



MACOMB COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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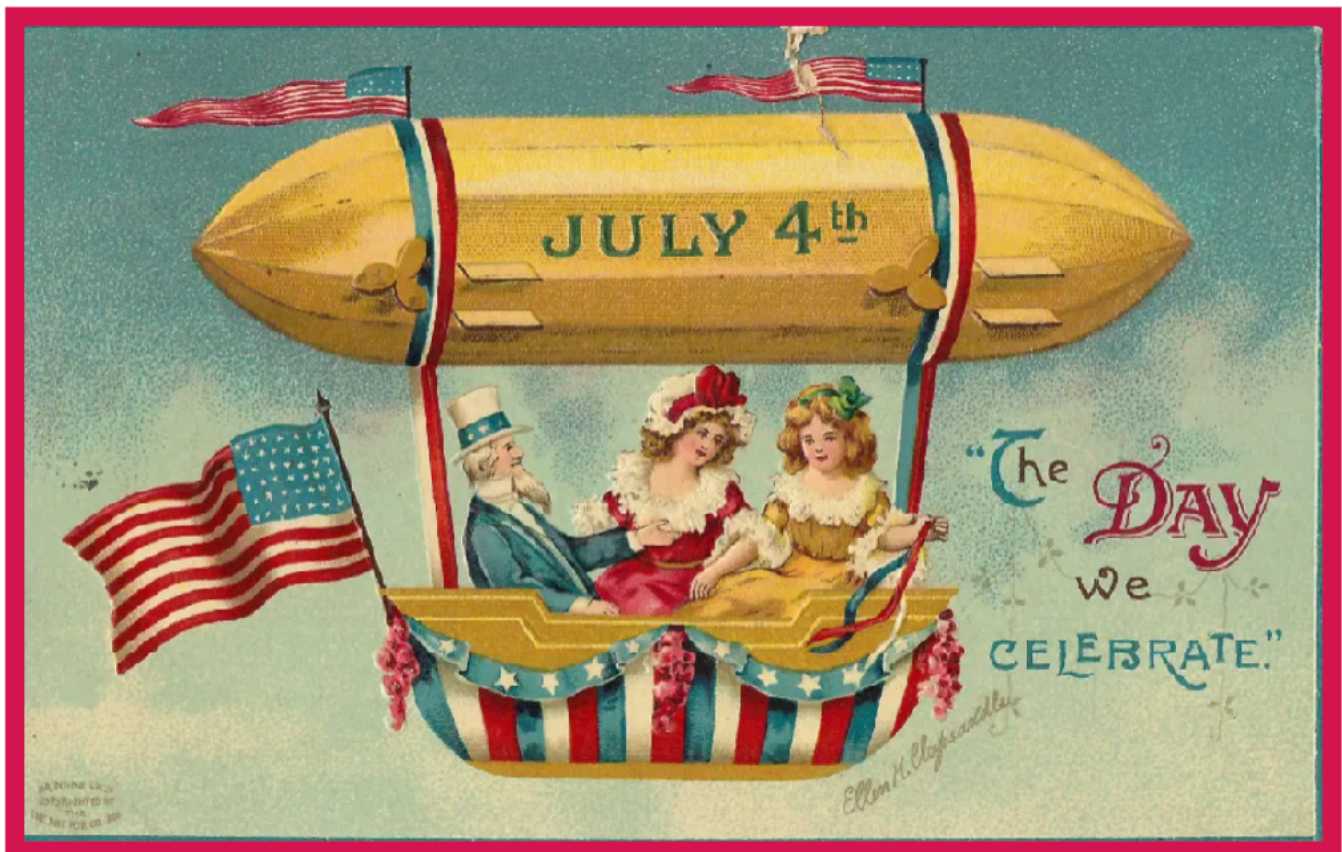
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GREETINGS MEMBERS




 Summer is now in full swing and there are blooms everywhere. We hope you are enjoying the benefits from all of your hard labor over the past two months.

 Our MCMGA board held our first strategic planning session on June 17. The purpose of the strategic planning sessions is to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our members. We spent a good deal of time discussing program items including monthly meeting topics, native plant sales, garden walks, workshops, field trips and more.

 We also reviewed our modes of communication—newsletter, website and Facebook page.

 We feel it is important to increase the engagement of our members. Toward that end, we plan to send out a survey to all of our members to receive your input. Our second strategic planning session will take place on July 5.

 Soon, MCMGA will be presenting a life-time achievement award to be called the Lisianthus Award and presented to an MCMGA member at each quarterly meeting. We feel it is important to acknowledgment the contributions our long-time members have made to the community.

