

Macomb County Master Gardener Monthly Newsletter

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General Information

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MACOMB COUNTY MASTER GARDENER
ASSOCIATION

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7TH 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](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



What is going on !?!?

WE GARDENERS ARE SURE BEING TESTED BY THE WEATHER THIS YEAR. LET'S CHALK IT UP TO GAINING MORE EXPERIENCE. WE ARE HOPING TO GET PLANTS IN THIS MEMORIAL WEEKEND. THE HANGING BASKETS ARE DONE BUT WITH THE WEATHER CHANGES WE NEED TO KEEP BRINGING THEM IN AND THEN OUT.

THIS IS GOING TO BE A SHORT LETTER THIS MONTH...AS WE ALL TAKE TIME TO ENJOY THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND, LET'S NOT FORGET WHY. REMEMBER THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR ALL FOR OUR FREEDOM. I AM SURE MOST FAMILIES HAVE MEMBERS THEY WILL BE REMEMBERING THIS TIME OF YEAR.



Board Meeting Minutes

MAY 2023

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

MCMGA Board Meeting Minutes 5/10/2023

Karen called the meeting to order at 4:35pm.

The April 2023 board meeting minutes were approved.

Professional Comments:

None at this time.

Treasurer's Report:

Ellen Collins reported that the financials are healthy. Ellen is going to hold onto \$45 petty cash in case it is needed to give people change at meetings.

Program:

- May 16 @ 6:30pm - Tomlinson Arboretum - Loretta Macklem, Dan Lepo, Eva Armitage (in person at the Tomlinson Arboretum)
- 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* TBD - Jim Miller - Planting Bulbs for Spring Blooms (10 year anniversary)
- October 3 @ 6:30pm - Seed Saving - Jean Persely - (in person at Mt. Clemens Library)
- November TBD
- December - no meeting

*denotes Quarterly meeting

- All meetings will be in person at the Mt. Clemens Library unless otherwise noted.

- Bus trip scheduled for August 12th. Only accepting charge payments for this trip.

First two weeks, only MCMGA members, then open up to public. Carolyn will see if we can open it up to Macomb County employees. If we get many people interested, can do a wait list.

- Carolyn noted some edits to the bus flyer. Karen will contact Jean.

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

- Karen will try to get a hydroponics talk for this year

- Karen will look into a speaker for foraging

- November idea for class: make and take with fall items or propagating for a Christmas gift

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.

- Ellen continues to work on getting apparel. Talking with Armada Printworks.

Next board meeting June 7th at 4:30pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm.

Submitted by Sara Grix

MCMGA Meetings

UPCOMING 2023

Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary



6:30 PM JUNE 20, 2023

"MONARCH BUTTERFLY SANCTUARY, MEXICO TRIP"

MCMGA MEMBER LORI SMITH WILL GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF HER TRIP TO A MONARCH BUTTERFLY SANCTUARY

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FREE FOR EVERYONE.

MT. CLEMENS LIBRARY, 150 CASS AVE., MT. CLEMENS



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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MCMGA Meetings



AUG 12, 2023 GARDEN BUS TOUR

Blair's Blooms By Bus to Brooklyn

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 pricing prior to ticket purchasing 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 8 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 VerKuilen Building. Return approx. 3:00 pm. **No refunds.** Snacks, water, lunch, and fun included. Napping on return trip is encouraged.

**Aug 12, 2023
8:00 – 3:00**

Monoliths!

Pollinator Gardens!

Acreage Restoration!

Fountains!

Pond Restoration!



