



MACOMB COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Greetings Fellow Gardeners



Welcome to Spring! As soil temperatures slowly rise, we are getting closer to working and planting our gardens. We still have some freezing nights ahead so try to keep that leaf litter intact for a little while longer to protect plant roots and insect nests.



As you continue to think about what to plant in your gardens this spring, please remember that we might have the seeds you need! To access our list of seeds in the MCMGA Seed Library visit: <https://macombcountymga.org/mcmga-seed-bank>. More are being added all the time by Dawn Piper and Linda Simpson and their committee, so check regularly for our stock.



We hope you have registered for this year's Macomb County Master Gardener Banquet. The event will be held at the Verkuilen Building on Wednesday, May 4th at 6:00 PM. There is also a virtual option to attend the banquet. We want to make a special request of all project leaders--please select one or more of your Master Gardeners for the Green Thumb Award. There is no official form, just write a short paragraph on why this person is your choice for the award and send to Pam Voss (vosspace@msu.edu). The certificates will be given out at the banquet.



We will be returning to in-person meetings at the Verkuilen Building for the months of April and May. To register for an MCMGA meeting please visit our website calendar page: <https://macombcountymga.org/upcoming-meetings>



As you know, your MCMGA membership also enrolls you as a member of the Michigan Master Gardener Association (MMGA). We hope you have been taking advantage of the webinar series being provided by MMGA.

See you soon!



Your MCMGA Board



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or, the ***NEW*** MCMGA Website



The next meeting of the MCMGA Board of Directors is
Thursday, April 14th at 4:00pm (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 news-
letter editor: dawnpiper@mac.com





MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

MACOMB COUNTY 2022 EMG VOLUNTEER BANQUET

Wednesday, May 4th @ 6:00pm – 9:00pm

MSU-Macomb Extension Office (Verkuilen Building)

21885 Dunham Road Assembly Rooms A&B

Clinton Twp, MI 48036



   **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**   

“What’s The Buzz with IPPM?”

Elly Maxwell of Dow Gardens

   **AWARDS**   

Master Gardener of the Year

Forsythia Award

Unsung Hero Award

Green Thumb Awards

   **DINNER**   

Catered by Nino Salvaggio’s (yum!)

(including vegan selections)

   **UNIQUE GIFTS...and lots of them!!**   

All for only \$20.00!

(Virtual: FREE)

[Registration Link & More Information](#)

2/16/2022

Dear sponsor:

Planning is underway for the 2022 Recognition Banquet for Extension Master Gardeners in Macomb County. This event will take place May 4th 2022 in person at the Extension office in Clinton Twp and recognizes the achievements of volunteers who assist the community through growing food for donation, educating youth in gardening, and beautifying sites across various cities and towns in Macomb County.

Including a business card or advertisement in our program is a great way for you to connect and showcase your company or organization's latest tools and resources. This event attracts approximately 60 – 80 volunteer gardeners who have served the community in the past year. Should you wish to be a sponsor at \$20 or greater, you can write a check to Michigan State University Extension with "Macomb EMG gift" in the memo (preferred) or submit cash along with your business card. If you have any questions please contact David Lowenstein, Consumer Horticulture Educator with MSU Extension, at lowenstg@msu.edu or 586-469-6085.

Thank you for considering sponsorship of this event.

Sincerely,

David Max Lowenstein

David Lowenstein



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



MSUE could use a few Master Gardeners to help set up and tear down at the banquet.

Does your project need more volunteers? Just send an ad with photos!!



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, April 19th @ 6:30pm IN PERSON at the Verkuilen Building **FREE**
"Water Gardening" (Irene Townsend)

Irene Townsend headed the aquatic gardening department at Bordine's Nursery for nearly 20 years. She has traveled extensively throughout Europe to visit water gardens.

A \$5.00 donation requested for non-members.

Wednesday, May 11th @ 6:30pm IN PERSON at the Verkuilen Building FREE

"Recognizing Invasive Plant Species and Reporting Their Location"

Lake St. Clair CISMA Coordinator, McKenzi Waliczek, will discuss the problems that invasive plants create, and how we can play a role in reporting their whereabouts. Free. 6:30 PM. Verkuilen Bldg. (1.0 Education Hour: Environmental Stewardship: Invasive Species).

June

"Uses of Lavender"

(We are awaiting confirmation from the speaker on date and location)

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 requested for non-members.





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



(Available at Tractor Supply)

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

Dave Putt called the meeting to order at 4pm. The 2/10/2022 board meeting minutes were approved.

