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## LCMGA NEWSLETTER MAY / JUNE 2019

*“Every garden is unique with a multitude of choices of soils, plants and themes.  
Finding your garden theme is as easy as seeing what brings a smile to your face.”*  
~ Teresa Watkins

The Rummage sale was a success; no rain and we sold a lot of stuff. Not as good as last year, but for the cold weather still very good.

The garden is taking its time to wake up from the cold wet weather, I hope when it does it takes off. We have a lot of work to do when it dries out. Workdays are the third Wednesday of the month at 4:00 pm as always, but you can put hours in anytime and just write it in the book at Suncrest.

My garden is coming along good, asparagus is up, garlic is up and the blackberries, apple trees and peach trees are sprouting buds. The robins are sparring for territory; the bird fights are driving the cats crazy. Everything is looking like a great year for the garden.

*“The hum of bees is the voice of the garden.”* ~ Elizabeth Lawrence

Ken Mitchell  
President

### THANK YOU

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to all of the volunteers who helped with the setup, cleanup, take down and help during the day for the Rummage Sale! A special thank you for the use of the truck and horse trailer and to all who donated items.

“Ask a Master Gardener” answered many questions.

**Please see last page for the newspaper photo of Master Gardeners.**

Mary Ann McDonald  
Rummage Sale Chairman

## **Treasurer's Report - May 2019**

The Treasurer's report is available at every MG Association Board meeting, Master Gardener Association and Display Garden Meetings. A hard copy of the monthly report is provided to every Board member every month.

If you have a specific question, ask at a scheduled meeting, or before or after the meeting. Members may always call me, I do check and answer phone and email questions.  
Mary: marycatthegarden@gmail.com (this is a new email address, just over edge address is retiring)

## **VMS Reminder**

Just a reminder: Every Certified Master Gardener is required to have **20 volunteer hours** (that's the easy part) AND **10 hours of education** annually. The volunteering reported must be on MSUE approved projects. Although you probably do other volunteering in the community, that is still a very nice thing to do and is appreciated by the community or group you are supporting. **Non approved projects do not count.**

The education hours are not as easy to accomplish but this time of year there are numerous classes at local nurseries, other county associations, county seminars, and don't forget speakers at our own meetings provide 60-90 minutes of education at each meeting. Still if you can't find any of these don't forget the free webinars provided by MSUE on the VMS and yes, I know, some have a fee. There is plenty of opportunity for education especially if you start looking before Thanksgiving!

See you in the Garden!

Mary Paine  
VMS Ambassador

## **Shrub Sale Reminder:**

Master Gardeners Shrub Sale \$4/pot.  
For all of you who ordered shrubs from us for \$4 each:

Pick-up is Saturday, 6/1/19, 9am til noon at the Pavilion at Suncrest.  
(Unless you made special arrangements.)

Bring your cash or checkbook

Questions call Georgia or Mary

## April Meeting

The April meeting of the Lapeer County Master Gardener Association was held on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, 6:30 PM at the VFW Hall. President Ken Mitchell opened the meeting with 45 members present.

Announcements included the Shrub Sale deadline of April 7, speakers are needed for the October and December meetings, and Amy explained the tea held by her Mom's group.

Wade Decker, owner of [Decker Farm & Orchard](#) gave a very interesting and informative talk about CSA's and vegetable gardening. ([localharvest.org](#)) There is a **1-hour education credit** for attending this meeting.

After a short break, Mary Paine awarded MG certificates and reported the Shrub Sale has only made \$286.00. Campbell's will discount the annual flats to \$8.75 for the Display Garden. Check with Wojo's, Campbell's, Bordine's, and other nurseries for **free** or low-cost classes for education credits, and check the Michigan Gardener website. Mary has received donations for the Display Garden including cash, a bench, and a music instrument from Jim Sillers. Mary has a pool in her yard she would like to get rid of, and she is not having a pool party.

Georgia Ellis reported that the MDOT Highway cleanup is scheduled for Monday, April 15 at 9:30 AM, meet at Bryan's parking lot.

The Downtown flower boxes will be planted on Saturday, June 1.

Carol Skiba spoke about the Tea, signup sheets were available for volunteers. Rose & Ron will be moving to Las Vegas, Rose has 10-12 tea tickets left. Stop in the quilt shop to sew a few squares.

Mary Ann McDonald reported on the Rummage Sale, a trailer is needed, setup starts at 7:00 AM, and volunteers are needed during the day.

Jane Schade spoke about the Michigan Honey Fest in Frankenmuth on Aug. 3. Volunteers are needed.

The June meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 6:30 PM at the Display Garden pavilion. The meeting will include: speaker Angela Nelson, topic is "Native Plants", the annual pizza party, and the optional plant exchange - please bring 2 "labeled" plants to exchange - **no invasive plants please.**

The meeting was adjourned.

Linda Ladoski  
Secretary

## **Downtown Lapeer Flower Boxes**

Volunteers will be needed to help plant annuals in the cement flower boxes located in downtown Lapeer on June 1, 9:00 AM. Please meet outside the Sherwin Williams store area, bring gloves and small tools.

Please click to see the picture from “The County Press” [taken during the 2018 planting](#) on Nepessing St. event.

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.

Please click for link to [Michigan Honey Festival](#).

