



# MACOMB COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



## FEBRUARY



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🐿️ We have survived the first full month of winter and all gardeners know that the fate of the remaining months of winter is dependent on whether our local groundhogs cast their shadow upon our snow-covered landscape. I know I will be making a pilgrimage to the Octagon House to watch for our local groundhog, "Octagardener Ollie", to emerge from his hole. I'll report on what I find.

🐿️ Groundhogs aside, the other really big news this month is that by the time you read this newsletter, our new website will be up and running. Please go to [macombcountymga.org](http://macombcountymga.org) to check it out. Everyone likes an attractive website but the real reason for building a new website for our association was its functionality. We have many new features that will certainly make life easier for our members. You will now be able to pay your membership dues on-line. Registration for our monthly meetings is just a click of a button. Additional new website features include our seed library, recordings and handouts from past lectures and more. We even have an interactive blog page to keep our members updated on a weekly basis. Make sure you read the tutorial in this website to find out how to get the most out of our new website.

🐿️ In other news, we will also be switching over to Gmail as our email provider. For the meantime, we will continue to use our yahoo email account, but you will be notified when we make the switch.

🐿️ I hope our Macomb County MG project leaders will take advantage of our MCMGA grant program and apply for a grant of up to \$150.

🐿️ If you have not already done so, please renew your membership by February 28. That is when we have to submit our membership list to MMGA. With our new on-line membership renewal feature it could not be any easier to renew your membership.

🐿️ Starting with this newsletter, the board has decided to begin publishing the minutes from our monthly board meetings and the quarterly meetings.

🐿️ We hope you participated in our January 18 "Winter Sowing Workshop". MCMGA member Jean Persely did a masterful job in explaining the concept behind winter sowing and everyone went home with a fully-seed winter sowing container. Keep us posted on how your container is doing. It was a lot of fun and we hope to host more workshops in the future.

🐿️ So here is to 6 more weeks of winter (or not)!

Your MCMGA Board of Directors



**MACOMB COUNTY  
MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION**



**Membership Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

I am a:	Dues:	I am interested in volunteering:
_____ Certified Master Gardener	\$15.00	_____ Education Committee
_____ Advanced Master Gardener	\$15.00	_____ Hospitality Committee
_____ Master Gardener Volunteer in Training	\$15.00	_____ Grant Committee
_____ Master Gardener Emeritus	\$10.00	_____ Advertising
_____ Master Gardener Alumni	\$10.00	_____ Fund Raising

Membership is January through December. **We will mail your registration card after we receive your payment. The deadline for membership renewal is March 15.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Office use only**

Application received \_\_\_\_\_ Dues paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Enrolled in MMGA \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail completed form and check payable to MCMGA to:

Macomb County MGA  
P.O. Box 380463  
Clinton Twp., MI 48038





Fellow Extension Master Gardeners,

Are you currently working on a project? Do they need money to finish off a section or start a new one? Are your plants labeled?

The MCMGA grants up to 4 grants every year to help with these things and more. It is available for the project you are working at. You do not need to be a coordinator to apply and receive the grant. You can apply as a member of the MCMGA. It is one of your benefits as a member. Talk to the coordinator at your project and see what their plans are for the upcoming year. Our guidelines are listed on the Facebook page. I am also attaching the form to fill out with this newsletter along with the qualifications. Grants of \$150 (maximum amount) are granted, depending on your needs. Please feel free to contact me with any further questions at [kjburke24285@gmail.com](mailto:kjburke24285@gmail.com).

Let's get our hands dirty this year!

Karen Burke

MCMGA Grants Coordinator





# Macomb County Master Gardener Association

## 2022 Community Gardening Grants

### Grant Application

Applicant Information	
Name and Address of Organization/Group	
Physical location of garden, if different	
Contact Person preparing the application	
Email	
Phone	
Principal of Organization Name	
Title of Project/Program	
Amount Requested	

**Answer the questions below:**

- 1. Description** – Describe the:
  - a. Program/project to be funded
  - b. Objectives
  - c. Targeted participants and approximate number to be served
  - d. Horticultural education and/or horticultural therapy aspects

2. **Budget:** Utilizing the format below, provide a budget for the project, indication of items to be funded by requested grant and other funding sources or in-kind donations. Please include as many items as necessary to provide the complete budget.

