back to the board.
- Sara is going to look into the possibility of changing the email address of the association because of difficulties with access to the yahoo email address.

Next board meeting: April 16th at 5:00pm via Zoom

Meeting was adjourned at 5:37pm

Submitted by Sara Grix

Save the Date MCMGA 2024 Lineup



"Bird Songs in Your Garden"

Learn how to translate what your backyard birds are saying to you

Presenter: 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

TBD

Date: Thursday, June 20th 2024

"Edible Weeds"

Presenter: Ellen Collins

Date: Thursday, July 18th 2024

Location: St. Peter Charity Garden
43785 Gratiot, Clinton Township
(Behind Kingsborough Castle)

"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

TBD

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 Hours Past 2024 Meeting Information

"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

**** ALL MEETINGS WILL BE from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm at the Robert A. Verkuilen Building 21885 Dunham Rd, Clinton Twp, MI 48036 unless otherwise noted****

Registration for the March MCMGA Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 25th 2024

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: Robert A. Verkuilen Building
21885 Dunham Rd, Clinton Twp, MI 48036

Topic: "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

Please join us and Wild Birds Unlimited for the presentation "Bird Songs in Your Garden." In this presentation you will learn how to translate what your feathered friends and other critters are saying to you.

The Presentation will be made by Pam and Bob Gors.

Pam certified as an Advanced Master Gardener in 1998 and is a member of the Macomb County Master Gardeners Association. She recently certified as a Michigan Master Naturalist. Bob had a 35 year career in IT but wanted to make a career change and start his own business. Pam and her husband Bob opened a Wild Birds Unlimited store on Hall Rd in 2014. The mission of Wild Birds Unlimited is to bring people and nature together and do it with excellence. To fulfill that mission, Bob and Pam share their passion for birds by doing various talks around Macomb county. They have an ongoing partnership with the Sterling Heights Nature Center providing feeders, seed and sponsoring bird walks. They also have a FeederScaping service where they will come to your backyard and advise you on the correct placement of your feeders to maximize the variety of birds you'll see in your backyard.

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Friends of the St Clair River



Friends of the St. Clair River is proud to present its 2nd annual fundraiser, "River Bash: A benefit on the banks of the Black River".

This celebration-style event, is about coming together to celebrate, protect, and restore the rivers, parks, and trails we all love. The event includes dinner and live music, a brief program, silent auction and raffle, and a live sturgeon tank! Thursday, April 11, 2024, Doors open at 5:00 pm

Port Huron Yacht Club
212 Quay Street, Port Huron
River Bash attire is casual.

Join us as we dig into streams and rivers to search for aquatic insects. We'll be looking for lots of seasoned and new volunteers to join is in streams around the watershed.

We will be collecting water quality data and aquatic insects on the Pine River at Pine River Nature Center in Goodells, and Cuttle Creek in Marysville near Riverlawn Cemetery. Volunteers can participate in or out of the water and may borrow our gear. Families are welcome and no experience is needed.

Saturday, May 4, at 10 a.m.

For questions, email our Education Manager at melissa@scriver.org. This event is hosted by Friends of the St. Clair River. Learn more at www.scriver.org.



Back from the depths! Sturgeon Fest is coming Saturday, June 1, 2024 on the shores of Lake Huron at the Fort Gratiot Lightstation Park in Port Huron.

Details at www.SturgeonFestival.com

Six Rivers Land Conservancy



Volunteer Opportunities: Garlic Mustard Pulls

Learn how to identify garlic mustard and how to carefully remove this invasive species to reduce seed spread.

Saturday, May 4th 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Murray Easement in West Bloomfield
(Specific Address will be provided prior to the event)



Saturday, May 11th 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Salt River Nature Sanctuary
33210 Hooker Rd, Chesterfield, MI 48047
Located at the end of Hooker Rd in Chesterfield Twp.

Tuesday, May 21st 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Nicholson Nature Center
21777 Dunham, Clinton Township, MI 48036

Friday, May 17th 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Drayton Plains Nature Center
2125 Denby, Waterford, MI 48329

Saturday, June 1st 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Sutherland Nature Sanctuary
3960 Diehl Road, Metamora, MI 48455

Activities and Hikes

Astronomy

Friday, April 12th 2024

Time: 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Location: Sutherland Nature Sanctuary
3998 Diehl Road, Metamora, MI 48455

