

Macomb County Master Gardener

Monthly Newsletter

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Board of Directors

Karen Burke - President

Katie Baker - Vice President

Linda Simpson- Director at Large

Sara Grix - Secretary

Ellen Collins - Treasurer

Upcoming MCMGA Education

To register for events:

[Click Here](#)

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

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

General Information

Follow us on Facebook:

Macomb County Master Gardener Association

Next Board of Directors Meeting is Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 3:30 pm via Zoom

If there is anything you would like to have included in the next newsletter, please send an email

to: macombcountymga@yahoo.com

Letter from the Board



FINALLY!!!!!!

The weather seems to be cooperating.



We know all of you are very anxious to get in the garden and get going. We think we all get this "tude" this time of year. Take time to enjoy all the fruit trees with their beautiful blooms along with all the spring flowers that are in bloom. It is so nice for me to see everything coming up we planted in the late fall. It helps when we can't quite get in the garden yet. We hope all your seedlings are sprouting and I wish you all a very successful season! Happy Gardening!

Important Information

Please see the links to important information on our website:

Board of Directors
& Bylaws

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Handouts

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MCMGA Board Minutes

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Attendees: Ellen Collins, Karen Burke, Sara Grix, Katie Baker, Linda Simpson, David Lowenstein

Karen called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

Professional Comments:

- Please register for the Extension Master Gardener banquet taking place May 8th @ 6:00pm! Registration closes next week. It will take place at the Verkuilen building and there is a new menu for this year.
- Dig and Divide program on plant division at the demo garden scheduled for the evening of June 6th. Here is the link for the program: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/dig-and-divide>. Advanced registration is required.
- Planning a meet and greet in July - opportunity for volunteers to come together and volunteer at a site.
- Master Gardener Conference: August 23-24, 2024 in Interlochen - registration will open soon.
- Walk-in Plant and Insect Diagnostic Lab at Warren office: Thompson Center, 11370 Hupp Ave., Warren, 48089. May 15: 12:30-2:30, June 5: 10-noon, June 26: 12:30-2:30, July 24: 10-noon, August 7: 12:30-2:30.

Treasurer's Report:

Ellen reported that the organization's finances are healthy. We had 11 memberships renewed in March. Ellen purchased the gift card for the Lisianthus award. At the March meeting, we had three guests attend. Copies of the financial statements are available to members at meetings or by request. 73 current active members.

Secretary's Report:

- Sara will look into the MCMGA email situation. It is difficult for the board to regularly check the association email.
- What ways can we get information out to more people - email blast?

Program:

- *April 25, 2024 - Wild Birds Unlimited (Pam Gors): Bird Songs in Your Garden (in person)
- May 16, 2024 - Diane Reynolds: Three-Season Gardening For April Through November Blooms (in person - with a tour of the Demonstration Garden)
- June 20, 2024 - Plant Swap
- *July 18, 2024 - Ellen Collins: Incredible Edible Weeds (in person)
- Aug. 15, 2024 - Rachel Mifsud from Will Forage for Food: Intro to Foraging (in person - with on-site exploration)
- *Sept. 19, 2024 (Elections) - Dave Putt: The Role Played by Michiganders in the Development of Modern Horticultural Science (in person)
- Oct. 10, 2024 - Advice and Tips on Seed Saving
- Nov. 21, 2024 - Erin Stewart of Heart & Soul Naturals: All About Elderberries (in person - with a make and take option)
- Dec. 2024 - No meeting

*denotes Quarterly meeting

- All meetings are at the Verkuilen building unless otherwise noted

- Looking for someone to discuss tool care as a possible educational class

Old Business:

- Grants: Seven applications have been received!

- If you participate in an MCMGA committee, then that time can be logged as volunteer hours.

New Business:

- The association received an email to give a donation or get an ad for the Master Gardener Conference in August. Board is considering a donation of \$100. Karen will follow up with information.

- Discussed having a day event with education. Board will look into possible venues to pursue this idea.

- MCMGA board will have three openings this fall.