Material	Cost	Funding from other sources	MCMGA requested funding
<b>Total Project Cost</b>			

3. **MCMGA Involvement:** Indicate the Macomb County Master Gardener Association Member(s) involved in the planning and/or implementation of this project.

Return completed application to: [MacombCountyMGA@yahoo.com](mailto:MacombCountyMGA@yahoo.com)

Or, mail to:

**Macomb County MGA  
P.O. Box 380463  
Clinton Township, MI 48038**

*Grants to be awarded at the April Quarterly MCMGA meeting.*



Visit us on FaceBook



or, on the **\*\*NEW\*\*** MCMGA Website!  
(see below for new website tutorial)



The next meeting of the MCMGA Board of Directors is Thursday,  
February 10th at 4:00pm (via Zoom)



If there's anything that you would like to have included in the next newsletter,  
or have any comments or suggestions, please send them to the MCMGA  
newsletter editor: [dawnpiper@mac.com](mailto:dawnpiper@mac.com)



**Macomb County Master Gardener Banquet**

**Wednesday, May 4th**





# NEW WEBSITE TUTORIAL

## macombcountymga.org



<b>Home Page</b>		Above is a screenshot of the website home page. At the top of the page you should see several menu headings You can access everything on the website using these menus. At the bottom of the page you will see the <b>Facebook</b> icon. Clicking on this icon will take you to our Facebook page
<b>About Us</b>		This dropdown has two pages. Click on the inverted triangle to see the two pages-- <b>About Us</b> and <b>Directors &amp; By Laws</b>
	<b>About Us</b>	The page has information about MCMGA including our mission statement, membership benefits, meeting location
	<b>Directors &amp; By Laws</b>	Displays the names and titles of our Board of Directors. You can download a copy of the By Laws is at the bottom of the page
<b>Calendar</b>		This dropdown has two pages. Click on the inverted triangle to the two pages-- <b>Upcoming Meetings</b> and <b>2022 Native Plant Sale</b>
	<b>Upcoming Meetings</b>	This page lists the dates, speakers and topics of our upcoming monthly meetings. You can register for that meeting by clicking on the <b>Register</b> button. You will receive an email from Sign Up Genius with the subject line of Sign Up Confirmation.
	<b>2022 Native Plant Sale</b>	This is where you will find information on this year's Native Plant Sale. Order form and payment options will be available in summer
<b>Membership</b>		This is the page where you can renew your membership and pay on-line. If you click on the <b>Membership Application</b> button you will be taken to a fillable form which you will fill out and <b>Submit</b> . <b>IMPORTANT</b> --After you submit the membership form you must return to the Membership page and click on the <b>Pay Dues Here</b> button to make your payment. You will receive an email from Macomb County Master Gardener Association with your receipt.
<b>Grants</b>		On this page you can download two documents-- <b>2022 Grant Application Form</b> and <b>2022 Grant Guidelines</b> . The application cannot be submitted on-line. You must mail the completed form to our PO Box.
<b>Contact Us</b>		Clicking on this heading will take you to a fillable form if you would like to submit a question
<b>Blog</b>		New posts will be added to the blog page on a weekly basis. This is an interactive site and readers can comment on the posts. If we run into problems with inappropriate posts from outsiders, we will move the Blog page to a Members Only page and members will need to set up an account to access the page.
<b>More</b>		This heading contains all of the remaining pages that can be accessed on our website which includes the <b>Archives</b> and the <b>MCMGA Seed Library</b> .
	<b>Archives</b>	Click on the inverted triangle to see the two pages-- <b>Recordings &amp; Handouts</b> and <b>Newsletters</b>
	<b>Recordings &amp; Handouts</b>	This page contains recordings of past meetings or handouts from meetings. Not all meetings were recorded and not all meetings had handouts
	<b>Newsletters</b>	This page is a repository of past MCMGA newsletters
	<b>MCMGA Seed Library</b>	This page contains photos of all of the seed packets that our members can check out from our MCMGA Seed Library



# MCMGA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS



## How to Register

If meeting virtually or in person, please register at [macombcountyMGA.org](https://macombcountyMGA.org). Please register at least 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

And, please remember to bring your membership card and wear your MSUE Master Gardener badge to all events.

