

Macomb County Master Gardener

Monthly Newsletter

March 2023



Highlights in this issue

Letter from the Board	Page 2
February Board Meeting Minutes	Page 3
Upcoming MCMGA Meetings	Pages 4-5
Education Opportunities	Pages 6-8
Local Events	Pages 9-11
Volunteer Opportunity	Page 12
Save the Date	Page 13
Important Information	Page 14

Contact Information

EMAIL ADDRESS: MACOMBCOUNTYMGA@YAHOO.COM

WEBSITE: WWW.MACOMBCOUNTYMGA.ORG

MACOMB COUNTY MGA

PO BOX 380463

CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MI 48038

Board of Directors

KAREN BURKE - PRESIDENT

DENNIS BELTZ - VICE PRESIDENT

LINDA SIMPSON - DIRECTOR AT LARGE

SARA GRIX - SECRETARY

ELLEN COLLINS - TREASURER

Upcoming MCMGA Education

TO REGISTER FOR EVENTS:

[CLICK HERE](#)

[HTTPS://MACOMBCOUNTYMGA.ORG/UPCOMING-MEETINGS](https://macombcountymga.org/upcoming-meetings)

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD AND WEAR YOUR MASTER GARDENER BADGE TO ALL EVENTS.

General Information

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:
MACOMB COUNTY MASTER GARDENER
ASSOCIATION

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS
WEDNESDAY APRIL 5TH 4:30PM (ZOOM)

IF THERE IS ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE
TO HAVE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL IT
TO: MACOMBCOUNTYMGA@YAHOO.COM

Letter from the Board

SPRING HAS SPRUNG



HAPPY SPRING EMG's!

We have finally made it to spring.
Is our weather going to cooperate?

Our weather seems to want to tease us, but let's not get fooled. A lot of our spring flowers are peeking through and my crocus are blooming. Our seeding has started and a lot of them are up also. We hope you are having great success also.

Take time to go over our educational lineup this year.

We have a great year planned.

We are hoping to have an exciting bus trip later this summer.

We are working on plans now.

This is definitely a DO NOT MISS opportunity! Stay
tuned.....



Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Carolyn Doak, Ellen Collins,
Karen Burke, Sara Grix

FEBRUARY 2023

MCMGA Board Meeting Minutes 3/15/2023

Karen called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

The February 2023 board meeting minutes were approved.

Professional Comments:

-Volunteer recognition dinner registration is live. Early registration is appreciated:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/banquet2023/>

-MSUE will be hosting a table with our Smart Gardening resources at the following events:

-Arbor Day at Cairns Center in Mt Clemens, Apr 28th 6:30 – 8:30/9 PM

-St Clair Shores Farmers Market, May 21, 11 – 2 PM

If anyone on the board would like to volunteer for either Arbor Day or Farmers Market, please let David Lowenstein know. He is looking for two more volunteers at each site, and he will be there for part of the first and all of the second one.

-Anyone have program ideas they would like MSUE to host?

Treasurer's Report:

Ellen Collins reported that the financials are healthy. We currently have 68 members.

Program:

Dennis Beltz reported the following:

- April 11* @6:30pm - Companion Planting - Linda Simpson
- May 16 @ 6:30pm - Walk and Talk at the Tomlinson Arboretum - Loretta Macklem, Dan Lepo, Eva Armitage (in person at the Tomlinson Arboretum)
- June 20 @ 6:30pm - Lori Smith - Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary, Mexico Trip
- July 18* @ 6:30pm - Dave Putt - To Find Use for Every Plant: A History of Herbals
- August TBD - possible youth nature walk
- September* TBD - Jim Miller - Planting Bulbs for Spring Blooms (10 year anniversary)
- October 3 @ 6:30pm - Seed Saving - Jean Persely - (in person at Mt. Clemens Library)
- November TBD
- December - no meeting

*denotes Quarterly meeting

- All meetings will be in person at the Mt. Clemens Library unless otherwise noted.

- Ellen is working on September 10th anniversary meeting

- Check on location for September meeting

Old Business:

- Need a new form for meeting registration. Possibly use Google Forms to create form or free version of signup genius. Karen will talk to Dave Putt about his access to sign up genius.

- Board discussed fundraising ideas. Possibly water bottles, half aprons, or apparel. Ellen is going to contact Printworks in Armada about apparel and the possibility of putting the MCMGA logo on it.

New Business:

- Jean Persely is looking into a bus trip for members - more information to come.

- Jean Persely suggested having a youtube channel to upload recordings of educational meetings. Carolyn suggested having people make videos of different projects and put them on youtube. Could we have the board of commissioners be involved somehow?