- Karen is looking into storage space for snacks at the Verkuilen building

Next board meeting: May 7th at 3:30pm via Zoom

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm

Submitted by Sara Grix

Save the Date MCMGA 2024 Lineup



**"Three-Season Gardening for April
Through November Blooms"
with a tour of Demonstration Garden
on the grounds**

Presenter: Diane Reynolds
Date: Thursday, May 16th

Plant Swap

Date: Thursday, June 20th 2024

"Edible Weeds"

Presenter: Ellen Collins
Date: Thursday, July 18th 2024
Location: St. Peter Charity Garden
43785 Gratiot, Clinton Township
(Behind Kingsborough Castle)

**"Intro to Foraging"
with On-Site Exploration**

Presenter: Rachel Mifsud from
Will Forage for Food
Date: Thursday, August 15th 2024

**"The Role Played by Michiganders in the
Development of Modern Horticultural
Science" *Also - BOARD ELECTIONS***

Presenter: Dave Putt
Date: Thursday, September 19th 2024

Advice and Tips on Seed Saving

Date: Thursday, October 10th 2024

**"All About Elderberries"
with a Make-and-Take Workshop**

Presenter: Erin Stewart of
Heart and Soul Naturals
Date: Thursday, November 21st 2024

No December Meeting

**Don't forget to Log Your Hours
Past 2024 Meeting Information**

**"New Membership
Camaraderie Games"**

Presenter(s): MCMGA Board
Date: Thursday, January 11th 2024

**"Growing a Better Garden
Without the Work"**

Presenter: Luke Marion from MI Gardener
Date: Tuesday, February 13th 2024
Location: Virtual via Zoom

**"We Laughed, We Cried, We Could've
Died" - Gardening Conferences**

Presenters: Jean Persely and Lisa Lane
Date: Thursday, March 21st 2024

**"Bird Songs in Your Garden"
Learn how to translate what your
backyard birds are saying to you**

Presenters: Pam and Bob Gors of
Wild Birds Unlimited
Date: Thursday, April 25th 2024

****ALL MEETINGS WILL BE from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm at the
Robert A. Verkuilen Building
21885 Dunham Rd, Clinton Twp, MI 48036
unless otherwise noted****

Registration for the May MCMGA Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 16th 2024

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: Robert A. Verkuilen Building
21885 Dunham Rd, Clinton Twp, MI 48036

Topic: "Three-Season Gardening for April Through November Blooms"
with a tour of the MSUE Demonstration Garden.

Presenter: Diane Reynolds

What about a plant's anatomy decides the time of year it will bloom?

What can you plant in your garden to bloom in the falltime?

Where do you start with a bloom calendar?

Join us at the May MCMGA meeting to get these questions and more answered by Diane Reynold's in her presentation: Three-Season Gardening for April through November Blooms. Attendees will learn about different garden plans and then have the opportunity to tour the Demo Garden to see how to execute the ideas.

Diane Reynolds taught middle school history and art classes for thirty years. Upon her retirement, she was able to fulfill a long-time aspiration of becoming a master gardener. She got her certification in 2010 and volunteered in many area sponsored gardens like the Crocker House, the Baumgartner House, and the Demonstration Garden.

When previous coordinators retired from the Demo Garden's post, Diane stepped up to become coordinator in 2014. She has worked hard to catalogue the garden, care for the plants, and battle the weeds and bugs that plague them, but enjoys nothing more than spending time in the "laboratory" to figure out the beautiful combinations of three-season blooming.



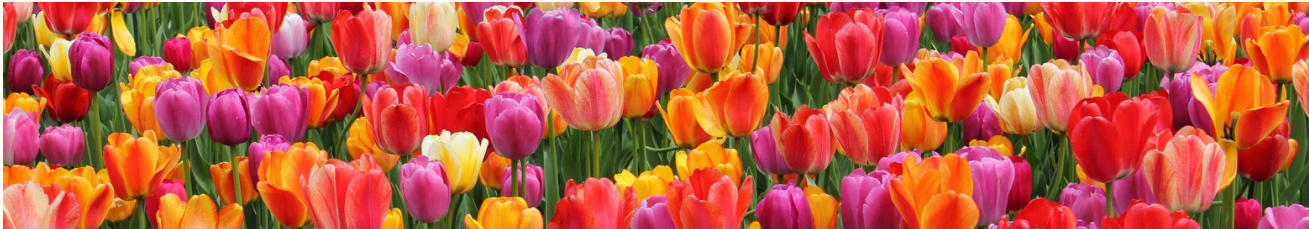
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Friends of the St Clair River



Join us as we dig into streams and rivers to search for aquatic insects. We'll be looking for lots of seasoned and new volunteers to join is in streams around the watershed.

