

Macomb County Master Gardener

Monthly Newsletter

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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

General Information

Follow us on Facebook:

Macomb County Master Gardener Association

Next Board of Directors Meeting is Wednesday, September 6th 6:30pm (zoom)

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

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.

Letter from the Board



Greetings MCMGA Members!

It is hard to believe that summer is already coming to a close and we will be preparing usher in autumn in a few weeks. The September 19 meeting is our Annual Meeting and and 10 year anniversary celebration. We are hoping for a large turnout of our members at the Verkuilen Building that night. In honor of this accomplishment, we are offering a selection of apparel to recognize this special event. Please see page 5 for more information.

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is coming up fast on September 9. That is the date of our Native Plant Sale. We are still taking pre-orders but that will end on September 2. See page 4 for more information!

Thank you everyone,

Your MCMGA Board



Board Meeting Minutes

August 2023

Attendees:

Ellen Collins, Karen Burke, Sara Grix, David Lowenstein, Carolyn Doak, Linda Simpson

Karen called the meeting to order at 2:30pm.

The July 2023 board meeting minutes were approved.

Professional Comments:

Still looking for volunteers for Festival of the Senses (Sept. 23/24) and the State Fair (Labor Day weekend).

There will be an in person orientation on August 29th from 6-9pm for people who have gone through the volunteer interview process and Foundations of Gardening (FOG). This training is for people from other surrounding areas, not just the Macomb area. At this training, they will talk about volunteer opportunities, how to use Volunteer Central, etc. Hoping to have some project leaders there.

Next Foundations of Gardening (FOG) training starts on September 5th. It will be Tuesdays from 10am-12:30pm

Treasurer's Report:

Ellen Collins reported that the financials are healthy.

Bus trip refunds have been completed.

We had a total loss from cancelling the bus trip of \$347.25.

Sign up genius service charges \$112.25

Facebook Ad \$30.00

Bus deposit \$150.00

Reimbursement for bus ticket that was won \$55.00

Program:

September 19* @ 6:30pm - Jim Miller - Planting Bulbs for Spring Blooms (10 year anniversary at VerKuilen building)

October 3 @ 6:30pm - Seed Saving - Jean Persely (VerKuilen building)

November 14 @ 6:30pm - Plant This Not That: Native Alternative to Common Landscape Plants - Valerie Malaney (Zoom)

December - no meeting

*denotes Quarterly meeting

- All meetings will be in person at the Mt. Clemens Library (150 Cass Avenue, Mt. Clemens 48043) unless otherwise noted.

- Luke from MI Gardener will be a speaker in February 2024

- Karen looking at a hydroponics talk

- Karen will look into a speaker for foraging

Old Business:

- Will start reviewing old SOP

- Grant recipient receipts - missing receipts from grant recipients. Linda will reach out to them.

New Business:

- ArmadaPrintworks - Ellen is in contact with business. She has been waiting to hear back, but has not. Will contact again today.

- September meeting: need to order cake, get napkins and forks. Looking into different items for a giveaway.

- Education program - Oct. 3rd meeting will be at VerKuilen building

- Elections - current Board members are continuing to run. Will vote by show of hands at September meeting.

- Grant Displays - Linda will contact the grant recipients and let them know we need a display

- Lisianthus Award - Started to get a list together for this award

- Native Plant Sale - September 9th from 9am-1pm. Need volunteers to help set up, run, and take down. People are starting to order items already.

- Carolyn has a Zoom account through MSU Extension that may be of use as a backup

- A larger screen will be put into the meeting room at the VerKuilen building

- Discussions of doing a hybrid meeting: live and zoom options (in the winter months)

Next board meeting: September 6th at 4:30pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:36pm.

Submitted by Sara Grix

MCMGA Plant Sale

**PRE- SALES FOR THE MCMGA
FALL PLANT SALES AVAILABLE UNTIL
SEPTEMBER 2ND!**

[Click Here to
place your order](#)

To get your plants, go to our website:
<https://macombcountymga.org/2023-native-plant-sale>

**You may also get your plants by joining us in person
Saturday September 9, 2023
10 AM to 1 PM
Loren Andrus Octagon House
57500 Van Dyke, Washington, Michigan**

We will have a wide selection of native plants
(forbs and grasses)
New pot size--2.5" pots for \$5.00.
Trays of 2.5" pots for \$99.00



Sales benefit the Macomb County Master Gardener
Associaiton

2023 Fall Native plant sale plant list (pdf)
[DOWNLOAD](#)

Option #1 --Online Pre-Order Available August 1st
[SELECT PLANTS AND PAY ONLINE HERE](#)

Option #2--Mail-In Order Form and Plant List

2023 Fall Native plant sale mail-in order form (pdf)
[DOWNLOAD](#)

**Vounteers are needed to help
during the day of the sale.
Please contact Dave Putt
at dputt5@yahoo.com to volunteer**

MCMGA Apparel Sale

Get into the Spirit!