Bat Hike

Friday, July 26th 2024

Time: 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm

Location: Golden Preserve Oakland Township
Address given at sign-up

Birds & Blooms Hike

Sunday, May 5th 2024

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

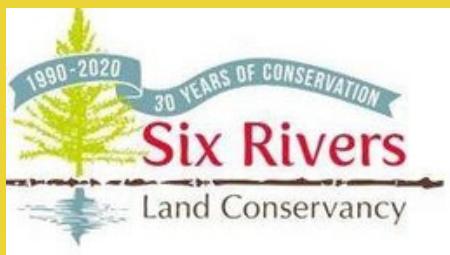
Location: Sutherland Nature Sanctuary
3998 Diehl Road, Metamora, MI 48455

Bat Hike

Friday, August 30th 2024

Time: 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Location: Nicholson Nature Center
21777 Dunham, Clinton Township, MI 48036



Bat Hike

Friday, August 30th 2024

Time: 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Location: Anchor Bay Woods Preserve
37885 Green Street, New Baltimore, MI 48047

Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association



Guest attendees are welcome!
The cost of attendance is \$3 for guests or free with annual membership.
Annual membership is \$15

Meetings

Location: Crosswalk Community Church - 38600
Palmer Rd., Westland, MI 48186
Time: 7:00 pm

Date: Thursday, April 18, 2024

Topic: Pollinator Preservation Strategies
Presenter: Cheryl English

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2024

Topic: Moth Mating Cage Workshop

Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024

Topic: "Q an A"

Presenter: Brenda Sattler

Date: Thursday, August 15, 2024

Topic: TBD

Date: Thursday, September 19, 2024

Topic: Winter Clean Up

Presenter: Brenda Sattler

Thursday, October 17, 2024

Topic: Tea Cup Celebration

Events

Membership may be required for events.
For Times and Locations and Registration
information please
contactsembabutterfly@yahoo.com

Event Date: Saturday, July 13, 2024

Brenda Sattler, Westland, Garden Walk,
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Elmer Grimm, Garden Walk,
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Event Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024

Event Time: 12:30 pm

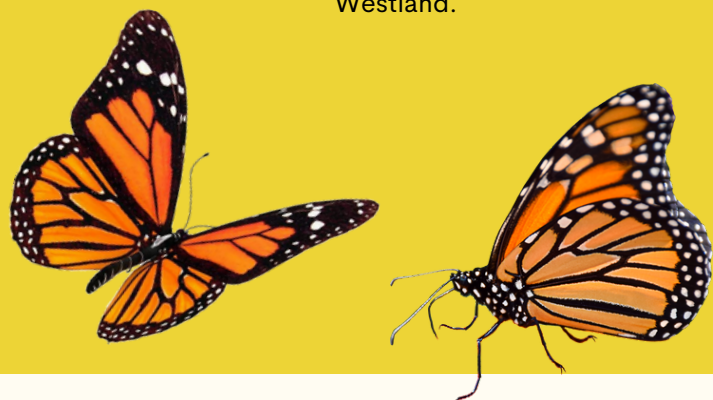
John Blair's Open Garden Walk, Brooklyn
Bugtopia, Westland

Event Date: Saturday, July 27, 2024

Time: 1:00 pm

3 B's Native Garden
Detroit Audubon/SEMBA Event
Location: Corrado Park, 8500 Flamingo Blvd,
Westland.

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Yardeners of St. Clair Shores



Presentations

Date: Monday April 8, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm

Topic: Buzz, Hum and Hover

Presenter: Maud Lyon

Join us as Maud shows us the relationship between insects and native plants. Why loss of insects is critical to biodiversity, the reasons for it, and what we gardeners can do to help. Maud is an evangelist for native plants.

Date: Monday, October 14, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm

Topic: Becoming a Beekeeper

Presenter: Karen Burke

Karen will share what is involved, in time and cost, for successful beekeeping. She will also give us tips on what education and muscle is needed for rewarding honey production. She is the proprietor of honeyhollowapiaries.com and has been a supporter of our annual Garden Tour. You may have purchased some honey and honey related products from her.

Events

Event: Yardeners Native Plant Sale

Date: Friday, June 7, 2024

Time: 10:00 am- 4:00 pm

Location: Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum

We are hosting East Michigan Native Plants. No pre-sales. Plan to come by and shop at the native plant mobile nursery. You can check out the plants and kits that may be available at www.eastmichnatives.com.

Event: Yardeners 31st Annual Garden Tour

Date: Saturday, August 3, 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum

Cost: \$5/adult, children under 12 are free

Registration, ticket sales and map distribution start at 9:00 am. This is a self-guided driving tour with some walking. You will view some of the loveliest yards in St. Clair Shores and get gardening ideas for your gardens from the homeowners.

