

Macomb County Master Gardener Association

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Board of Directors

Dennis Beltz

Ellen Collins

Sara Grix

Karen Burke

Linda Simpson

positions will be decided at the October meeting

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 October 11 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



Greetings!

Summer has exited and given us the rain our gardens needed all season. Fall is in the air, some of the leaves are turning color and Halloween is right around the corner. We're looking forward to our October 18th family night with the "Bats & Halloween" presentation by Ian Ableson.

The board would like to thank Cheryl English for her presentation on "Autumn Jewels - The Science Behind the Scenery" at the September annual meeting. Board elections were also held and the 2 board positions were filled - Karen Burke was re-elected to serve another 2-year term and Linda Simpson was newly elected to serve on the board. Karen, Thanks for your continued service. Welcome to the board, Linda!

The Native Plant Sale was a huge success! The sale netted over \$2000 for our organization. Thanks to Dave Putt for organizing the sale and all the volunteers who helped.

Once again, the board would like to thank Dave Putt for his service and contributions to the MCMGA!

Your MCMGA Board



September Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

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

Dave Putt called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

The 8/2/2022 board meeting minutes were approved.

Professional Comments

Dave Putt reported in David Lowenstein's absence.

- A Fall Meet and Greet is scheduled at the Octagon House Sep 29 5:30 PM. This is an opportunity for volunteers to interact, learn about a project site, and gain some volunteer hours. Thanks Dave and the Octagon house for hosting.
- Several Fall and winter horticulture trivia evenings are being planned. If you know any gardens or companies that want to donate a prize (\$20 – 25 value), you're welcome to connect them with me.
- Hours entry deadline is Dec 1. Please encourage everyone to get their hours submitted on time and early, if possible. When Pam returns from vacation (later this month), she can provide 1:1 help with hours entry in Volunteer Central.

Treasurer Report

- Sara reported that the organization's financials as healthy.
- Presently, there are 78 members in good standing.
- Sara shared a draft of a proposed budget for 2023. Board members input some additional items. Ellen suggested obtaining some MCMGA logo'd items for promotional purposes. Board members agreed, offered ideas and Ellen will compile a list to send out for a member survey. Dave will send high resolution MCMGA logo to board members.
- Motion carried to donate a \$20 gift card for the first trivia night.

Program

- Dennis reviewed upcoming programs:
 - * September 13 - "Autumn Jewels" by Cheryl English, Dave will supply refreshments. Grant recipients will display posters of their projects. Karen will send a reminder.
 - * October 18 - "Bats" by Ian Ableson, Dennis will supply refreshments
 - * November 15 - "Putting your garden to rest" by Sue Grubba
 - * January tbd - David Lowenstein
 - * For early 2023, topics on ergonomics, hydroponics and companion plants are being pursued.

Lisianthus Award

The first award will be presented at the September meeting.
Ellen has created draft certificate and will share with board for comment.
Sara will obtain a gift card to English Gardens.
Karen will confirm that recipient will be attending the meeting.

Newsletter

Chelsea Jaques did an excellent job on the September newsletter.
Please cc her on all important communications. She is welcome to attend our board meetings.

Board Elections

- No one has volunteered for the open spot on the board.
- Dave has a candidate in mind and he'll approach the person to see if interested.
- If no one steps up, the board will have only 4 members.
- Dave is following up on the Yahoo email account, report back next week.
- The board needs to establish its own Zoom, Survey Monkey, and Sign Up Genius accounts.
- Sara will budget for these services.

Native Plan Sale (2nd Annual - September 10)

- Online preorders totaled \$1964.50 of which \$982.25 is profit for the organization.
- Well done, Dave!
- The sale will run from 10am - 2pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 11 at 4:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:43pm.

Submitted by Ellen Collins, 9/7/2022



September MCMGA Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Dave Putt called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

MSUE News

Carolyn Doak, MSU Extension, elicited the EMGs help with creating an MSU Hallway Showcase to display their accomplishments. Who: Ad hoc committee comprised of MG volunteers

Purpose: To highlight and showcase MG projects in Macomb County, to increase awareness and generate interest in the MG program, and to provide an inviting atmosphere at the Verkuilen Building where visitors can spend time reading about the various plants and grasses on currently on display in the demonstration gardens at the Verkuilen Building.