**MACOMB COUNTY
MASTER GARDENER
ASSOCIATION**

Purchase tickets:

macombcountymga.org

\$70 - \$75

Education Opportunities



Big-In Series

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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



Preserving MI Harvest

CONDIMENTS

JUNE 1, 2023 1-2 P.M. AND 6-7 P.M. ET

HOMEMADE DRESSINGS

JUNE 8, 2023 1-2 P.M. AND 6-7 P.M. ET

AFRICAN-AMERICAN CUISINE

JUNE 15, 2023 1-2 P.M. AND 6-7 P.M. ET

PRESERVING SWEET STRAWBERRIES

JUNE 22, 2023 1-2 P.M. AND 6-7 P.M. ET

VEGGIES- FROM GARDEN TO FREEZER

JUNE 29, 2023 1-2 P.M. AND 6-7 P.M. ET

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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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AUGUST 13, 2023 1:00PM - 4:00PM
MSU HORTICULTURE GARDENS, 1066 BOGUE ST,
EAST LANSING, MI 48824

Education Opportunities

CONFERENCES



*International
Master Gardener
Conference*



June 18-22, 2023,
Overland Park, Kansas

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More Information](#)

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



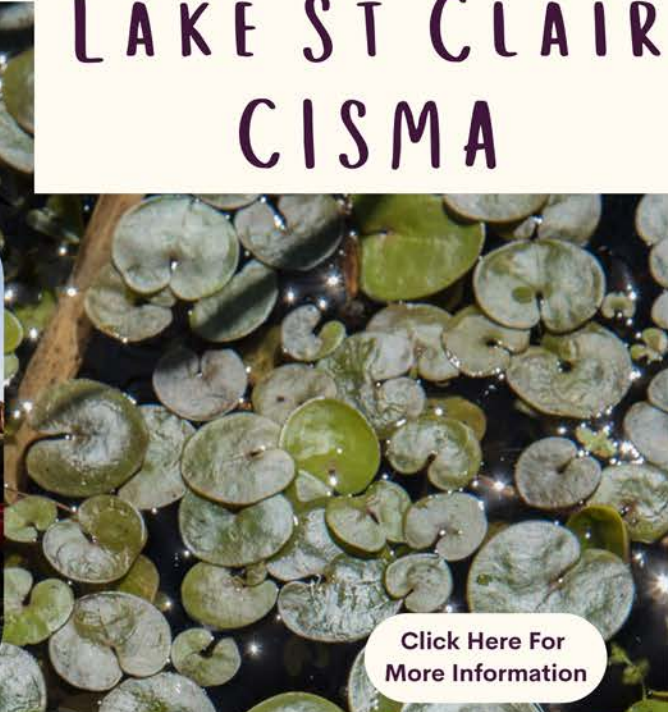
Grow!
Return home inspired by
new people, ideas and
experiences that you will
use in your own gardens
and communities.

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

Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteer
Opportunity

LAKE ST CLAIR
CISMA



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More Information](#)

Volunteer Kayak Event!

• INVASIVE EUROPEAN FROG-BIT PULL •

JUNE 23
9AM-12PM
WEBBER
PADDLE PARK

49239 Jefferson Ave.,
New Baltimore, MI 48047

Come join Lake St. Clair
CISMA for a fun morning of
paddling the Salt River and
learning about the threat of
aquatic invasive species
while helping to protect our
waterways!

You must bring your own kayak. Sunscreen and lifejackets are recommended. Water and snacks will be provided.

To Register or if you have any questions please
email: CISMA@macombgov.org

Community Events

PLANT EXCHANGE



Harrison Township Beautification "Trunk" Plant, Pot, & Garden Art Exchange

Saturday, June 3rd, 12 pm-2 pm

Tucker Senior Center Parking Lot
26980 Ballard, Harrison Township

Bring labeled, bare root plants, pots & garden art in your vehicle trunk, grab a parking space and exchange with other garden enthusiasts rain or shine!

The Harrison Township Library will be present with information on their new "Seed Bank"

Beautiful Garden Gift Baskets on sale to benefit Beautification.