Enjoy your summer!

Your MCMGA Board



GENERAL INFORMATION



[Visit us on FaceBook](#)



or, the ***NEW*** [MCMGA Website](#)



The next meeting of the MCMGA Board of Directors

Strategic Planning Meeting (Session 2)

Tuesday, July 5th at 3:00pm (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



MCMGA Strategic Planning Meeting - Session 1

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

Process

The bylaws are due for review in 2023.

The SOP will be reviewed in August 2022 and any changes presented to the membership at the September 2022 MCMGA Quarterly meeting.

Program Review - Upcoming speakers

6/22 Dave Putt

7/19 Pam Gors

8/xx TBD

9/13 Cheryl English

10/xx Batman 😊

11/xx Sue Grubba

The board agreed that one MG project could be highlighted each year. The Charity Garden was suggested for the August meeting. Ellen will discuss with garden managers and report back.

There was agreement that one program should be a Family Night and involve kids. An earlier evening start time may be necessary or held on a more convenient day. The October meeting will be targeted.

Fundraising

The venue selection for fundraisers may be driven by ability to handle cash transactions.

Native Plant Sale - The board agreed to hold the sale annually. The Octagon House is appropriate and welcoming.

Garden Walks - The board agreed to hold every 3 years possibly. The last one, held in 2019, highlighted 8 projects. However only 20 participants attended. Need to understand why attendance was so low. MG personal gardens can be included.

Field Trips & Workshops - The board is very supportive of field trips & workshops annually to add interest for members. Public vs personal transportation was discussed. Some ideas: Westview Orchards, Blake's, Youngblood Winery, fruit/veggie tasting, Hydroponics. Dave to survey members for ideas on program topics, workshop ideas and field trips.

Dave has been using his own Survey Monkey account for surveys. Sara will investigate if Google has a similar capability.

Annual Budget

The board agreed that using free services is highly desirable to put less strain on the budget. Budget proposal will be covered in Session 2.

Appreciation Award

The board agreed to the name, the Lisianthus Award. Ellen will develop ideas for the certificate to be presented with the gift card. Board members to recommend a couple members for the award to Dave and selection to be held at next meeting.

MCMGA Key Dates

Ellen presented a draft of key dates for the organization. The board provided comments, updates will be made and presented at Session 2.

Next Meeting

Session 2 via Zoom - Tuesday July 5 at 3 pm

Submitted by Ellen Collins 6/19/2022





VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



MSUE Demonstration Garden

Perennials predominate in this garden, with the addition of bulbs, annuals and shrubs. These flowering plants are of diverse shapes, sizes, colors, textures and bloom times, creating an earth-friendly habitat to attract and support pollinators from bees to butterflies and other beneficial insects.

Volunteers are wanted

to help with weeding, mulching, pruning, planting and plant division.

Workdays start on MAY 10th

Tuesdays 11:00am - 1:00pm and/or Thursdays 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Please contact Diane Reynolds (dmr131@hotmail.com) for additional information.

We are located at the Macomb MSU Extension office by Entrance E & F VerKuijen Building 21885 Dunham Road Clinton Township, Michigan

Come and join us!





ST. PETER CHARITY GARDEN



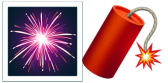
43785 Gratiot, Clinton Township (Behind Kingsborough Castle)

St. Peter Charity garden grows and provides fresh vegetables for several food pantries in Macomb County. It's maintained by a crew of volunteers, passionate about fighting food insecurity and feeding the poor. Education is also an important part of its mission. Children from elementary school through high school come to the garden to learn about growing and harvesting vegetables. L'Anse Creuse Public Schools' Pankow Center's Horticultural program brings students to the garden for hands-on experience directly related to their high school curriculum. Of course, our volunteers learn as well.

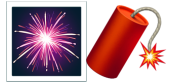
We have a wide variety of experiences for you:

- * **More than two dozen varieties of crops, plus numerous beneficial and ornamental flowering plants**
- * **Best practices in crop rotation**
 - * **Multi-stage composting**
 - * **Maximization of growing space through vertical gardening**
- * * **Multiple aspects of plant care including:**
 - **Nutritional imbalances**
 - **Plant diseases and treatment**
 - **Pest identification and treatment**
- * **Pest deterrence through herbs, flowers and bait plants**
- * **Butterfly habitats, pollinator havens and bird drinking stations**
- * **Companion planting**
- * **Edible flowers**

The garden is very hands on, with opportunities to participate in a variety of activities to suit your interests and abilities. At over 1/2 acre, there's plenty of room for safe distancing. Three experienced Master Gardeners are on site. Bring your own gloves; tools are provided if you prefer. We work March through November. Choose your own hours, we do have a sign in log. Contact email: stpetercharitygarden@gmail.com



