

Macomb County Master Gardener Association

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Board of Directors

Dave Putt (President)

Dennis Beltz (Vice-president)

Ellen Collins (Secretary)

Sara Grix (Treasurer)

Karen Burke (Director)

General Information

Follow us on Facebook: Macomb County Master Gardener Association
Next Board of Directors Meeting is September 6 at 4:30 PM (zoom)

If there is anything you would like to have included in the next newsletter, please send an email it to: macombcountymga@yahoo.com

UPCOMING MCMGA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

To register for any of the following events, go to:

<https://macombcountymga.org/upcoming-meetings>

Please remember to bring your membership card and wear your MG badge to all events.

Letter From the Board

Greetings,

The board would like to thank the EMGs at the St. Peter Charity Garden for their educational presentation at our August MCMGA meeting. It was a great kickstart for our “MCMGA On the Road” series. We plan to feature another MG project in 2023. Let us know if you would like that project to be yours.

We now enter the final month of summer and autumn is not far away. What better way to get ready for fall than attending Cheryl English’s presentation “Autumn Jewels—The Science Behind the Scenery” at our September 13 meeting. The September 13 meeting is also our Annual Meeting and Elections. We are hoping for a large turnout of our members at the Verkuilen Building that night. We will be electing two people for the board that night and right now we only have one candidate. Please consider serving a two-year term on our Board of Directors. You will enjoy it! If you are interested, please send a short bio about yourself to macombcountymga@yahoo.com.

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is coming up fast on September 10. That is the date of our Native Plant Sale. We are still taking pre-orders but that will end on September 3. As you now know, you can order and pay for your pre-orders online. Go to: <https://macombcountymga.org/2022-native-plant-sale> for all of your native plant sale information. There will also be lots of plants on hand to purchase on the day of the sale, too.

And finally, outgoing MCMGA president Dave Putt would like to express his gratitude to all MCMGA members for making his four years on the MCMGA board a memorable experience.

Thank you everyone,

Your MCMGA Board



August Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

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

Dave Putt called the meeting to order at 4:35pm.

The 7/5/2022 board meeting minutes were approved.

Professional Comments (deferred)

Treasurer Report

- Sara Grix reported healthy financials.
- There were 4 new members in July, elevating total membership to near 80 members.
- Sara will draft a budget proposal for review at the next board meeting.

July Quarterly Meeting Recap

- The meeting was very well attended and 16 guests joined in for Pam Gors presentation.
- Ellen Collins will send Pam a thank you for her generous donations.

Program

- Dennis Beltz reviewed the schedule for the remainder of the year:
 - August 9 - Charity Garden, 43785 N. Gratiot
 - September 13 - "Autumn Jewels" by Cheryl English, followed by business meeting
 - October 18 - "Bats" by Ian Ableson, family night format
 - November tbd - "Putting your garden to rest" by Sue Grubba
 - January 2023 - Program updates by David Lowenstein
- Dave suggested Toni Gattone as a future speaker for a Zoom meeting in early 2023.

Lisianthus Award

- Dave will compile the list of award candidates recommended by board members and send to the board for ranking. First award to be presented at the September meeting.

Newsletter Editor

- Dave praised Dawn Piper for her longtime contribution as newsletter editor. He will handle publication of the August newsletter and put out the request for volunteer(s) to takeover the responsibility.
- Ellen will ask Dawn to forward newsletter template (Word format) to Dave.
- Karen suggested that Chelsea Jaques would make a good newsletter editor. Sara will ask her if she's interested in the position.

Strategic Planning Report

- Dave and Ellen will compile the report for presentations at the September meeting.

Board Elections

- In the August newsletter, Dave will include the request for candidates to volunteer for the open board position.
- Dave suggested that Carolyn Jennings would be a good candidate, the board agreed, and he will approach Carolyn on the subject.

