



MACOMB COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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* Greetings Master Gardeners *

*Welcome to a New Year. We hope it will be a year filled with joy and energy.

*Probably the biggest challenge for myself and the board this coming year is to improve our MCMGA website. As you probably have noticed, our website has been down as much as it has been up for the past two years. It may be time to consider a new website host and with that, a new look with new features for our website. We plan to send out a survey very soon to our members to find out more about what you would like our website to become. Stay tuned!

*Another issue we still face is the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. We will continue to monitor the situation and ask for your opinion on whether to meet in-person or virtually. As of this newsletter, the January 18 meeting will be an in-person event at the Verkuilen building. The February and March meetings will be zoom meetings. We hope that beginning in April we might be able to go back to in-person meetings for good but we will have to wait and see.

*January is the time when most of us renew our MCMGA memberships. All of you should have received an email with the membership renewal form. Dues will remain at \$15 per year. You can also find the membership form in this newsletter.

*There is also information in this newsletter about applying for an MCMGA grant. The deadline to apply for a grant is March 15. We hope your project will take advantage of this opportunity.

*The purpose of a Master Gardener Association is to serve our local Master Gardeners. Feel free to send us an email at macombcountymga@yahoo.com to let us know how we can better serve you.

*We hope you are enjoying leafing through your 2022 gardening catalogs. Why don't we all try something new this year!

* Your MCMGA Board *

**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.

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
Total Project Cost			

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

Application Deadline: March 15, 2022

Grants to be awarded at the April Quarterly MCMGA meeting.

Return completed application to: MacombCountyMGA@yahoo.com

Or, mail to:

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



Visit us on FaceBook



or, the MCMGA Website (site is down at this time)



**The next meeting of the MCMGA Board of Directors is Thursday,
January 13th at 11:00am (via Zoom)**



**If there's anything that you would like to have included in the next news-
letter, or have any comments or suggestions, please send them to the MCMGA
newsletter editor: dawnpiper@mac.com**





MCMGA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS



How to Register

If meeting virtually or in person, please send an email to macombcountymga@yahoo.com. The email should arrive at least 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

Please remember to bring your membership card and wear your MSUE Master Gardener badge to all events.

Tuesday, January 18th: "Winter Sowing Workshop" presented by Jean Persely
6:30pm at the Verkuilen Building (MSUE Extension Building) Limited to 55 people

Jean Persely presents "Winter Sowing - Yes, you can garden in Winter!"
January 18 @ 6:30 PM at the Verkuilen Bldg. Workshop limited to 55 participants. Pre-register by sending an email to macombcountymga@yahoo.com

Face Masks required indoors!

Please bring with you: Container, tape, scissors, sharp implement, seeds

Container: Use what you have on hand. Essentially, you need 'something' that will hold approximately 3"-4" of potting mix and ideally allows for a few inches of growth above the soil line; can have drainage holes put in it; allows for snow and rain to get inside of it.

Check your recycle bins: milk, water, vinegar jugs; juice, soda bottles; large plastic ice cream tubs; deli, bakery, take out containers; re-used plastic 1 gallon zip bags; foil pans/lids;

Dave Putt is also bringing plenty of extra 1 gallon plastic jugs.

Wide tape: Duct, packaging, painters

Scissors: (there will be no running with scissors allowed!)

Sharp implement: to make holes (can be scissors if they are pointed)

Seeds of your choice, perennial works best at this time; Some native seeds will be on hand. We will also bring the MCMGA Seed Library to this event.