We will be collecting water quality data and aquatic insects on the Pine River at Pine River Nature Center in Goodells, and Cuttle Creek in Marysville near Riverlawn Cemetery.

Volunteers can participate in or out of the water and may borrow our gear. Families are welcome and no experience is needed.

Saturday, May 4, at 10 a.m.

For questions, email our Education Manager at melissa@scriver.org. This event is hosted by Friends of the St. Clair River. Learn more at www.scriver.org.

St. Clair River
STREAM TEAM

STREAM MONITORING
SATURDAY, MAY 4

WWW.SCRIVER.ORG

Pine Grove Park POLLINATOR PROJECT

Spring Cleanup Day:
Saturday, May 11th

Planting Day:
Saturday, May 25th

Gardening Days Starting June 6th:
Every other Thursday at 10am

Friends of the St. Clair River
PARKS & RECREATION

Pine Grove Park Pollinator Project:
Clean-up Date: Saturday, May 11, 2024
Time: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
Planting Date: Saturday, May 25, 2024
Time: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
Gardening Dates: Every other Thursday
 Starting June 6, 2024
Time: 10:00 am

Painting with Pints at War Water Brewery
 Date: Friday, May 10 2024
 Time: 6:30pm

[Click Here To Buy Tickets](#)

Paddling & Pints Fundraiser
 Benefiting Friends of the St. Clair River

*Tickets include canvas painting supplies & instruction & glass of craft beer. Registration required. 21 & Older.

\$55 Per Ticket

FRIENDS OF THE ST. CLAIR RIVER
STURGEON FEST AND FRIENDS

SturgeonFestival.com **JUNE 1, 2024**

Back from the depths! Sturgeon Fest is coming Saturday, June 1, 2024 on the shores of Lake Huron at the Fort Gratiot Lightstation Park in Port Huron. Details at www.SturgeonFestival.com

Six Rivers Land Conservancy



Volunteer Opportunities: Garlic Mustard Pulls

Learn how to identify garlic mustard and how to carefully remove this invasive species to reduce seed spread.

Saturday, May 4th 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Murray Easement in West Bloomfield
(Specific Address will be provided prior to the event)

Saturday, May 11th 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Salt River Nature Sanctuary
33210 Hooker Rd, Chesterfield, MI 48047
Located at the end of Hooker Rd in Chesterfield Twp.

Friday, May 17th 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Drayton Plains Nature Center
2125 Denby, Waterford, MI 48329



Tuesday, May 21st 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Nicholson Nature Center
21777 Dunham, Clinton Township, MI 48036

Saturday, June 1st 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Sutherland Nature Sanctuary
3960 Diehl Road, Metamora, MI 48455

Activities and Hikes

Birds & Blooms Hike

Sunday, May 5th 2024

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Sutherland Nature Sanctuary
3998 Diehl Road, Metamora, MI 48455

Bat Hike

Friday, July 26th 2024

Time: 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm

Location: Golden Preserve Oakland Township
Address given at sign-up

Bat Hike

Friday, August 30th 2024

Time: 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

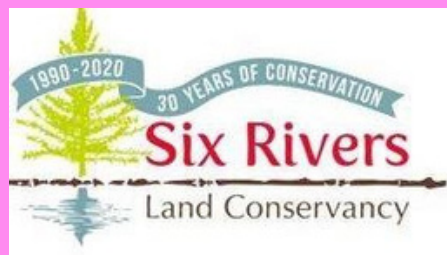
Location: Nicholson Nature Center
21777 Dunham, Clinton Township, MI 48036

