



# MACOMB COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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**President:** Dave Putt  
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Greetings MCMGA members,

 I hope you are as excited as I am about this time of year. Over the next two months, so much gardening will take place. Floral beds will be re-established, vegetable gardens will be planted and we will do all of this while enjoying the company of our fellow gardeners. It is a great time of year.

 Recently, I have been thinking a lot about the important volunteer work that EMGs do for our communities. Last week I was asked to participate in a series of call-in shows where people could ask me any question at all about gardening. I was a little apprehensive before the first show because I wasn't sure if I would have a good answer for every question asked of me. However, it turns out that the callers asked very good questions and I found that I was able to give them the advice they were looking for. It was nice to see so many people interested in gardening. By the time we finished the third and final call-in session I was actually wishing there could be more Q & A sessions.

 Of course, educating citizens in our communities is just one of the many things that we do as EMGs. Many of us are involved in the beautification of our neighborhoods which instills a sense of pride in the residents of a community. We have several projects that grow and donate much-needed produce for food banks and food programs in our local communities. Many of us volunteer our time to improve habitat for our local flora and fauna. And many of us participate in outreach programs for school children to prepare them to be future gardeners and stewards of our planet earth.

 I hope you all feel proud in calling yourselves Master Gardeners.

Dave Putt  
MCMGA President





# GENERAL INFORMATION



[Visit us on FaceBook](#)



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



The next meeting of the MCMGA Board of Directors is  
Tuesday, May 3rd 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 newsletter editor: [dawnpiper@mac.com](mailto:dawnpiper@mac.com)



## CONGRATULATIONS TO MCMGA GRANT RECIPIENTS

**Sara Jane Hansen (Crocker House)**  
**Diane Reynolds (MSUE Demonstration Garden)**  
**Regina Newlin (St. Mary's School)**  
**Ellen Collins (Charity Garden)**



## MCMGA Board of Directors Meeting 4/14/2022

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

Dave Putt called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.

The 3/10/2022 MCMGA Board Meeting Minutes were approved.

### Professional Comments (Deferred)

#### Treasurer Report

Sara Grix presented the treasurer report with healthy financials; the board approved the report. Additional online memberships are being processed through Go Daddy. With additional memberships being processed, dues need to be submitted to MMGA. Sara will submit what she has so far and again periodically as necessary.

#### Grants

Karen Burke presented the grant recipients. Checks will be made out to the project coordinator and awarded at the April Quarterly meeting.

Crocker House - Sara Jane Hanson

St. Mary's School - Regina Newlin

Demo Garden - Diane Reynolds

Charity Garden - Linda Simpson or Vicki Jastrzebski

#### Program

Dennis Beltz reported on speakers:

- April 19 Quarterly Meeting (In Person) - Irene Townsend "Water Gardening"

- May 11 (In Person) - LSC-CISMA "Invasive Plants"

- June 19 - TBD, Lavender possibly

- July 19 Quarterly Meeting (In Person) - Pam Gors "Hummingbirds & Orioles",

Note: Dave Putt will be in Alaska

- August - November TBD, Possibly Ergonomics for elders, Bats, Hydroponics, Putting your garden to bed

#### April Quarterly Meeting

Grants - Karen

Programs - Dennis

Treasurer - Sara

Miscellaneous- Dave

TBD - Ellen

#### Expenditures

- Dave Putt ordered the MCMGA table runner for \$113.

- The board approved spending \$20 for an ad in the EMG Banquet program.

- The board approved spending up to \$100 for space in the Master Gardener College program to promote the association.

#### MCMGA Award

Dave Putt suggested that the association recognize a member annually with a lifetime achievement award. The board agreed and will establish the criteria for this award. The awardee will be presented with a certificate and a gift card at the September Quarterly Meeting.

#### MCMGA Board Strategic Plan

Dave Putt proposed that the board develop a strategic plan for the association with a vision for the next 3 years. The board agreed and plans to meet in person to discuss. A date in mid to late June will be set. Sara to offer up some dates that work best for her.

