

Macomb County Master Gardener Association

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Board of Directors

Karen Burke - President

Dennis Beltz - Vice President

Linda Simpson- Director at Large

Sara Grix - Secretary

Ellen Collins - Treasurer

Upcoming MCMGA Educational Programs

To register for any of the following events, go to:
<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

Monday January 9, 2023 at 4:30 PM (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



Happy Holidays Gardeners!

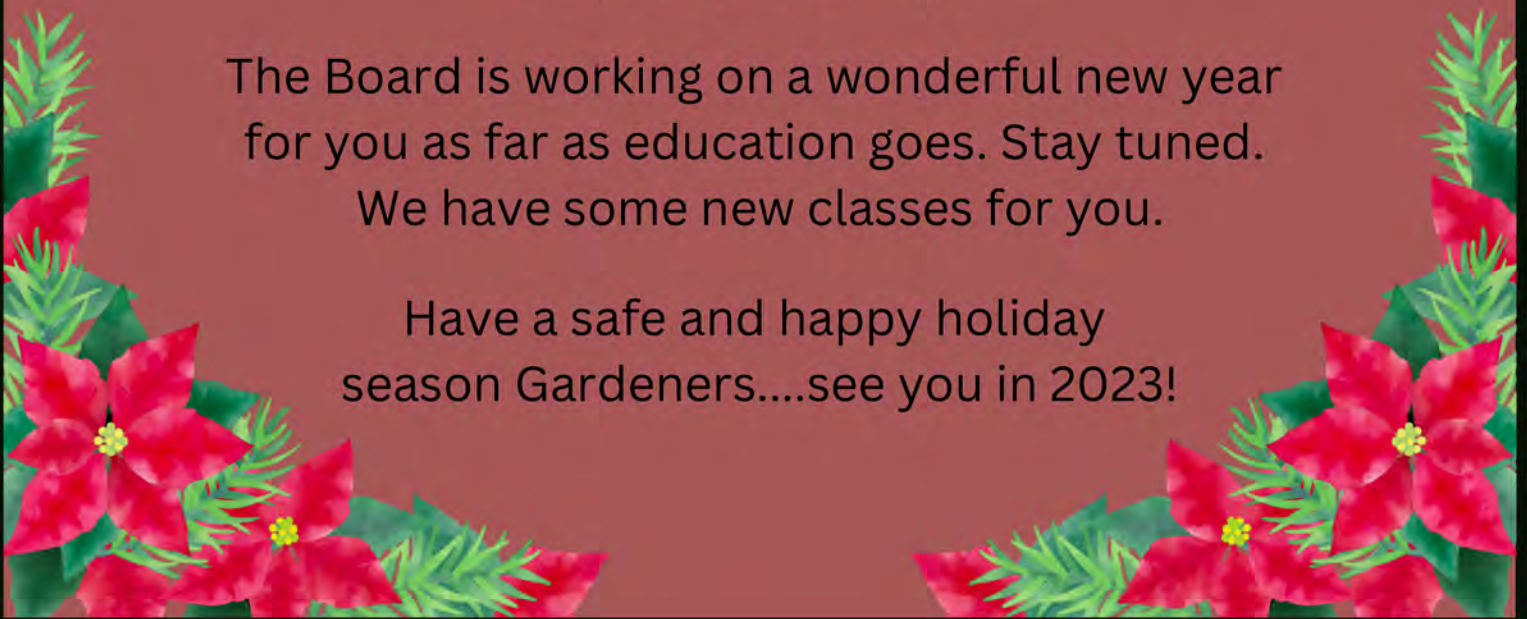
I hope this finds all of you well and making that Christmas Gardening list. Very soon one of the most fun parts of gardening will arrive in your mailbox....the seed catalogs! I really think this is what keeps us going through the winter months. Dreaming of new veggies to try, new colors in our favorite flowers and of course all the products that will get rid of our weeds for us.....easily! I hope you are also planning out your garden spaces ahead of time.

Winter is a great time to reflect on what we would like to accomplish in our gardens next year. Lets not forget what we learned. Take time to put those feet up by the fire and make your gardening lists.

The Board is working on a wonderful new year for you as far as education goes. Stay tuned.

We have some new classes for you.

Have a safe and happy holiday season Gardeners....see you in 2023!



Macomb County Master Gardener Association

Strategic Plan 2022-2025

By Laws

The bylaws are due for review in 2023. The Standard Operating Procedure will be reviewed in September 2022 and any changes presented to the membership at the September 2022 MCMGA Quarterly meeting.

Membership

The board agreed not to increase membership fees for 2022-2023. Dues will remain at \$15 (\$10 for MCMGA and \$5 for MMGA). Any increase in dues for future years can be decided upon by the board each fiscal year.

