

Macomb County Master Gardener Association

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Board of Directors

Karen Burke - President

Dennis Beltz - Vice President

Linda Simpson- Director at Large

Sara Grix - Secretary

Ellen Collins - Treasurer

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 Master Gardener Badge to all events.

General Information

Follow us on Facebook:

Macomb County Master Gardener Association

Next Board of Directors Meeting is Tuesday

November 1 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

Letter From the Board



Happy Fall Gardeners!

We are getting fall underway and busy with raking leaves and cleaning out some gardens. Take some time to read up on what to clean up and what to leave. A lot of insects nest over in debris for the winter. You may also want to leave some of the spent flowers with seeds on them for the birds. MSUE has quite a few publications on this. Of course, you can always rake leaves in bags for the compost pile for next year.

We hope you all have plans for that turkey dinner to come. Many of you will have some delicious harvest from your garden for dinner. If not we hope you will have time to stop by your favorite farmers market and get the fixings!

We would like to take a moment and say “Thank you” to all of you in the association for helping us to make this another memorable year. We had some excellent programs and hope to have more next year! Thank you for all your help!

MCMGA Board



October Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Attendees: Dennis Beltz, Karen Burke, Sara Grix, Linda Simpson, Ellen Collins

Ellen Collins called the meeting to order at 4:46pm.

The 9/6/2022 Board Meeting Minutes and the 9/13/2022 Quarterly Meeting Minutes were approved.

Professional Comments:

No updates as David Lowenstein was not present.

Treasurer Report:

Sara Grix reported that the financials are very healthy due to the successful native plant sale receipts. Sara will work on the budget proposal for the November board meeting.

Program:

Dennis Beltz reported the following:

- October 18 - "Bats & Halloween" by Ian Ableson. Dennis will pick up cider, doughnuts and candy for the meeting.
- November 15 - "Putting your garden to rest" by Sue Grubba
- January 17* - "MSUE Education & volunteer opportunities" by David Lowenstein
- February 21 - "Ergonomic Gardening" by Toni Gattone (Zoom)
- March tbd
- April 18* - "Companion plants in your garden" by Linda Simpson
- May or June tbd - Tomlinson Arboretum
- July* tbd
- August

* denotes Quarterly Meetings

Dennis will confirm tbd dates, room reservations and MSUE staff for above meetings and provide to Ellen before the 10/18 MCMGA membership meeting.

Dennis mentioned that Pam Gor has a presentation on nesting birds that could be scheduled for a future meeting.

The board suggested that featuring the projects, which received prior year grants, at the January meeting may better motivate members to volunteer for projects the following season.

Lisianthus Award:

Ellen Collins stated that the next award will be made at the January Quarterly Meeting.

MCMGA Logo'd Items:

Ellen will compile the list of suggested items so membership can be polled on which are most desirable to pursue as a fundraising effort.

Board Positions:

Ellen Collins will draft up a more concise list of roles & responsibilities for each board position.

- President - Karen Burke
- Vice President - Dennis Beltz
- Director at Large - Linda Simpson
- Secretary - Sara Grix
- Treasurer - Ellen Collins

Follow Up:

- Ensure the MCMGA membership application lists all endorsed projects and committee efforts which offer volunteer hour opportunities. Members should be contacted by the project/committee leaders to assist in their efforts.
- Ellen will purchase a gift card from English Gardens for trivia night donation.
- Ask Dave Putt if a member committee would be helpful for 2023 native plant sale or tree sale.