Professional Comments

The Macomb County MG banquet is scheduled for 5/4/2022 and the registration is live online. The Lavender Festival is the weekend of 7/15/2022 at Blake's. There was discussion about how much support MCMGA can offer. Ellen Collins suggested having a paper flyer promoting membership in MCMGA. Sara Grix suggested using a QR code to accomplish the same result. The benefits of the organization should be highlighted. Ellen will follow up.

Treasurer Report

Sara Grix presented the report. Financials are healthy.

Membership Renewals

Sara Grix reported 63 applications with payment have been received; 13 members failed to renew. 52 renewals were received in-person or by mail; 11 were renewed online. The paperwork for MMGA was submitted and receipt confirmed.

Dave Putt stated that Pam Voss sent him the names of all the certified MGs in Macomb County. There are about 200, so there's an opportunity to significantly increase our membership. Karen suggested holding a membership drive at the MG banquet. Ways to promote the organization were discussed: providing 11 educational hours, discounted/prorated membership dues, or project leader awarded money for getting qualified MG volunteers to join.

Grants for 2022

Three applications have been received and a fourth is in process. Karen Burke reported that Joann Roman and Anne Crotser want to be on the grant committee. Sara mentioned that several other members indicated an interest in being on the committee. Sara will send the names to Karen.

Program

Speakers for March through May are scheduled. March meeting will be Zoom, April is in-person, guest donation \$5. Dave Putt stated that the organization has the funds to schedule a bigger name speaker once a year. This would help promote the club with increased attendance. Speakers for June through November are TBD.

Other Expenditures

Dave Putt was able to locate a higher resolution MCMGA logo for the table skirt. Cost is \$125. Dave will place the order.

The board approved the purchase of a return address stamp for MCMGA business. Sara Grix will handle selection and order.

Field trip to Wolcott Mill for hydroponics?

Next Meeting - Thursday 4/14 @ 4pm.

The meeting adjourned at 4:53pm.



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 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](#)





OTHER EVENTS



MSU Extension: Gardening in Michigan

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MSU Extension: Gardening in Michigan [SMART GARDENING](#)

SELF-PACED "Smart Gardening With Vegetables 101"

\$30.00 ([REGISTER HERE](#))

Friday, April 8th @ 12PM "Interactive PRUNING Workshop for Smart Gardeners"

\$40.00 ([REGISTER HERE](#))

MSU Extension: Gardening In Michigan (Facebook)

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

Black Cat Pottery

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

CISMA (Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area)
[Lake St. Clair CISMA](#)

Cranbrook House & Gardens

<http://housegardens.cranbrook.edu>

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

Friendly Garden Club of Sterling Heights

Visit us on Facebook / gailstraughen@gmail.com

Master Gardeners of St. Clair County

[MGOSCC Calendar of Events](#)



Master Gardener Society of Oakland County 

[MGSOC Calendar of Events](#)

9th Annual Education Garden Conference via Zoom
"Gardening And All That Jazz - Growing With Style"
Saturday, April 30th 9:00am - 4:00pm

Registration Fee: \$50

[Buy Tickets Here](#)



Meadow Brook Garden Club 

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

Non-members wishing to attend please send a request to
MBGCmembers@gmail.com*protected email* 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>

Shelby Gardeners Club 

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

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

Thursday, April 14th @ 1:00pm "Gardening with Comfort, Easy & Simplicity"
(Jan Coppola Bills)

Troy Garden Club 

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

Location: Big Beaver United Methodist Church

3753 John R. Road, Troy, MI 48083 (S. of Wattles)

Wednesday, April 13th @ 1:00pm "Michigan Native Trees" (Cheryl English)

Wildflower Association of Michigan 

<https://wildflowersmich.org>



Wild Ones 

<https://wildones.org>

Green Infrastructure: **FREE!!**

April 7th: Native Plants for Improving Stormwater

April 14th: Native Plants for Outdoor Air Quality

April 21st: Native Plants for Soil Contamination

[REGISTER HERE](#)



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!

Monday, April 11th @ 7:00pm "Water In Your Yard? GSI- What Is It? **FREE!!**

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

You know that you're a HARD CORE gardener, when...