Native Plant Sale 9/10/2022

- Dave has the preorder form and will email it to members later this week. Preorder deadline is 9/3/2022.
- Quart size is \$6.50 and tray of plugs (72 ct) is \$99., no sales tax required.

Next Meeting - Tuesday 9/6/2022 at 4:30pm

Meeting was adjourned at 5:16pm.



Macomb County Master Gardener Association

Strategic Plan 2022-2025

By Laws

The bylaws are due for review in 2023. The Standard Operating Procedure will be reviewed in September 2022 and any changes presented to the membership at the September 2022 MCMGA Quarterly meeting.

Membership

The board agreed not to increase membership fees for 2022-2023. Dues will remain at \$15 (\$10 for MCMGA and \$5 for MMGA). Any increase in dues for future years can be decided upon by the board each fiscal year.

Program

The board will continue to find interesting speakers at a reasonable cost for our monthly meetings.

The board agreed that one MG project should be highlighted each year as one of our meetings. The Charity Garden was approved for the August 2022 meeting.

Field Trips & Workshops - The board is very supportive of annual field trips & workshops to add interest for our members. Public transportation may be provided for some events. Some event venues include Westview Orchards, Blake's, Youngblood Winery, fruit/veggie tasting, hydroponic stores, Belle Isle. Members will be surveyed for additional ideas.

Fundraising

Native Plant Sale - The board agreed to hold the native plant sale annually. The Octagon House is an appropriate and welcoming site for the sale.

Garden Walks - The board agreed to hold a garden walk every 3 years. Approved MG projects and personal gardens can be included in tours. The last garden walk was held in 2019.

Annual Budget

The board agreed to prepare an annual budget every year. The treasurer will submit a budget proposal to the board for review and approval each year by the end of December. The approved budget will be presented to the general membership.

Grants

The board agreed that there should be an increase in the maximum amount to be awarded for a grant project. The current maximum award is \$150. The new maximum amount will be communicated when applications for 2023 grants is announced.

Appreciation Award

The board agreed to the name, Lisianthus Award, to recognize individual master gardeners for their dedicated service. Recipients will receive a certificate and gift card. One Lisianthus Award will be announced and awarded at each Quarterly Meeting. The current board of directors will choose the awardees (4 per year). Eligibility requirements are that the individual has been a certified master gardener for at least 5 years and is a current member in good standing with the MCMGA.

Communications

The board will continue to communicate through our website, facebook and monthly newsletter.

The president has been using his own paid Survey Monkey and Sign-Up Genius subscription accounts for association surveys, meeting registrations and webforms. Moving forward, the board will set up their own subscription accounts under the name of MCMGA. Free subscription versions will be given highest priority.

MCMGA Key Dates

The secretary will maintain a list of key calendar dates for the organization for financial reports and subscription renewals.

MCMGA August 2022 Meeting at the St. Peter Charity Garden

story and photos by Ellen Collins

43785 Gratiot, Clinton Township (Behind Kingsborough Castle)



It was a pleasure hosting the MCMGA August meeting at the St. Peter Charity Garden. We couldn't have been blessed with a more beautiful evening to tour and talk about the garden. We were able to show off our newly erected meditation garden - a place where all can find solace & healing.

Vicki Jastrzebski spoke about the garden's history, management & growth.

Linda Simpson presented what's planted in the garden, where and why with a focus on companion planting.