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 1 @ 4:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Submitted by Ellen Collins 10/13/2022



October MCMGA Meeting

EDUCATION RECAP

"Family Program--Bats & Halloween"

Was presented at our October 18th meeting by, Stewardship Director for the Six Rivers Land Conservancy, Ian Ableson

We were grateful to have Ian at the Verkeulin Building with us to will discuss Bats, the nine species of Bats that are present in Michigan and the 5 bats we can find here in Southeast Michigan. Ian spoke at length on the five species found in the Metro Detroit Area; the Big Brown Bat, the Red Bat, the Silver Haired Bat, Hoary Bats and Evening Bats. We also received a preview into the feeding strategies of Bats. Different bats feed on different things, some bats are frugivores, nectarivores, and carnivores (vampire bats). However, seventy percent of all bats are insectivores, including all bats that can be found in Michigan. During the presentation we learned about tracking bats, bat houses, planting pollinator gardens to attract the insects native bats feed on and the White nose syndrome infecting some of the bat species in our community.



To the left is a photo of Ian Ableson presenting to the MCMGA

photo credit Jean Persley

MORE THAN 700 FLOWERS ARE POLLINATED BY BATS AROUND THE WORLD

THE TUBE-LIPPED NECTAR BAT'S TONGUE IS 1.5x LONGER THAN ITS BODY

BATS ARE PRIMARY POLLINATORS OF THE AGAVE PLANT WHICH IS USED TO MAKE TEQUILA

BATS HAVE BEEN POLLINATING BANANAS FOR OVER 50 MILLION YEARS



Upcoming MCMGA Meetings

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022

"Putting Your Garden to Bed"

Horticulturist Sue Grubba will give a presentation about what you need to know to prepare your garden for winter.

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

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



TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023

"MSUE Volunteer and Education Opportunities "

Entomologist and Macomb County consumer horticulture extension educator will give a presentation about the upcoming volunteer and education opportunities for MCMGA members.

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

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

PAST CONTINUING EDUCATION

Recent Program Education Hours; enter into VMS as follows:
check our website for handouts or recordings

October 18 2022

"Family Program--Bats & Halloween"
1.0 Education Hr.

September 13 2022

"Autumn Jewels—The Science Behind the Scenery"
1.0 Education Hr.

August 9 2022

"MCMGA On the Road Meeting - A visit to the St. 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.

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.

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*

Education Hours

Don't wait, get your education hours logged into Volunteer Central now!



Education Opportunity

PRESERVING MI

HARVEST IN THE FALL



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension

Preserving MI Harvest in the Fall Online Food Preservation Classes

Register at:
[https://
events.anr.msu.edu/
PreservingHarvestFall22/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/PreservingHarvestFall22/)

Classes held each
week on Thursdays
at 1 and 6 p.m.

Join us Online via
Zoom using your
laptop, tablet or
smartphone



Learn How to Preserve Food at Home

Are you thinking about preserving food at home this fall? Please join MSU Extension to learn best practices for safe home food preservation and receive valuable resources to ensure the safety of your home preserved foods.

Classes offered at **1 p.m.** and **6 p.m.** ET. each day:

October 6 - Preserving What's Left in the Garden

October 20 - Apples, Apples, Apples

October 27 - Preserving Venison

November 3 - Satisfying Soups

November 10 - Preserved Foods for Holiday Menus

November 17 - The Gift of Preservation



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Education Opportunity

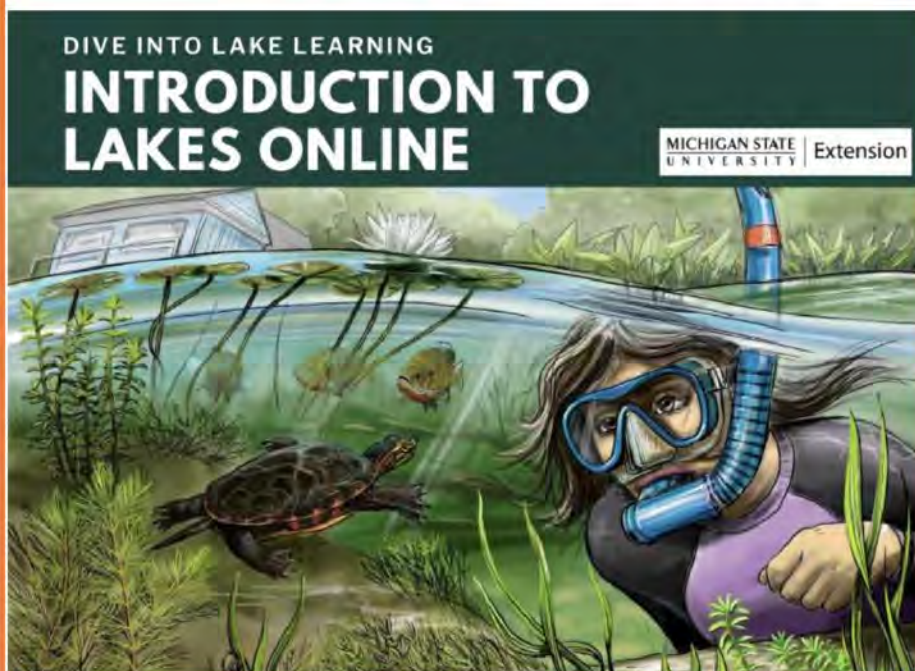
INTRODUCTION TO

LAKES ONLINE

Learn about inland lakes online from MSU Extension

Registration for the award-winning Michigan State University Extension Introduction to Lakes Online course is now open! This six-week online course kicks off on January 10, 2023 and is designed for anyone interested in lakes such as lakefront property owners, recreational users, and lake professionals.

Course topics include lake ecology, watershed management, shoreline protection, aquatic plants, Michigan water law, and community engagement. Each topic is explored through pre-recorded video lectures, interactive activities, and discussion forums. In addition, there are three live Ask-an-Expert webinars featuring experts from Michigan State University, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy.



Participants can receive 16 Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Pesticide Applicator Re-Certification credits and credits in the MSU Extension Master Citizen Planner, Master Gardener, and Master Naturalist programs.

Registration is open now through January 8, 2023. The cost of the course is \$115 per person. Register by December 19 for an early bird price of \$95 per person.

Special Pricing for Michigan Lakes and Streams Association Members! Current individual members of the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association (MLSA) are eligible to receive a \$95 reimbursement upon successful completion of the Introduction to Lakes Online course! Not an MLSA member? Join as an Individual Member prior to completing the course and you too can take advantage of this opportunity!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/courses/introduction-to-lakes>



**FUN
FACT.**

Horticulture Trivia Night

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. ET

On Zoom

**DID
YOU
KNOW?**

Join MSU Extension for the first four 2022-2023 monthly trivia series about gardening. This is a chance to test your knowledge about all things plants, insects, and gardens in Michigan. During this live event, there will be 30 multiple-choice questions/answers, and a prize will be awarded to the top scorer. Trivia night is open to gardening enthusiasts, trivia lovers, extension master gardeners, or anyone who wants to play.

How it works: You will receive a Zoom webinar link for this event after registering. You will need a second device (phone or tablet) to answer the live trivia questions using a polling website called Kahoot. During the first few minutes of the event, there will be a demonstration of how to join and submit answers. Scoring is based on the correct answer and the speed at which an answer is entered. Please arrive by 7:05 p.m. to join the trivia game on time.

Cost: \$5; Free for the first 50 Michigan Extension Master Gardeners (your certification will be verified after registration)

Prizes: \$25 gift card to Baker Creek Seeds

Cancellation policy: Refunds are offered until Nov 20. No refunds after this date. Registration for Horticulture Trivia Night is open. Registration closes at 11:59 p.m. on November 21, 2022. Register Online

Accommodations: Michigan State University is committed to equal opportunities for participation in all programs, services, and activities.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the event contact two weeks before the start of the event. If you can, requests received after this date will be honored whenever possible.