Optional: paper towel and/or toilet paper tubes if using more than 1 type of seeds in a container



PRIOR PROGRAM EDUCATION HOURS



January 12th (MCMGA) "Succulents Are Sexy" (Bill Hendricks)

Project: Community Beautification: Educational Display Gardens

1.0 Education Hour

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/COjPKrU7XL-KMVOcrOAKtEySDDWyg9QaSJJoY4emXWZZuKI5r-YAh29o6C-UBH2oSI6ygcac2mKddyXliV.CSA7sZnLNswxjFAI?continueMode=true>

February 9th (MCMGA) "Seed Starting" (Karen Burke)

Project: Community: Quality of Life

1.0 Education Hour

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March 16th (MCMGA) "Composting" (Mary Gerstenberger)

Project: Environmental Stewardship: Composting

1.0 Education Hour

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April 20th (MCMGA) "Spring into Western Herbalism" (Camilla Voelker)

Project: Environmental Stewardship: Native Plants

1.0 Education Hour

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May 11th (MCMGA) "Naturally Natives for Butterflies and Moths" (Jean Persley)

Project: Environmental Stewardship—IPM: Pollinators

1.0 Education Hour

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June 22nd (MCMGA) "Viburnums" (Cheryl English)

Project: Environmental Stewardship—IPM: Native Plants

1.0 Education Hour

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July 20th (MCMGA) "Plant Restoration with Native Plants (Angela Nelson)

Project: Environmental Stewardship-IPM: Native Plants

1.0 Education Hour

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August 10th: "Extending the Growing Season" (Rebecca Krans)

Project: Community: Quality of Life

1.0 Education Hour

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September 21st: Annual Meeting and Elections with Grant Poster Presentations

Project: Community: Quality of Life

1.0 Education Hour

October 26th: "Making Teas, Tinctures & Oils [at home] (Bevin Cohen).

Project: Community: Quality of Life

1.0 Education hour

This program was not recorded.

November 16th: "From the Tractor Seat... Westview Orchards... A Bicentennial Family Farm" (Katrina Roy)

6:30pm **via Zoom** (Limited to 100 people)

1.0 Education hour: Quality of Life

Recording not available at this time.





VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Coming soon... (but not soon enough!)



This Year

LIVE IN THE MOMENT
START EACH DAY WITH GRATITUDE
LAUGH MORE
CREATE MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS
MEDITATE
FOCUS ON THE POSITIVE
BELIEVE IT ALL WILL FALL INTO PLACE
STICK TO YOUR GOALS
BE GENEROUS
CHOOSE HAPPY

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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 servand 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](#)

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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) 🌻

Black Cat Pottery 🐱

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

Cranbrook House & Gardens 🏠

<http://housegardens.cranbrook.edu>

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

Detroit Garden Works 🐛

<https://detroitgardenworks.com>

Friendly Garden Club of Sterling Heights 😊

Visit us on Facebook / gailstraughen@gmail.com

Master Gardener Society of Oakland County 🌹

[MGSOC Calendar of Events](#)

Meadow Brook Garden Club 🌿

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

Michigan Gardener 🐝

<https://www.michigangardener.com>

Michigan Master Gardener Association 🌲

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/>

Troy Garden Club 
<http://troygardenclubmi.com/events/>

Wildflower Association of Michigan 
<https://wildflowersmich.org>

Yardeners of St. Clair Shores 
scsyardeners@gmail.com

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The banner features a red header with the Ohio State University logo and 'BEE LAB' text. Below the header is a light green section with a blue 'Register Now' button. The main text describes a 6-session webinar series on native plants and biodiversity, held on Fridays from January 7th to February 11th.

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL,
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

[No, actually register here:](#)