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 3, 2022 at 4PM

The meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.

Submitted by Ellen Collins 4/17/2022

## MCMGA Quarterly Meeting Minutes 4/19/2022

Dave Putt called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.

Dave introduced Irene Townsend, presenting “Water in your Gardens”. Irene delivered a very interesting presentation on incorporating water in your garden in many different ways, from small & simple to large & impressive displays. Irene brought many wonderful items that were raffled off to attending members. Thank you Irene!

Dave Putt encouraged members to check out the new website: [Macombcountymga.org](http://Macombcountymga.org). Well done, Dave!

Jean Persley complimented and thanked Dave Putt for his technical expertise to host the association’s virtual meetings during the past couple years. She also asked about the succession plan as Dave’s term ends in September 2022. Dave stated that elections will be held in the fall and he offered to continue on as web master/technical advisor. Ann Croster asked if she could make a motion and have a vote to abolish term limits. Dennis Beltz stated that a formal request to change the by-laws would be needed, bylaw revision proposed, and membership would need to review and vote at a Quarterly Meeting.

The EMG Recognition Banquet is Wednesday May 4 at MSUE. In person fee is \$20, virtual is free. 40 attendees confirmed to date. Keynote speaker is Elly Maxwell, entomologist from Dow Gardens, speaking on IPPM (Integrated Pest & Pollinator Management). Please register by 4/22/22 for in-Person participation. Please use Sign Up Genius for volunteer opportunities.

Master Gardener College is virtual on Monday 6/13 and in-Person at MSU on Thursday 6/16 & Friday 6/17. Look for upcoming registration details in the MCMGA newsletter.

Karen Burke thanked Joann Roman and Ann Croster for their help reviewing and selecting the grant recipients. Four grants of \$150 each were presented to:

Crocker House - Sarah Jane Hanson

St. Mary’s School - Regina Newlin

Demo Garden - Diane Reynolds

Charity Garden - Linda Simpson & Vicki Jastrzebski

Ellen Collins presented the Treasurer’s Report for Sara Grix. The bank account balance was \$5,414.08 (as of 3/31/22). There are 72 members in MCMGA, including 10 new members this year! We welcome all new members to volunteer some time working on the association’s current projects. Please contact the project leaders for more info (see grant list above).

Dennis Beltz reported on upcoming programs:

May - LSC-CISMA, “Invasive Plants”

June - TBD, Lavender possibly

July - Pam Gors, “Hummingbirds & Orioles”

Future topics in the works for August - November include:

Ergonomics for elders, Bats, Hydroponics, and Putting your garden to bed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Submitted by Ellen Collins 4/23/2022



# 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 10<sup>th</sup>

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

Please contact Diane Reynolds ([dmr131@hotmail.com](mailto:dmr131@hotmail.com)) for additional information.

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

**Come and join us!**



## 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). 😊

**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 suggested 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**

**April 19th (MCMGA)**

**“Water Gardening” (Irene Townsend)**

**1.0 Education Hour**

**(This program was not recorded)**







# 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](https://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](https://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](https://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

**SELF-PACED “Smart Gardening With Vegetables 101”**

**\$30.00 (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 & Garden 🏡

<http://housegardens.cranbrook.edu>

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

Friendly Garden Club of Sterling Heights 😊

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

The **Friendly Gardeners** will meet on **Thursday May 12, 2022 @ 7:00 pm** at **Riverwood Community Church**. 12000 Clinton River Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Located on west side of Clinton River Road, south of 19 mile- Next (north) to Farmstead Park

**Donation is \$3 per person and guests are always welcome.** If you are visiting for the first time please fill out an information card.

**Topic: Gardening Maintenance for Everyone by Sue Grubba:** The saying ‘All work and no play’ does not have to apply to gardening. Discover how easy it is to achieve that spectacular flower garden with a minimum amount of work and a maximum amount of gratification. Demonstrations and detailed handouts provided.