Program

The board will continue to find interesting speakers at a reasonable cost for our monthly meetings.

The board agreed that one MG project should be highlighted each year as one of our meetings. The Charity Garden was approved for the August 2022 meeting.

Field Trips & Workshops - The board is very supportive of annual field trips & workshops to add interest for our members. Public transportation may be provided for some events. Some event venues include Westview Orchards, Blake's, Youngblood Winery, fruit/veggie tasting, hydroponic stores, Belle Isle. Members will be surveyed for additional ideas.

Fundraising

Native Plant Sale - The board agreed to hold the native plant sale annually. The Octagon House is an appropriate and welcoming site for the sale.

Garden Walks - The board agreed to hold a garden walk every 3 years. Approved MG projects and personal gardens can be included in tours. The last garden walk was held in 2019.

Annual Budget

The board agreed to prepare an annual budget every year. The treasurer will submit a budget proposal to the board for review and approval each year by the end of December. The approved budget will be presented to the general membership.

Grants

The board agreed that there should be an increase in the maximum amount to be awarded for a grant project. The current maximum award is \$150. The new maximum amount will be communicated when applications for 2023 grants is announced.

Appreciation Award

The board agreed to the name, Lisianthus Award, to recognize individual master gardeners for their dedicated service. Recipients will receive a certificate and gift card. One Lisianthus Award will be announced and awarded at each Quarterly Meeting. The current board of directors will choose the awardees (4 per year). Eligibility requirements are that the individual has been a certified master gardener for at least 5 years and is a current member in good standing with the MCMGA.

Communications

The board will continue to communicate through our website, facebook and monthly newsletter.

The president has been using his own paid Survey Monkey and Sign-Up Genius subscription accounts for association surveys, meeting registrations and webforms. Moving forward, the board will set up their own subscription accounts under the name of MCMGA. Free subscription versions will be given highest priority.

MCMGA Key Dates

The secretary will maintain a list of key calendar dates for the organization for financial reports and subscription renewals.

November Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

Attendees: Dennis Beltz, Karen Burke, Sara Grix, Linda Simpson, Ellen Collins

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Karen called the meeting to order at 4:29pm.

The October board meeting minutes were approved.

Professional comments

- David Lowenstein reiterated the 12/1 deadline for logging volunteer hours in VC.
- First of three trivia nights scheduled for 11/22/22. MCMGA will donate a gift card for one prize; Ellen Collins will handle.
- MSUE is planning a webinar in February 2023 featuring a utility arboriculturist.
- Volunteers are needed for the May 2023 Recognition banquet planning committee. David is looking for silent auction donations (items or services) to fund programs, speakers, scholarships in Macomb County.

Treasurer's Report

Sara Grix reported the financials are healthy. All checks have cleared, including the deposit to Toni Gattone, and the PayPal receipts from the native plant sale deposited.

Program

Dennis Beltz reported the following:

- November 15 - "Putting your garden to rest" by Sue Grubba
- January 17* - "MSUE Education & volunteer opportunities" by David Lowenstein
- February 21 - "You can garden for life" by Toni Gattone (Zoom)
- March 21 - "Bursting into Spring" by Sue Grubba
- April 11* - "Companion Plants: A Love/Hate Relationship" by Linda Simpson
- May 16 - "Tomlinson Arboretum Tour" by Loretta Macklem
- June tbd
- July* tbd
- August tbd

* denotes Quarterly Meetings

- Karen will check with VMS ambassadors to see if the January presentation qualifies as educational hours.
- Karen also suggested another family night meeting in warm weather, possibly seed planting.
- Dennis will contact Pam Gors about a March presentation and whether she can do Zoom or only in person; also contact Loretta Macklem for specific date in May or June to host Tomlinson Arboretum.
- Sara suggested a foraging hike as a summer meeting and will contact Dave Putt to discuss.
- Linda offered to acquire seed catalogs for the January meeting.

Old Business

Budget proposal - Sara presented a budget proposal which balances the credits and debits for 2023. She will follow up with Dave Putt on the annual website/domain and survey monkey costs.
MCMGA Logo items - Ellen will contact Jean Persley about her past experience with selecting and ordering items for purchase.
The board members offered up some great ideas to pursue.
Association email - All board members are having difficulty accessing the yahoo email; will continue to work with Dave Putt to resolve and possibly pursue gmail account instead.

New Business - No new business

Next Meeting: Monday, January 9, 2023 at 4:30pm

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38pm.

Submitted by Ellen Collins, 11/3/2022

November MCMGA Meeting

EDUCATION RECAP

For the MCMGA November Meeting, there were some last minute adjustments.

Sue Grubba was unable to present, she will be coming to present to the MCMGA this coming spring.

For our meeting, Karen Burke was able to, ensure that we received an update from all of our project coordinators on the many successes of the various MCMGA projects in 2022.