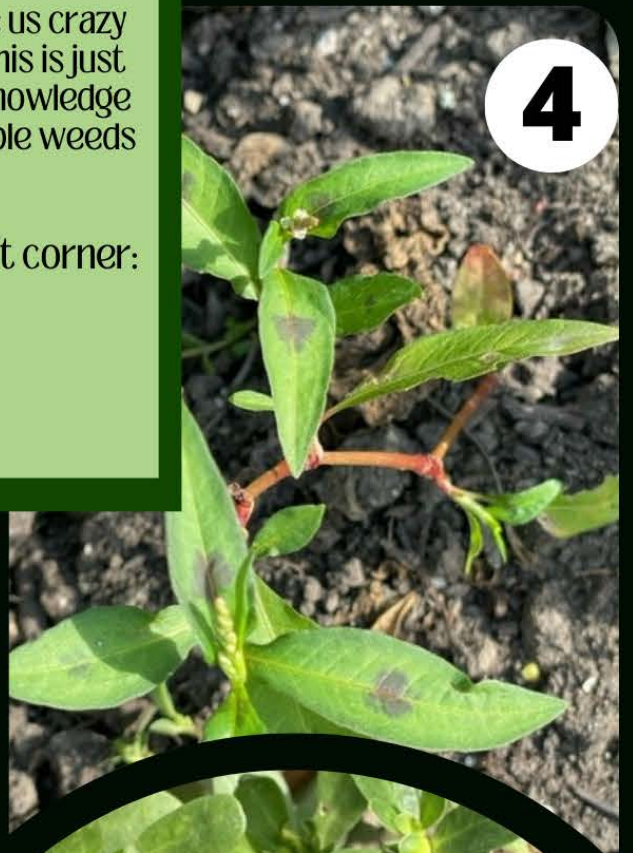
MCMGA August 2022 Meeting at the St. Peter Charity Garden

story and photos by Ellen Collins

I shared that some of those pesky weeds that drive us crazy are edible, delicious and beneficial to your health! This is just one of the many ways we, as EMGs, can share our knowledge with others. Note: Info on companion plants and edible weeds will be posted on our website.

Plants identified clockwise starting in the top left corner:

1. Lamb's Quarters (*Chenopodium album*)
2. Yellow Woodsorrel (*Oxalis stricta*)
3. Purslane (*Portulaca oleracea*)
4. Lady's Thumb (*Persicaria maculosa*)



MCMGA August 2022 Meeting at the St. Peter Charity Garden

Recipes submitted by Ellen Collins

Recipes from the Garden



Edible Wild Weeds Salad

Gather purslane, lambs quarters, woodsorrel and lady's thumb from areas free from chemical spraying. Rinse well until clean; drain and dry. Add fresh lettuces and other veggies if desired. Dress with lemon shallot vinaigrette. Enjoy!

Lemon Shallot Vinaigrette

2 small shallots, finely diced
2T. fresh lemon juice
2 tsp. white balsamic vinegar
1/2 tsp. salt
1/3 cup EVOO

Combine the shallots, lemon juice vinegar and salt; stir and set aside for 30 min. Whisk in EVOO. Refrigerate any used dressing.

MCMGA UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

Time: 10 am - 2 pm

Location:

Loren Andrus Octagon House

57500 Van Dyke Ave.

Washington, MI 48094

**Please support MCMGA by purchasing plants at our
2nd Annual Fall Native Plant Sale.**

Pre-order sales will end on September 3.

**Please note that you can now pre-order and pay for
your plants on-line.**

**There will be plenty of plants available for
purchase on the day of the sale, as well.**

**All native plants are provided by East Michigan
Native Plants**

MCMGA UPCOMING MEETINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

"Autumn Jewels--The Science Behind the Scenery"

Presented by, popular speaker and owner of Black Cat Pottery, Cheryl English Cheryl will discuss the chemical and biological processes that go into our annual fall fashion show and get a glimpse of the beauties of our own native species as they go through their annual transformation.

This is also our Annual Meeting.

Free for MCMGA members + 1 guest, \$5.00 donation requested for all others.

Location: Verkeulin Building, 21885 Dunham Rd, Clinton Township, MI 48036



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022

"Family Program--Bats & Halloween"

Presented by, Stewardship Director for the Six Rivers Land Conservancy, Ian Ableson Ian will present a program about the ecology and conservation of our native bats. Following the presentation, we will take a short bat/Halloween hike at the Nicholson Nature Area.