Bat Hike

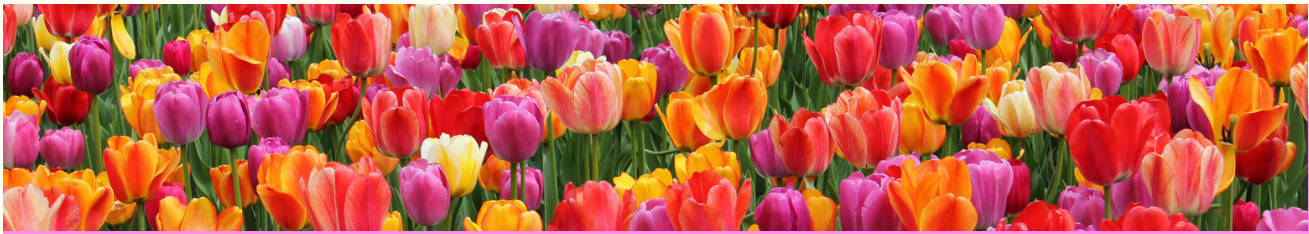
Friday, August 30th 2024

Time: 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Location: Anchor Bay Woods Preserve
37885 Green Street, New Baltimore, MI 48047



Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association



Guest attendees are welcome!
The cost of attendance is \$3 for guests or free with annual membership.
Annual membership is \$15

Meetings

**Location: Crosswalk Community Church - 38600
Palmer Rd., Westland, MI 48186
Time: 7:00 pm**

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2024
Topic: Moth Mating Cage Workshop

Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024
Topic: "Q an A"
Presenter: Brenda Sattler

Date: Thursday, August 15, 2024
Topic: TBD

Date: Thursday, September 19, 2024
Topic: Winter Clean Up
Presenter: Brenda Sattler

Thursday, October 17, 2024
Topic: Tea Cup Celebration

Events

Membership may be required for events.
For Times and Locations and Registration
information please
contactsembabutterfly@yahoo.com

Event Date: Saturday, July 13, 2024
Brenda Sattler, Westland, Garden Walk,
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Elmer Grimm, Garden Walk,
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Event Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024
Event Time: 12:30 pm
John Blair's Open Garden Walk, Brooklyn
Bugtopia, Westland

Event Date: Saturday, July 27, 2024
Time: 1:00 pm
3 B's Native Garden
Detroit Audubon/SEMBA Event
**Location: Corrado Park, 8500 Flamingo Blvd,
Westland.**

Click Here For
More Information



Yardeners of St. Clair Shores



Events

Event: Yardeners Native Plant Sale

Date: Friday, June 7, 2024

Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum

We are hosting East Michigan Native

Plants. No pre-sales. Plan to come by and shop at the native plant mobile nursery. You can check out the plants and kits that may be available at www.eastmichnatives.com.

Event: Yardeners 31st Annual Garden Tour

Date: Saturday, August 3, 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum

Cost: \$5/adult, children under 12 are free

Registration, ticket sales and map distribution start at 9:00 am. This is a self-guided driving tour with some walking. You will view some of the loveliest yards in St. Clair Shores and get gardening ideas for your gardens from the homeowners.

Event: Yardeners Fall Plant Exchange

Date: Saturday, September 21, 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Location: St. Clair Shores Library Parking Lot

Load up your vehicles with your extra plants and divisions. Bag, tag and drag your offerings to trade or give away to other gardeners. No money is involved, come with your plants and enjoy our "tailgate garden party". Please label all of your plants.

Presentations

Date: Monday, October 14, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm

Topic: Becoming a Beekeeper

Presenter: Karen Burke

Karen will share what is involved, in time and cost, for successful beekeeping. She will also give us tips on what education and muscle is needed for rewarding honey production. She is the proprietor of honeyhollowapiaries.com and has been a supporter of our annual Garden Tour. You may have purchased some honey and honey related products from her.

**** All 2024 Presentations will be held at the**

St. Clair Shores Library 22500 E Eleven Mile Rd, St Clair Shores, MI 48081.

If the library is under renovation, we will be next door at the City Hall. Our members will be at the library to inform/escort you. We will also have updates on the Yardeners Facebook page or you can email us at scsyardeners@gmail.com **

Black Cat Pottery



Wildflower Walk - Belle Isle

Date: Sunday, May 5, 2024

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join us for a walking tour of a hidden corner of Detroit's best-loved park as we explore one of Belle Isle's hiking trails in pursuit of native flora - right in the city's center.

Go to our ["Other Workshops and Events"](#) page for additional information and to register. A third of all proceeds from the event will be donated to the Wildflower Association of Michigan to support its programs.

Wildflower Walk - Balduck Park

Date: Sunday, May 12, 2024

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join us for a walking tour of a tiny remnant wilderness and oak savanna in the least likely location - Detroit's Balduck Park.

