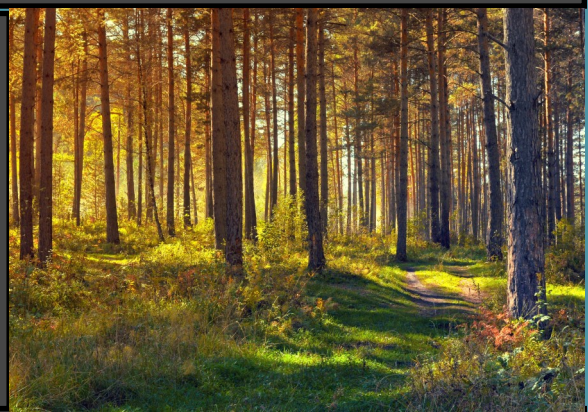
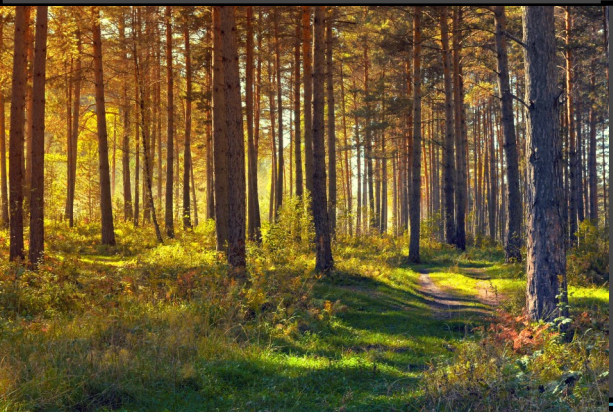


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Board of Directors

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 on the link below:

[Upcoming Meetings \(macombcountymga.org\)](http://macombcountymga.org)

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

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

As fall is approaching it is time to start putting our beds to sleep. We also will be electing new board members. I would like to take a few minutes to say "thank you" to all of you who have made our association what it is today. There has not only been hard work from the board, but also from our members. Your input has been greatly appreciated. My term on the board has ended and I have enjoyed working with the board and everyone else involved with our group including members and the office staff. Thank you all very much! Look for a link to be sent on the by-laws and the new changes. You can review this before voting in September. Jean Persely our chair will be on hand that evening to answer any questions you may have. What the committee has done is clarified and simplified the language. You will vote on this at the September meeting. As of the writing of this newsletter we have none running for the positions that are open. We do need some to step forward. Please consider this rewarding opportunity. If you cannot attend the September meeting, you can vote by proxy. A proxy form will be emailed along with the newsletter, complete the form and send it in.

The MCMGA Board

Board Meeting Minutes

MCMGA Board Meeting Minutes 8/6/2024

Attendees: Ellen Collins, Karen Burke, Sara Grix, Pam Horner, Katie Baker

Karen called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Professional Comments:

Meet and Greet in July was a success with 16 attendees.

Treasurer's Report:

Ellen reported that the organization's finances are healthy. Income is \$96.42 from plant presale as of the end of July. Expense for was \$100 speaker fee. Copies of the financial statements are available to members at meetings or by request.

Program:

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 - Linda Simpson

Nov. 21, 2024 - Erin Stewart of Heart & Soul Naturals: All About Elderberries (in person - with a make and take option)

Dec. 2024 - No meeting

*Jan. 16, 2025 - Jim Selegean

Feb. 20, 2025 - Tina Kaznowski: Beans, the Poor Man's Jewels

*denotes Quarterly meeting

- All meetings are at the Verkuilen building unless otherwise noted

Old Business:

- Sara is adding delegates to a new gmail account to determine if the association can move to this email.

- Three new board members needed in the fall - please come join us!! Ellen will send out the descriptions of job responsibilities

- Zoom account - \$160 annually, board is considering purchasing an account for the association

- Compile a list of places where the association would need to change email address if we get a new email - in progress

- Addition to membership applications - add a line to have members list what county their Master Gardener certification is associated with

- Jean will be at the September meeting to answer questions about the bylaws

- Sara will create an online ballot to use for members to vote who cannot attend the September meeting in person

New Business:

- Karen will check with Dave Putt about ballot for members to vote by proxy if they want to

Next board meeting: September 10th at 4:30pm via Zoom

Meeting was adjourned at 9:59am

Submitted by Sara Grix

Save the Date—MCMGA 2024 Meetings/Presentations

ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD ELECTIONS

Date: Thursday, September 19th 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. EST

Location: Robert A. Verkuilen Building

21885 Dunham Rd, Clinton Twp, MI 48036

Presenter: Dave Putt, Advanced Master Gardener

Topic: **“The Role Played by Michiganders in the Development of Modern Horticultural Science”**

The talk will focus primarily on the horticultural contributions of the botanists Liberty Hyde Bailey and William James Beal and the seed company magnate Dexter Mason Ferry. *RSVPs are due September 18th.*

[Register Here](#)

Date: Thursday, October 10th 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. EST

Location: Robert A. Verkuilen Building

21885 Dunham Rd, Clinton Twp, MI 48036

Presenter: Linda Simpson, Board of Directors, MCMGA, Advanced Master Gardener

Topic: **"A Seed is a Promise!"**

Do you know there's a difference between saving vegetable seeds and flower seeds? What about the best methods of sorting and storing your seeds? What is seed viability and what is the etiquette of a seed library?