Contact Information: If you want more information, you can contact David Lowenstein at lowenst6@msu.edu.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Recognition Dinner Planning Committee

Every year, Macomb County Extension Master Gardeners host a recognition dinner to celebrate our volunteers and honor those who offer exemplary service. This event will be held on a weeknight in early May. We are looking for 3 - 4 individuals who wish to volunteer on the planning committee. The committee determines a theme for the event, decorations, and helps with the setup and other event coordination. Most planning meetings occur on Zoom in the daytime, but they could be scheduled in early evening if members of the committee are unavailable during business hours. Time spent planning this event is eligible for volunteer hours. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone who is a creative, a go-getter, interested in event planning. Volunteers must be active with their hours requirements and intend to continue in the program in 2023.

Please send me an email (lowenst6@msu.edu) if you wish to volunteer on the committee or have any questions about the role.



Friends of the St. Clair River and Lake St. Clair CISMA



Enjoy an afternoon of eco-stewardship at the beachfront Fort Gratiot County Park with Friends of the St. Clair River. Find out what makes this area's dune and swale habitat so unique and learn how to protect it by helping to remove invasive species. Families welcome; no experience necessary. Dress for the weather and bring your favorite gardening gloves and weed pulling tools! Email brooke@scriver.org for more information. Visit Friends of the St. Clair River's website for all our eco-stewardship activities: www.scriver.org.

Thank you to the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission and Lake St. Clair CISMA for supporting our stewardship and restoration activities at the Blue Water River Walk and Wetlands County Park.

Funded in part by the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program:

<https://www.michigan.gov/invasives>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Lake St. Clair CISMA

Woody Invasive Species Workshop

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022 AT 9 AM – 1 P M

COME HELP 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)



Lake St. Clair CISMA

Stewardship Saturday at Woodsong County Park

Friends of the St. Clair River - Woodsong County Park



Volunteer Hours

DON'T WAIT

TIME TO LOG YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS

If you haven't already entered volunteer and education hours please take the time to do this ASAP. Make sure you know how to enter your hours. Give it a try.

If you are having problems or have questions, please, contact your Volunteer Central (VC) Ambassador Jean Parsley A-L or Lisa Lane M-Z

All hours need to be reported by December 1, 2022.

Please do not delay entering your hours. Entering your hours throughout the year makes the ambassador's and staff's jobs much more manageable.

The Gardening in Michigan link can also be found by clicking on the state link in VC - Garden- ing in Michigan web site:

https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_home



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VOLUNTEER PROJECT MANAGERS



CALLING ALL MACOMB COUNTY VOLUNTEER PROJECT MANAGERS

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHINE A
SPOTLIGHT
ON YOUR PROJECT

The planning for the MSUE Hallway Project in the Verkeulin Building is underway.

We are looking for projects that would like to be featured in this unique project.

Please contact committee member

Lisa Lane at craftylady16679@gmail.com

if you're interested in having your project showcased.

We are excited to get this project started!

The More You Know

FIREWOOD BUY IT WHERE YOU BURN IT

Pests like the invasive emerald ash borer can hitchhike in your firewood. You can prevent the spread of these damaging pests by following these firewood tips:

- ▶ Don't take firewood with you from home when you head out to hunt, fish, or camp.
- ▶ Instead, buy local firewood or gather on site when allowable.

What might be in your firewood?

THOUSAND CANKERS DISEASE of black walnut is caused by the walnut twig beetle and a fungus it carries to trees. The walnut twig beetle is tiny — about the size of the "1" on a dime — and thousands of them could be hiding in the bark of a single piece of walnut firewood.

GYPSY MOTH is a devastating pest of oaks and other trees. Female moths lay tan patches of eggs on firewood, campers, vehicles, patio furniture — anything outside! When these items are moved to new areas, this pest gets a free ride.

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY sucks sap from dozens of tree and plant species. This pest loves tree-of-heaven but will feed on black walnut, white oak, sycamore, and grape. Like the gypsy moth, this pest lays clusters of eggs on just about any dry surface, from landscaping stone to firewood!