- Carolyn said that the county is revamping its website and would like to add links to MSUE program facebook pages.

Next board meeting is April 5th @ 4:30pm

Meeting was adjourned at 5:38pm.

Submitted by Sara Grix 3/26/2023

MCMGA Meetings

UPCOMING 2023



Companion Planting



6:30 PM APRIL 11, 2023

QUARTERLY MEETING

MCMGA BOARD MEMBER, LINDA SIMPSON, WILL SHARE HER HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE OF WHAT TYPES OF PLANTS YOU SHOULD GROW TOGETHER FOR BEST YIELDS.

[Click Here For More Information](#)

FREE FOR MCMGA MEMBERS + 1 GUEST

[Click Here To Register](#)

\$5.00 DONATION REQUESTED FOR ALL OTHERS
MT. CLEMENS LIBRARY, 150 CASS AVE., MT. CLEMENS



prairie Garden

Tree Grooves

Butterfly Garden

MCMGA On the Road

6:30 PM MAY 16, 2023

TOMLINSON ARBORETUM PROJECT LEADER, LORETTA MACKLEM, WILL BE JOINED BY TOMLINSON VOLUNTEERS EVA ARMITAGE AND DAN LEPO

[Click Here For More Information](#)

TO SHOWCASE THEIR EMG PROJECT.

[Click Here To Register](#)

FREE FOR EVERYONE.

TOMLINSON ARBORETUM, 17798 18 MILE RD, CLINTON TWP, MI 48038

MCMGA Meetings

UPCOMING 2023

Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary



6:30 PM JUNE 20, 2023

"MONARCH BUTTERFLY SANCTUARY, MEXICO TRIP"

MCMGA MEMBER LORI SMITH WILL GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF HER TRIP TO A MONARCH BUTTERFLY SANCTUARY

[Click Here For More Information](#)

[Click Here To Register](#)

FREE FOR EVERYONE.

MT. CLEMENS LIBRARY, 150 CASS AVE., MT. CLEMENS

A History of Herbals



6:30 PM JULY 18, 2023

QUARTERLY MEETING

"TO FIND A USE FOR EVERY PLANT--A HISTORY OF THE HERBALS"

MCMGA MEMBER DAVE PUTT WILL GIVE AN HISTORICAL OVERVIEW OF THE OLD HERBALS AND THE QUEST TO FIND A USE FOR EVERY KNOWN PLANT AT THE TIME THAT THESE EARLY

[Click Here For More Information](#)

[Click Here To Register](#)

BOTANICAL WORKS WERE WRITTEN.

FREE FOR EVERYONE.

MT. CLEMENS LIBRARY, 150 CASS AVE., MT. CLEMENS

Education Opportunities



Dig-In Series

APRIL 4: THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF TRAPPING INSECTS

PRESENTER: MIKE RIENKE, MSU EXTENSION VITICULTURE SPECIALIST

MAY 9: INVASIVES THAT YOU WON'T BE MISIN (MICHIGAN INVASIVE SPECIES NETWORK)

PRESENTER: BARSLUND JUDD, MSU EXTENSION CONSUMER HORTICULTURE EDUCATOR

JUNE 20: WE(EDS) ARE WHAT WE EAT!

PRESENTER: ERIN HILL, MSU EXTENSION PLANT & PEST DIAGNOSTICIAN, WEED SPECIALIST

AUGUST 1: INVITING NATIVE PLANTS INTO YOUR GARDEN DESIGN

PRESENTER: REBECCA FINNERAN MSU EXTENSION SENIOR HORTICULTURE EDUCATOR,
CURATOR MSU EXTENSION GRAND IDEAS GARDEN

SEPTEMBER 12: WATERFRONT GARDEN DESIGN

PRESENTER: ERICK ELGIN, MSU EXTENSION WATER QUALITY EDUCATOR

OCTOBER 10: CREEPY INSECTS AND COOL POLLINATORS

PRESENTER: DR. NATE WALTON, MSU EXTENSION HORTICULTURE EDUCATOR

NOVEMBER 14: GARDEN GIFTS, TOOLS AND BOOKS

PRESENTER: LINDSEY KERR AND MSU EXTENSION CONSUMER HORTICULTURE EDUCATOR AND
COLLEAGUES

COST: FREE! ALL CERTIFIED EMGS AND TRAINEES MUST REGISTER ONE TIME AND HAVE ACCESS TO THE ENTIRE SERIES. ATTEND THE TOPICS OF YOUR CHOOSING OR VIEW VIA RECORDING LINKS WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED TO REGISTRANT

[Click Here For
More Information](#)

[Click Here
To Register](#)

Education Opportunities



MPOT Vegetation Management and Sunflower Plots

MASTER THE SCIENCE AND ART OF PRUNING!