**February: "Orchids"** Waiting for confirmation from speaker. ZOOM Meeting, 6:30 PM.

**March 21st: "The World of Native Bees and Honeybees"** by Dave Putt. MCMGA President Dave Putt will give a presentation on the critical role that native bees and honeybees play in plant pollination. Free Zoom Meeting, 6:30 PM. (1.0 Education hr. –Environmental Stewardship: Pollinators).

**April : "Water Gardening"** Waiting for confirmation from speaker. Zoom Meeting, 6:30 PM

**May 11th: "Recognizing Invasive Plant Species and Reporting Their Location"**. Lake St. Clair CISMA Coordinator, McKenzi Waliczek, will discuss the problems that invasive plants create and how we can play a role in reporting their whereabouts. Free. 6:30 PM. Verkuilen Bldg. (1.0 Education hr.—Environmental Stewardship: Invasive Species).



# January 2022 MCMGA Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Dave Putt, Karen Burke, Sara Grix, David Lowenstein, Ellen Collins, Dennis Beltz

Dave Putt called the meeting to order at 11:01am.

The 12/16/2021 board meeting minutes were approved.

## Professional comments

David Lowenstein reported that MG recertification is open and working. David will set up a meeting for banquet volunteers. He's also looking for a speaker on native plants. Dave Putt has a couple suggestions and will share with David. David informed the board of several future events:

- Insect collection and ID - 6/28 at MSU Extension Office
- Garden tour on grasses & sedges - 7/12 & 7/13 at MSU Extension Office
- Lavender Fest - 7/15-17 at Blake's

## January 18 Meeting

There are 29 members registered to date. The board prefers to keep the meeting in-person due to membership renewals and workshop presentation. Masks and covid screening are required. The link for the screening will be emailed to members prior to the meeting. Pam Voss will attend and bring a sign-in sheet. Board members will arrive at 6pm to assist with renewal process. Sara will bring 2 hard copies of the membership roster and her laptop. The board would like to share the roster with members but consent is needed. Those members attending the 1/18 meeting will be asked for consent; others members can be polled by email or called. Each board member will speak about their responsibilities. Sara and Ellen will handle updates to the membership roster.

## Treasurer report

The bank balance is \$4951.99. There will be a credit of \$6.44 for Nance checks and tbd credit from Kroger; there will be a debit for P.O. Box renewal. Since the Huntington walk-in was closed in late December, Sara, Dave & Dennis will meet there on Friday 1/14 at 1pm to revise the signature authorizations on the account. They will also inquire about a credit card for the club's account.

## Membership renewals

The 2022 renewal form was emailed to members, approx. 70 members currently. There is some concern that Emeritus status (\$10 renewal) does not include membership to MMGA. Dave Putt will ask David to put a notice in the MSUE newsletter to draw in new members.

## Grants for 2022

Dave will bring hard copies of the grant application to the 1/18 meeting. Dave's looking for an electronic copy of the grant guidelines. If anyone has the file, please send to Dave.



### Website update

Sara found a payment to Weebly in 2020 but none in 2021. It appears that when MCMGA responsibility for the website changed, Weebly had no one to charge so our website and domain were dropped. Dave stated that [Macombcountymga.org](http://Macombcountymga.org) is available for \$9.99/yr; the board agrees to pursue a multi-year agreement. Dave explained website options: restore with Weebly/Square or develop new with Go Daddy. The board approved a motion for Dave to build a new website and \$300 to start work with Go Daddy. Dave will survey the members for features desired in our website. Incorporating PayPal would be desirable.

### Email account

Dave believes that the yahoo email account was tied to the website and it disappeared along with the website. He will pursue a new email along with website development.