If you attended this meeting you can enter 1.25 hrs of education credits under the heading Macomb County Project Successes.



Upcoming MCMGA Meetings

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022

"MSUE Volunteer and Education Opportunities "

Entomologist and Macomb County consumer horticulture extension educator, David Lowenstein, will give a presentation about the upcoming volunteer and education opportunities for MCMGA members.

Free for MCMGA members + 1 guest, \$5.00 donation requested for all others.

Location: Verkeulin Building

21885 Dunham Rd, Clinton Township, MI 48036



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023

"You Can Garden for Life"

Award winning author, Toni Gattone, will speak about adaptive gardening which gives gardeners of all ages and abilities countless strategies that enable them to continue to enjoy gardening, even when their bodies say: "I don't think so."

Free for MCMGA members + 1 guest, \$5.00 for all others.

Location: This webinar will be presented via zoom

The webinar will be limited to the first 100 registrants.

Save the Dates in 2023

FUTURE MCMGA MEETINGS



March 21, 2023

6:30 pm

Location TBD

"Bursting into Spring"

Speaker: Sue Grubba

April 11, 2023

6:30 pm

Location TBD

"Companion Planting"

Speaker: Linda Simpson

May 16, 2023

6:30 pm

Tomlinson Arboretum

"Prairie Garden, Tree Groves, and Butterfly Garden."

Speakers: Loretta Macklem, Eva Armitage and Dan Lepo.

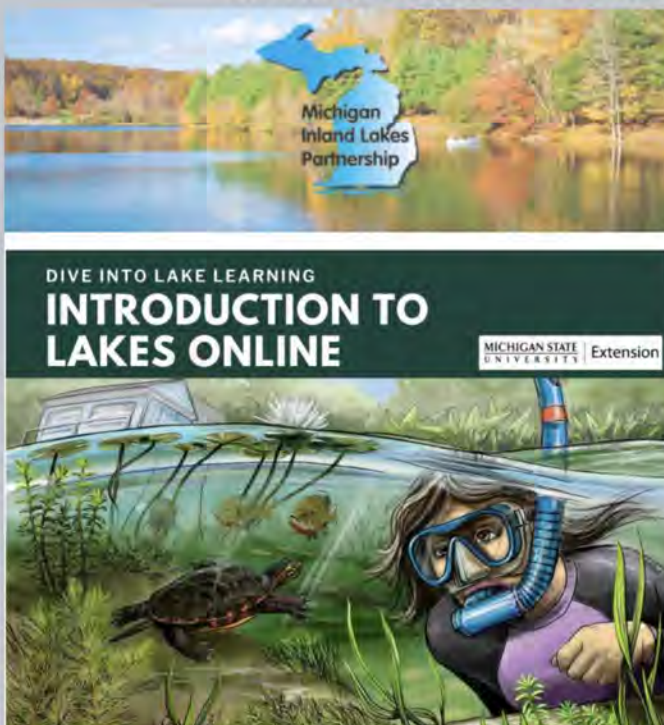
Education Opportunities

INTRODUCTION TO LAKES ONLINE

Learn about inland lakes online from MSU Extension

Registration for the award-winning Michigan State University Extension Introduction to Lakes Online course is now open! This six-week online course kicks off on January 10, 2023 and is designed for anyone interested in lakes such as lakefront property owners, recreational users, and lake professionals.

Course topics include lake ecology, watershed management, shoreline protection, aquatic plants, Michigan water law, and community engagement. Each topic is explored through pre-recorded video lectures, interactive activities, and discussion forums. In addition, there are three live Ask-an-Expert webinars featuring experts from Michigan State University, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. Participants can receive 16 Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Pesticide Applicator Re-Certification credits and credits in the MSU Extension Master Citizen Planner, Master Gardener, and Master Naturalist programs.



Registration is open now through January 8, 2023. The cost of the course is \$115 per person. Register by December 19 for an early bird price of \$95 per person.

Special Pricing for Michigan Lakes and Streams Association Members!

Current individual members of the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association (MLSA) are eligible to receive a \$95 reimbursement upon successful completion of the Introduction to Lakes Online course! Not an MLSA member? Join as an Individual Member prior to completing the course and you too can take advantage of this opportunity!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/courses/introduction-to-lakes>

Education Opportunities

MI AG IDEAS TO GROW WITH

February 27, 2023 - March 10, 2023
Online Using Zoom

Michigan State University (MSU) Extension invites you to attend the 2023 MI Ag Ideas to Grow With conference, held virtually, February 27 - March 10, 2023.

This unique event was created in 2021 to provide an opportunity for education encompassing many aspects of the agricultural industry and offering a full array of educational sessions for farmers, homeowners, gardeners and others interested in food production and those considering agricultural endeavors.