OAK WILT is a deadly disease of oak trees, especially red oaks. This disease is a fungus spread between trees by small beetles — and this deadly fungus could easily be brought to your neighborhood or favorite camping spot through infested firewood.

ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE will tunnel through, and destroy, over 20 species of trees — especially maple trees. The larvae of this beetle bore into tree branches and trunks, making it an easy pest to accidentally transport in firewood.

EMERALD ASH BORER — the infamous killer of ash trees — is found in forests and city trees across much of the eastern and central United States. This insect is notoriously good at hitchhiking rides in infested firewood. Don't give this tree-killing bug a ride to a new forest, or a new state!

**DONTMOVE
FIREWOOD.org**

This graphic is for illustrative purposes only. Many of these pests will only infest certain types of trees, making it impossible for a single log to contain all species as shown. Visit dontmovefirewood.org for more information.



The More You Know

SEASONAL DECORATIONS

MAKE SURE THEY ARE INVASIVE FREE

As we embark on the holiday seasons, take a minute to make sure your natural decorations are #Invasivfree. Fall floral arrangements are often ripe with ornamental invasive species like the ones pictured below. If you are an avid DIYer and love the look of bittersweet and barberry in your crafts, try using artificial versions instead. As an added bonus, artificial plants will keep your decorations looking fresh for years instead of months!

If you do happen to notice any invasive species in your decorations, it is important that you dispose of them in a black garbage bag (can double bag) and bring them to the landfill. Improper disposal of yard waste and decorations is a leading cause of invasive species spread into natural areas. These plants may look dead to you but their seeds can remain viable for a long time.

In our WRISC area, we are noticing an influx of Oriental Bittersweet reports, which is troubling. If you happen to notice Oriental Bittersweet on your property, please contact us immediately!



