

Macomb County Master Gardener Association

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- Linda Simpson- Director at Large
- Sara Grix - Secretary
- Ellen Collins - Treasurer

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 to:
macombcountymga@yahoo.com

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.

Letter from the Board

Happy New Year Master Gardeners!

Have you made all your New Year Resolutions? How many of them relate to growing more plants this year? I am hopefully going to grow some new varieties this year, successfully! Now is the time to take and decide what ones you want to grow and learn how to grow them. It is also time to get your winter sowing going.

I am also going to take time to get in shape for the new season. We will have a wonderful class coming up via zoom in February. I hope you will not miss Toni Gattone. She will explain to us what tools will help us for those of us aging too fast....lol. I will take all the help I can get!

I will also be lining up all my seed starting equipment and making sure I have everything I need, along with when to plant what. I have received almost all my seeds so I am ready to go.

Wow! Winter is going fast.....time to get gardening!!!!

Upcoming MCMGA Meetings

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023

"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

2023 DUES may be paid in person at the meeting or online at <https://macombcountymga.org/membership-1>

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 Date

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.



Horticulture Trivia Nights



Monday, January 16, 2023 7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. ET on Zoom

Description:

Join MSU Extension for the third of four winter 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 scorer. Trivia night is open to gardening enthusiasts, trivia lovers, extension master gardeners, or anyone else who wants to play.

Tuesday, February 28, 2023 7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. ET on Zoom

Description: Join MSU Extension for the final of four winter 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 scorer. Trivia night is open to gardening enthusiasts, trivia lovers, extension master gardeners, or anyone else who wants to play.

Education Opportunities

ORGANIC INTENSIVES 2023

January 7, 2023 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Plant and Soil Sciences Building, 1066 Bogue St., East Lansing, MI 48824

Michigan Organic Food & Farm Alliance (MOFFA) invites you to join us on for a one-day in-depth learning experience. Organic Intensives are an opportunity to acquire practical, detailed information over the course of a day with fellow Michigan farmers and gardeners.

We are offering the opportunity to learn from experienced experts and producers in one of three topic areas:
Keeping Outside the Box: A Comprehensive Understanding of Sustainable Beekeeping in Today's Declining Environment
Diverse, Vigorous, and Hardy Fruits and Nuts: Native and Beyond

High Costs and Supply Scares of Nutrients: Strategies for Overcoming Organic Crop Fertility Challenges

Thanks to our sponsors, we have been able to keep the cost low at \$85 for MOFFA members and \$115 for non-members. The registration fee covers six hours of learning, lunch, breaks, all printed materials, and a great chance to network with fellow farmers and gardeners from across Michigan. Parking is free at the Plant and Soil Sciences Building. A limited number of scholarships are available; to apply please email your request for a scholarship to moffaorganic@gmail.com.

Education Opportunities

PLANT QUEST 2023

Sessions via Zoom: 6 - 7 p.m. ET

Jan. 9, 2023 - "Woodland Treasures for Shady Gardens"

Presenter: Tony Reznicek, Curator (retired) University of Michigan Herbarium

Jan. 16, 2023 - "The Wide World of Vegetables - How an Idea Ends up on Your Dinner Plate!"

Presenter: Isabel Branstrom - Product Development Manager, Pan American Seed

Jan. 23, 2023 - "Color in the Garden - Dazzling Annuals, Perennials and Show-stopping Shrubs"

Presenter: Steve Foltz, Director of Horticulture Cincinnati Zoo and Botanic Gardens

Jan. 30, 2023 - "From Lawns to Riches"

Presenter: Jeff Epping, Director of Horticulture, Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Madison Wisconsin

INTRODUCTION TO LAKES

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

LUNCHTIME HORTICULTURE CAFE

Every Tuesday in February and March (except March 21) at Noon Eastern time.

Feb 7 - Air layering with Chris Imler

Feb 14 - Insect pests of indoor plants with Jeremy Jubenville

Feb 21 - Houseplants from cuttings with Lindsey Kerr

Feb 28 - Planting your spring pea pot with Rebecca Finneran

March 7 - Spotted lanternfly update with Nate Walton

March 14 - Preparing your site for fruit with David Lowenstein

March 28 - Growing veggies in containers with Lindsey Kerr

2023 MASTER RAIN GARDENER

2023 Master Rain Gardener Classes:

WINTER 2023 - Virtual Classes with In-Person Tours

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

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.

Education Opportunities

DIG-IN SERIES

DIG IN!! Extension Master Gardeners

Online via Zoom

January 10: Birds and Berries: Best Native Trees and Shrubs to Attract Birds to your Garden

Presenter: Dr. Jen Owen, MSU Extension Associate Professor of Fisheries and Wildlife

February 7: Spotted Lanternfly and How not to Advance Invasives

Presenter: Dr. David Lowenstein, MSU Extension Consumer Horticulture Educator

March 14: A Journey Across the Continent: Where do Your Annuals Come From?