Jane Schade  
Honey Chairman

## **Hello it's SPRING!**

We had a workday in the garden and accomplished a lot. I want to thank Ed for his muscle and fantastic help putting the edging back in the rock garden. (Some say ALPINE garden.) We have been trying to get it in place for three seasons. Ed and I worked at it awhile, but he made it seem easy. THANK YOU Ed!! Thanks also to Amy and Maizy for helping with the weeding and watering of all the Ajuga that had to be put back. We can now get on with designing and filling in.

I would also like to say it's great working and just seeing everyone in the gardens, and all the teasing and laughter we had that evening. Thanks to all, who make it fun, and enjoying hard work. May y'all have a great spring and summer!

See ya next workday.

Georgia Ellis

## **Weather Webinar**

Skywarn Training on Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7 PM – 8:15 PM

click for information: <https://www.weather.gov/dtx/SkywarnWebinar>

For registration to this event please send email to: [richard.pollman@noaa.gov](mailto:richard.pollman@noaa.gov)

## Tea Thyme in The Garden

*“Drink your Tea slowly and reverently, as if it is the axis on which the world earth revolves – slowly, evenly without rushing towards the future.” ~ Thich Nat Hahn*

“Tea Thyme in The Garden”

July 14, 2019

“Sweet Tea Sixteen”

The Display Garden on Suncrest

The Sixteenth Tea will take place on Sunday, July 14, 2019. The Display Garden will be full of Tea Patrons enjoying the Tea and The Garden. There are volunteer opportunities available to work at the tea. Sign up sheets will be available at the next Display Garden meeting and the Master Gardener meeting in June. There are food items that are needed, also, the need of Door Prizes and Raffle Items.

***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, its upkeep and its future.***

The next Tea meeting is a workday. It will be held on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at the Display Garden Pavilion at 2:30 pm. Following the meeting is a Display Garden workday and meeting.

Projects to be accomplished at the Tea meeting workday:

Wrapping of Door Prizes

Supplies needed: Door Prizes

Ribbons, Scissors, Tape, Wrapping paper (for items that do not fit in the white bags)

If you have something and need to drop it off, just leave the item in the Display Garden shed tagged for the Tea, or bring it to a meeting and drop it off with me. Any donation will be greatly appreciated.

Any questions, please give me a call. Thank you for your support of the Display Garden. Mary Ann McDonald will be directing this Tea meeting, due to my recent surgery, I will be unable to direct.

Carol Skiba  
Tea Chairman

Please click for: [Display Garden on Suncrest](#)

## Display Garden Report for a chilly May 2019

Stopped at the Garden a few times hoping for some warm May weather. Water is NOT on yet; too many low 30's mornings. The daffodils and few tulips really brighten the landscape and the lawn in the Garden has been mowed twice already. The grass doesn't seem to care about temps in 30's! I am hoping for a dry workday this week, there has been so much rain it is hard to get the whole yard around the house mowed. Hopefully we can finish clean up and set all benches out. The shed is a disaster; we will have to start sorting and cleaning there. Carol Skiba, who usually cleans up inside the shed has her shoulder surgery re-scheduled for Monday May 13th. We will certainly miss her and all the things she takes care of behind the scenes.

The annuals for the Garden, which we were able to purchase at wholesale, will be picked up Friday, May 17, as far as I know. We will need some help and we may need some help storing them if this chilly weather hangs on.

The new bench for the New Heritage Garden has been ordered and will be delivered to Suncrest hopefully soon. Some assembly required. We may be doing some paver work to tidy up the eastern edge of pavers east of the birdbath. Bob Skiba has laid out boundaries for the pergola and is working on construction at home. We will need assistance when he is ready to assemble in the Garden. More pruning to do around the Heritage bed and a few other places. Ken Mitchell is working on cleaning up the compost area. We could use more help there too.

We received a lovely donation for chimes for the area close to the Gazebo. Nothing too large but about 60 inches tall will be ordered this week. Also we need help with the "giant running amuck" rose bush out front!! Call or email Pat Maitland or me. Also received an additional donation for the Rock Garden remodel - more to come, not sure what, where or how.

When I spoke with Eric about con-color fir replacement last month he said it was too early. Maybe in the next week or 10 days. I am now looking for a dwarf Ginkgo, who knew?

I really think its time for SPRING -- see you in the Garden!

Mary Paine  
Display Garden on Suncrest Chairman.

### 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

## 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

## 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

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- 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

## Newsletter Deadline:

Please send all newsletter articles and information for printing before the deadline on July 6, 2019 to: Linda Ladloski:  
[tladloski@greatlakes.net](mailto:tladloski@greatlakes.net)

**LAPEER COUNTY MASTER GARDENER  
ASSOCIATION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY JUNE 5, 2019 - 6:30 PM**

**DISPLAY GARDEN PAVILION  
1455 Suncrest Drive  
Lapeer, MI 48446**

**\* BUSINESS MEETING \***

**\* SPEAKER: ANGELA NELSON - NATIVE PLANTS \***

**\* PIZZA PARTY \***

**\* OPTIONAL PLANT EXCHANGE: A LIMIT OF 2 PLANTS PER PERSON \***

**\* MUST BE LABELED - (NO INVASIVES PLEASE) - WAIT FOR YOUR NAME TO BE CALLED \***

**\* DESSERTS AND SALADS ARE WELCOME \***

**(PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR NAME BADGES)**



**Courtesy of "The County Press" May 08, 2019**

Along with the first market day of the year on Saturday, was the **Lapeer Master Gardener Association** annual rummage sale. According to members Mary Beth Kramer and Mary Ann McDonald, the organization will hold its annual "Tea" at the Suncrest Display Garden on July 14. Photo by Nicholas Pugliese