



## LCMGA NEWSLETTER    SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2017

What lives in winter, dies in summer, and grows with its root upward?  
What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?  
~ Look to the end for answers.

Well, it's harvest time in the garden, and we have been blessed with an abundance of vegetables and fruit. This was a good year for my garden. I did have problems with rose chaffers and Japanese beetles, but traps and hand picking them every day kept them in check.

The Master Gardener class started out great with a lot of excited trainees. We still need people to sign up to help set up and break down the tables. You can audit a class for education hours too. Just call Jackie Delisi or send her an email at: [sdelisi2@charter.net](mailto:sdelisi2@charter.net)

Other volunteer projects are:

- ~ Suncrest workday/meeting 9/20, 4:00-6:00 PM, 6:30-8:00 PM meeting.
- ~ Adopt-a-Highway, 9/25, 9:00 AM.
- ~ **Project Red**, 10/3, Imlay City Fairgrounds, contact Carole Billig

LCMGA Meeting Wednesday, October 4, 2017, 6:00 PM at the Mayfield Township Hall. Scheduled speaker is going to be Melvyn Corner of Horizon Plants; he will talk about propagating plants.

Answers to questions are an icicle and pumpkin pi.

Ken Mitchell  
President

## **Treasurer's Report - September 2017**

The Treasurer Report is available at every LCMGA meeting and Display Garden meeting. It 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 you may always email or call me at home.

BUDGETS for 2018 are due November 1 for both the Display Garden and Association projects. All projects asking for funding this year must meet the educational criteria for MSUE Master Gardeners. The Board will be happy to help you fill out the MSU Extension Master Gardener Program Volunteer Project Proposal. There are also forms specifically for "Community Volunteer Project Proposal" when an organization or company wants help with a project - they fill out form and submit.

Remember the criteria:

**"The mission of the MSU Extension Master Gardener Program is to further the land-grant university goal of disseminating scientifically based information via a network of trained volunteers who receive support and guidance from MSU Extension specialists and educators in providing Michigan residents with the most current and environmentally sound horticulture information."**

Also remember, there are many things we do that are "really nice things to do", but are not educational. AND, also remember many of our current projects can become educational with just a little thought and we can help each other with that task.

I will be completing the forms for the Display Garden, Tea Thyme, Garden Tour, Rummage Sale, Honey Fest and **Project Red**. Currently, working on Downtown planting flowers, the Southern Links Trailways, Seven-Ponds, and Otter Lake. Call me with questions. Forms are to be submitted electronically.

Mary Paine  
Treasurer and VMS Ambassador

## **August Meeting**

The August meeting of the Lapeer County Master Gardener Association was held on Wednesday, August 2, 2017, 6:00 PM at the For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum. 25 members attended this meeting.

Linda Ladloski  
Secretary

## **Volunteer Management System Report**

If you don't have your hours submitted; please don't wait until December 15. If you want to be certified for next year you need **5 hours** of education and **15 hours** of volunteering.

Beginning in 2018 the certification requirements are **10 hours** of education and **20 hours** of volunteering. We provide education hours at our MG Association Meetings every other month. There are other classes at nurseries and there are free Webinars and Seminars.

Please submit hours if you are close to a milestone and we need to order the hour emblems: 250, 500, 1000, 2000, 2500, etc.

Call me if you have something specific in mind.

Mary Paine  
VMS Ambassador

## **Master Gardener Class - just a question and some frustration**

This organization has whined about needing more volunteers and "when can we have a class?".

My question, as we have a class ongoing, and we have 39 Master Gardener Trainees registered from 5 counties, **SO, WHERE ARE YOU ?**

I have attended the first 3 classes and probably will the 4th with the same few volunteers!  
I know it gets dark at 9 pm and Inlay City is so far away, we have one student driving from Pigeon!