Proposed Theme: "Bringing the outdoors in"

Items of Interest: Laminated plant information cards, photos and descriptions of MG grant projects, banners and live plants. If possible, maybe find a way to acquire a bistro table set (or 2!) so guests can spend time in the area.

Overall project time: 4-6 months. It will be a leisurely work-in-progress over the winter months.

There is no budget for this project, so creativity is key to funding the project (fundraisers or donations). Layout must be ADA compliant. MG volunteer hours apply.

Kickoff meeting Tuesday October 18 at 5:00pm (prior to the MCMGA meeting at 6pm). Anyone who is interested, please attend.

President's Report

Dave Putt was very enthusiastic about the status of MCMGA membership. There are 78 members in the organization presently. The new online payment system has been beneficial.

The native plant sale has netted over \$2000 for the MCMGA.

Board Elections

Both Dave Putt and Karen Burke's terms have ended, so there are 2 openings on the board. Karen is eligible to run for another 2-year term and she wants to run for another term. Linda Simpson wants to run for a position on the board. Dave polled the members, and by acclamation, Karen & Linda will fill the open spots on the board.

Karen Burke acknowledged Dave Putt's service to the MCMGA and presented him with a gift of thanks from the board & all association members. Thank you Dave for your service and leadership!!

Grants

3 of the 4 grant recipients were present and displayed information on their projects.

Program Updates

Dave reported in Dennis' absence.

October 18 - Bats by Ian Ableson

November 15 - Putting your garden to bed by Sue Grubba

Lisianthus Award

In appreciation and gratitude for contributions to the MCMGA, the Lisianthus Award recognizes a member for their service to the organization. Ellen Collins presented the first award to Joann Roman for her long term service as board treasurer, dedicated volunteer at the Detroit Zoo. Thank you Joann!

A special thanks to Cheryl English for her interesting and entertaining program on "Autumn Jewels"!!

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Submitted by Ellen Collins, 9/24/22

MCMGA Board Elections

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022



2022-2023 Board Elections

At our September Quarterly MCMGA Meeting we held elections for our Board. Two positions were up for election. Karen Burke has served 1 term in her position on the Board and was unanimously voted in to serve a second term. Dave Putt has served on our Board for 2 terms. Dave has left his seat on the Board as he was subject to term limits.

We thank Dave for his service to the MCMGA in his capacity as a Board Member and all of the wonderful contributions he has made in the last 2 years as our President. To fill the seat, Linda Simpson was unanimously voted into a term starting this September. Above is a photo of some of our leaving and entering Board members. From left to right, Former President Dave Putt, current member Ellen Collins, re-elected member Karen Burke, and newly elected member Linda Simpson. Not pictured - Dennis Beltz and Sara Grix.

photo credit Jean Persley

MCMGA Lisianthus Award

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

The Lisianthus Award originated as a way for the MCMGA to express gratitude and show our devoted members how appreciated they are for all of their work. The name was chosen as the lisianthus is often given to offer recognition and show gratitude. The award will be bestowed quarterly by the MCMGA Board and will recognize the recipient for their service to our organization.

In appreciation and gratitude for her contributions to the MCMGA, Joann Roman was awarded the first Lisianthus award. Ellen Collins presented Joann with the award September 13, 2022 in recognition to her long term service of 31 years as an EMG, and her time as board treasurer. Joann is also a Master Gardener Hotline Expert and dedicated volunteer at the Detroit Zoo.

photo credit Jean Persley



September MCMGA Meeting

EDUCATION RECAP

"Autumn Jewels—The Science Behind the Scenery"

Was presented at our September 13th meeting by, popular speaker and owner of Black Cat Pottery, Cheryl English

We were grateful to have Cheryl at the Verkeulin Building with us to will discuss the chemical and biological processes that go into the beautiful show we get every fall from our native trees. Cheryl talked with us about the anthocyanins that cause the red and purple hues to be displayed in the leaves, as well as the carotenoids that cause the to show yellows and oranges. Cheryl went through slides of around 50 different native and near native trees, the ecological services they offer and local photos of the beautiful autumn colors they provide.