This is a program for the whole family--children and grandchildren, too. Free for MCMGA members and 2 children, \$5.00 donation requested for all others.

Location: Verkeulin Building, 21885 Dunham Rd, Clinton Township, MI 48036



MCMGA FUNDRAISING

Kroger Community Rewards

This is a great program, just sign up and Kroger does the rest, all at no cost to you. Having a Kroger card does not automatically sign you up for the Community Rewards. The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to go beyond being a part of the community to also helping create a stronger community. We appreciate your participation in our Community Rewards program to help accomplish that mission!

Kroger Community Rewards.com Sign in/Register for Kroger Rewards Account Proceed as directed Edit Kroger Community Rewards, enter Kroger Plus Card # Enter NPO – CQ024 or Macomb County Master Gardener Association You will see group name on right side of page. Questions/Problems: 877-576-758

Amazon Smile

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.

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

Please contact Diane Reynolds (dmr131@hotmail.com) for additional information. We are located at the Macomb MSU Extension office by Entrance E & F VerKuijen Building 21885 Dunham Road Clinton Township, Michigan Come and join us!

St. Peter Charity Garden

St. Peter Charity garden grows and provides fresh vegetables for several food pantries in Macomb County. It's maintained by a crew of volunteers, passionate about fighting food insecurity and feeding the poor. Education is also an important part of its mission. Children from elementary school through high school come to the garden to learn about growing and harvesting vegetables.

L'Anse Creuse Public Schools' Pankow Center's Horticultural program brings students to the garden for hands-on experience directly related to their high school curriculum. Of course, our volunteers learn as well. The garden is very hands on, with opportunities to participate in a variety of activities to suit your interests and abilities. At over 1/2 acre, there's plenty of room for safe distancing. Three experienced Master Gardeners are on site. Bring your own gloves; tools are provided if you prefer. We work March through November. Choose your own hours, we do have a sign in log. Contact email: stpetercharitygarden@gmail.com

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

Yardeners of St Clair Shores

*Plant Exchange Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022
9 am - 11am St. Clair Shores Library*

YARDENERS OF ST. CLAIR SHORES PLANT EXCHANGE WILL BE SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH FROM 9AM UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 11AM IN THE PARKING LOT BEHIND THE ST. CLAIR SHORES PUBLIC LIBRARY (22500 E ELEVEN MILE RD, ST CLAIR SHORES, MI 48081). NOW IS THE TIME TO LOOK AROUND YOUR GARDEN AND SEE WHAT NEEDS TO BE DIVIDED AND WHERE YOU MIGHT WANT TO INCORPORATE NEW PLANTS. LOAD UP YOUR VEHICLES WITH YOUR EXTRA PLANTS AND DIVISIONS. BAG, TAG AND DRAG YOUR OFFERINGS TO TRADE OR GIVE AWAY TO OTHER GARDENERS. PLEASE LABEL ALL OF THE PLANTS YOU BRING. NO \$\$ IS INVOLVED. COME WITH YOUR PLANTS AND ENJOY OUR "TAILGATE GARDEN PARTY". ALL ARE INVITED. IF YOU DON'T HAVE PLANTS OF YOUR OWN TO SHARE, COME ALONG AND SEE WHAT OTHERS HAVE TO OFFER.

Lake St. Clair CISMA



*Woody Invasive Species Workshop
9 am - 1 pm Nicholson Nature Center*

Come help us with woody invasive species removal! You'll learn how to identify common woody invasive species and remove them!

Join the Lake St. Clair CISMA and the Six Rivers Land Conservancy for a Woody Invasive Species Workshop

Thursday, Nov. 17, 9am-1pm,

Nicholson Nature Center

(21777 Dunham Rd, Clinton Twp, MI 48036)



CONTINUING EDUCATION

Dig in! Educational Series

DIG IN!! Extension Master Gardeners Tuesdays, 6 - 7 p.m.

