



MAY / JUNE – 2016

Dear Gardeners,

Where is it? Spring, that is. It's been cold, wet and down right nasty. I sure hope that this weather will break soon. There are lots of things to do outside.

By the time you read this letter the Rummage Sale will be over. I hope that it was a success. Everyone works real hard at this event.

Our last meeting was about pollinators and how we are seeing less and less of them. This year I will not spray my dandelions in hopes of not killing off any bees.

Tea Thyme in the Garden is just around the corner. A lot of positions need to be filled and food to be donated for this day. Please help so we can make this a successful and beautiful day.

Ron Gotowicki
Co-President

April Meeting

The April meeting of the Lapeer County Master Gardener Association was held on April 6, 2016, 6:30 PM at the Mayfield Township Hall with 48 members and guests in attendance.

The Treasurer report included donations from the Otter Lake Gardens for a grandparent that was in Suncrest. The minutes of the February meeting were published in the Mar./Apr. newsletter.

Speaker Abi Saeed gave a very excellent, informational presentation on the loss of our bee populations since 2006. There is a **1 ½ - hour education credit** for attending this meeting.

Following the break, Carol Skiba reported on the 13th Tea, “**Time For Tea Cups**”. All tables have hostesses. Sign-up sheets were passed around for food and work volunteers. The next Tea meeting will be June 15 to wrap door prizes.

Ken Mitchell gave a report on the Eastern Michigan State Fair. We now have to pay for passes to get in the Fair, the weekly pass is \$20.00, and a daily pass is \$8.00. The Association will pay for weekly passes. Golf balls are needed for the kids learning area, and help is needed for the earth house and Fairy Garden. The next Fair meeting is Apr. 14, 1:30 PM at the Imlay City Library. This is the last year we will be doing the Fair.

The Rummage Sale is May 7 at the Farmers’ Market. Drop off any goods excluding clothing at 7:00 AM, and make sure items are clean. Help is needed to break down and clean up. Leftover items are donated to Lapeer County charities.

The Bigelow’s Plant Sale volunteers transplanted this week and the 2nd transplanting will be Apr. 21 or 28. May 26 will be sorting orders and the Sale is on Saturday, May 28 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon.

Mary gave out membership sheets. Welcome two new members: Arlene Gibbs-Smith and Arlene Hall.

Wanda Rybak and Ron Klocek won the gift cards.

Judy Niergarth
(In absence of Linda Ladoski)
Secretary

Treasurers Report - May 2016

The Treasurer Activity is read 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 Association meeting for your review and questions.

Mary Paine
Treasurer

Volunteer Management System

The re-certification process in the state has been completed and individual cards were mailed to each certified volunteer from Lansing. In case you are interested, the reported number was **3,400** certified volunteers. The number is on the rise statewide. Please continue entering your hours, if you need help let me know.
justoveredge@charter.net

Mary Paine
VMS Ambassador for Lapeer County

Bigelow's Plant Sale

Volunteers are needed on Thursday, May 26 to sort orders. The Bigelow's Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 28 from **9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon**. Lots of extra plants will be available, even if you did not order them.

Please bring cash or checks made out to Eric Bigelow, **NO CREDIT CARDS**. Also, bring your own boxes or trays to carry your plants home safely. The greenhouse does not provide plant trays.

Bigelow's is located at 4845 Lake Pleasant Road, North Branch. Due to construction, Lake Pleasant Road south of Bigelow's may be closed. Alternate routes are advised and detours are posted.

Pam Frampton
Judy Niergarth
Plant Sale Chairmen

Rummage Sale

The Rummage Sale was a huge success; more money was made this year than last year's sale. The weather was good with only a few seconds of rain. This year the donated items were of smaller scale and not too many items left over. Quite a bit of stuff was sold.

A huge Thank you to all of the volunteers! The crew that set up, the volunteers during the sale, and the take down, clean-up crew were wonderful. Thanks to everyone who donated items, time and all of hard work put in to the sale, it was a very good turnout!

Mary Ann McDonald
Sandy Peterson
Rummage Sale Chairmen

Spring is Nature's way of saying "Let's Party".
~ Robin Williams

Hi Everyone,

Hope you all are doing fine and in good health for spring gardening.