MSU EXTENSION SENIOR HORTICULTURE EDUCATOR, REBECCA FINNERAN

WILL LEAD THE INTERACTIVE ONLINE ZOOM WORKSHOP

COST: \$40.00 PER PARTICIPANT

APRIL 7TH: REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 5, 2023 OR WHEN THE WORKSHOP IS FULL.

[Click Here For
More Information](#)

[Click Here
To Register](#)



Pruning Workshop

MASTER THE SCIENCE AND ART OF PRUNING!

MSU EXTENSION SENIOR HORTICULTURE EDUCATOR, REBECCA FINNERAN

WILL LEAD THE INTERACTIVE ONLINE ZOOM WORKSHOP

COST: \$40.00 PER PARTICIPANT

APRIL 7TH: REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 5, 2023 OR WHEN THE WORKSHOP IS FULL.

[Click Here For
More Information](#)

[Click Here
To Register](#)

Education Opportunities



POLLINATORS

Taking Varroa Seriously

MAY 25, 2023 7:00PM - 8:30PM

MIDDLE OF THE MITTEN BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION'S MEETING
FOREST HILL NATURE AREA, 11297 N RICH RD, ALMA, MI 48801

[Click Here For
More Information](#)

[Click Here
To Register](#)



Beepalooza

JUNE 3, 2023 8:30AM - 4:00PM

MSU TOLLGATE FARM AND EDUCATION CENTER
28115 MEADOWBROOK RD, NOVI, MI 48377

[Click Here For
More Information](#)

[Click Here
To Register](#)



Michigan Honey Festival

JULY 15, 2023 - JULY 16, 2023

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS
2900 HIBBARD RD. CORUNNA, MI 48817

[Click Here For
More Information](#)



Education Opportunities

CONFERENCES



Click Here For More Information

Click Here To Register

MI HEALTHY CLIMATE CONFERENCE

APRIL 11-12, 2023



International Master Gardener Conference

Click Here For More Information

June 18-22, 2023,
Overland Park, Kansas

Click Here To Register

Local Events

Burgess Shadbrush
Nature Center Earth Day
Celebration

EARTH DAY



APRIL 22, 2023

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

BURGESS-SHADBUSH NATURE CENTER
4101 RIVER BENDS DRIVE
SHELBY TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN 48316



CELEBRATE PLANET EARTH WITH EDUCATIONAL STATIONS, GUIDED HIKES, ECO-FRIENDLY CRAFTS, TREE PLANTINGS, AND A LOCAL ARTISAN MARKET WITH LIVE BLUEGRASS MUSIC!

**SIX RIVERS WILL HAVE A BOOTH AT THE CELEBRATION
- STOP BY AND SAY HELLO!**

[Click Here For
More Information](#)

Earth Fair

IT'S A BLUE WATER THING



FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023 9:00 AM

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023 4:00 PM

GOODSELLS COUNTY PARK
8264 COUNTY PARK DRIVE
GOODSELLS, MI, 48027



A TWO-DAY EARTH DAY EVENT THAT FOCUSES ON RAISING THE LEVEL AND CAPACITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDS WITH DEMONSTRATIONS, WORKSHOPS, EXHIBITS, ARTISANS, AND ACTIVITIES. LEARN HOW YOUR ACTIONS IMPACT OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT AND THE SIGNIFICANT ROLE WE PLAY IN THE HEALTH OF OUR ECONOMY AND ECOSYSTEM.

**OUR COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS FROM SIX RIVERS LAND CONSERVANCY,
FRIENDS OF THE ST CLAIR RIVER AND ST CLAIR COUNTY MASTER
GARDENERS WILL ALL HAVE BOOTH- STOP BY AND SAY HELLO!**

[Click Here For
More Information](#)

Local Events

Education Opportunity

YARDENERS SCS



MONDAY, APRIL 10TH - 7PM
"FERNS, GRASSES AND SEDGES- THEIR
ROLE IN THE GARDEN"

PRESENTATION BY MICHELLE SERREYN.
ST. CLAIR SHORES LIBRARY 11 MILE / JEFFERSON.