Educational Content

This two-week educational experience features a variety of tracks focused on livestock production, fruit and vegetable production, crop production, farm business management for beginners, irrigation and drainage, the environment, community food systems, and horticulture and home gardening.

Sessions will be held using the Zoom platform.
Several sessions will be eligible for RUP and CCA credits.

There is no cost to register,
but pre-registration is required.

Contact: ANR Event Services,
braidbet@msu.edu, 517-884-7081

Note: As of this newsletter - registration is not yet open)



Education Opportunities

LEARNING ABOUT POLLINATORS

Colony Necropsy at Center of Michigan Beekeepers (COMB)'s Meeting

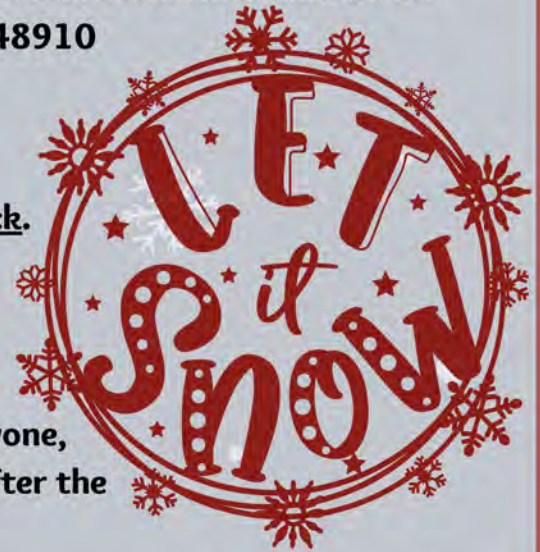
January 9, 2023 6:00PM - 7:30PM

Michigan State University Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education
4301 Farm Ln, Lansing, MI 48910

Contact: Ana Heck

Join Center of Michigan Beekeepers (COMB)'s January meeting for a presentation on Colony Necropsy by Ana Heck. We will cover common reasons why honey bee colonies die and share perspectives on monitoring and managing varroa mites.

Center of Michigan Beekeepers meetings are open to everyone, including non-members. The presentation will take place after the association's business meeting and elections.




Visit MSU's Pollinator Initiative webpage for information and resources on beekeeping and supporting pollinators.

Beekeepers and those interested in getting started with beekeeping can find a local beekeeping club in Michigan.



Education Opportunities

LEARNING ABOUT POLLINATORS



**Michigan Beekeepers' Association & MSU Extension
Spring Conference**

March 10, 2023 - March 11, 2023

**219 S Harrison Rd, East Lansing, MI 48824
Contact: Ana Heck**

Michigan State University (MSU) Extension will co-host the Michigan Beekeepers' Association's Spring Conference, which will be held in Lansing on Friday, March 10th and Saturday, March 11th, 2023.


The Michigan Beekeepers' Association has served Michigan beekeepers for 158 years, and it supports over 30 local beekeeping clubs in Michigan.

All dates, times, presenters, and topics are subject to change and cancelation.

Registration is not yet open. More information will be posted to this page and to the Michigan Beekeepers' Association's webpage closer to the event.

Education Opportunities

LEARNING ABOUT POLLINATORS



Taking Varroa Seriously at Middle of the Mitten Beekeepers Association's meeting

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

Forest Hill Nature Area, 11297 N Rich Rd, Alma, MI 48801

Contact: Ana Heck

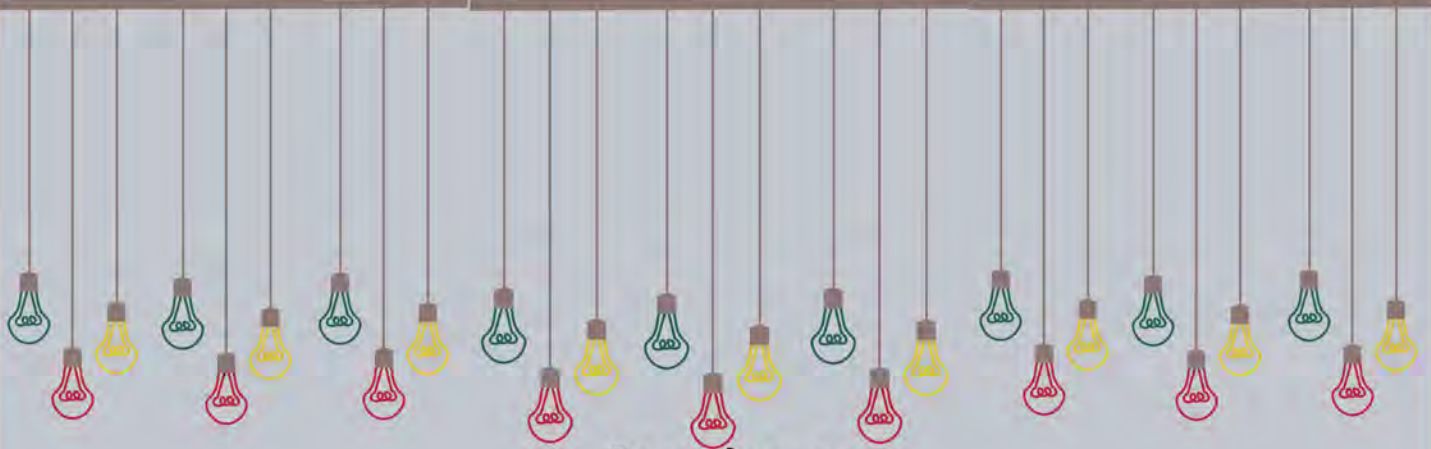
Join Middle of the Mitten Beekeepers Association's July meeting for a presentation on Taking Varroa Seriously by Ana Heck. We will cover about recent research on varroa mites, share new perspectives of effective mite management, and look at varroa data from Michigan State University colonies around the state.

