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LCMGA NEWSLETTER MARCH / APRIL 2019

“March is a month of considerable frustration - it is so near spring and yet across a great deal of the country the weather is still so violent and changeable that outdoor activity in our yards seems light years away.” ~ Thalassa Cruso

March 1, this was originally the first month of the Roman calendar, people changed to the Gregorian calendar in 1752 and it is only then that we began the year on January 1st. Spring was the beginning of the year. March has come in cold, let's hope it goes out warmer.

“April is a promise that May is bound to keep.” ~ Hal Borland

April for me is all about clean up after winter and planning for the new garden year. A lot of hours can be put in on clean ups at Suncrest or at Seven-Ponds Nature Center. I hope everyone is excited about the garden this year.

April days of interest: Earth Day - Monday 22, National Arbor Day - Friday 26.

We have a lot of projects for Master Gardeners to work on and get their volunteer hours, but as some projects drop out we need new ones to take their place, so please help support your association with new projects that have an educational value.

Work as many projects as you have time for to support your association. Hope you are thinking about how to get your education hours in during this cold weather, I have done one webinar and a seminar in Bay City for a total of 5 education hours. Get your education hours early to avoid a late rush, remember you need 10 education hours to certify.

Ken Mitchell
President

Treasurer Report March 2019

The Treasurer Report is available at every LCMGA meeting and Display Garden meeting and is reviewed at every Board meeting; each Board member receives a hard copy monthly.

There is a hard copy available at every meeting for your review or questions. If you have questions any other time call me at home (9a.m. - 9p.m.)

Association dues are still \$10 and are due in February. If you want a hard copy of newsletter mailed to you, the cost is \$6 for the year. Dues and newsletter fee are waived for Trainees for the first year. Bring your dues and membership form to April meeting or mail to: **LCMGA, P.O. Box 543 Lapeer MI 48446.**

Mary Paine
Treasurer

Display Garden Report March 2019

I am so tired of winter with freezing rain and ice everywhere in my yard.

The Garden still has snow and I'm sure frozen soil. My mind is busy planning which plants I would like to try and how different the Garden will be this year.

We received a substantial donation for the Garden recently but the family has not indicated their preferences yet.

We have a Display Garden workday and meeting scheduled for March 20, but I am officially canceling the workday. The meeting is 6:30 pm in conference room near the new entrance on south side of Suncrest. Bring your great suggestions and we will toss them around. We still need a partner or some major assistance for annual garden. But to be honest we need some regular assistance in the garden even if you don't want to be a bedhead.

Don't forget our fundraiser this year is shrubs - and we will be distributing the orders on June 1st in the pavilion. The shrub sale is open to all so if you want to share your order form feel free or if you need it forwarded to a friend, let me know.

THINK SPRING!

Mary Paine

Chairman Display Garden Committee

February (March) Meeting

The February meeting, postponed because of weather, was held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 6:30 PM at the VFW Hall. President Ken Mitchell opened the meeting with 35 members present.

Mary Paine presented hour-pins and announced Emeritus status to Ron Gotowicki, Herb Hampel, and Ron Klocek. 75 members and guests attended the December meeting and \$600.00 was collected for Love, Inc. A thank you card was received from the Eastons.

Melvyn Corner, owner of [Horizon Plants](#), gave a very interesting and informative presentation on grafting conifers. There is a **1½ -hour education credit** for attending.

Carol Skiba spoke about “Sweet Tea 16” to be held on Sunday, July 14. Signup sheets will be available for door prizes, raffle items, and volunteer help at the next meetings. Rose Gotowicki will be in charge of tickets and asked members to visit the quilt shop to make a few squares. They will donate the finished quilt, estimated value of \$600.00, to the Tea raffle.

Georgia Ellis reported the MDOT Highway cleanup is scheduled for Monday, April 15, 9:30 AM, meeting at Bryan’s parking lot. A signup sheet will be available at the next meeting.

Mary Ann McDonald spoke about the Rummage Sale at the old courthouse on Saturday May 4, set up at 7:00 AM; bring clean used items, no clothes. She also reported on the Seven Ponds Butterfly Garden work on Wednesdays from 2:00 - 5:00 PM. Bring tools.

A shrub sale is being held instead of the plant sale this year; mail orders are due to Mary Paine by March 31 or online until April 7.

A signup sheet for planting annuals in the downtown Lapeer flower boxes will be available at the April meeting.

Carl Kern announced the free **Skywarn** class at the Pix Theatre in Lapeer on Thursday March 28, **see flyer on page 11** and the Lapeer Conservation District is now holding their Spring Tree Sale.