### Program

Meetings will be scheduled on 2nd, 3rd or 4th Tuesday. Dennis offered some topics for future meetings: water gardening, hydroponics, orchids and pruning. Dennis stated that speakers are slow to respond to his requests to present. The board approved a motion to allow Dennis to book a speaker if fee is \$150 or less.

Next meeting: Thursday 2/10/2022 at 4pm

Meeting was adjourned at 12:32pm.

Submitted by Ellen Collins 1/14/2022

 January 2022 Quarterly Meeting Report 

### 2022 Membership Renewals

Renewals were handled by Sara Grix, Karen Burke & Ellen Collins. There were 17 renewals and 2 new memberships taken on site. Several other members renewed via postal mail with Sara prior to the meeting.

### Education

“Winter Sowing” presentation by Jean Persley was fun and informative.

### Business Meeting

Dave Putt thanked Jean Persley for her excellent presentation. Dawn Piper, Linda Simpson and Laura Pickett were also thanked for their work on the seed committee.

The MG banquet will be held on Wednesday May 4, 2022 at the Verkuilen Building. Pam Voss is looking for volunteers to help with banquet planning.

Dave encouraged members to submit recommendations for the Green Thumb award.

Dave also reminded members to complete the website survey. Good news - the new website will offer a payment feature!

### Grants

Karen Burke stated that 4 - \$150 grants are available this year. The grant info and application were included in the January newsletter; guidelines are available from Karen upon request.

Karen emphasized that you don't have to be a project leader to apply for a grant. The deadline for submission is 3/15/2022.

### Treasurer Report

Sara Grix reported a bank balance of \$4951.99.

### Newsletter

Please submit photos and articles to Dawn Piper.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Outdoor Winter pruning at St. John and Paul Church Orchard on select dates in January, February and March. Please email Jeanie Newlin, radnewlin@gmail.com, if interested.

Submitted by Ellen Collins 1/19/2022



## PRIOR PROGRAM EDUCATION HOURS



**January 18th (MCMGA) "Winter Sowing - Yes, you can garden in winter!" (Jean Persely)**

1.0 Education Hour





# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



## Ss. John and Paul Church Orchard

**What?** Outdoor Winter Pruning 2022

**Where?** 7777 28 Mile Rd.  
Washington Twp.  
Park on the west side of the church  
Meet at the Shed behind the church



**When?** Once a Week, January through March

Friday mornings 10-12 a.m.: Jan. 21, Feb. 4, March 11

Saturday afternoons 1-3 p.m.: Jan. 29, Feb. 12, March 19

Sunday afternoons 1-3 p.m.: Feb. 20, March 6, March 27

**Who?** All Master Gardeners are welcome!

**Why?** Winter Pruning offers a great opportunity to learn how to prune apple trees while having fun with fellow Master Gardeners. **Come join the fun!**







# FUNDRAISING



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**How can I learn more about AmazonSmile?**

Please see complete AmazonSmile [program details](#).



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One of the ways in which we do this is through our Kroger Community Rewards program. This program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card. Go to:

<https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>

Sign in or create a digital account (Kroger Plus Card). Link your card to: CQ024 (organization #) or Macomb County Master Gardener Association.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact the [Customer Service Center](#)

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MSU Extension: Gardening in Michigan 🌸

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<http://housegardens.cranbrook.edu>

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Detroit Garden Works 🐛

<https://detroitgardenworks.com>

Friendly Garden Club of Sterling Heights 😊

Visit us on Facebook / [gailstraughen@gmail.com](mailto:gailstraughen@gmail.com)