**Jon Lindner will be sharpening tools.** Pruners-short blade \$1, Pruners-long blade \$2, Ax/Hatchet \$2, Shovel \$3, Lawn Mower Blade \$5. Please put your name or address label on tools.

**We Recycle & Collect:** Used Ink or Toner Cartridges \*\*\* Dead Batteries \*\*\* Dried up Magic Markers or Dry Erase Markers\*\*\* \*\*\* Nail Polish (even small amounts)

For more info contact: [gailstraughen@gmail.com](mailto:gailstraughen@gmail.com)

Master Gardeners of St. Clair County 

[MGOSCC Calendar of Events](#)

Master Gardener Society of Oakland County 

<https://mgsoc.org>

Tuesday, May 10th @ 6:30pm

New Annuals & Perennials for 2022 (George Papadelis)Meadow Brook Garden Club at

Meadowbrook Hall 

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

“Butterflies in Your Backyard” Learn how to attract butterflies in your yard

Friday, May 20, 2022 at 10am

Meadow Brook Hall, 350 Estate Dr, Rochester, MI ([map](#))

\$5.00

Non-members wishing to attend please send a request to [MBGCmembers@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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>

Rochester Garden Club Nursery Crawl

Thursday, May 12

Join the fun of traveling to nurseries in the area



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)

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>

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](mailto: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





# LOCAL PLANT SALES & EXCHANGES



(in date order)

## Cranbrook House & Garden

50th Annual Spring Plant Sale ([online with curbside pick-up](#))

May 6 – 7, 2022 10am Friday to 12pm Saturday

Shop online for plants that are native to Michigan.

## Matthaei Botanical Gardens & Nichols Arboretum

Mother's Day Plant Sale

Saturday, May 7th & Sunday, May 8th

Matthaei Botanical Gardens & Nichols Arboretum, 1800 N Dixboro, Ann Arbor ([map](#))

Planters & hanging baskets grown and designed by a team of dedicated volunteers.

[mbgna.umich.edu](http://mbgna.umich.edu). 734-647-7600

## Cranbrook House & Garden

Perennial, Herb, Fairy Garden, & Tropical Plant Sale

Tuesday, May 10th 10am-7pm & Wednesday, May 11th 10am-2pm

Cranbrook House & Gardens, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills ([map](#))

Perennials potted by our volunteers, tropical plants grown in our Conservatory & herbs/fairy gardens selected by the Herb Society of America.

## Troy Garden Club

Perennial Plant Exchange

Saturday, May 14, 2022 10am-Noon

Troy Family Aquatic Center, 3425 Civic Center Drive, Troy ([map](#))

Rain/shine. Bring disease/pest-free perennials & trade to add variety to your garden.

[JAKPre24@msn.com](mailto:JAKPre24@msn.com)

## Warren Garden Club

Plant Exchange

Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 9am-Noon

First United Methodist Church Parking Lot, 5005 Chicago Road, Warren ([map](#))

Bring extra healthy plants & take home some new beauties for your yard.

586-215-4288

## Wildtype

Public sale Days

May 18th-21st & 25th-28th

(By appointment only)

[www.wildtypeplants.com/retail](http://www.wildtypeplants.com/retail)

**Meadow Brook Garden Club at Meadowbrook Hall** 🍀

**Perennial Plant Sale**

Thursday, May 19th from 8am-2pm

Meadow Brook Hall, 350 Estate Drive, Rochester ([map](#))

Large variety of MI grown perennials available at very reasonable prices.