Thanks for listening, how about calling Jackie Delisi and volunteering?  
Please click to [\(See the list of Classes included in this newsletter.\)](#)

Mary

## **Nominations for Officers**

Elections for President and Treasurer will be held in December; nominations will be needed at the October meeting. Please consider volunteering for one of these important positions for a 2-year term.

## **Adopt-a-Highway**

Hi everyone!

Unfortunately, summer is almost gone! Fall is always beautiful; I just hope winter will wait a loooong time in coming.

Highway clean up is just a few weeks away. Monday September 25th at 9:00 AM, we will meet again at Bryan's, in the parking lot. Summer clean up was much quicker than the first one in the spring! We are hoping this will be easy and quick! If you would like to help and haven't before, please call Georgia or Bernadette. Please call by Sept.16th. We will call those that are on our list from the first time.

Thank you to all who helped last time! Carole B, Ron K, Linda L, Candice, Ken M, Sylvia G, Fred and Jane, Ed P, Judy N, Emmadel and Justin and Bernadette H, Maurene and Carl (pictures).

Hoping to see more volunteers,

Georgia and Bernadette  
Adopt-a-Highway Chairmen

## **December Meeting**

The annual Holiday / Awards meeting will be held on Friday, **December 1, 2017** at 6:00 PM at the Mayfield Township Hall. This meeting is for ACTIVE Lapeer County Master Gardeners and their spouses, and you **MUST** make a reservation before Thanksgiving! A deposit of \$5.00 will be collected to reserve your place and will be returned to you at arrival. The dinner will be catered by Bryan's. Chad Perkins will be the speaker and donations will be collected for a charity selected at the October meeting. The optional Garden Gift Exchange has been changed to a limit of \$20.00.

**\* Ideas for a charity are needed this year, and will be discussed at the October meeting.**

## **Speakers Needed**

Speakers are needed for several of the 2018 Association meetings. Please let the Board members know of anyone that could speak on garden related topics of interest to the members.

## Project RED 2017

. . . will be held at the Eastern Michigan State Fair Grounds (formerly known as the Imlay City Fair grounds) on Tuesday, October 3. All volunteers are asked check in at 8:00 AM; we should be done by 3:30 PM. More on time and details to come.

This is a project sponsored by Farm Bureau with the help of Ed Tech and Lapeer County Master Gardeners. You will be asked to lead groups of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to various stations where they will learn about farming.

A meeting is planned for Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> for those who would like to walk through the stations ahead of time to be better prepared for the Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> event.

**Let me know if you are interested in helping AND, if so, whether you have a *RED*, Project Red shirt or, if you DO NOT have one, - what SIZE.**

**Contact: Carole Billig  
and leave a message or  
[carolebillig@yahoo.com](mailto:carolebillig@yahoo.com)**

*NOTE: You may take up to 3 hours as MG Education and the rest as MG Volunteer hours or ALL as MG Volunteer hours.*

*You MAY NOT use the same hours for both (NO double-dipping!)*



## **Display Garden Report**

Welcome to Fall - summer went too fast and the Garden has been just gorgeous this past month regardless of the time I have been there at 8:30 am and 8:30 pm. Different lighting gives you a whole different perspective. The birds, butterflies and bees seem busy as ever and I think the plants are trying to outdo each other as the season draws to a close. You should stop by and visit the grasses and all the flowers. The hydrangeas are awesome in their various stages of life.

Don't forget to stop in and visit the Front Rose Garden, it bloomed beautifully again this year. Lots of weeds in case you have time and energy or just enjoy!

Our next workday in the Garden, September 20, 4-6 pm with a meeting after in the pavilion. We will start clean up, but this year we would like to leave up as many plants as possible to help birds get through the winter. There is still plenty to do, as cooler weather seems to travel on roller blades. Since the cooler temperatures are earlier this year we may have to shut down the water features before mid October.