Master Gardener Society of Oakland County 🌹

**MGSOC Calendar of Events**

February 8th @ 6:30pm via Zoom

“Garden Design for Winter Interest” with Jan Bills

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meadow Brook Garden Club 🌿

<https://meadowbrookhall.org/programs/meadow-brook-garden-club-programs/>

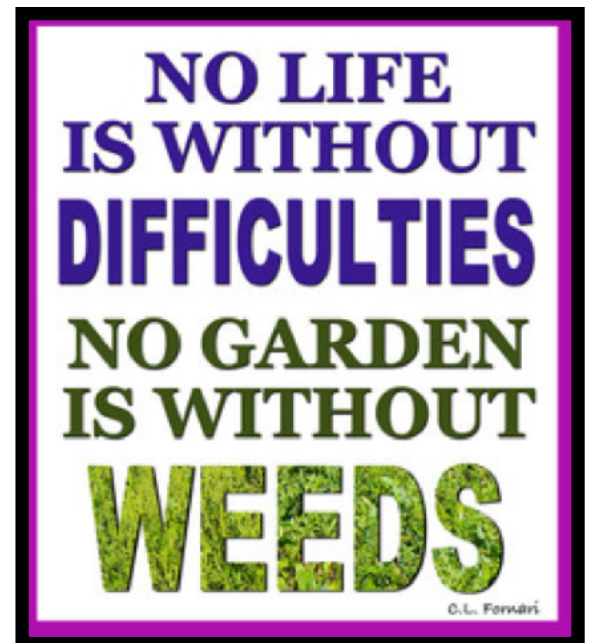
FEBRUARY 25th @ 10:00am via Zoom

“Bulbs as Companion Plants” by Brent Heath

Non-members wishing to attend please send a request to [MBGCmembers@gmail.com](mailto:MBGCmembers@gmail.com) to request a link.

Michigan Gardener 🐝

<https://www.michigangardener.com>



Michigan Master Gardener Association 🌲

[www.michiganmastergardener.org](http://www.michiganmastergardener.org)

Oudolf Garden (Belle Isle) Detroit 🌿

<https://oudolfgardendetroit.org>. <https://oudolfgardendetroit.org/videos/>

Rochester Garden Club 🕷️

<http://rochestergardenclub.org>

Shelby Gardeners Club 🐌

<https://www.shelbytwp.org/gardeners/>

**Thursday, February 10th @ 1:00 pm via Zoom**

World traveler and avid gardener, Judy Garrett, presents "Travel to 10 Amazing Gardens Around the World." Join us for a slideshow travelogue showcasing the most iconic gardens on the planet.

**Location: Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center, 4101 River Bends Dr, Shelby Twp, (East off Ryan at Hamlin; between Auburn & 22 Mile Road)**

Troy Garden Club 🌹

<http://troygardenclubmi.com/events/>

**Wednesday, February 9th @ 1:00pm**

"What's New for 2022" by George Papadelis Owner & Operator, Telly's Greenhouse

**Location: Big Beaver United Methodist Church 3753 John R. Road, Troy, MI 48083 (S. of Wattles) Guest fee: \$5.00**

Wildflower Association of Michigan 🌻

<https://wildflowersmich.org>

WildOnes 🍂

[wildones.org](http://wildones.org)

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AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

**BEE LAB**  
Research and outreach related to honey bees,  
wild bees and other pollinators

[Register Now](#)

**Tending Nature: Native Plants and Every Gardener's Role in Fostering Biodiversity**

This 6-session webinar series will focus on the ecological roles of native plants and some of the creatures that depend on them. We'll meet virtually at 10AM EASTERN each Friday for 6 weeks January 7th through February 11th

**2/4 Heather Holm: Bumble Bee Banquet: Selecting Native Plants for Bumble Bees**

**2/11 Debra Knapke: Native Plants in My Garden? Absolutely!**

[Actually, register here!](#)

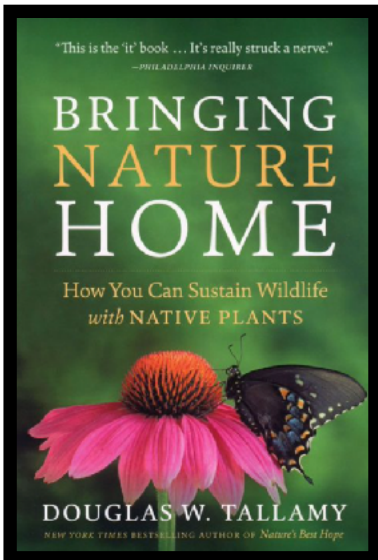


# CABIN FEVER CONVERSATIONS

Winter 2022

February 11, 2022 12:00 – 1:00 pm – A cultivar centered conversation featuring MSU Extension Educator Barslund Judd. Time to familiarize yourselves with the Latin lingo to understand complex plant relationships, improve your plant care, and impress your friends!