MCMGA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS



How to Register

If meeting virtually or in person, please register at:
<https://macombcountymga.org/upcoming-meetings>

Please remember to bring your membership card and wear your MSUE Master Gardener badge to all events (optional if the meeting is via Zoom). 😊

TUESDAY, JULY 19TH @ 6:30pm IN PERSON at the Verkuilen Building FREE
“Hummingbirds and Orioles” Pam Gors, MCMGA member and co-owner of the Wild Birds Unlimited shop in Clinton Township. Learn more about how gardening can help draw hummingbirds and orioles to your property.
A \$5.00 donation suggested for non-members.

August: TBD

September 13th: Cheryl English

October: Batman 😊

November: Sue Grubba



PRIOR PROGRAM EDUCATION HOURS

January 18th (MCMGA)

“Winter Sowing – Yes, you can garden in winter!” (Jean Persely)

1.0 Education Hour

(This program was not recorded)

HANDOUT

February 15th (MCMGA)

“Introduction To Orchids” (Kristen Uthus)

1.0 Education Hour

RECORDING

March 21st (MCMGA)

“The World of Native Bees and Honeybees” (Dave Putt)

1.5 Education Hours

RECORDING

April 19th (MCMGA)

“Water Gardening” (Irene Townsend)

1.0 Education Hour

(This program was not recorded)

May 11th (MCMGA)

“Recognizing Invasive Plant Species and Reporting Their Location”

McKenzi Waliczek Lake St. Clair CISMA Coordinator 1.0 Education Hour

(This program was not recorded)

June 24th (MCMGA)

“All About Honey” (Dave Putt)

1.0 Education Hour

RECORDING





FUNDRAISING



AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the organization of your choice.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to smile.amazon.com, you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping.

This link will take you to smile.amazon.com, where you will automatically be asked if you want to support the Michigan Master Gardener Association, Inc. (Clinton Township, MI)

How can I learn more about AmazonSmile?

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



The Kroger Family of Companies is committed to community engagement, positive social impact and charitable giving at the national and local levels. Every community is unique, but our common goal is to partner with the neighborhoods we serve and help the people live healthier lives.

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](#)





OTHER EVENTS



MSU Extension: Gardening in Michigan

MSU Extension: Gardening in Michigan GARDENING NEWS

MSU Extension: Gardening in Michigan PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

MSU Extension: Gardening in Michigan SMART GARDENING

MSU Extension: Gardening In Michigan (Facebook) 🌻

Cabin Fever Conversations View all past episodes [HERE](#).

MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center

28115 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi ([map](#))

Adaptive Gardening for Health & Wellbeing

Saturday, Jul 9th 10am-Noon

Special 2-hour hybrid workshop. Michigan Horticultural Therapy Association Therapists Mary Machon & Cathy Flinton.

MSU Tollgate Garden Open House

Thursday, July 21st

6-8:30pm

Tours, docents, hay rides & refreshments are all part of the fun. www.canr.msu.edu

MSU Extension Office

21885 Dunham Clinton Township ([map](#))

Ornamental Grasses

July 12th & 13 (7/12, 6-8pm & 7/13, 10:30-12:30pm)

Presentation on why turf alternatives should be considered, plant recommendations & an outdoor walk.

Black Cat Pottery 🐈

<https://www.blackcatpottery.com> / News & Events

CISMA (Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area)

Lake St. Clair CISMA

Cranbrook House & Garden 🏡

<http://housegardens.cranbrook.edu>

[Explore Cranbrook Gardens For Free! \(map\)](#)



Farmington Hills Garden Club

Farmingtongardenclub.com

Summer Dreams Garden Walk

Saturday, July 23rd

10am-4pm

7 gardens. \$15 at Steinkopf Nursery until 7/22. \$20 day of at The Governor Warner Museum.

Friendly Garden Club of Sterling Heights 😊

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

Harrison Township Beautification Commission

Inspirations Garden Tour

Saturday, Jul 23, 2022 9am-4pm

8 Beautiful gardens. Pick up maps at Tucker Senior Center. \$10 presale at Township office. \$15 day of. Questions? Sue Keehn: 586-242-3868, keehns@wowway.com

Master Gardeners of St. Clair County 🌱

MGOSCC Calendar of Events

Master Gardener Society of Oakland County 🌹

<https://mgsoc.org>

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church 5631 N Adams Rd (between Square Lake & Long Lake) Bloomfield Hills

Topic: TBA

Meadow Brook Garden Club at Meadowbrook Hall 🌿

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

Non-members wishing to attend please send a request to

MBGCmembers@gmail.com*protected email* by 5/19 to request a link.