To the left is a photo of Dave Putt introducing Cheryl to the MCMGA

photo credit Jean Persley



Upcoming MCMGA Meetings

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022

"Family Program--Bats & Halloween"

Stewardship Director for the Six Rivers Land Conservancy, Ian Ableson 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



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



PAST CONTINUING EDUCATION

Recent Program Education Hours; enter into VMS as follows:

check our website for handouts or recordings

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 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.

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!



Around the State Upcoming Events

FALL FORAGING HIKE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022



Fall Foraging Hike

Presented by

Friends of the St. Clair River

at 10 am on October 8, 2022

Columbus County Park

1670 Bauman Rd

Columbus Twp, MI 48063

THIS IS MY FAVORITE

GARDEN TOOL

MONDAY, OCT. 10, 2022

Join the Yardeners of St. Clair Shores share their favorite gardening tools and the reasons why a certain tools are their go to choice in the garden.

7 pm Monday, Oct. 10, 2022

St. Clair Shores Library

22500 E Eleven Mile Road, St. Clair Shores

TREE ID: MAPLE AND OAK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022

Enjoy the beauty of fall colors at Meijer Gardens and learn the basics of tree identification. In this introductory level class, discover or further refine identification techniques specific to maple and oak species.

10:00 AM — 12:30 PM Saturday, October 15, 2022

Frederick Meijer Sculpture Gardens

1000 East Beltline Avenue NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525



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.



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 VerKuilen 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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

MSU HALLWAY PROJECT

Carolyn Doak from the MSU Extension Office is requesting our help! elicited the EMGs help with creating an MSU Hallway Showcase to display their accomplishments in the the Verkuilen Building in Clinton Township. The county has given permission for the MCMGA to use about 50 - 60 feet of Hallway Space in windows to decorate and display information about our projects and volunteer work in Macomb County. This is an opportunity to highlight awareness and create interest in the program.

It will serve to create an inviting atmosphere at the Verkuilen Building and it can be used as an opportunity to bring the outdoors inside.

We need to create an ad hoc committee comprised of MCMGA volunteers

Overall project time will take 4-6 months. It will be a leisurely work-in-progress over the winter months and kept up over time.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Lake St. Clair CISMA

Native Wildflower Restoration Workday

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022 AT 9 AM – 1 PM

JOIN OR A FUN DAY OF PLANTING NATIVE WILDFLOWER SEEDS ALONG METRO PARKWAY! ALL AGES WELCOME! PARKING WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ST. HUBERT'S CHURCH, PLEASE PARK IN THE MAIN PARKING LOT CLOSER TO THE END BY THE HOUSES OR THE BACK PARKING LOT BEHIND THE RECTORY. EMAIL CISMA@MACOMBGOV.ORG TO LEARN MORE OR SIGN UP!



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022 AT 9 AM – 1 PM
ST. HUBERT'S CHURCH
38775 PRENTISS ST, HARRISON TWP, MI 48045



Lake St. Clair CISMA

Woody Invasive Species Workshop

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022 AT 9 AM – 1 PM

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)



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**



Sales Around the Community

NATIVE PLANT SALE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022



No Appointment Necessary
SAT | 10 . 1. 2022 | 10AM - 5PM
SUN | 10 . 2. 2022 | 12PM - 5PM

Fall
BLOW-OUT SALE
25-50% off remaining inventory

2 Native Plant Growers
2 Final Days

Limited Selection of Remaining Michigan Native Perennial Wildflowers, Grasses, Shrubs & Small Trees

5320 S. NEW LOTHROP RD, DURAND, MICH

Brought to you in partnership by
East Michigan Native Plants, llc
Go Grow Plant Natives, llc 

Native Plant Sale
Most Shrubs and Trees
Saturday 10/1/2022 10am-5 pm
Sunday 10/2/2022 12pm-5pm
5320 S. New Lothrop Rd.
Durand MI 48429
Join for cider and donuts

NATIVE PLANT SALE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022



Native Plant Sale
Saturday October 8th 9am-12pm
at the Ray Township Library
64255 Wolcott Rd,
Ray Township, MI 48096

25% of profits go back to the library and
100% of the native trees and shrubs go out into the
community. The sale starts 9/25/2022.