Go to our ["Other Workshops and Events"](#) page for additional information and to register. A third of all proceeds from the event will be donated to the Wildflower Association of Michigan to support its programs.

15th Annual Spring Garden Tour

Date: June 8, 2024

Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Black Cat Pottery, 3903 Grayton St, Detroit, MI 48224

The tour is free and open to the public

14th Annual Summer Garden Tour

Date: August 17, 2024

Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Location: Black Cat Pottery, 3903 Grayton St, Detroit, MI 48224

The tour is free and open to the public

Clematis Pruning Workshop - Contact Cheryl to Schedule

Long perceived as "difficult" or "temperamental", Clematis are actually proven performers that can give years of gardening delight. Join us for a hands-on workshop to learn about the care and culture of these garden gems and specific pruning techniques and concerns for various species and hybrids. Bring your favorite (by-pass) pruners and a chair.

\$15 pre-paid/nonrefundable registration includes one hour of instruction, an hour of supervised hands-on experience, refreshments and a comprehensive hand-out. Pre-enrollment required. Two hours of education for Master Gardeners.

Location: Black Cat Pottery, 3903 Grayton St, Detroit, MI 48224

Plant Sales & Exchanges



Seven Ponds Nature Center Spring Plant Sale

Date: Saturday, May 11, 2024

Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Seven Ponds Nature Center
3854 Crawford Rd., Dryden, MI 48429

Meadow Brook Garden Club Plant Sale

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2024

Time: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Meadow Brook Hall
350 Estate Dr. Rochester, MI 48309

all proceeds benefit the gardens at Meadow Brook

2024 Native Plant Expo & Market

Date: Saturday, June 1, 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds
5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

MSU Tollgate Spring Plant Sale

Date: Saturday, June 1, 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: 28115 Meadowbrook Road
Novi, MI 48377

All proceeds benefit the MSU Tollgate
Horticultural Gardens

Michigan State University Extension Volunteer Master Gardeners "The Octogardeners" Plant Sale

Date: Sunday, June 2, 2024

Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: The Octagon House
57500 VanDyke Ave, Washington MI

Yardeners Native Plant Sale

Date: Friday, June 7, 2024

Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum
22504 E Eleven Mile Rd, St Clair Shores, MI 48081

Rochester Native Plant Sale

Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Rochester Hills Museum
at Van Hoosen Farm
1005 Van Hoosen Rd, Rochester Hills, MI 48306

Native Plant Sale with Jean

Date: Saturday, July 27, 2024

Time: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: Persely Home
73881 Omo Road, Armada, MI 48005

MCMGA Plant Sale

Date: Sunday, September 15, 2024

Time: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: The Octagon House
57500 VanDyke Ave, Washington MI

Yardeners Fall Plant Exchange

Date: Saturday, September 21, 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Location: St. Clair Shores Library Parking Lot
22504 E Eleven Mile Rd, St Clair Shores, MI 48081

MSU Tollgate Fall Plant Sale

Date: Saturday, September 21, 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: 28115 Meadowbrook Road
Novi, MI 48377

All proceeds benefit the MSU Tollgate
Horticultural Gardens

Garden Tours



Rochester Garden Walk

Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm
1005 Van Hoosen Rd, Rochester Hills, MI 48306

MSU Tollgate Garden Open House

Date: Thursday, July 18, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Where: 28115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, MI 48377

Crocker House Museum Garden Walk

Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Where: 15 Union Street, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

Cost: TBD

Garden Walk with Jean

Date: Saturday, July 27, 2024

Time: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Where: Persely Home

73881 Omo Road, Armada, MI 48005

Curious about how a plant grows before adding it to your yard?
Stop by and see how they perform in a garden with varied site
conditions.

Yardeners Annual Garden Tour

Date: Saturday, August 3, 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum

Cost: \$5/adult, children under 12 are free

Volunteer Opportunity



Michigan Veterans Home in Chesterfield Township

Date: Saturday, May 4, 2024

Time: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: The Michigan Veterans Home

47901 Sugarbush Rd, Chesterfield Township, MI 48047

For more information, call Maxine Butler at 586-256-9921.

Grants

Grant Award winners will be announced at the Recognition Dinner
on May 8th.

Fundraising



**To Sign up Go to 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