The next association meeting will be held at the VFW Hall on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, 6:30 PM. The meeting was adjourned.

Linda Ladoski
Secretary

Newsletter Deadline:

Please send all newsletter articles and information for printing before the deadline on May 6, 2019 to: Linda Ladoski: tladoski@greatlakes.net

[Shrub Sale 2019](#)

In lieu of the perennial plant sale, we are holding a shrub sale. **Please see the order form printed in this newsletter on page 9.** A nice variety of shrubs are available in 4-inch pots for \$4.00 each. The shrubs are grown by Melvyn Corner from [Horizon Plants, LLC](#). All hard copy orders are due to Mary Paine by March 31, 2019, online orders must be received no later than April 7, 2019. Payment is due on the pick-up day June 1, 2019.

MDOT Adopt-a-Highway

Hi Icy Master Gardeners,

Very strange winter, but it has been pretty to look out the window with a warm cup of tea in your hand! Speaking of the Tea, it is July 14th this year. We will need a lot of help with the food being donated by all of you wonderful people. Signup sheets will be at the April meeting. Thank you to Pat Maitland for offering to take the very time consuming task of the scones on this year. As we all know she is a fantastic baker!

The road clean-up week dates are as follows. Probably on Mondays of the week, but we will ask at the meetings what works best for all. April 13 - 21, July 13 - 21, September 21 - 29. Signup sheet will be available at the meetings. You can still call Bernadette or me, if that is easier. The first clean up is scheduled for Monday, April 15, 2019.

Please click for [Safety Video](#) and [Safety Rules flyer](#) before cleanup date.

Thanks in advance and hope to see all of you soon, if this crazy weather will cooperate!!

Georgia Ellis
Bernadette Hayes
Chairmen

Rummage Sale

The sale will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 in downtown Lapeer at the old courthouse for the opening of the [Farmers Market](#). Volunteers are needed throughout the day and setup will start at 7:00 AM. Please drop off clean used items and books in good condition - **no clothing please.** Call Mary Ann if you need to drop off items ahead of time. All unsold items are donated to the Seven Ponds rummage sale. \$1,100.00 was made for the MG Association last year.

Mary Ann McDonald
Rummage Sale Chairman

Lapeer Conservation District Tree Sale

The Lapeer Conservation District is now holding their Spring Tree Sale, order early. Call 810-664-0895 x 5 to request an order form or you can order online at www.lapeercd.org

Seven Ponds Butterfly Garden

Group workdays are on Wednesdays from 2:00 - 5:00 PM. You can work in the garden anytime that is convenient for you, but please come to a group workday first. Bring your own tools and gloves. Call [Seven Ponds](#) for confirmation on workdays at 810-796-3200.

Mary Ann McDonald
Chairman

Downtown Lapeer Flower Boxes

Volunteers will be needed to help plant annuals in the cement flower beds located in downtown Lapeer, usually the end of May or beginning of June. A signup sheet will be available at the April 3 association meeting.

Rick Talaski
Chairman

[Michigan Honey Festival](#)

The Lapeer Master Gardeners are again planning to participate in the Michigan Honey Fest in Frankenmuth, Michigan. On Saturday, August 3, 2019 from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Master Gardener volunteers will teach the importance of pollination to young people and their families through hands-on activities and crafts. The Harvey Kern pavilion in Frankenmuth is a great venue for this event. Volunteer hours are easily earned and a variety of speakers throughout the day may provide the opportunity for education hours, as well. Please text or contact me if you are interested.

Jane Schade
Honey Chairman

Educational Opportunities

March 16, 2019 Saturday

Master Gardeners of St. Clair County - "Turning Over A New Leaf" Seminar. **\$95.00**
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM 810-367-3399 mgoscc.org

March 23, 2019 Saturday

Pruning Workshop with Richard McAvinchey held at Lapeer ReStore. Cost **\$5.00**
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Please R.S.V.P. with Lapeer Conservation District 810-664-0895 ext.5
Click for: [Pruning Workshop flyer](#)

March 28, 2019 Thursday

Skywarn Class - Instructed by the National Weather Service - **Free Class**, no registration required. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM - Pix Theatre, 172 W. Nepessing, Downtown Lapeer.
Please click for: [Skywarn flyer](#) or see flyer on page 11.