Plants, Information, Refreshments.
Questions? 586-242-3868

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**
15 Union Street | Mount Clemens, MI 48043
586-465-2488 | info@crockerhousemuseum.org
crockerhousemuseum.org | [@crockerhousemuseum](https://www.instagram.com/crockerhousemuseum)

Community Events

ROCHESTER GARDEN CLUB

Rochester Garden Club Presents "Container Gardening"

VAN HOOSEN MUSEUM AND FARM CALF BARN

THURSDAY, JUNE 8TH AT 10:00 A.M.

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

LEARN THE TIPS AND TECHNIQUES TO CREATE A SHOWY CONTAINER, AND HOW TO CARE FOR THEM. ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS FREE EVENT.

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

Plant Sales

Yardeners SCS Plant Sale

FRIDAY JUNE 2ND (3PM-6PM) &

SATURDAY JUNE 3RD (9AM- 12PM)

WE WILL NOT HAVE A PRE-ORDER PERIOD.

COME EARLY FOR THE BEST SELECTION.

CASH OR CHECKS ONLY.

SELINSKY-GREEN FARMHOUSE MUSEUM BEHIND THE

ST. CLAIR SHORES LIBRARY PARKING LOT

AT 11 MILE ROAD AND JEFFERSON



MSU Tollgate Garden Spring Plant Sale

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023 9:00AM - 2:00PM

MICHIGAN HARDY PERENNIALS

CARD, CASH, OR CHECKS TO MSU WILL BE ACCEPTED.

SALES ARE ON A FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED BASIS

MSU TOLLGATE FARM

28115 MEADOWBROOK ROAD

NOVI, MI 48377



The Octagon House & Michigan State University Extension Volunteer Master Gardeners

PLANT SALE & Garden Shop

SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH 10:00AM - 4:00PM

57500 VAN DYKE, WASHINGTON

NORTH OF 26 MILE / EAST SIDE OF VAN DYKE

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS MAINTAINING AND BEAUTIFYING

THE GARDENS SURROUNDING HISTORIC HOUSE AND MUSEUM



Plant Sales

The Rochester Garden Club Native Plant Sale

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM AT VAN HOOSEN FARM
THURSDAY, JUNE 15
9:30 AM TO 5 PM

PLANTS CAN BE PRE-ORDERED AT PUBLIC EVENTS |
ROCHESTER GARDEN CLUB AND PICKED UP AT THE EVENT. A
BIG SELECTION WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SITE. DO NOT NEED
GARDEN WALK TICKETS TO PURCHASE PLANTS. PROCEEDS
BENEFIT ROCHESTER GARDEN CLUB.

SPRING 2023
Native Plant Sales

<p>Sat, May 13, 2023 DeVries Nature Conservancy Owosso, MI</p> <p>Fri, May 19, 2023 Heritage Park Nature Center Farmington Hills, MI</p> <p>Sat, May 20, 2023 Bowers School Farm Bloomfield Hills, MI</p> <p>Sun, May 21, 2023 Woodward Ave for Dharma Gate Zen Pleasant Ridge, MI</p>	<p>Sat, May 27, 2023 Salem Church of Christ Farmington, MI</p> <p>Sun, May 28, 2023 Madison Heights Library for The Bloom Project Madison Heights, MI</p> <p>Sat, June 3, 2023 Duval Elementary Dearborn, MI</p> <p>Sun, June 4, 2023 Pine River Nature Center Goodells, MI</p> <p>Sat, June 10, 2023 Cromaine Library Hartland Garden Club Hartland, MI</p>	<p>Sun, June 11, 2023 ForMar Nature Preserve Burton, MI</p> <p>Thurs, June 15, 2023 VanHoosen Farm Rochester Garden Club Rochester Hills, MI</p> <p>Sat, June 17, 2023 Williams Nature Center Davison, MI</p> <p>Sat, June 24, 2023 Milford United Methodist Church Milford, MI</p>
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 East Michigan
Native Plants

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO!
<https://EastMichNatives.com>

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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ASSOCIATION YOU WILL SEE GROUP NAME ON RIGHT SIDE
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