Event: Yardeners Fall Plant Exchange

Date: Saturday, September 21, 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Location: St. Clair Shores Library Parking Lot

Load up your vehicles with your extra plants and divisions. Bag, tag and drag your offerings to trade or give away to other gardeners. No money is involved, come with your plants and enjoy our "tailgate garden party". Please label all of your plants.

**** All 2024 Presentations will be held at the**

St. Clair Shores Library 22500 E Eleven Mile Rd, St Clair Shores, MI 48081.

If the library is under renovation, we will be next door at the City Hall. Our members will be at the library to inform/escort you. We will also have updates on the Yardeners Facebook page or you can email us at scsyardeners@gmail.com **

Crocker House Museum & Gardens



The Crocker House Museum and Gardens will be hosting their Pottery Lunch in early April. This is a major fundraiser for the support of the museum and gardens.

MACOMB COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CROCKER HOUSE MUSEUM & GARDENS

Yvonne Leslie
POTTERY LUNCH

11 AM ON SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH, 2024
ZUCCARO'S BANQUETS & CATERING
46601 N. GRATIOT AVE, CHESTERFIELD, MI 48051



TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE 2024 POTTERY LUNCH, WHICH HONORS THE MEMORY OF YVONNE LESLIE. THIS YEAR'S THEME FOR THE TABLESCAPING COMPETITION IS, "MY FAVORITE THINGS." AT THIS EVENT, YOU WILL VIEW BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED TABLES INSPIRED BY THE TABLE DESIGNER'S FAVORITE THINGS. THERE WILL BE A DELICIOUS LUNCHEON BUFFET SERVED AND A CASH BAR. THERE WILL BE RAFFLES, DOOR PRIZES AND A GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE TO A FUN DESTINATION. DOORS OPEN FOR TABLE VIEWING AT 11 AM WITH LUNCH BEING SERVED AT 12:15 PM.

GROUP SEATING RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE TOGETHER WITH TABLES SEATING EIGHT PEOPLE. SEATING ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY. TICKETS ARE \$50 AND MAY BE PURCHASED BY CALLING THE MUSEUM AT 586 465-2488.

Plant Sales & Exchanges



Blue Water Conservation District

Purchases are Online:

<https://bluewatercd.org/collections/>

Pick Up Dates and Locations times TBD:

Friday, April 12, 2024 & Saturday, April 13, 2024
Sandusky Fairgrounds
210 Dawson St, Sandusky, MI 48471

Friday, April 19, 2024 & Saturday April 20, 2024
Goodells County Park
8201 Lapeer Rd, Goodells MI 48027

Armada Fairgrounds
Monday, April 22 2024 & Tuesday April 23, 2024
74280 Fair St., Armada, MI 48005

Clinton Township Civic Center
Thursday, April 25, 2024 & Friday, April 26, 2024
40700 Romeo Plank Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Seven Ponds Nature Center Spring Plant Sale

Date: Saturday, May 11, 2024

Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Seven Ponds Nature Center
3854 Crawford Rd., Dryden, MI 48429

2024 Native Plant Expo & Market

Date: Saturday, June 1, 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds
5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

MSU Tollgate Spring Plant Sale

Date: Saturday, June 1, 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: 28115 Meadowbrook Road
Novi, MI 48377

**All proceeds benefit the MSU Tollgate
Horticultural Gardens**

Yardeners Native Plant Sale

Date: Friday, June 7, 2024

Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum
22504 E Eleven Mile Rd, St Clair Shores, MI 48081

Rochester Native Plant Sale

Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Rochester Hills Museum
at Van Hoosen Farm
1005 Van Hoosen Rd, Rochester Hills, MI 48306

Native Plant Sale with Jean

Date: Saturday, July 27, 2024

Time: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: Persely Home
73881 Omo Road, Armada, MI 48005

MCMGA Plant Sale

Date: Sunday, September 15, 2024

Time: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: The Octagon House
57500 VanDyke Ave, Washington MI

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Garden Tours



Rochester Garden Walk

Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm
1005 Van Hoosen Rd, Rochester Hills, MI 48306

MSU Tollgate Garden Open House

Date: Thursday, July 18, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Where: 28115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, MI 48377

Crocker House Museum Garden Walk

Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Where: 15 Union Street, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

Cost: TBD

Garden Walk with Jean

Date: Saturday, July 27, 2024

Time: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Where: Persely Home

73881 Omo Road, Armada, MI 48005

Curious about how a plant grows before adding it to your yard?
Stop by and see how they perform in a garden with varied site
conditions.

Yardeners Annual Garden Tour

Date: Saturday, August 3, 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum

Cost: \$5/adult, children under 12 are free

Important Information



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
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