Middle of the Mitten Beekeepers Association's meetings are open to everyone, including non-members.

Visit MSU's Keep Bees Alive webpage for information and resources on understanding, monitoring, and managing varroa mites in honey bee colonies. Beekeepers and those interested in getting started with beekeeping can find a local beekeeping club in Michigan.

Education Opportunities

LEARNING ABOUT POLLINATORS



Beepalooza

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

MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center

28115 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi, MI 48377

Contact: Ana Heck

Join the Southeastern Michigan Beekeepers Association (SEMBA) for an exciting in-person conference hosted at Michigan State University's Tollgate Farm and Education Center in Novi, MI. Beepalooza will be held on Saturday, June 3rd, 2023.

All dates, times, presenters, and topics are subject to change and cancelation.

Registration is not yet open. More information will be posted to this page and Southeastern Michigan Beekeepers Association's webpage closer to the event.


Accessibility accommodations

Michigan State University is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting Ana Heck two weeks prior to the start of the event. Requests received after this date will be honored whenever possible.

Education Opportunities

ONLINE OPPORTUNITY VEGETABLES 101

Smart Gardening with Vegetables 101



This course covers gardening from start to finish: what you need to get started, types of gardening, planning and preparation, soil preparation, plants to select, starting and maintaining healthy plants, garden maintenance, harvest and storage, pollinators and various gardening activities.

Course Format: Self-paced Online course

Individual Price: \$30.00

Group Price: \$90.00.

To register for this course, you will need to create an account, sign in with your email/password, and complete the registration process. To watch a video tutorial, demonstrating an overview of the registration process, click on the following link:

Online Course Registration Video



Education Opportunities

MASTER RAIN GARDENER CLASSES

Master Rain Gardener Classes

Design your own rain garden step-by-step during class. Become the neighborhood expert!

Protect your home against flooding & help birds, & butterflies with a RAIN garden! During class, we teach you *everything* we know about rain gardens. That includes lessons learned from more than 1,000 rain gardens built by homeowners just like you. Learn what works and what doesn't. Ask questions! Visit a real rain garden! Earn your certification - including a t-shirt and sign - by building your own rain garden, or adopting a public rain garden.

Master Rain Gardeners help friends and neighbors to learn about, design and plant rain gardens. Recognize them by their Master Rain Gardener t-shirts!

2023 Master Rain Gardener Classes:

WINTER 2023 - Virtual Classes with In-Person Tours

DATES: Five Thursdays: February 23 - March 23, 2023. ONLINE.

TIME: 10am - Noon.

TOUR DATES:

Washtenaw County Area: Feb 23, 1:00-2:30

Plymouth/Wayne County Area: March 9, 2-4pm

INSTRUCTORS: A regional collaboration

SPRING 2023 - IN PERSON CLASS!

DATES: Five Wednesday afternoons: April 19, 26, May 3,10,17.

TIME: 11:30 to 2:00. Office hours 11:00, and until 2:30.

LOCATION: Saline District Library, 555 N Maple Rd, Saline, MI 48176.

INSTRUCTORS: Susan Bryan (Washtenaw County Water Resources) & Meija Knafel (River Raisin Watershed Council).



The Stewardship Network

Conference 2023
February 2nd - 3rd



Headquartered in Ann Arbor, MI, The Stewardship Network (TSN) is an award-winning 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a 20-year history of caring for our natural world. Through shared experiences, knowledge, and resources, we continue to build an ever larger and more impactful network of place-based collectives (TSN Member Communities) across the Great Lakes and California to do the most important work of our lifetimes.