April 13, 2019 Saturday

Master Gardener Society of Oakland County – "Gardening and All That Jazz". **\$80.00**
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM 248-961-1013 mgsoc.org

TEA THYME IN THE GARDEN 2019

“Strange how a Teapot can represent at the same time the comfort of Solitude and the Pleasures of company.” ~ Author Unknown

Tea Thyme in the Garden will take place on Sunday July 14, 2019 at the [Display Garden on Suncrest](#). “Sweet Tea Sixteen” will be the Sixteenth Tea the Lapeer County Master Gardeners have hosted. The first planning meeting was held on Tuesday March 5, 2019.

Each contribution a Master Gardener can give to the Tea, always makes an impact on the Tea. Our objective, our only objective, is the Display Garden on Suncrest, it’s upkeep and future.

The following are needed for the 2019 Tea:

- Tea Table Hostesses – 6 patron and 8 patron Tables are looking for Tea Table Hostesses
- Raffle Items – These are a great moneymaker for the Tea and returning Patrons always look forward to what they can spend their money on. They are so impressed with the talent of Master Gardeners
- Door Prize Items – think re-gifting, not used items please
- Master Gardeners for Volunteering

If interested in tickets, call Rose Gotowicki. Call now, not in April or May. Rose has a long list from last year. Signup sheets for Tea Workers in the Garden, Kitchen, Food for the Tea, will be available at Master Gardener Meetings and Display Garden meetings. If unable to attend a meeting and want to sign up for something, please give me a call.

Carol L. Skiba
Tea Chairman

Quilt Squares

Ladies and Gents,

The quilt shop in Lapeer will help us with a quilt for the Tea in July. They provide the material and we sew the blocks. This is a community quilt, people just stop by and do a few blocks, and then the finished quilts are donated to various charities.

How this works is you stop by the shop and sit down and make a block or two or more (you can stop by several times). It takes a while to make the quilt. The material is already cut, you just sew. There is a machine all set up and the ladies at the shop will help. They also have a book there where you can sign your name. The book will go with the quilt to the winner. The owner, Gwyn Stoneburg, and her staff will sew all the blocks together. In case you don't know, Gwyn is Shirley Walkers daughter. The shop has a quilter who will volunteer their services. It would be really great if everyone stopped by to make some blocks. The value of the quilt when finished should be \$500-\$750, with no cost to us. Gents, we need you to stop by also. If need be, I can meet some of you there and help if you would like. We have not had a quilt in a few years, what a piece of luck for us. Please stop by and tell Gwyn thanks.

Sew Crazy Quilt Shop

69 W. Nepessing (across the street from Sherwin Williams Paint store in Lapeer)

Hours: M-F 9-5 and Saturday 9-3

664-3566

Rose Gotowicki

Tea Ticket Chairman

9th Annual Pancake Breakfast at Elling's Tree Farm

Cost: \$6.00 per person / Live music included

All you can eat pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee!

Time: 7:00 AM - Noon / Saturday March 23 & 30

Maple Syrup

We sell maple syrup year-round, but you'll want to stop by in the month of March. This entire month is dedicated to collecting this breakfast favorite. Visitors will be given the opportunity to explore our collection of maple trees, marvel at the all-wood sugar palace, and take home a fun and educational memory not soon forgotten.