248-364-6210     [MBGCmembers@gmail.com](mailto:MBGCmembers@gmail.com)

**Shelby Gardeners Club** 🐌

**Community Plant Exchange**

Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 8am - 10am

Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center, 4101 River Bends Drive, Shelby Twp ([map](#))

586-873-3782



## The Benefits of Gardening

Besides the obvious benefits of fresh herbs, vegetables and fruits for your kitchen, (if you're doing vegetable gardening) OR, the splendor of gorgeous and colorful flowers to adorn your home, (if you're doing flower gardening), studies show that gardening is great for your overall well-being:

You get plenty vitamin D by being outdoors; good for your bones also

You decrease your risk of dementia and Alzheimer's Disease

You get regular heathy aerobic exercise and burn calories

You boost your heart's health, lower your blood pressure, and avoid having a stroke

You relieve stress and boost our self-esteem

You improve your hand strength and dexterity





**Bees, Pollination and Beekeeping  
Presented by Dave Putt  
Sunday May 15 @ 2 PM**

**Loren Andrus Octagon House  
57500 Van Dyke Ave, Washington, MI 48094**

Bees are fascinating insects and beekeeping can be a very rewarding experience. In this presentation, we will explore the world of the honeybee and what you need to know to become a beekeeper.



**Friends of the Octagon House, 57500 Van Dyke Ave, Washington ([map](#))**

**Sunday, May 15th @ 2pm, Loren Andrus Octagon House. Beekeeper Dave Putt will give a presentation on the importance of bees for pollination. <https://octagonhouse.org/>**

**All Master Gardeners may tour the house, museum and grounds as well as attend Dave's presentation for FREE, just by wearing your MSUE Master Gardener ID badge!**



# Take a Walk on the Wild Side

MCMGA president and Michigan Nature Association Steward, Dave Putt, is inviting MCMGA members for a spring wildflower hike at the Wilcox-Warnes Nature Sanctuary on Friday May 13 at 10 AM.

The sanctuary is located on Schoenherr Rd just south of 26 Mile Rd (west side of road).

A few things to know if you are coming:

- Consider car pooling. The parking lot is small and only holds about 10 vehicles
- Prepare yourselves for about a 1-mile hike over uneven terrain and boardwalk
- Wear waterproof boots as some spots could be quite muddy
- There are no restroom facilities. The hike should last about 45 minutes.
- Please send an email to [dputt5@yahoo.com](mailto:dputt5@yahoo.com) if you plan to come





# **Belle Isle Wildflower Walk**

## **By Cheryl English of Black Cat Pottery**

**Sunday, May 08, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

Vista Drive, Belle Isle, Detroit, MI 48207

**\$15.00**

Join us for a walking tour of a hidden corner of one of our best-known Detroit parks as we explore one of the island's hiking trails in pursuit of native flora - right in the city's center.

From the rare and unusual to the relatively commonplace (but still lovely), Belle Isle has been under transformation since the exotic European Fallow Deer were restricted from wide access on the island in 2003, allowing the native flora to thrive. In the intervening years, the island has fallen under the aegis of state agencies and non-profits have taken on restoration projects, resulting in nesting bald eagles and the sighting of native beavers. Dress for the weather, including possible standing water..

One third of all proceeds from this event will be donated to the [Wildflower Association of Michigan](#) to support its programs.

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**  
**[REGISTER HERE](#)**



# Discus Botanicis Latinis

(Let's Learn Botanical Latin!)

## Common Root Words

1. ____	Big
2. ____	Diverse
3. ____	Flat/ Broad
4. ____	Flower
5. ____	Foliage
6. ____	Heavy
7. ____	Intermediate
8. ____	Large
9. ____	Leaf/ Foliage
10. ____	Many
11. ____	Roots
12. ____	Short
13. ____	Single
14. ____	Slender
15. ____	Small
16. ____	Smooth
17. ____	Threadlike
18. ____	Turn/ Turning

A. <i>phyllos</i>
B. <i>gravi</i>
C. <i>micro</i>
D. <i>platy</i>
E. <i>laevis</i>
F. <i>tropic</i>
G. <i>hetero</i>
H. <i>macro</i>
I. <i>media</i>
J. <i>lepto</i>
K. <i>folium/ phylla</i>
L. <i>brevi</i>
M. <i>fili</i>
N. <i>mega</i>
O. <i>multi/ poly</i>
P. <i>atum/ flora</i>
Q. <i>rrhiza</i>
R. <i>mono</i>

Time to plant my garden...  
or as the local  
bunnies call it, my  
"all-you-can-  
eat buffet."