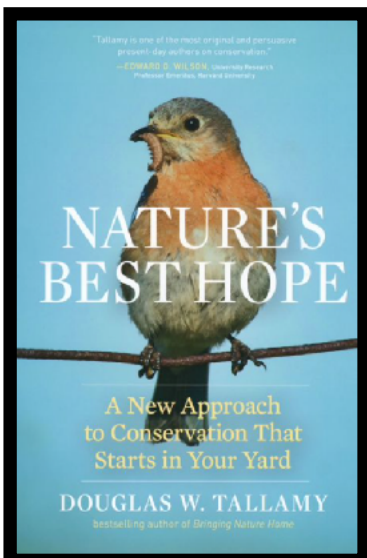
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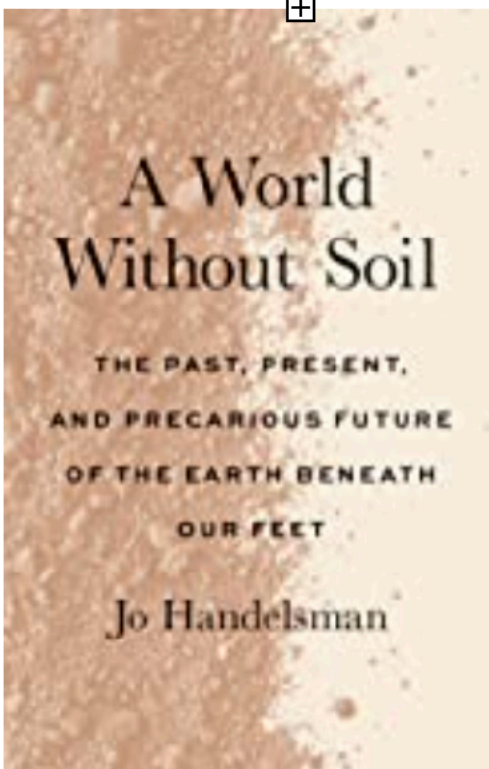


## New Book on the Shelf

By Dave Putt

### **A World Without Soil: The Past, Present, and Precarious Future of the Earth Beneath Our Feet**

by [Jo Handelsman](#) and Kayla Cohen / Nov 23, 2021 / Yale University Press/ 262 pp.



Jo [Handelsman](#) is a Professor in the Department of Plant Pathology at the University of Wisconsin at Madison and a former science advisor to President Barack Obama. In this new release she explores the enigma of how we depend on soil for 95% our global food production and yet we treat our earth's life-sustaining ribbon of soil as something disposable. Many of the best practices for maintaining soil health have been known for decades, yet we continue to use outdated and destructive methods in agriculture and at home. She makes us aware that one of the simplest and least expensive remedies for combating global climate change is to treat our soil better. Soil organic matter sequesters more carbon than the total amount of carbon released by human activities since the start of the Industrial Revolution. I found Chapter 7, "The Climate-Soil Duet" to be the most eloquent discourse on this subject that I have ever read. The author remains optimistic and encourages all of us to become better stewards of the soil.



# Discamus Botanicis Latinis

(Let's Learn Botanical Latin!)

## COLORS

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6. ____	<i>caesius</i>
7. ____	<i>coccineus</i>
8. ____	<i>columbianus</i>
9. ____	<i>cyanas / caeruleus</i>
10. ____	<i>lividus</i>
11. ____	<i>luteus / flavidus</i>
12. ____	<i>melano / niger</i>
13. ____	<i>puniceus</i>
14. ____	<i>purpureus</i>
15. ____	<i>rosea</i>
16. ____	<i>rubra</i>
17. ____	<i>violaceus</i>
18. ____	<i>viridis</i>

A. Lavender
B. Blue
C. Gray
D. Pink
E. Orange
F. Brown
G. Blue-Gray
H. Green
I. White
J. Scarlet
K. Gold
L. Yellow
M. Purple
N. Green
O. Red-Purple
P. Violet
Q. Black
R. Red

# Happy Valentine's Day