GRASSES AND SEDGES CAN ADD AN EXTRA DIMENSION TO YOUR GARDEN, WITH
A WIDE PALETTE OF SUBTLER COLORS, LONG-LASTING FOLIAGE AND
VARIOUS GROWTH HABITS. WHILE FERNS ARE MOSTLY SHADE AND MOISTURE
LOVERS, THERE ARE GRASSES AND SEDGES FOR ALMOST EVERY
CONDITION AND A WIDE VARIETY OF FORMS. EXPLORE THESE UNDERUSED AND
UNSUNG GARDEN HEROES WITH US! MICHELLE IS A LONG-TIME
NATURALIST, NATIVE PLANT ENTHUSIAST, MASTER GARDENER AND
YARDENER.



Native Plant Sale

FRIDAY JUNE 2ND (3PM-6PM) & SATURDAY JUNE 3RD (9AM- 12PM)



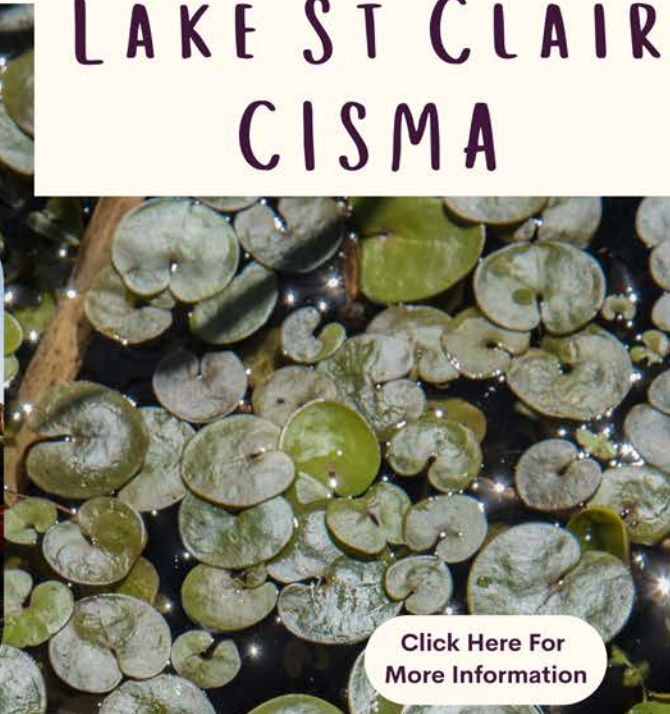
WE WILL NOT HAVE A PRE-ORDER PERIOD. COME EARLY FOR THE BEST SELECTION.
CASH OR CHECKS ONLY.

SELINSKY-GREEN FARMHOUSE MUSEUM BEHIND THE
ST. CLAIR SHORES LIBRARY PARKING LOT AT 11 MILE ROAD AND JEFFERSON

Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteer
Opportunity

LAKE ST CLAIR
CISMA



[Click Here For
More Information](#)

Volunteer Kayak Event!

• INVASIVE EUROPEAN FROG-BIT PULL •

JUNE 23
9AM-12PM
WEBBER
PADDLE PARK

49239 Jefferson Ave.,
New Baltimore, MI 48047

Come join Lake St. Clair
CISMA for a fun morning of
paddling the Salt River and
learning about the threat of
aquatic invasive species
while helping to protect our
waterways!

You must bring your own kayak. Sunscreen and lifejackets are recommended. Water and snacks will be provided.

To Register or if you have any questions please
email: CISMA@macombgov.org

Save the Date



PLANT SALE

THE OCTAGON HOUSE &
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION
VOLUNTEER MASTER GARDENERS "THE OCTAGARDENERS"
ARE HAVING A PLANT SALE & GARDEN SHOP

SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH 10:00AM - 4:00PM

57500 VAN DYKE, WASHINGTON

NORTH OF 26 MILE / EAST SIDE OF VAN DYKE

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS MAINTAINING AND BEAUTIFYING
THE GARDENS SURROUNDING HISTORIC HOUSE AND MUSEUM



MCMGA TRIP

mcmga BUS TRIP

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH 2023

THE MCMGA HAS BEEN INVITED TO TOUR
BEAUTIFUL PRIVATE GARDENS.
WE HAVE A DATE SET FOR SATURDAY AUGUST 12TH.
MORE DETAILS WILL COME AS THE DATE GETS
CLOSER, FOR NOW JUST MAKE SURE TO SAVE THE
TIME ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Important Information

Click Here For
More Information

PROGRAM CHANGE

THE FORMAT TO BECOME AN EMG IS CHANGING.
THIS WILL NOT EFFECT CURRENT EMG'S.

SAVE THE DATE

MCMGA FALL NATIVE PLANT SALE
WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023
STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS.



FUNDRAISING

TO SIGN UP GO TO [KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS.COM](https://www.kroger.com/community-rewards)
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