Order pick up at the Ray Township Library.
www.raylibrary.org

Tree and Shrub purchases can be made at
Plants for Ecology's website
www.plantsforecology.com

Only purchases made in the date range (9/25-10/6) will
benefit the library.

MCMGA NATIVE PLANT SALE

Our biggest fundraiser of the year, the MCMGA Native Plant Sale was held on Saturday, September 10, 2022 at the Loren Andrus Octagon House.

There were many preorders and plenty of plants on hand for purchase as well. We would like to give a special thank you to all of the volunteers for all their hard work preparing, organizing and working the sale. The pre-sale orders alone for the plant sale generated \$1964.50 of which \$982.25 is profit for the MCMGA!! Over the next few pages you will see some photos from the event and some of the items that were available the day of the sale.

Photo credit Chelsea Jaques

In the photo to the left, there are several of the grasses that were available for purchase at the Native Plant Sale

Purpletop Grass (*Tridens flavus*)
Side Oats Grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*)
Indian Grass (*Sorghastrum nutans*)
June Grass (*Koeleria macrantha*)
Brown Fox Sedge (*Carex vulpinoidea*)
Big Bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*)
Switch Grass (*Panicum virgatum*)
Sweetgrass (*Hierochloa odorata*)
Purple Lovegrass (*Eragrostis spectabilis*)
Prairie Dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*)
Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)

MCMGA NATIVE PLANT SALE

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Plants were organized in to areas of size, sun and hydration needed. In the photo to the left, there are several of the plants for medium spaces that were available for purchase at the Native Plant Sale

Top Row



- Rosinweed (*Silphium integrifolium*)
- Rattlesnake Master (*Eryngium yuccifolium*)
- Purple Coneflower *Echinacea purpurea*
- Orange Coneflower (*Rudbeckia fulgida*)
- Nodding Wild Onion (*Allium cernuum*)

- Mountain Mint *Pycnanthemum verticillatum*
- Leafy Prairie Clover (*Dalea foliosa*)
- Golden Alexanders (*Zizia aurea*)
- Early/False Sunflower (*Heliopsis helianthoides*)
- Black-Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)

Middle Row



- Yellow Coneflower (*Ratibida pinnata*)
- Wild Bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*)
- Sneezeweed (*Helenium autumnale*)
- Stiff Goldenrod (*Solidago rigida*)
- Showy Goldenrod (*Solidago speciosa*)

Bottom Row



In the photo to the right, there are several of the plants for dry spaces that were available for purchase at the Native Plant Sale

Top Row

- Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)
- Compass Plant (*Silphium laciniatum*)
- Foxglove Beard Tongue (*Penstemon digitalis*)
- Hairy Beardtongue (*Penstemon hirsutus*)
- Horsemint (*Monarda punctata*)

Middle Row

- Hoary Vervain (*Verbena stricta*)
- Lanceleaf Coreopsis (*Coreopsis lanceolata*)
- Leadplant (*Amorpha canescens*)
- Pale Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea pallida*)
- Prairie Coreopsis (*Coreopsis palmata*)

Bottom Row

- Prairie Dock (*Silphium terebinthinacoum*)
- Shrubby Cinquefoil (*Potentilla fruticosa*)
- Smooth Blue Aster (*Symphotrichum laeve*)
- Spiderwort (*Tradescantia ohioensis*)
- Wild Petunia (*Ruellia humilis*)



MCMGA NATIVE PLANT SALE

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In the photo to the left, there are several of the plants for wet spaces that were available for purchase at the Native Plant Sale

Top Row

- Blue Vervain (*Verbena hastata*)
- Boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*)
- Common rush (*Juncus effusus*)
- Culver's Root (*Veronicastrum virginicum*)
- Cup Plant (*Silphium perfoliatum*)