Oriental Bittersweet



Phragmites



Multiflora Rose



Cutleaf Teasal



Japanese Barberry

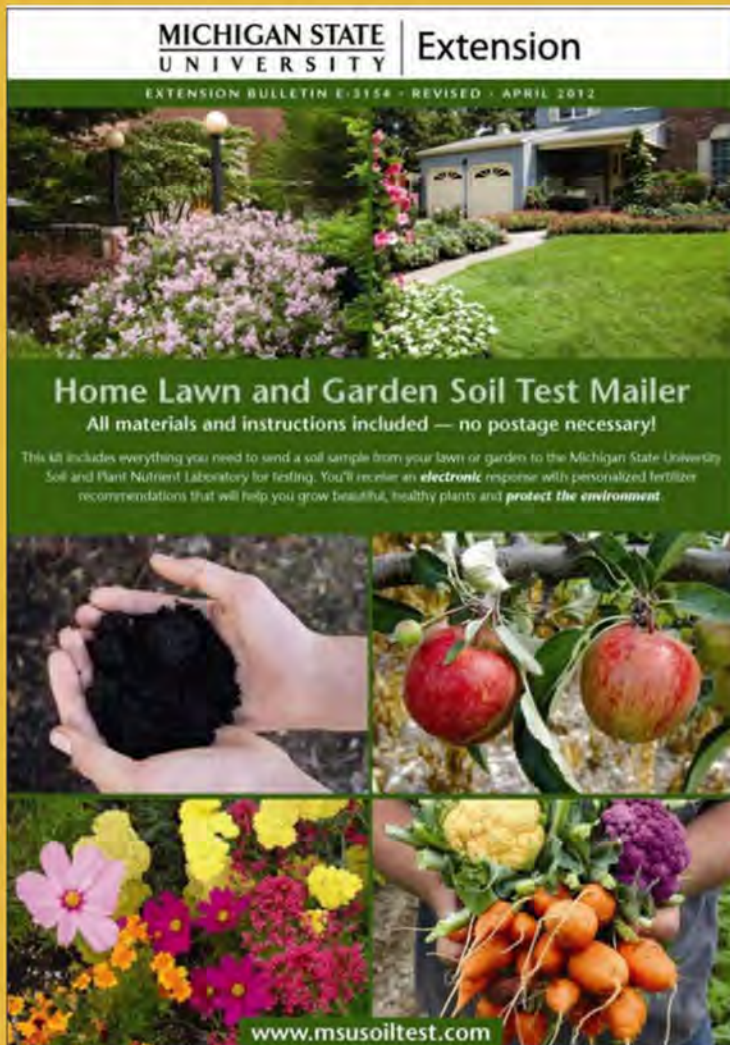


Common Tansy

IMPORTANT UPDATE

MSU Soil testing to be discontinued

The following was a news release from George Smith, Director, AgBioResearch, Quentin Tyler, Director, MSU Extension, and Brian Horgan, Chairperson, Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences on August 24, 2022.



MSU has provided soil chemical analyses and interpretation since the 1920s. This has been a valuable service for the Michigan agricultural community, homeowners, and MSU researchers. Unfortunately, due to declining soil test samples over time and the availability of similar services from commercial labs, it has been decided to close the MSU Soil and Plant Nutrient Lab (SPNL) (aka Soil Testing Lab) at the end of 2022. To assure that all submitted samples can be processed, the SPNL will continue to accept soil samples for analysis until November 18, 2022.

MSU personnel are working on alternative options for Michigan residents to use for soil testing and can also assist in directing people to alternative soil testing laboratories to complete their soil testing needs. MSU is committed to providing convenient and accurate interpretation of soil test data and research-based fertilizer recommendations for all Michigan crops, as a service to our stakeholders.

MSU is committed to assisting Michigan residents in interpreting the results from soil tests and helping individuals determine what fertilizer and soil amendments are needed for their soils. We will keep you informed as we update and expand our offering of tools for determining MSU fertilizer and soil amendment recommendations based on soil analysis data. If anyone has a soil test, it should be mailed in to the soil lab ASAP to be processed. Remaining kits are being sold at the extension office, first come first serve.

HOUSE PLANT SALE

AS YOUR OUTDOOR GARDEN SEASON IS WRAPPING UP,
BRING YOUR LOVE OF GARDENING INDOORS



Seventh Annual
HOUSEPLANT & SUCCULENT SALE

WHAT: PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER FEATURING
SUCCULENTS, CACTI, AND FOLIAGE PLANTS

WHEN: NOVEMBER 4TH, 2022, 8AM-4PM

WHERE: MSU HORTICULTURE GARDENS
1066 BOGUE STREET
PLANT & SOIL SCIENCES BLDG
EAST LANSING, MI, 48824

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Horticulture Gardens

Please join us for our Seventh Annual Houseplant and Succulent Sale at the MSU Horticulture Gardens! All sales from this fundraiser help support the gardens, including funding for garden maintenance, educational programming, and support for our undergraduate student employees.

Parking: The closest parking lot is Lot 54 on Bogue Street.

Parking is \$1.80/hour. Cash or Card are accepted at the parking kiosks.

Plant Sale Payment: Cash, Check, and Credit/Debit are all accepted!

Free admission. All sales are final.

All plants are available in limited quantities and will be sold on a first-come-first-serve basis. We will have thousands of plants for sale, but arrive early on November 4th for the best selection!

Please check out our website for additional information and plant inventories, as they become available: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/.../Garden.../Houseplant-Sale/index>

Other important information:

Plants and merchandise must be taken home at the time of purchase.

It is the buyer's responsibility to determine the pet and child-safety of the plants they purchase.

The Rochester Garden Club

GIFTS AND

GREENS MARKET

For 76 years, the Rochester Garden Club has been bringing a great value and a festive holiday shopping experience to Rochester. This year the tradition continues on December 1, 2 and 3 at a new location. We will be at the Abiding Presence Lutheran Church at 1550 Walton Blvd., just west of Livernois.