(check all that apply)

- ___ Your gardening book collection, purchased over the winter, rivals that of Barnes & Noble. 📖
- ___ Dirt (sorry: soil) is everywhere; in your house, the trunk of your car, and on your shoes. 🏠 🚗 👢
- ___ You plan a visit to every nursery and/or botanic garden in the state. But only for inspiration... 🌸
- ___ A native plant sale is more exciting than a clearance sale at the mall. 🛍️
- ___ You receive at least a dozen gardening catalogs in the mail... every month! 📖
- ___ Home Depot, Lowe's, Bordine's, Weigand's and English Gardens know you by your first name. 🏠
- ___ You retrieve the mountain of plastic pots that have been stashed away and start filling them up. 🪴
- ___ You buy more floppy straw hats, pairs of garden shoes and gloves to add to your collection. 🧢 👟 🧤
- ___ People you don't even know are eager to share all their gardening questions/problems with you. 🙋
- ___ You carry seed saving materials (envelopes, scissors, labels) in your purse or car. 🛍️ 🚗
- ___ You carry pruning clippers in your purse. ✂️ (You need a bigger purse!)
- ___ Your yard is in better shape than the inside of your house. 🏠
- ___ There are potted plants scattered everywhere around the house, just waiting to go outside. 🌿
- ___ There are plant cuttings in water and seed flats on the kitchen counter, and on every window sill. 🪴
- ___ You use Latin words in public and know how to pronounce them. 🗣️
- ___ You take a garden tour, and look first for the composting areas and irrigation set up. 💧
- ___ Everything you see becomes a planter. 🪴 or 🪴 or 🪴 or 🪴 or 🪴 or 🪴 or 🪴
- ___ You drive by a perfectly manicured lawn and imagine how it would look covered with native plants. 🌻
- ___ You have more pairs of gardening gloves than earrings. Or shoes... or socks. 🧤 ✨ 👠
- ___ You shop for a new vehicle based on how many tools, flats, and bags of mulch it will hold. 🚗
- ___ Every known plant identification app has been downloaded to your phone. 📱
- ___ You stop talking mid-sentence when you see a plant you don't recognize. 🌹
- ___ You wake up in the middle of a cold night and go outside and cover up your plants. 🥶
- ___ You water other people's plants if they look thirsty. 🌿 🚰
- ___ You'd give up going to a movie, game or concert in order to weed your garden. 🍿 🏃 🎵
- ___ Your fingernails are the shortest they've been since birth. ✂️
- ___ You know the botanical name of every plant in the garden, but can't remember their common names. 🙋
- ___ While visiting a state park, you have to resist the urge to pull a weed or dig up a plant. 🏞️
- ___ Your version of a "selfie" is a photo of a beautiful flower. 📱 🌸
- ___ You search for rocks and bags of leaves (i.e. other people's trash) to use as decoration or mulch. 🪨 🍂
- ___ You see a tree being removed, and ask to have the wood chips dumped on your driveway. 🪵
- ___ You buy all of the dead/dying plants at garage/estate/rummage sales and attempt to revive them. 🌿
- ___ You drive around on garbage day, searching for the neighbor's gardening cast-offs. 🚗 🪴

Your Score?

Southeast Michigan

LIST OF SPRING PLANT SALES

&



[Order Form](#)

****Last day to order is Wednesday, April 6th ****

Oh no!



**"Daffodil Day" (Belle Isle) Tickets Are SOLD OUT!
Maybe next year...**

Discus Botanicis Latinis

(Let's Learn Botanical Latin!)

FORM or HABIT

1. ____	Big, Bigger, Biggest
2. ____	Common
3. ____	Creeping
4. ____	Dense Flowered
5. ____	Edible
6. ____	Hairy
7. ____	Large Leaves
8. ____	Long Flowers
9. ____	Prickly
10. ____	Rounded
11. ____	Small
12. ____	Spotted
13. ____	Stemless
14. ____	Sticky
15. ____	Stinky
16. ____	Tallest
17. ____	Twisted
18. ____	Unscented
19. ____	Weeping / Hanging

A. <i>contorta</i>
B. <i>armata</i>
C. <i>macrophylla</i>
D. <i>globosa</i>
E. <i>maculata</i>
F. <i>procumbens</i>
G. <i>densiflora</i>
H. <i>acaulis</i>
I. <i>altissima</i>
J. <i>edulis / esculenta</i>
K. <i>magna, majus, maxima</i>
L. <i>foetida</i>
M. <i>glutinosa / viscosa</i>
N. <i>pendula</i>
O. <i>longiflora</i>
P. <i>villosa / hirsuta</i>
Q. <i>minima, minor</i>
R. <i>inodora</i>
S. <i>vulgaris</i>

TRIVIA NIGHT ORIENTATION

Have you tried out Trivia Night, a monthly program in the fall/winter provided by David Lowenstein? It's really fun, informative AND there are GREAT gift card prizes! Some members may be a bit hesitant to try it out, for a variety of reasons. SO, if we can gather together 15 members, David has offered to provide an orientation session just for MCMGA members! AND, it will be TOTALLY anonymous if you prefer! However, there will not be any prizes awarded for this orientation session. But, it will get you comfortable and confident to vie for the BIG prizes this fall. If interested, please let [\(me\)](#) know!



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EGG NOBODY COULD FIND?



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