The Fair planning is starting to pick up speed. Please call Carol Billig if you have ideas or can help on the Kid's Learning Area. Our next Fair meeting is on May 19, hopefully at the Fairgrounds Building, at 1:30 PM in the afternoon. I will have a sheet to sign up for Silent Auction donations at the next Association meeting. Any questions about the Fair can be directed to me, Ken Mitchell, kenmitch56@yahoo.com

A container Fairy Garden workshop will be given at Wojo's in Ortonville, Davison and Lake Orion on July 20, at 7:00 PM. Get your Fairy Garden ready for the Fair.
[Wojo's](#) in Davison - 810-658-9221

Ken Mitchell
Vice President and [Eastern Michigan State Fair](#) Chairman

5TH Annual Michigan Honey Festival
Saturday, August 6, 2016 * 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
At the Harvey Kern Pavilion in Frankenmuth

Custom Hive Contest Sponsored by
Golden Harvest Apiaries
Vendors / Booths Available

For more information check the [Michigan Honey Festival Website](#)
Help Support the Honey Fest

“Come Let us have some Tea and continue to talk about happy things.”

~ Chain Potok

“Tea Thyme in The Garden”

July 10, 2016

“Time for Tea Cups”

The Display Garden on Suncrest

The Thirteenth Time for Tea will take place on Sunday, July 10, 2016. The Display Garden will be full of Tea Patrons enjoying the Tea and the Garden. Tickets for the tea are sold out. The Tea Table Hostesses are busy picking out Tea Cups, table linens and decorations. There are volunteer opportunities available to work at the tea. Sign-up sheets will be available at the next Display Garden meeting and Master Gardener meeting in June. There are food items that are needed and 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 future.

The next Tea meeting is a workday. It will be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 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: Ribbon, Wrapping Paper, Scissors, Tape, Boxes, some Baskets,
and Most Important, Door Prizes.

If you have something and need to drop it off, just leave the item at 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, give me a call. Thank you for your support of the Display Garden.

Carol Skiba Tea Chairman

Display Garden - May 2016

The Garden is getting "springier" every day. Although the daffodils have faded, many herbs and perennials are sprouting all over. The trees have buds and it's almost time to start the dove fountain.

Jim Sillers came in and split the grasses all over the Garden and when I asked, he came back and cleaned up the grasses around the rocks in front of the building. A monstrous job!

Much was accomplished at our April workday - most all the beds were cleaned up and we decided what to put in the Japanese garden as it is updated this year. Candice Meyer has agreed to give Jane Schade a break as bed head; Jane and Sylvia Graham will continue to help out and Jane is still managing the bees for us. If you didn't know the white hive did well this year but we lost the bees in the green hive. Pam Frampton has agreed to update and paint the green hive (my only request was any color but purple, we will see).

Herb Hampel spruced up, painted and re-glazed the decorative window, painted by Marlene Daniels, then re-hung it on the shed. **THANKS!**

The Front Rose Garden was given a thorough spring-cleaning and pruning at the end of April. Pat Maitland started on Friday and was joined on Saturday by the "pruning party". Pat came back on Saturday and was joined by new "bed-head-in-training" Lynne McCarthy, then Jeannine Monteleone, Marylynn Darr, Gerry Swoish and I. I was hesitantly trimming off the ends and Gerry provided some needed tips for us. In a little over 2 hours the entire bed was completed, the trimmings cleaned up, and it looks wonderful. **Thanks to all.**

We still need help in the Display Garden so if you have a few moments (maybe an hour or two) give me a call. Want to help in the Water Garden? Lots to do, just like at home, but seems more fun working with others or enjoying the quiet.

The next workday is May 18, 4-6 PM with a meeting at 6:30 PM in the pavilion. Yes, construction continues, as it will all summer.

The [Southwestern Ontario Hosta Society](#) has scheduled a tour on June 18, so if you are

interested in answering questions or meeting some new garden folks touring the Garden, let me know, it will be our first international tour that I know about.

Mary Paine
Chairman Display Garden on Suncrest Committee

Alzheimer Garden - Project Update

In case you noticed the activity out front, the Alzheimer Garden is getting a complete re-model. Safety issues and the need for additional space on the patio require expansion of the concrete. The garden will move to the outside of area along the fence with additional flowering trees to be enjoyed by all inside and outside the facility. A feature planter is also planned when re-surfacing is complete. Mary Lou LaFond, who managed this area for so long, has passed the task to Jackie Marvin and Bernadette Hayes. Mary Lou will still help volunteer. There is a plan, which will evolve throughout the year, and with help from many other volunteers the task will be completed. We have been working with the facility to ensure the completion.