Online via Zoom Cost: Free

You must register at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/2022DigInSeries/>

Join MSU Extension Horticulture staff for these hour-long events.

Each online session will feature an educational Smart Gardening topic, discussion and sharing that will help you stay connected while exploring new topics. Register for the series and attend the topics of your choosing. All sessions will be recorded with , links sent out after the session.

Sept. 20: Gardening on the Straight and Narrow, Designs for tight spaces - Presenter:

Rebecca Finneran MSU Extension Senior Horticulture Educator

Every landscape has one or two narrow spaces that are just difficult to design for. Whether it is a shady strip along your driveway or a sunny street-side planting, you can take advantage of dozens of plants that will fit the bill. Join MSU Senior Horticulture Educator, Rebecca Finneran, in looking at inspiring ways to design your straight and narrow space.

October 25: Designing your Smart Shoreline

Presenter: Erick Elgin, MSU Extension

Water Quality Educator Living on a lake or anywhere water moves into a stream or watershed, gardeners can impact Michigan's water with plants and well-thought-out landscape design. Join MSU Extension's Water Quality Educator, Erick Elgin, to explore great ideas for designing useful spaces and how to choose from an amazing plant palette to make your design shine!

Nov. 8: Nomenclature and Nonsense Names

Presenter: Barslund Judd, MSU

Extension Consumer Horticulture Educator Do you ever wonder why plants have those strange Latin names? Binomial nomenclature is the system by which two terms are used to name an organism. We will talk about the history behind binomial nomenclature, it's structure and where names like Begonia darthvaderiana come from. We will also talk about complicated cultivar names and other quirks.

Education Hours - Each session will count as 1 EMG Continuing Education hour. How to Connect: The day prior to each event, registrants will receive an email message which will *contain the virtual event*

PAST CONTINUING EDUCATION

Recent Program Education Hours; enter into VMS as follows:

check our website for handouts or recordings

August 9 2022

"MCMGA On the Road Meeting - A visit to the Sts. Peter Hubert and Thecla Community Charity Garden"

1.0 Education Hr.

July 19 2022

MCMGA "Hummingbirds and Orioles" with Pam Gors

1.0 Education Hr.

June 22 2022

MCMGA "The World of Honey" with Dave Putt

1.0 Education Hr.

May 11 2022

MCMGA "Identifying and Reporting Invasive Species" by Kirsten Lyons

1.0 education Hr.

April 19 2022

MCMGA "Water Gardening" by Irene Townsend

1.0 Education Hr.

March 21 2022

MCMGA "World of Bees" by Dave Putt

1.5 Education Hrs.

February 15 2022

MCMGA "Introduction to Orchids" by Kristen Uthus

1.0 Education Hr.

January 18 2022

MCMGA "Winter Sowing" by Jean Persley

1.0 Education Hr.

MCMGA CLASSIFIEDS

Items needed or Available for our projects

Donations Needed for Charity Garden (New or Gently Used)

4-drawer file cabinet, plastic milk crates, hand shovels, small hand clippers, full size gardening tools, plastic watering cans, patio umbrellas, bird seed, bird feeders, saucer-type hummingbird feeders, wind chimes. Please contact Ellen Collins, 248-770-4763. Thanks!



Do you have any items that you would like to donate.
Does your project have any needs that you would like to share?