Presenter: Jaden Gimondo, MSU Extension Greenhouse and Floriculture Educator

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 registrants after each webinar.

Please do not share the recording links with non-registrants and/or non-EMGs.

Upcoming Pollinator Education

COLONY NECROPSY

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

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

MBA SPRING CONFERENCE

March 10, 2023 - March 11, 2023

Michigan Beekeepers' Association & MSU Extension
Spring Conference
219 S Harrison Rd, East Lansing, MI 48824

TAKING VARROA SERIOUSLY

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

Taking Varroa Seriously at
Middle of the Mitten Beekeepers Association's meeting
Forest Hill Nature Area, 11297 N Rich Rd, Alma, MI 48801

BEEPALOOZA

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

Beepalooza
MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center
28115 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi, MI 48377

Upcoming Conferences

SW MICHIGAN HORTICULTURAL DAYS

February 1, 2023 - February 2, 2023

Wednesday, February 1, 8 am - 4:30 pm

Thursday, February 2, 8 am - 3pm

Lake Michigan College Mendel Center, 1100 Yore Avenue, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

STEWARDSHIP NETWORK CONFERENCE

February 2nd & 3rd, 2023 Online

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.

MI AG IDEAS TO GROW

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.)

MI HEALTHY CLIMATE CONFERENCE

April 11-12, 2023

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy

MI Healthy Climate Conference

Huntington Place in Detroit, MI.

INTERNATIONAL MASTER GARDENER

June 18-22, 2023

International Master Gardener Conference

International Master
Gardener Conference

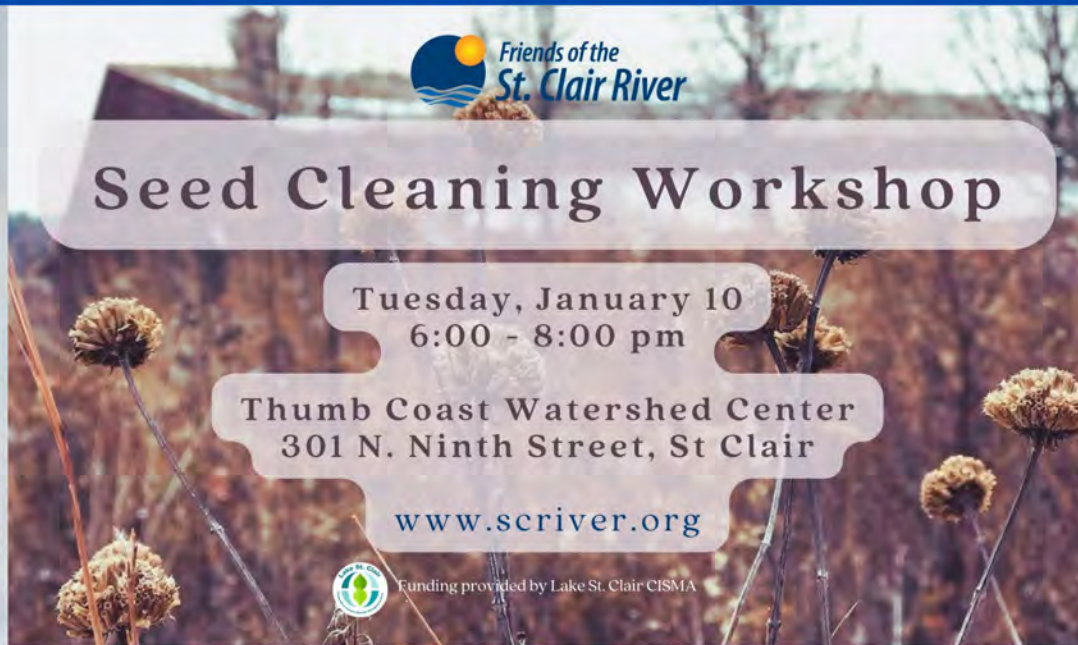




June 18 – 22, 2023
Overland Park, Kansas

CELEBRATE • EDUCATE • GROW

Friends of the St. Clair River

EVENTS 2023




Seed Cleaning Workshop
Tuesday, January 10
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Thumb Coast Watershed Center
301 N. Ninth Street, St Clair
www.scriver.org
 Funding provided by Lake St. Clair Cisma

Save the Dates!



Register for our events at scriver.org

Thumb Coast Watershed Center
301 N. Ninth Street
St. Clair, MI 48079

- Winter Stonefly Search | Jan 28
- Green Game Nights | Jan 27, Feb 24, March 24
- River Bash Banquet | April 13
- Stream Team Spring Monitoring | May 6
- Wildflower Walk | May 13
- 10th Annual Sturgeon Festival | June 3
- Blue Water Butterflies | Aug 4
- Native Plant Sale & Pop-Up Market | Sept 16
- Stream Team Fall Monitoring | Sept 30
- Fall Night Hike | Oct 6
- Family Bat Hike | Oct 28

MCMGA FUNDRAISING

Kroger Kroger Community Rewards

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