Michigan Gardener 🐝

<https://www.michigangardener.com>

[\(See all back issues\)](#)

Michigan Master Gardener Association 🌲

www.michiganmastergardener.org

(See calendar of events)

Oudolf Garden (Belle Isle) Detroit 🌿

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

Rochester Garden Club 🕷️

<http://rochestergardenclub.org>

Romeo & Juliet Garden Club 🌸

Romeo Garden Walk

Saturday, Jul 16, 2022 11am-4pm

6 Stunning Gardens.

\$15/advance. \$20/day of. Tickets can be purchased at Romeo Public Libraries, Town Hall Antiques & MJC Marketplace.

Shelby Gardeners Club 🐌

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

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

Stage Nature Center 🌱

6685 Coolidge Hwy, Troy ([map](#))

Saturday, July 2nd 8am-10am Cost: \$2

Meet in the parking lot, dress for weather & bring your camera.

Register: www.trailblz.info

Troy Garden Club

www.TroyGardenClubMI.com

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

Location: Big Beaver United Methodist Church

3753 John R. Road, Troy (S. of Wattles)

47th Troy Garden Walk: Kaleidoscope of Gardens

Wednesday, Jul 13th 9:30am-3pm & 5pm-8:30pm

6 private gardens. Rain/shine. Advance tickets: \$12 sold at Auburn Oaks Garden Center, Telly's Greenhouse, Troy Historic Village, Uncle Luke's. Day of: \$15 at Troy Historic Village. Garden Walk Activities at Troy Historic Village from 9am - 6pm: Arts & Crafts Boutique & Plant Sale. FREE admission to Village on walk day. www.TroyGardenClubMI.com,

248-535-5955

Wildflower Association of Michigan 

<https://wildflowersmich.org>

Wild Ones 

<https://wildones.org>

Wild Ones: North Oakland Chapter 

<https://northoakland.wildones.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/wildonesnorthoak/>

Woman's National Farm and Garden Association 

<https://wnfga.org>

[Archive of the WNF&GA Farm & Garden Magazines](#)

Yardeners of St. Clair Shores 

scsyardeners@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook and Watch our YouTube Channel!

All 2022 presentations will be held at the St. Clair Shores Public Library at 11 Mile & Jefferson

We will have our annual Garden Tour this year on Saturday, August 6, 2022. Don't miss it!
Garden Tour (Saturday, August 6th) - see more info in the newsletter. By the way, if you know of any gardens that are in St. Clair Shores (yours, a friend's, neighbor's) that should be on our Garden Tour?...please email us or call Laurel [\(586\) 415-7110](tel:5864157110) and let her know. Or, if you know of any vendors who would like to participate, email us with their information.

PSGC, Inc. 2022 Garden Walk
Mindful Meandering &
Stone Mission Marketplace

Saturday, July 23, 2022
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mindful Meandering

Enjoy a leisurely walk through 3 large grounds with abundant and colorful flowers, take an educational tour in a lakeside neighborhood to explore butterflies, wetlands, and hügelkultur, and discover several small but wonderful gardens in a beautiful beach side manufactured home community.



Admission

Tickets in Advance \$10.00

Tickets Day of Walk \$15.00

Tickets Available Day of the Walk @

Port Sanilac Municipal Harbor

7376 Main Street, Port Sanilac

Stone Mission

6751 Mann Road, Port Sanilac

Visit just the Marketplace with \$5 donation at gate

Additional information on tickets, time, sites, and merchants can be found at our Events and Discussion pages on Facebook: @PortSanilacGardenClub, by calling 248-736-4964, or by scanning the code.



Stone Mission Marketplace

NEW this year, the Stone Mission Marketplace. Artists and merchants will set up booths for nature themed products, such as garden art, farmed goods, beach find art, or homemade plant-based products. Find our list of merchants on our Facebook Events page.

Advance Tickets Available
Beginning June 15th @

Archie Thomas Real Estate

83 S. Ridge, Port Sanilac

Raymond Hardware

29 S. Ridge, Port Sanilac

Yankee Clipper

7315 Cherry St., Port Sanilac

***Croswell Greenhouse**

180 Davis St., Croswell

***Klee's Florist** (across from High School)

2644 Black River St., Deckerville

***Lexington Gardens**

6334 Lakeshore, Lexington

Sandusky District Library

55 E. Sanilac, Sandusky

Sanilac District Library

7130 Main St., Port Sanilac

***Tickets Available for Mother's Day**

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