**MCMGA Apparel Sales are available
until SEPTEMBER 3, 2023**

**Get you MCMGA Gear now before time runs out.
There is something available for everyone; jackets,
vests, hoodies, long and short sleeved t-shirts!**

**Your selections will be available for pick up at the
annual meeting on September 19 unless you
choose to have them shipped direct.**

[Click Here to
place your order](#)



MCMGA Meetings



Planting Bulbs
for Spring Blooms



[Click Here For
More Information](#)

6:30 PM September 19, 2023
10 year Anniversary Celebration

[Click Here
To Register](#)

Join us to celebrate our 10 year anniversary and learn about
planting bulbs for spring blooms with Jim Miller
Verkuilen Building, 21885 Dunham Rd., Clinton Twp. MI 48036



Seed Saving

[Click Here For
More Information](#)

6:30 PM October 3, 2023

[Click Here
To Register](#)

MCMGA member Jean Persely will discuss the techniques
involved in collecting and storing seeds. Free for MCMGA
members + 1 guest. \$5.00 donation requested for all others.
Verkuilen Building, 21885 Dunham Rd., Clinton Twp. MI 48036

Education Opportunities



Wild about Conservation Series

SEPTEMBER 12TH 2023

Planning and Planting a Native Plant Pollinator Garden:
How to plan and plant a Pollinator Garden with
Michigan natives to attract birds and butterflies to your yard.
with Kristine Hahn, MSU Extension Educator, Natural Resources.

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More Information](#)

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To Register](#)

SEPTEMBER 26TH 2023

Focus on Rare Species: Citizen science participation for spotting and recording
rare species in Michigan. What you can do. with
Tyler Basett, Michigan Natural Features
Inventory, Botanist.

Dig-In Series

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More Information](#)

September 12: Waterfront Garden Design
Presenter: Erick Elgin, MSU Extension Water Quality Educator

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To Register](#)

October 10: Creepy Insects and Cool Pollinators
Presenter: Dr. Nate Walton, MSU Extension Horticulture Educator

November 14: Garden Gifts, Tools and Books
Presenter: Lindsey Kerr and MSU Extension Consumer Horticulture Educator and Colleagues

Preserving MI Harvest

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More Information](#)

September 7: Too Many Tomatoes
What to do with your bounty of tomatoes? We'll share a variety
of ways to preserve them to enjoy year-round.

[Click Here
To Register](#)

September 14: Sweet and Savory Salsa
Salsa is a great way to preserve your tomatoes and peppers.
Join us to learn the science of preserving sweet and savory salsas!

September 21: Preserving Corn, It's "A-maizeing"
Corn is a summer produce staple. This session will discuss various ways to preserve corn.



Local Events



Yardeners of St. Clair Shores

YARDENERS FALL PLANT EXCHANGE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th - 9am to 11am

The plant exchange will be held in the parking lot of the St. Clair Shores Library located at the corner of 11 Mile and Jefferson. 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 your plants.

No money is involved, come with your plants and enjoy our "tailgate garden party".

"PRESERVING THE HARVEST-WHICH METHOD IS BEST FOR YOU?"

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9th - 7pm

Presentation by Karen Burke. Join us as we learn about what is available for preserving our bounty (in addition to sharing with family and friends) when harvesting and putting our beds to rest for the winter. Karen, with Honey Hollow Apiary in Macomb MI, has been a vendor at our annual garden tour, and you may have purchased some honey and honey related products from her.

She is a Master Gardener and Master Composter.

Friends of the St. Clair River

NATIVE PLANT AND RAIN BARREL SALE

Saturday, September 16 from 12 pm - 3 pm.

301 N 9th St, St Clair, MI 48079-4846

Important Information



Fundraising



To Sign up Go to [Kroger Community Rewards.com](https://www.kroger.com/rewards)

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:

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