Elling Tree Farm 5272 Lippincott Rd. Lapeer, MI 48446

810-664-1309

<http://www.ellingtreefarm.com/contact.html>

JANUARY

Newsletter

FEBRUARY

Meetings Postponed

MARCH

Newsletter

3/6 6:30 PM - **MG Association Meeting**

VFW Hall / Speaker / Budgets

*** Annual Dues and Association
Membership Forms are due ***

3/20 4:00 PM - Display Garden Workday

6:30 PM - Display Garden Meeting

Suncrest / South Conference Room

APRIL

4/3 6:30 PM - **MG Association Meeting**

VFW Hall / Budget / Speaker

4/10 2:00 PM - Seven Ponds Gardens

Group Workday / Bring Tools

4/15 9:30 AM - **MDOT** Highway Cleanup

Bryan's Parking Lot / N. Branch

4/17 2:00 PM - Seven Ponds Gardens

Group Workday / Bring Tools

4/17 4:00 PM - Display Garden Workday

6:30 PM - Display Garden Meeting

Suncrest Meeting Room or Pavilion

4/20 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Display Garden

Workday / Spring Cleanup

4/24 2:00 PM - Seven Ponds Gardens

Group Workday / Bring Tools

MAY

Newsletter

5/1 2:00 PM - Seven Ponds Gardens

Group Workday / Bring Tools

5/4 8:00 AM - **MG Rummage Sale**

Farmers Market / Downtown Lapeer

5/8 2:00 PM - Seven Ponds Gardens

Group Workday / Bring Tools

5/15 2:00 PM - Seven Ponds Gardens

Group Workday / Bring Tools

5/15 4:00 PM - Display Garden Workday

6:30 PM - Display Garden Meeting

Suncrest Pavilion

5/22 2:00 PM - Seven Ponds Gardens

Group Workday / Bring Tools

5/29 2:00 PM - Seven Ponds Gardens

Group Workday / Bring Tools

JUNE

6/5 6:30 PM - **MG Association Meeting**

Suncrest Pavilion / Plant Exchange

6/12 2:00 PM - Seven Ponds Gardens

Group Workday / Bring Tools

6/19 4:00 PM - Display Garden Workday

6:30 PM - Display Garden Meeting

JULY

Newsletter

7/10 2:00 PM - Seven Ponds Gardens

Group Workday / Bring Tools

7/12 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Display Garden

Tea Prep / Pavilion

7/13 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM - Display Garden

Tea / Pavilion Clean & Decorate

7/14 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM – Display Garden

Tea #16

7/15-21 **MDOT** Highway Cleanup / TBA

AUGUST

8/3 9:00 AM - Michigan Honey Festival

Harvey Kern Bldg. / Frankenmuth, MI

8/7 6:00 PM - **MG Association Meeting**

Blueberry Farm Tour / Speaker

8/14 2:00 PM - Seven Ponds Gardens

Group Workday / Bring Tools

8/21 4:00 PM - Display Garden Workday

6:30 PM - Display Garden Meeting

Suncrest Pavilion

SEPTEMBER

Newsletter

9/11 2:00 PM - Seven Ponds Gardens

Group Workday / Bring Tools

9/18 4:00 PM - Display Garden Workday

6:30 PM - Display Garden Meeting

Suncrest Pavilion

9/21-29 **MDOT** Highway Cleanup / TBA

9/27 9:00 AM - MDOT M-24 Cleanup

Group Workday / Bring Tools

9/30 *** Garden Receipts Due ***

OCTOBER

10/1 8:00 AM - **Project RED**

Fairgrounds, Imlay City, MI

10/2 6:30 PM - **MG Association Meeting**

Speaker

10/9 2:00 PM - Seven Ponds

Group Workday / Bring Tools

10/16 4:00 PM - Display Garden Workday

6:30 PM - Display Garden Meeting

Suncrest Pavilion

10/26 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Display Garden

Fall Cleanup / Bring Tools

NOVEMBER

Newsletter

11/2 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Display Garden

Final Fall Cleanup / Bring Tools

11/20 6:30 PM - Display Garden Meeting

Suncrest South Conference Room

DECEMBER

12/7 6:00 PM - **MG Association Meeting**

Recognition Awards / Speaker

Dinner / Gift Exchange

Shrub Sale 2019 Order Form

This is a Master Gardener Fundraiser

Shrubs supplied by Melvyn Corner from Horizon Plants, LLC

Please click [for Excel version](#)