We haven't talked about large projects for 2018 but we have all winter to plan new and exciting projects. Speaking of one, Labyrinth, the brick pavers made it inside the courtyard. And courtyard #2, the South courtyard, is almost finished. We should finish the mulch the week of the 11th. That courtyard and the new entrance won't be open to the public until construction is over. We should be able to make new entrance and path in the spring (when final blacktop coat and parking lines are complete, **FINALLY !!**)

If you need something to do on a pleasant day, call me, I have several suggestions. Budgets for the Display Garden are due November 1st; it is not hard, an email will work. You can leave one in an envelope in mailbox in the garden.

Mary Paine  
Chairman Display Garden on Suncrest

## **Newsletter Deadline**

Please send all newsletter articles and information for printing before the deadline on November 3, 2017 to: Linda Ladoski: [tladoski@greatlakes.net](mailto:tladoski@greatlakes.net)

## Tea Thyme in the Garden

It was Uncommonly Simple on Sunday July 9, 2017 for the Fourteenth Annual “Tea Thyme in the Garden”. The theme “Uncommonly Simple” was a hard theme to grasp for Master Gardeners. Master Gardeners always go above and beyond in the garden and at the Tea. It showed this year in the Tables, the Decorations, and the Garden. The Tea Patrons responded in such a positive way, it was uncommonly simple. From the hard work, dedication and devotion of the Lapeer County Master Gardeners, the Tea was a success.

The day was perfect, not too hot, a light breeze, and the Pavilion was shining. It was power washed, chairs cleaned and decorated for the Tea.

Thank you to the following for making it a success:

Jerry, Barb, Larry, and Ken for putting up four tents and taking them down.

Carol, Wanda, Ed, and Jackie for washing a years worth of dirt off of 130 plus chairs.

Tea Table Hostesses and the fantastic uncommonly simple tables, Jane, Pat, Dorothy, Mary Ann, Sandy, Marylou, Mary Lynn, Maurene, Rhonda, Carol, Betty, Sandy, Dave, Carol, Wanda, Jeannine, Mary, Bernadette, Jackie, Lynne, Arlene, Amy, Jackie, and Mary Beth.

Pam and Arlene for the glass jars on the Lattice, the window box look.

Pam, Judy, Pam, and Deb for the hard work of organizing and keeping jars and raffle items straight.

Ron , Ken, and Carol for taking care of the money and selling the raffle tickets.

Deb for organizing and keeping straight the door prizes.

A special Thank You to Rose, who does a fantastic job with the tickets, from calling, selling the tickets, knowing what table the patrons are at, and greeting each guest to the Tea.

Mary, for making sure the garden shines, glows, and will be a lasting memory to each Tea Patron for continually supporting the garden.

The kitchen would not run without Georgia, she makes 22 gallon jars of Tea to be used for iced Tea. She knows and plans how to serve, and prepare the servings for the tea. She has her dedicated helpers, Ron, Carol, Kay, Emma. **Thank you to all in the kitchen**, you definitely make the Tea a success. This year we were short volunteers in the kitchen, so I recruited Mary Paine to put together plates. If she ever wants to give up the job as Tea Table Hostess, the kitchen could use her help.

Carl, as always, was out in the parking lot directing traffic with extra help from Brittany and Derek, then also taking care of the trash.

Thank you to the Master Gardener’s husbands and wives for volunteering their time at the Tea, and for clean up and take down. It is always appreciated.

Tony with the 6-seater, on loan from [Ray C's](#), to escort patrons to the Pavilion. He also supplied the Music. A lot of compliments to Music by Tony. Tony also announced door prize and raffle items. A man of many talents. Thank you, Tony.

Deb, Ken’s wife, not a Master Gardener, but worked like one from 9:00 am till 7:00 pm. From setting up to the raffle table, to clean up, she was part of it all. The tents came down on Sunday, after a hard day. Deb had the energy to help Jerry – just her and Jerry taking down his tent. That is Devotion. THANK YOU, DEB.