Middle Row

- Great Blue Lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*)
- Hibiscus/Rose Mallow (*Hibiscus laevis*)
- Ironweed (*Vernonia noveboracensis*)
- Joe Pye Weed (*Eutrochium maculatum*)
- Marsh Blazingstar (*Liatris spicata*)

Bottom Row

- Swamp/Rose Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)
- Allegheny Monkey Flower (*Mimulus ringens*)
- New England Aster (*Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*)
- Northern Blue Flag (*Iris versicolor*)
- Sweet Black-Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia subtomentosa*)
- Wild Senna (*Senna marilandica*)

In the photo to the right, there are several of the plants for shady spaces and the garden kits that were available for purchase at the Native Plant Sale

Top Row

There were several Garden kits available at the plant sale, that included design plans and instructions. Two of the kits that were available are pictured on the top row; the Monarch Waystation Kit and the Pollinator Garden Kit.

Middle Row

- Blue Stemmed Goldenrod (*Solidago caesia*)
- Bottlebrush Grass (*Elymus hystrix*)
- False Nettle (*Boehmeria cylindrica*)
- Searsucker Sedge (*Carex plantagenia*)
- Prairie Alumroot (*Heuchera richardsonii*)

Bottom Row

- Purple Meadow Rue (*Thalictrum dasycarpum*)
- Spikenard (*Aralia racemosa*)
- Virgin's Bower/Woodbine (*Clematis virginiana*)
- Wild Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*)
- Zigzag Goldenrod (*Solidago flexicaulis*)



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

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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.

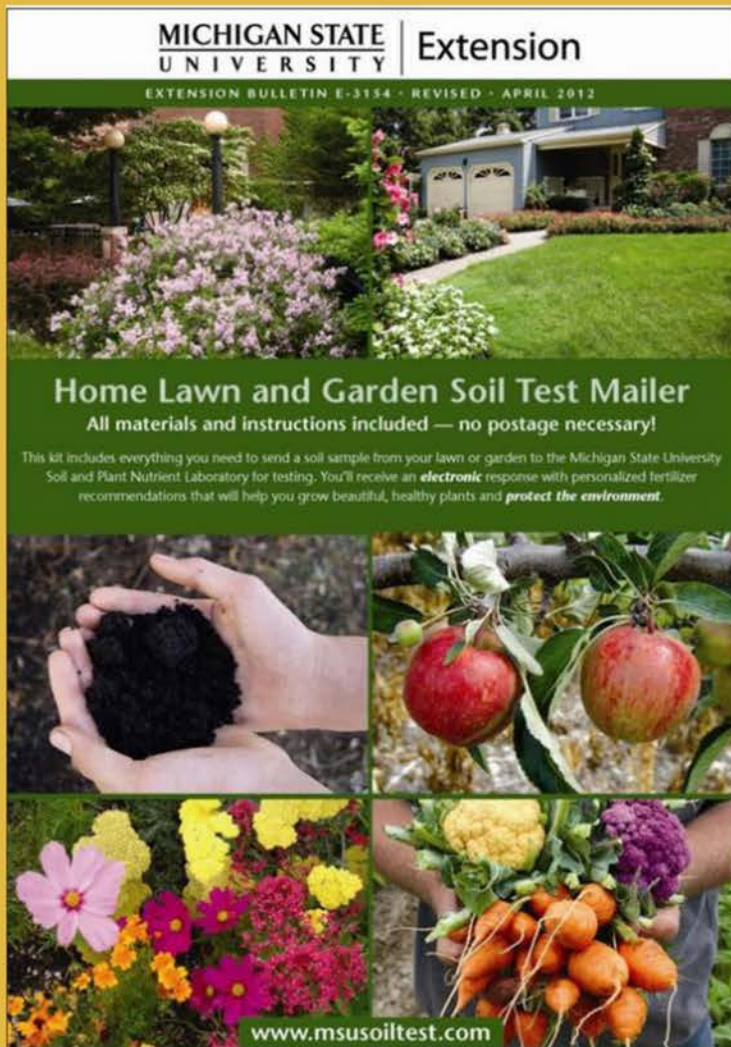
MCMGA Key Dates

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

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.

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, 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

