

Macomb County Master Gardener

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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

General Information

Follow us on Facebook:
Macomb County Master Gardener Association

Next Board of Directors Meeting is
Wednesday, July 12th 4:30pm
(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 Education

To register for events:

[Click Here](#)

<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 Summer EMG's!

Finally, we are getting some agreeable gardening weather!

Our veggies are coming in and starting to grow.

The herbs look happy and flowers are beautiful!

We hope you have gotten your tickets for our bus trip to John Blairs' garden. WE Are so looking forward to this day.

It is very generous of John to open his private gardens up to us. Not everyone gets this opportunity. We will be able to see it in person versus looking at

pictures in a magazine! There is Just no comparison!

We have a box lunch for you to eat, we are sure everyone will all be famished.

And if you are exhausted, you can nap on the way home!

Let' s hope for great weather!



MCMGA Special Event



AUG 12, 2023 GARDEN BUS TOUR

Blair's Blooms By Bus to Brooklyn (MI)

Join the Macomb County Master Gardener Association on a fun bus trip! Don't miss this unique opportunity to visit a beautiful 9-acre private property with 3 gorgeous pollinator gardens; natural ponds being uncovered and restored; as well as an Oak Savana restoration project. You will also be able to observe 3 magnificent monoliths and listen to fountains gently splashing as hummingbirds, clearwing moths, butterflies and bees flit about.

The trip is open to the public. MCMGA members will receive early-bird registration prior to being open to the public.

Bring, optional: hat or umbrella for sun/rain; sunscreen; bug spray; reusable water bottle; comfortable, sturdy walking shoes as we will explore the entire 9-acre property. We will be walking on uneven, unpaved ground as we explore this beautiful restoration and gardens. Garden paths vary from mulch to grass.

Bus departs PROMPTLY at 8:00 AM from the VerKuijen Building, 21885 Dunham Rd, Clinton Twp, MI 48036. Return approx. 3:00 PM. *No refunds.* Snacks, water, lunch, and fun included. Napping on return trip is encouraged. Restroom available on bus.

**Aug 12, 2023
8:00 – 3:00**

Monoliths!

Pollinator Gardens!

Acreage Restoration!

Fountains!

Pond Restoration!



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MASTER GARDENER
ASSOCIATION**

Purchase tix by CC only:

macombcountymga.org

\$75 - \$85

Board Meeting Minutes

June 2023

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

Karen called the meeting to order at 4:33pm.

The May 2023 board meeting minutes were approved.

Professional Comments:

- Free event on grasses and sedges at the office June 27th in the evening.
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/turfalternative/>
- Meet and greet for volunteers at Shadbush gardens, July 22 in the morning.

Treasurer's Report:

Ellen Collins reported that the financials are healthy. We have had new members join.

Program:

- 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 19* @ 6:30pm - Jim Miller - Planting Bulbs for Spring Blooms (10 year anniversary)
- October 3 @ 6:30pm - Seed Saving - Jean Persely
- November 14 @ 6:30pm - Plant This Not That: Native Alternative to Common Landscape Plants - Valerie Malaney (Zoom meeting)
- December - no meeting

*denotes Quarterly meeting

- All meetings will be in person at the Mt. Clemens Library (150 Cass Avenue, Mt. Clemens 48043) unless otherwise noted.

- Luke from MI Gardener will be a speaker in February 2024.

- Karen will try to get a hydroponics talk for August

- Karen will look into a speaker for foraging

- Will request the room at the VerKuilen building for the September meeting. Will finalize day and time in September for this meeting.

Old Business:

- Seed library is now an approved project. Need to talk about how to fund this project, possibly allocate funds to it. This is still under discussion. Discussion about taking seeds to events and ask for a free will donation or ask 25 cents for non-MCMGA members.

- Ellen continues to work on getting apparel. Talking with Armada Printworks. Still waiting for quotes on items that we are interested in. Ellen is going to call again.

New Business:

- Bus trip for August 12th has been scheduled and MCMGA members can sign up. Some people have already signed up for it. Open first to only members for one week. It will be two hours of education for MCMGA members that attend the trip.