Now in its 16th year, The Stewardship Network Conference is the moment where theory meets practice and curiosity leads to solutions. Each annual convening unifies hundreds of professionals, students, and volunteers from a dazzling array of environmental fields. Here they share their setbacks and successes, compare advancements and techniques, and revel in diverse perspectives and creative expressions — all in support of our shared mission to care for the natural world.

The Stewardship Network Conference

This year's event will be conducted February 2nd & 3rd, 2023 and marks our third consecutive online session after a long in-person tradition. Each year since 2008, we've assembled this fantastic gathering of regional and national caretakers of nature to share ideas, challenge our thinking, and leave energized for the seasons ahead, bolstered by the knowledge that none of us are doing this vital work alone. We hope you'll join us!





MI HEALTHY CLIMATE CONFERENCE

APRIL 11-12, 2023

**The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
MI Healthy Climate Conference
April 11-12, 2023
Huntington Place in Detroit, MI.**

Michigan faces real and costly impacts from climate change. But climate action also presents opportunities to improve health outcomes, advance justice, and grow Michigan's economy. Governor Whitmer committed Michigan to carbon neutrality by 2050 and in April 2022 released the MI Healthy Climate Plan to chart Michigan's path forward. Hundreds of Michiganders contributed thousands of hours of research, reflection, and conversation to create a plan that will protect our public health and the environment and help develop new clean energy jobs.

It will take concerted effort from all Michiganders to realize the Plan. Fortunately, our communities, businesses, and institutions have already stepped up and created strong momentum for us to build upon. This two-day conference will bring together and mobilize engaged stakeholders, community and business leaders, advocates, and other partners around implementing the key action items in the MI Healthy Climate Plan. Take this time to connect and help catalyze Michigan's plan to action!



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY



SAVE THE DATE

2023 International Master Gardener Conference

OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS

JUNE 18-22 2023

Celebrate!

Connect with friends and celebrate gardening, lifelong learning, and the joy of giving back to our communities.



Educate!

Learn from inspiring speakers, fascinating tours, interactive workshops, and idea-packed classroom presentations.



Grow!

Return home inspired by new people, ideas and experiences that you will use in your own gardens and communities.





**FUN
FACT.**

Horticulture Trivia Night

Tuesday, December 13, 2022
7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. ET
On Zoom

Description: Join MSU Extension for the second of four 2022-2023 monthly trivia series about gardening. This is a chance to test your knowledge about all things plants, insects, and garden related in Michigan. There will be 30 multiple choice question/answers during this live event and a prize awarded to the top two scorers. Trivia night is open to gardening enthusiasts, trivia lovers, extension master gardeners, or anyone else who wants to play.

How it works: After registering, you will be sent a Zoom webinar link for this event. You will need a second device (phone or tablet) to answer the live trivia questions using a polling website called Kahoot. During the first few minutes of the event, there will be a demonstration of how to join and submit answers. Scoring is based on the correct answer and the speed at which an answer is entered. Please arrive by 7:05 p.m. to join the trivia game on time.

**DID
YOU
KNOW?**

Cost: \$5, Free for the first 50 Michigan Extension Master Gardeners (your certification will be verified after registration)

Prizes: Choice of a \$20 gift card to English Gardens (stores in Metro Detroit area) or a \$25 e-gift card to a local garden center or seed company of the winner's choice





Keeping your Holiday Cacti Happy



My husband and I have two Christmas cacti (*Schlumbergera bridgesii*) we started by propagating clippings off of my mother-in-laws very old plant over 12 years ago, they are some of my favorite house plants. I love the beautiful flowers that they produce. We were also lucky enough to find an Easter Cactus (*Schlumbergera gaertneri*) and a Thanksgiving Cactus (*Schlumbergera truncata*) at the MSU Houseplant Sale, in early November. I am looking forward to watching them grow and flourish just like our Christmas Cacti.

As this is the season they can usually be found in stores or are given as gifts, it is a great time to refresh yourself on good care guidelines. The MSU Extension Webpage, has a great article entitled, How to care for and get your holiday cactus to rebloom written by Gretchen Voyle. The article offers some guidelines, tips and tricks to keep your cactus reblooming every year.

If you give one as a gift this season, make sure to share this information with the recipient.
https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/how_to_care_for_and_reflower_your_christmas_cactus

Shared by Chelsea Jaques



Volunteer Opportunities Lake St. Clair CISMA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2022

"Native Wildflower Restoration Workday: Part 2 "

Join the Lake St. Clair CISMA for a fun day of planting wildflower seeds!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2022 AT 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM EST

Parking will be at:

St. Hubert's Church

38775 Prentiss St, Harrison Twp., MI 48045

Please park in the main parking lot closer to the end by the houses or
the back parking lot behind the Rectory.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022

Enjoy an afternoon of eco-stewardship at the beachfront Fort Gratiot County Park with Friends of the St. Clair River. Find out what makes this area's dune and swale habitat so unique and learn how to protect it by helping to remove invasive species. Families welcome; no experience necessary. Dress for the weather and bring your favorite gardening gloves and weed pulling tools!