PLEASE ENTER the following Information		Directions:		
County		If ordering using MS Excel, you can save the file and send it back via Email to:		
Name (Last, first)		lcmg00@gmail.com in the subject box please enter: "shrub sale 2019"		
Address		If using a hard copy, mail your order list to: Mary Paine, 1450 Vernor Rd, Lapeer, MI 48446 All hard copy orders must be mailed by March 31, 2019		
City		All orders must be received no later than April 7, 2019 . Any emails or normal mail will not be opened past that date. Payment is due on the pickup day, June 1, 2019		
Zip		Please; DO NOT send ANY MONEY, PAYMENTS ARE DUE at time of PICKUP ONLY		
Phone		Cash or Checks made out to: LCMGA NO CREDIT CARDS		
Cell		!!! KEEP A COPY OF YOUR ORDER FOR YOUR RECORDS, PLEASE!!! Thank you for being apart of another year		
Email		All shrubs are \$4.00 EACH and are in 4 inch pots		
PICKUP 9:00 AM to NOON	Pickup date June 1, 2019 @ Lapeer County Medical facility or Suncrest, 1455 Suncrest Drive, Lapeer, MI. Plants will be at the Display Garden located at the rear of the facility			
Perennial List 2017				
QTY DESIRED	NAME	HT.	Description	
	<u>Aronia melanocarpa 'Autumn Magic'</u>	Large 6-8'	Sun/ part shade	Black Chokeberry
	<u>Buxus 'Green Velvet'</u>	Med 3-4'	Sun/ part shade	Boxwood
	<u>Callicarpa bodinieri 'Profusion'</u>	Med 5-6'	Sun/ part shade	Beautyberry
	<u>Cornus alba 'Bud's Yellow'</u>	Med 3-4'	Sun/ part shade	Yellow Twig Dogwood
	<u>Cornus alba 'Elegantissima'</u>	Med 3-4'	Sun/ part shade	Varigated Red twig Dogwood
	<u>Chamercypris Vintage Gold</u>	Med 4-5'	Sun/ part shade	False Cypress
	<u>Deutzia gracilis 'Nikko'</u>	Low 2'	Sun/ part shade	Slender Deutzia
	<u>Forsythia viridissima 'Kumson'</u>	Large 6-8'	Sun/ part shade	Greenstem Forsythia
	<u>Forsythia x intermedia 'New Hampshire Gold'</u>	Large 6-8'	Sun/ part shade	Cold Hardy Forsythia
	<u>Hibiscus syriacus 'Minerva'</u>	Med 5-6'	Sun/ part shade	Pinkish lavender blooms with red eye
	<u>Hibiscus syriacus 'Red Heart'</u>	Med 5-6'	Sun/ part shade	Enormous white flowers/ruby red eye
	<u>Hydrangea paniculata 'Kyushu'</u>	Med 5-6'	Sun/ part shade	Large number showy white flowers
	<u>Hydrangea paniculata 'Phantom'</u>	Large 6-8'	Sun/ part shade	Spectacular flower heads
	<u>Itea virginica 'Henry's Garnet'</u>	Med 3-4'	Sun/ part shade	Virginia sweetspire
	<u>Juniperus c. 'Sea Green'</u>	Med 3-4'	Sun/ part shade	Dark green foliage, compact spreader
	<u>Leptodermis oblonga</u>	Low 2-3'	Sun/ part shade	Dwarf, mounding
	<u>Potentilla fruticosa 'Goldfinger'</u>	Med 3-4'	Sun/ part shade	Shrubby Cinquefoil
	<u>Salix purpurea 'Nana'</u>	Med 3-4'	Sun/ part shade	Basket Willow
	<u>Thuja occidentalis 'Elegantissima'</u>	Large 10'-15'	Sun/ part shade	Northern White Cedar
	<u>Thuja plicata 'Green Gaint'</u>	Large 25'-30'	Sun/ part shade	Western Red Cedar- fast growing
	<u>Viburnum plicatum tomentosum 'Summer Snowflake'</u>	Med 3-4'	Sun/ part shade	Japanese Snowball
	<u>Viburnum opulus 'Roseum'</u>	Large 6-8'	Sun/ part shade	European Cranberry Bush
	<u>Viburnum opulus Trilobum</u>	Large 6-8'	Sun/ part shade	
	<u>Weigela florida 'Jarva Red'</u>	Med 4-5'	Better in part shade	
	<u>Weigela florida 'Polka'</u>	Med 4-5'	Sun/ part shade	
	<u>Weigela florida 'Rubidor'</u>	Med 5-6'	Better in part shade	Old Fashioned Weigela
Total # of plants	0			

**LAPEER COUNTY MASTER GARDENER
ASSOCIATION MEETING**

WEDNESDAY APRIL 3, 2019 - 6:30 PM .

**VFW HALL
128 Daley Rd.
Lapeer, MI 48446**

*** BUSINESS MEETING *
* 2019 BUDGET APPROVAL *
* Speaker: Wade Decker *
from: [Decker Farm & Orchard](#)**

*** SNACKS ARE WELCOME ***

(PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR NAME BADGES

THIS PAGE HAS BEEN ADDED DUE TO THE MARCH 14, 2019 WEATHER EVENTS IN SHIAWASSEE AND GENESEE COUNTIES

2019 Skywarn Class

Learn how to accurately observe such weather phenomena's as tornadoes, hail, wind and various cloud features.

Hosted by

Lapeer County Office of Emergency Management
Lapeer County Amateur Radio Association
Lapeer County CERT Team

Instructed by the

National Weather Service – White Lake Office

Thursday, March 28, 2019

7:00pm – 8:30pm

at

The Pix Theatre

172 W. Nepessing Street, Downtown Lapeer

**FREE
and
Open to the Public**



FREE

No Registration Required.

Questions can be sent to mpiorunek@lapeercounty.org

PLEASE NOTE: A federal government shutdown, on the above date, would cancel the event.