- Get more people to sign up and be on the Board.

- Idea of sending questions to speakers ahead of time so they can get answers ready before the class

- Voting on new Board members in September. Would like to have ballots already prepared.

Next board meeting: July 12th at 4:30pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:11pm.

Submitted by Sara Grix

MCMGA Meetings

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 botanical works were written.

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Free for everyone.

Mt. Clemens Library, 150 Cass Ave., Mt. Clemens

Education Opportunities



Dig-In Series

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

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Preserving MI Harvest

JULY 13

Green Beans and Pressure Canning

Green beans are a popular vegetable for canning but they must be pressure canned.
Join us and experience how easy it is to pressure can green beans and other vegetables.

JULY 20

Summer Berries Jam and Jelly

Enjoy the taste of summer while having fun making jams and jellies using fresh summer fruits.

July 27

Know Your Canner

Discover how to safely preserve high-acid foods like fruits, acidified tomatoes, salsas, and pickles
using your water bath or atmospheric steam canner.

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Education Opportunities



Wild about Conservation Series

JULY 11TH 2023

Healthy Forests in the Face of Climate Change: Healthy forests can work to keep climate change in check through pulling carbon out of the air and protecting biodiversity.

With Georgia Peterson, MSU Forestry

JULY 25TH, 2023

Landscaping over septic systems: How to safely install plants around septic systems protecting the onsite waste system from root damage.

Presented by Beth Clawson, MSU Extension Educator, Natural Resources/Water Quality.

AUGUST 15TH 2023

Bird Conservation and Research: Will discuss the importance of birds as bioindicators, current research at MNFI, threats to wild birds, and how community members can get involved.

by Eric Branch, Michigan Natural Features Inventory Zoologist.

AUGUST 29TH 2023

Leaves on the ground for birds in the air: Join us as we explore the wonderful world of birds with an intro to magnificent migration of the fall. We'll cover an overview of birds fall migration and what you can do to turn your backyard into migration stopover habitat.

with Elloit Nelson, Michigan Sea Grant

SEPTEMBER 12TH 2023

Planning and Planting a Native Plant Pollinator Garden: How to plan and plant a Pollinator Garden with Michigan natives to attract birds and butterflies to your yard.

with Kristine Hahn, MSU Extension Educator, Natural Resources.

SEPTEMBER 26TH 2023

Focus on Rare Species: Citizen science participation for spotting and recording rare species in Michigan. What you can do.

With Tyler Basett, Michigan Natural Features Inventory, Botanist.

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Education Opportunities

Pollinators



Michigan Honey Festival



July 15, 2023 - July 16, 2023
Shiawassee County Fair Grounds
2900 Hibbard Rd. Corunna, MI 48817



Bee Palooza



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More Information](#)



August 13, 2023 1:00PM - 4:00PM
MSU Horticulture Gardens, 1066 Bogue St,
East Lansing, MI 48824

Community Events

Garden Walk



CROCKER HOUSE MUSEUM GARDEN WALK

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Get a behind-the-scenes look at some of Mount Clemens' beautiful gardens! Start at the Crocker House Museum Garden, where you can enjoy refreshments and an optional museum tour, then pick up a map leading you through nearby neighborhoods. Tickets are \$12 for members/\$15 for non-members and are available at the door or by calling the museum.

**MACOMB COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
CROCKER HOUSE MUSEUM & GARDENS**
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Community Events

Rochester Garden Club



Rochester Garden Walk

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

Thursday, June 15, 10 am to 5 pm

Enjoy a stroll through many private gardens opened for this special day. Tickets help support charitable activities in the Rochester area.

Details at Museum Programs (rochesterhills.org)

Flower Arranging at the Farm

Sponsored by the Rochester Garden Club
Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

Thursday, July 27

1 pm to 3:30 pm

Approx. \$45.00

Come and learn flower arranging tips and techniques from the pros. Everyone will leave with a freshly arranged bouquet. Space is limited. To register, go to www.RochesterGardenClub.org

Important Information



Save the Date

MCMGA Fall Native Plant Sale
Will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2023
Stay tuned for more details.



Fundraising

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Proceed as directed
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