Email brooke@sriver.org for more information.

Visit Friends of the St. Clair River's website for all our eco-stewardship activities:
www.sriver.org.

Lakefront Restoration

Fort Gratiot County Park

December 8th

January 19th

February 16th

1 - 3 PM



Volunteer Opportunities Lake St. Clair CISMA and Friends of the St. Clair River

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022



*over the river
and through the woods*

**Identifying and removing
invasive bittersweet vines**

Woodson County Park
Saturday, December 10th
10am-12pm
www.scriver.org



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022




**WINTER
STONEFLY
SEARCH**
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28
10 AM - 12 PM
COLUMBUS COUNTY PARK

Discover nature around you, even in the depths of winter! The Belle River is teeming with life and we're digging in to explore it.

Join Friends of the St. Clair River at our 2nd annual Winter Stonefly Search on the Belle River at Columbus County Park on Saturday, January 28 at 10am.

Unlike most insects, the sensitive winter stonefly prefers the coldest months of the year to avoid predators and complete its life cycle. We'll collect and count the stoneflies we find in order to determine the health of the Belle River. Stoneflies are extremely sensitive to pollution so finding them indicates a healthy river and clean water. After our search, you are invited to warm up with hot cocoa at the lodge!

Plan on bringing waterproof boots or waders and cold-weather gear. Waders are available to borrow on a first-come first-serve basis. Families are welcome to join; children must be accompanied by an adult. This event is best suited for ages 5 and older. Reach out to melissa@scriver.org for more information or visit www.scriver.org.

Volunteer Opportunities Macomb County Extension Master Gardeners

RECOGNITION DINNER PLANNING COMMITTEE

Every year, Macomb County Extension Master Gardeners host a recognition dinner to celebrate our volunteers and honor those who offer exemplary service. This event will be held on a weeknight in early May. We are looking for 3 - 4 individuals who wish to volunteer on the planning committee. The committee determines a theme for the event, decorations, and helps with the setup and other event coordination.

Most planning meetings occur on Zoom in the daytime, but they could be scheduled in early evening if members of the committee are unavailable during business hours. Time spent planning this event is eligible for volunteer hours.


This is an excellent opportunity for anyone who is a creative, a go-getter, interested in event planning. Volunteers must be active with their hours requirements and intend to continue in the program in 2023.

Please send me an email (lowenst6@msu.edu) if you wish to volunteer on the committee or have any questions about the role.



Volunteer Project Managers

MSUE HALLWAY PROJECT INFORMATION



**CALLING ALL
MACOMB COUNTY
VOLUNTEER PROJECT MANAGERS**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHINE A
SPOTLIGHT

ON YOUR PROJECT

The planning for the MSUE Hallway Project in the Verkeulin Building is underway.

We are looking for projects that would like to be featured in this unique project .

Please contact committee member

Lisa Lane at craftylady16679@gmail.com

if you're interested in having your project showcased.

We are excited to get this project started!

The Rochester Garden Club

GIFTS AND

GREENS MARKET

For 76 years, the Rochester Garden Club has been bringing a great value and a festive holiday shopping experience to Rochester. This year the tradition continues on December 1, 2 and 3 at a new location. We will be at the Abiding Presence Lutheran Church at 1550 Walton Blvd., just west of Livernois.

In this holiday setting, shoppers will find displays of affordable fresh greens perfect for gracing your home inside and out, fresh and permanent table arrangements that are hand made by the club's talented designers, holiday cookies and gourmet items, herbal concoctions and one-of-a-kind handmade gifts. "Our club members volunteer their time and talents to create these beautiful arrangements, delectable treats and handmade gifts," said Jenny Van Dusen, co-chair of the event. "We are able to price our items reasonably and still raise funds for our community." Knowledgeable club members will be on hand to help customers select just what they need.

This three-day event begins with the Opening Gala on Thursday evening, December 1 between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm. For a \$5.00 entrance fee, shoppers can enjoy a lovely evening, sampling snacks while getting ready for the holidays. Market Days are held on Friday, December 2 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Saturday, December 3 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm with a \$2.00 entrance fee.

As our regular customers know, shopping at the Gifts & Greens Market means supporting the greater Rochester area. All proceeds are returned to the community in the areas of conservation, education, scholarships, horticulture therapy, and civic improvement. The club supports the Children's Garden at Van Hoosen Farm, college scholarships, summer camp scholarships in partnership with 4-H, annual flower plantings at parks and public spaces, Seven Ponds Nature Center, The Wildflower Association of Michigan, Clinton River Watershed Council, and many other causes. The Rochester Garden Club, a branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, has received civic recognition over the years for its contributions to the quality of life in our community. New members are welcome.