Please contact us at macombcountymga@yahoo.com
If there is anything you would like to have included in the next newsletter





Fall 2022 Native Plant Sale Order Form

Customer Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Order Information (from attached form):

	<u>Quantity</u>		<u>Price Each</u>	=	<u>Total</u>
Grasses:	_____	x	\$ 6.50	=	\$ _____
Flowers:	_____	x	\$ 6.50	=	\$ _____
Garden Kits:	_____	x	\$99.00	=	\$ _____
TOTAL DUE:					\$ _____

Payment Information:

Please make checks payable to: **Macomb County Master Gardener Association**

Credit Card (please circle one): Visa Master Card Discover American Express

Name on card: _____ Expiration: _____

Card Number: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Cardholder Signature: _____ (3 digits on back) CVV: _____

Mail completed forms with payment to:

MCMGA
PO Box 380463
Clinton Township, MI 48038

For more information, contact:

macombcountymga@yahoo.com

*** All order forms must be submitted by September 3, 2022 All orders must be picked up September 10 between 10 AM and 2 PM at the Octagon House, 57750 Van Dyke Ave, Washington, MI**



Fall 2022 Native Plant Sale Order Form

Native Grasses		Quart Containers (4 ½" x 4 ½" x 5")		\$6.50/each		
Common Name	Scientific Name	Sun	Water	Season	Quantity	
Big Bluestem	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	Full-Part	Medium	Warm		
Bottlebrush Grass	<i>Elymus hystrix</i>	Shade-Part	Medium	Cool		
Brown Fox Sedge	<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	Full-Part	Wet	Cool		
Common Rush	<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Full	Wet	Cool		
Indian Grass	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Full-Part	Dry	Warm		
June Grass	<i>Koeleria macrantha</i>	Full-Part	Medium	Cool		
Little Bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Full-Part	Medium	Warm		
Prairie Dropseed	<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	Full	Dry	Warm		
Purple Lovegrass	<i>Eragrostis spectabilis</i>	Full-Part	Dry	Warm		
Purpletop Grass	<i>Tridens flavus</i>	Full-Part	Dry	Warm		
Side Oats Grama	<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	Full-Part	Medium	Warm		
Switch Grass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Full-Part	Dry	Warm		
Native Flowers		Quart Containers (4 ½" x 4 ½" x 5")		\$6.50/each		
Common Name	Scientific Name	Sun	Water	Season	Quantity	
Alleghany Monkey Flower	<i>Mimulus ringens</i>	Full-Part	Wet	Spr-Fall		
Black-Eyed Susan (annual/biennial/ short-lived perennial)	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Full-Part	Medium	Sum-Fall		
Black-Eyed Susan/Showy/Orange Coneflower (true perennial)	<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>	Full-Part	Dry	Sum-Fall		
Blue Stemmed Goldenrod	<i>Solidago caesia</i>	Shade-Part	Dry	Fall		
Blue Vervain	<i>Verbena hastata</i>	Full	Wet	Spr-Sum		
Boneset	<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	Full	Wet	Summer		
Butterfly Weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Full	Dry	Summer		
Common Milkweed	<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	Full-Part	Medium	Summer		
Compass Plant	<i>Silphium laciniatum</i>	Full-Part	Medium	Summer		
Culver's Root	<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	Sun-Shade	Wet	Summer		
Cup Plant	<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>	Full	Medium	Sum-Fall		
Downy Sunflower	<i>Helianthus mollis</i>	Full	Medium	Sum-Fall		
Early/False Sunflower	<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	Full-Part	Medium	Spr-Sum		
False Nettle	<i>Boehmeria cylindrica</i>	Shade-Part	Medium	Summer		
Foxglove Beard Tongue	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Full-Part	Medium	Spr-Sum		
Giant Sunflower	<i>Helianthus giganteus</i>	Full-Part	Medium	Sum-Fall		
Golden Alexanders	<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Full-Part	Medium	Spr-Sum		
Great Blue Lobelia	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	Full-Part	Wet	Sum-Fall		
Hairy Beardtongue	<i>Penstemon hirsutus</i>	Full-Part	Wet	Spring		
Harebell	<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	Full	Dry	Summer		
Hibiscus/Rose Mallow	<i>Hibiscus laevis</i>	Full-Part	Wet	Summer		
Hoary Vervain	<i>Verbena stricta</i>	Full	Dry	Summer		

For more information on each plant species, please visit the grower's website at:
<https://EastMichNatives.com>