In this holiday setting, shoppers will find displays of affordable fresh greens perfect for gracing your home inside and out, fresh and permanent table arrangements that are hand made by the club's talented designers, holiday cookies and gourmet items, herbal concoctions and one-of-a-kind handmade gifts. "Our club members volunteer their time and talents to create these beautiful arrangements, delectable treats and handmade gifts," said Jenny Van Dusen, co-chair of the event. "We are able to price our items reasonably and still raise funds for our community." Knowledgeable club members will be on hand to help customers select just what they need.

This three-day event begins with the Opening Gala on Thursday evening, December 1 between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm. For a \$5.00 entrance fee, shoppers can enjoy a lovely evening, sampling snacks while getting ready for the holidays. Market Days are held on Friday, December 2 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Saturday, December 3 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm with a \$2.00 entrance fee.

As our regular customers know, shopping at the Gifts & Greens Market means supporting the greater Rochester area. All proceeds are returned to the community in the areas of conservation, education, scholarships, horticulture therapy, and civic improvement. The club supports the Children's Garden at Van Hoosen Farm, college scholarships, summer camp scholarships in partnership with 4-H, annual flower plantings at parks and public spaces, Seven Ponds Nature Center, The Wildflower Association of Michigan, Clinton River Watershed Council, and many other causes. The Rochester Garden Club, a branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, has received civic recognition over the years for its contributions to the quality of life in our community. New members are welcome.

The Gifts & Greens Market will be held on Thursday, December 1 from 5 pm to 8 pm (Opening Gala), Friday, December 2 from 9 am to 5 pm and Saturday, December 3 from 9 am to 1 pm. (Market Days). Our location is the Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 1550 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills, MI 48309. Visit RochesterGardenClub.org

Thursday, December 1 - 5 to 8 pm

Shop early – Enjoy Refreshments

Admission \$5

Friday, December 2 - 9 am to 5 pm

Admission \$2

Saturday, December 3 - 9 am to 1 pm

Admission \$2

NEW LOCATION

**Abiding Presence Lutheran Church
1550 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills
(Just west of Livernois)**

MCMGA FUNDRAISING

Kroger 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 – C0024 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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

2023 International Master Gardener Conference

OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS

JUNE 18-22 2023

Celebrate!

Connect with friends and celebrate gardening, lifelong learning, and the joy of giving back to our communities.



Educate!

Learn from inspiring speakers, fascinating tours, interactive workshops, and idea-packed classroom presentations.



Grow!

Return home inspired by new people, ideas and experiences that you will use in your own gardens and communities.





MI HEALTHY CLIMATE CONFERENCE

APRIL 11-12, 2023

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy will host the first MI Healthy Climate Conference on April 11-12, 2023, at the Huntington Place in Detroit, MI.

Michigan faces real and costly impacts from climate change. But climate action also presents opportunities to improve health outcomes, advance justice, and grow Michigan's economy. Governor Whitmer committed Michigan to carbon neutrality by 2050 and in April 2022 released the MI Healthy Climate Plan to chart Michigan's path forward. Hundreds of Michiganders contributed thousands of hours of research, reflection, and conversation to create a plan that will protect our public health and the environment and help develop new clean energy jobs.

It will take concerted effort from all Michiganders to realize the Plan. Fortunately, our communities, businesses, and institutions have already stepped up and created strong momentum for us to build upon. This two-day conference will bring together and mobilize engaged stakeholders, community and business leaders, advocates, and other partners around implementing the key action items in the MI Healthy Climate Plan. Take this time to connect and help catalyze Michigan's plan to action!



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Donations Needed for Charity Garden

Items needed or Available for our projects

(New or Gently Used)

4-drawer file cabinet,

plastic milk crates,

hand shovels, plastic watering

cans, 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