The Gifts & Greens Market will be held on Thursday, December 1 from 5 pm to 8 pm (Opening Gala), Friday, December 2 from 9 am to 5 pm and Saturday, December 3 from 9 am to 1 pm. (Market Days). Our location is the Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 1550 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills, MI 48309. Visit RochesterGardenClub.org

Thursday, December 1 - 5 to 8 pm

Shop early – Enjoy Refreshments

Admission \$5

Friday, December 2 - 9 am to 5 pm

Admission \$2

Saturday, December 3 - 9 am to 1 pm

Admission \$2

NEW LOCATION

**Abiding Presence Lutheran Church
1550 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills
(Just west of Livernois)**

MCMGA FUNDRAISING

Kroger Kroger Community 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!

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

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MCMGA CLASSIFIEDS

Donations Needed for Charity Garden

Items needed or Available for our projects

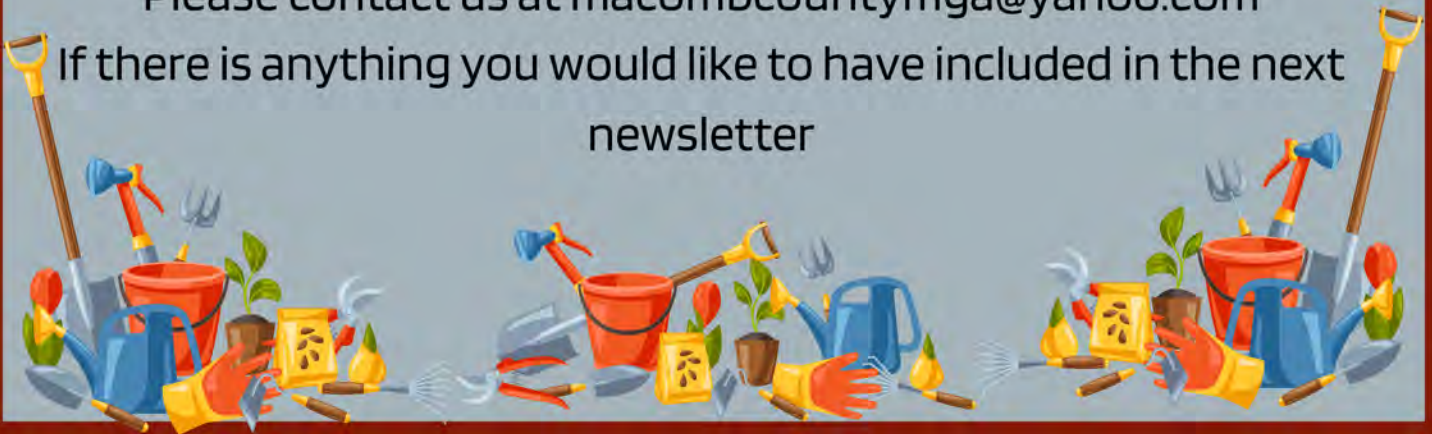
(New or Gently Used)

plastic milk crates,
hand shovels, plastic watering
cans, bird seed, bird feeders,
saucer-type hummingbird feeders,
wind chimes. Please contact Ellen
Collins, 248-770-4763. Thanks!



Do you have any items that you would like to donate.
Does your project have any needs that you would like to share?
Please contact us at macombcountymga@yahoo.com

If there is anything you would like to have included in the next
newsletter



2022

PAST MCMGA MEETINGS

November 15 2022

"Macomb County Project Successes"

1.25 Education Hrs.

October 18 2022

"Family Program--Bats & Halloween"

1.0 Education Hr.

September 13 2022

"Autumn Jewels--The Science Behind the Scenery"

1.0 Education Hr.

August 9 2022

"MCMGA On the Road Meeting - A visit to the St. Peter Hubert and Thecla Community Charity Garden"

1.0 Education Hr.

July 19 2022

MCMGA "Hummingbirds and Orioles" with Pam Gors

1.0 Education Hr.

June 22 2022

MCMGA "The World of Honey" with Dave Putt

1.0 Education Hr.

May 11 2022

MCMGA "Identifying and Reporting Invasive Species" by Kirsten Lyons

1.0 education Hr.

April 19 2022

MCMGA "Water Gardening" by Irene Townsend

1.0 Education Hr.

March 21 2022

MCMGA "World of Bees" by Dave Putt

1.5 Education Hrs.

February 15 2022

MCMGA "Introduction to Orchids" by Kristen Uthus

1.0 Education Hr.

January 18 2022

MCMGA "Winter Sowing" by Jean Persley

1.0 Education Hr.