Mary Paine
Chairman Display Garden on Suncrest

Educational Opportunities

June 17 - 18 2016 [Master Gardener College](#). Held at the Prince Conference Center at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI. More information is available on the Master Gardener College website. For questions or additional information, please contact Betsy Braid at: braidbet@msu.edu or (517) 884-7081.

Newsletter Deadline:

Please send all newsletter articles and information for printing before the deadline on July 6, 2016 to: Linda Ladoski: tladoski@greatlakes.net

“A weed is an unloved flower” ~ unknown

MAY

- Newsletter
 5/4 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Seven Ponds
 Group Workday / Bring Tools
 5/7 7:00 AM - Rummage Sale
 Farmer's Market / Lapeer
 5/11 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Seven Ponds
 Group Workday / Bring Tools
 5/18 4:00 PM - Display Garden Suncrest
 Group Workday / Bring Tools
 5/18 6:00 PM - Display Garden Meeting
 Suncrest Pavilion
 5/18 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Seven Ponds
 Group Workday / Bring Tools
 5/19 1:30 PM - E. MI State Fair Meeting
 Imlay City Fairgrounds Building
 5/25 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Seven Ponds
 Group Workday / Bring Tools
 5/26 9:00 AM - Bigelow's Plant Sale
 Sort Orders / Bring Lunch / No Chair
 5/28 9:00 AM - 12:00 Bigelow's Plant Sale

JUNE

- 6/1 6:30 PM - MG Association Meeting
 Suncrest Pavilion / Pizza Party
 6/8 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Seven Ponds
 Group Workday / Bring Tools
 6/15 2:30 PM - Tea Meeting
 Workday / Wrap Day
 6/15 4:00 PM - Display Garden Suncrest
 Group Workday / Bring Tools
 6/15 6:00 PM - Display Garden Meeting
 Display Garden / Suncrest Pavilion

JULY

- Newsletter
 7/8 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Tea Prep
 Display Garden / Suncrest Pavilion
 7/9 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM - Tea Prep
 Display Garden / Suncrest Pavilion
 7/10 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM - "Tea"
 Display Garden / Suncrest Pavilion
 7/13 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Seven Ponds
 Group Workday / Bring Tools
 7/23-25 9:00 AM - E. MI State Fair
 Setup / Imlay City Fairgrounds
 7/26-30 E. Michigan State Fair
 Imlay City Fairgrounds
 7/31 9:00 AM - E. MI State Fair
 Teardown / Imlay City Fairgrounds

AUGUST

- 8/3 6:30 PM - MG Association Meeting
 Display Garden / Suncrest Pavilion
 8/6 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Mich Honey Fest
 Harvey Kern Pavilion / Frankenmuth
 8/10 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Seven Ponds
 Group Workday / Bring Tools
 8/17 4:00 PM - Display Garden Suncrest
 Group Workday / Bring Tools
 8/17 6:00 PM - Display Garden Meeting
 Display Garden / Suncrest Pavilion

SEPTEMBER

- Newsletter
 9/14 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Seven Ponds
 Group Workday / Bring Tools
 9/21 4:00 PM - Display Garden Suncrest
 Group Workday / Bring Tools
 9/21 6:00 PM - Display Garden Meeting
 Display Garden / Suncrest Pavilion

OCTOBER

- Garden Receipts Due October 1, 2016
 10/5 6:30 PM - MG Association Meeting
 Mayfield Township Hall / Bring Snacks
 10/12 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Seven Ponds
 Group Workday / Bring Tools
 10/19 4:00 PM - Display Garden Suncrest
 Group Workday / Bring Tools
 10/19 6:00 PM - Display Garden Meeting
 Display Garden / Suncrest Pavilion
 10/22 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Display Garden
 Fall Cleanup / Bring Tools

NOVEMBER

- Newsletter
 11/5 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Display Garden
 Final Fall Cleanup / Bring Tools
 11/16 6:00 PM - Display Garden Meeting
 Suncrest Activities Room

DECEMBER

- 12/2 6:30 PM - MG Association Meeting
 Annual Holiday Awards Dinner
 Garden Gift Exchange / Mayfield Hall

**LAPEER COUNTY MASTER GARDENER
ASSOCIATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2016 - 6:30 PM**

SUNCREST / DISPLAY GARDEN PAVILION

*** BUSINESS MEETING ***

*** SPEAKER ***

*** PIZZA PARTY ***

*** SALADS AND DESSERTS ARE WELCOME ***

(PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR NAME BADGES)