THANK YOU TO EACH AND EVERY Master Gardener that were part of Tea Thyme in the Garden. It was Uncommonly Simple.

Also a note to the Kohl's employees that volunteered their time at the Tea. Because of their volunteering, the Display Garden will receive \$500.00 from Kohl's.

A few items were left at the tea: a cut-glass creamer, a small bowl, and a pair of tongs with a seashell on the end.

Carol Skiba  
Tea Chairman

“Tea Thyme in the Garden” July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
‘A Fresh Brew of Tea Thyme’

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**2017 LCMGA CALENDAR**

**SEPTEMBER**

- Newsletter
- 9/7 4:30 PM - MG CLASS - Soil Science  
Heritage Church, Imlay City, MI
- 9/13 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Seven Ponds  
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 9/14 4:30 PM - MG CLASS - Indoor Plants  
Heritage Church, Imlay City, MI
- 9/20 4:00 PM - Display Garden Suncrest  
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 9/20 6:30 PM - Display Garden Meeting  
Display Garden / Suncrest Pavilion
- 9/21 4:30 PM - MG CLASS - Pest Mgmt.  
Heritage Church, Imlay City, MI
- 9/25 9:00 AM - MDOT Adopt-a-Highway  
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 9/28 4:30 PM - MG CLASS - Flowers  
Heritage Church, Imlay City, MI

**OCTOBER**

- 10/18 6:30 PM - Display Garden Meeting  
Display Garden / Suncrest Pavilion
- 10/19 4:30 PM - MG CLASS - Tree Fruit  
Heritage Church, Imlay City, MI
- 10/26 4:30 PM - MG CLASS - Woody Orn.  
Heritage Church, Imlay City, MI
- 10/28 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Display Garden  
Fall Cleanup / Bring Tools

**NOVEMBER**

- Newsletter
- \* Garden Budgets Due November 1, 2017 \*
- 11/2 4:30 PM - MG CLASS - House Pests  
Heritage Church, Imlay City, MI
- 11/4 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Display Garden  
Final Fall Cleanup / Bring Tools
- 11/9 4:30 PM - MG CLASS - Vegetables  
Heritage Church, Imlay City, MI
- 11/15 6:30 PM - Display Garden Meeting  
Suncrest Activities Room
- 11/16 4:30 PM - MG CLASS - Diagnostics  
Heritage Church, Imlay City, MI
- 11/30 4:30 PM - MG CLASS - Water Res.  
Heritage Church, Imlay City, MI

**OCTOBER**

- \* Garden Receipts Due October 1, 2017 \*
- 10/3 8:00 AM - **Project Red**  
Fairgrounds, Imlay City, MI
- 10/4 6:00 PM - MG Association Meeting  
Mayfield Township Hall / Bring Snacks
- 10/5 4:30 PM - MG CLASS - Lawn Care  
Heritage Church, Imlay City, MI
- 10/11 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Seven Ponds  
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 10/12 4:30 PM - MG CLASS - Small Fruit  
Heritage Church, Imlay City, MI
- 10/18 4:00 PM - Display Garden Suncrest  
Group Workday / Bring Tools

**DECEMBER**

- 12/1 6:00 PM - MG Association Meeting  
Awards / Dinner / Gift Exchange  
Mayfield Township Hall, Lapeer, MI
- 12/7 MG CLASS - Make up if needed

**LAPEER COUNTY MASTER GARDENER  
ASSOCIATION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2017 – 6:00 PM**

**MAYFIELD TOWNSHIP HALL  
1900 N. Saginaw  
Lapeer, MI 48446**

**\* BUSINESS MEETING \*  
\* OFFICER NOMINATIONS \*  
\* RECEIPTS ARE DUE OCTOBER \*  
\* BUDGETS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 1 \*  
\* SPEAKER: MELVYN CORNER FROM HORIZON PLANTS \***

**SNACKS ARE WELCOME**

**(PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR NAME BADGES)**