The Poison Garden



THE DEADLIEST GARDEN IN ENGLAND

A GREAT BIG STORY

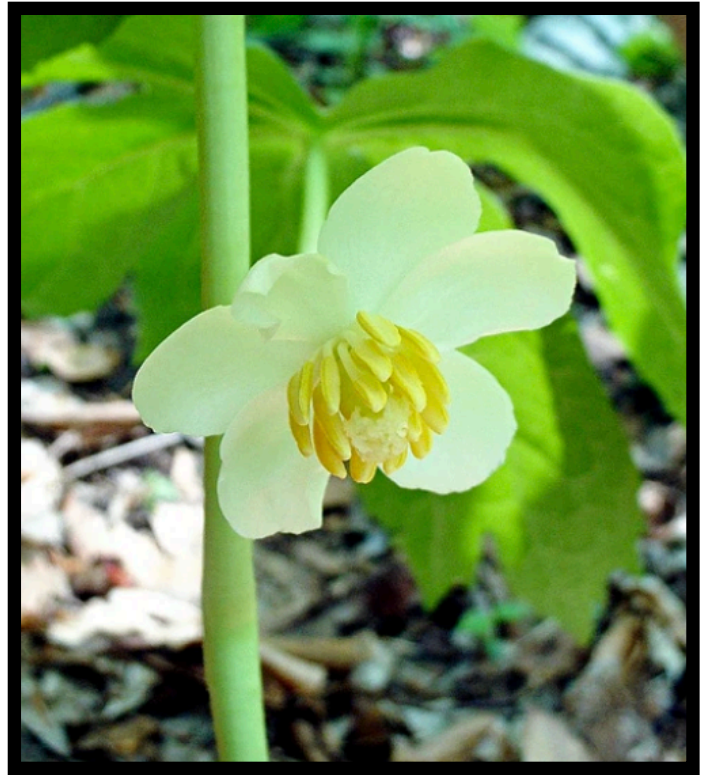
👁️ [Enter if you dare...](#) 👁️

No? Well, then try the Wildflower/Native Plant Identification Challenge!



Common name: _____

Botanical name: _____



Common name: _____

Botanical name: _____



Common name: _____

Botanical name: _____



Common name: _____

Botanical name: _____



Common name: _____

Botanical name: _____



Common name: _____

Botanical name: _____



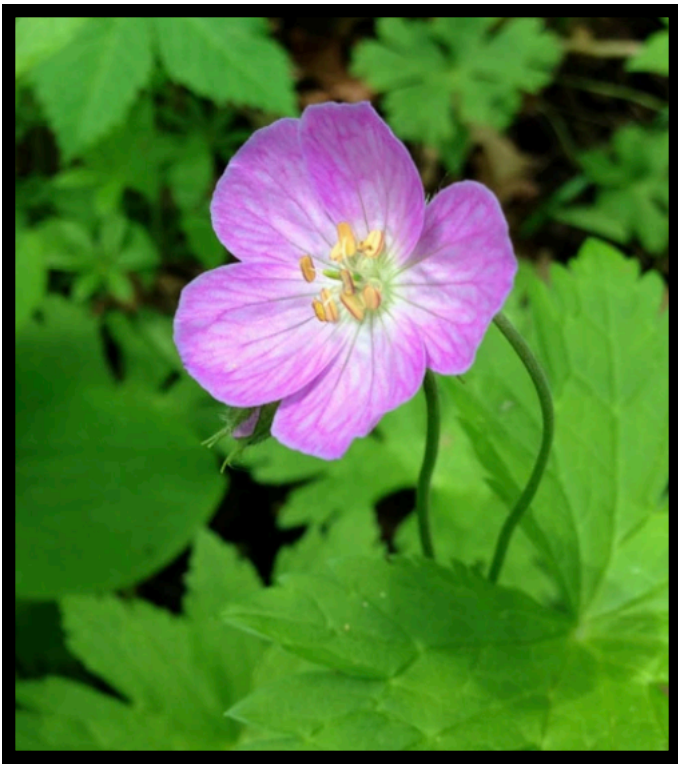
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Botanical name: _____



Common name: _____
Botanical name: _____



Common name: _____
Botanical name: _____



Common name: _____
Botanical name: _____



Common name: _____
Botanical name: _____

Photos courtesy of Blooming Bulb

(No, I'm not providing the answers; much worse than the Poison Garden, wasn't it?)

Hey, all you geniuses
who sang "Let it Snow"
back in December...
Happy now?



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