Join MCMGA as we learn why seed saving is so important.

RSVPs are due October 9th.

Linda Simpson is a retired Speech and Language Pathologist who always loves a challenge. She was drawn to Master Gardening because of her passion, like others, for plants, how they get along, and their amazing existence. Linda volunteers her time at the Charity Garden and MCMGA seed library amongst others. The most interesting people she has met are Master Gardeners.

[Register Here](#)

Date: Thursday, November 21st 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. EST

Location: Robert A. Verkuilen Building

21885 Dunham Rd, Clinton Twp, MI 48036

Presenter: Erin Stewart, Heart and Soul Naturals

Topic: **“All About Elderberries” with a Make-and-Take Workshop**

No December Meeting

Recap of August Meeting Presentation

8/15/2024

“Intro to Foraging” with Rachel Mifsud

www.willforageforfood.com

Rachel gave an engaging presentation introducing attendees to foraging, then took the group outside to search for edible plants.

Here are some recommendations from Rachel if you are interested in pursuing this field:

1. The only way to learn is to do it:

Join groups	Participate in events
Take classes	Get out there and practice, practice, practice

2. Suggested authors:

Sam Thayer	Ellen Zachos
Lisa Rose	Leda Meredith
Mike Krebill	Theresa Marone
Michael Kuo	Hank Shaw
Alan Bergo	

3. Social Media:

Meetups: Will Forage for Food
Facebook—Will Forage for Food, Midwest Wild Edibles and Foragers Society, Hunt Gather and Cook
IG: Will_Forage_for_Food, Blackforager, Foragerchef
Tiktok: @will_forage_for_food; @Chaoticforager; @Alexisnikole
Youtube: Will Forage for Food; Learn Your Land
Podcasts: Wild Edible World; The Wild Grocery

MCMGA Past 2024 Education Programs

Don't forget to Log Your Ed Hours for:

Date	Title	Speaker
1/11/2024	"New Membership Camaraderie Games"	MCMGA Board
2/13/2024	"Growing a Better Garden Without the Work"	Luke Marion, MI Gardener
3/21/2024	"We Laughed, We Cried, We Could've Died"	Jean Persely and Lisa Lane Advanced Master Gardeners
4/25/2024	"Bird Songs in Your Garden"	Bob and Pam Gors, Wild Birds Unlimited
5/16/2024	"Three-Season Gardening for April Through November Blooms"	Diane Reynolds Advanced Master Gardener
6/20/2024	"Dividing Perennials"	Mary Gerstenberger Advanced Master Gardener
7/18/2024	"Incredible Edible Weeds"	Ellen Collins, MCMGA Board
8/15/2024	"Intro to Foraging" and On-site Exploration	Rachel Mifsud, Will Forage for Food

Education Opportunities:



Location: Online via Zoom
Cost: Free (with pre-registration)

Date: September 10, 2024
Time: 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. EST
Topic: Xeriscaping in Michigan? How to incorporate water-wise practices into your Michigan garden
Presenter: Barbara Gregerson, MSU Extension Consumer Horticulture Educator

Date: October 8, 2024
Time: 6 p.m.—7 p.m. EST
Topic: Spotted Lanternfly—Update on a Sticky Situation
Presenter: Deb McCullough, PhD, MSU Department of Entomology

Date: November 12, 2024
Time: 6 p.m.—7 p.m. EST
Topic: The Importance of Manoomin
Presenter: Kristine Hahn, MSU Extension Natural Resources Educator

Cost: FREE! All certified EMGs and Trainees must register one time and have access to the entire series. Please do not share the recording links with non-registrants and/or non-EMGs.

Education Hours—Each session will count as 1 EMG Continuing hour.

[Event Registration for 2024 DIG IN!! Extension Master Gardeners | ANR Events Management System \(msu.edu\)](#)

MCMGA Native Plant Sale Fundraiser



Asclepias tuberosa
BUTTERFLY WEED

Native Plant Sale:

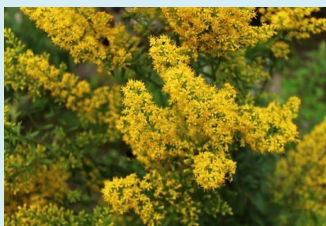
Date: September 15th, 2024

12 noon to 3:00 p.m.

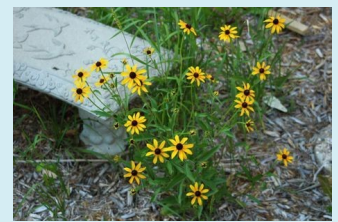
Location: Octagon House

57500 Van Dyke

Washington



Solidago speciosa
SHOWY GOLDENROD



Rudbeckia hirta
BLACK EYED SUSAN

Pre-order is open until September 7th and plants will also be available for purchase the day of the sale. A list of the plants and the mail-in order form can be found [HERE](#). Proceeds support our speaker series and grants.

Pre-order online: [On-line form](#)

Questions: contact Dave Putt, email: dputt@yahoo.com

Important Information

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Rewards.com

Sign in/Register for Kroger Rewards Account

Proceed as directed

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You will see group name on right side of page

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