



NEWSLETTER JULY / AUGUST 2015

Hello Master Gardeners

The Twelfth Annual Tea in the Display Garden was a great success. The weather was good.

We would like to thank everyone for all the support, and thank you to every volunteer that worked on all of the preparations, and the many volunteers that worked so hard on the day of the Tea.

Also, thank you to everyone who donated food and door prizes that helped make this Tea a success.

The patrons seemed pleased with the event, and Rose received some compliments on the Tea.

Don't forget to donate your Silent Auction baskets, plants and potted trees this weekend for the Fair.

See you at the next meeting on Wednesday, August 5 at 6:30 PM at the Display Garden Pavilion. Bring a snack if you wish.

Ron Gotowicki
Georgia Ellis

Co-Presidents

JUNE MEETING

The June meeting of the Lapeer County Master Gardener Association was held on Wednesday, June 3, 2015, 6:30 PM at the Display Garden on Suncrest Pavilion. Co-President Georgia Ellis opened the meeting with 42 members present. Pizza and desserts were enjoyed.

Linda Ladoski gave the Secretary report. The minutes of the April meeting were published in the May/June newsletter. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Jim Sillers motioned to approve and Sandy Peterson seconded the motion to approve the minutes.

Judy Niergarth gave the Treasurer report. All board members received a hard copy and can be reviewed by members at all meetings. Judy reminded members to include a stamped, self-addressed envelope if reimbursements are requested before the next Association meeting.

Rose Gotowicki announced she has 1 Tea ticket left for 12:30 and a few left for 3:30.

HortMark co-owner Ken Day spoke about greenhouses, plants, peat products and soils. The most important thing a gardener should know is the PH of soil and water you are using. There is a 1-hour education credit for attending this meeting.

Vice-President Ken Mitchell reported on the Eastern Michigan State Fair. The next meetings will be held on Monday, June 22, 6:30 PM at the Display Garden Pavilion, and Tuesday, July 14, 1:00 PM at the Fairgrounds. Grass rugs, railings, and planters to go on the rails are still needed. Sign-up sheets were passed around to work at the Fair and to donate plants and baskets for the Silent Auction. A volunteer is still needed for the Earth Tunnel.

Carol Skiba reported on the Tea. Kitchen help is still needed. Sign-up sheets were available. Door prizes and raffle items can be left in the garden shed tagged for the Tea.

Mary Ann McDonald gave a report on the Rummage Sale that raised \$675.00. All leftover items were donated to the Seven-Ponds Rummage Sale.

Mary Paine gave an update on the fire-pit. Mowers are still needed on Mondays and Fridays; please check the gas before starting the mower.

Pam Frampton thanked all of the volunteers for the Bigelow Plant Sale. 3,386 plants were sold and raised \$1,591.00 for the Association. Eric and Laura Bigelow would like new plant suggestions by the first week of August. The group thanked Pam and Judy for all of their hard work on the sale, and Walt Meyer for computing all the orders.

Mary Lou LaFond needs 3-4 volunteers for a few hours in the Alzheimer's Garden. See her after the meeting.

Rick Talaski needs a few volunteers to help fill the 5 Downtown Lapeer planters. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

Ed Piorkowski won \$53.00 in the 50 / 50 drawing. The annual plant exchange was held.

Linda Ladloski
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT - JUNE 2015

The Treasurer's activity will be read at every LCMGA and Display Garden meeting and is reviewed by the Board; each Board member receives a hard copy monthly. The hard copy is available at every meeting for your review and questions.

Reminder: The Reimbursement sheet that should accompany your receipts can be downloaded from our website: www.lc-mga.org

Judy Niergarth
Treasurer

EASTERN MICHIGAN STATE FAIR

The Fair is upon us, July 28 is the first day and all of the workdays are full. I will make a standby call list in case someone can't make his or her day. Please contact Ken Mitchell to get your name on the list.

Gift baskets for the silent auction are needed and can be dropped off Saturday - Monday July 25-27 or on the day of Fair opening.

Tables may be needed, so please call me if you have a table to lend us. I can them pick up before the fair.

Thank you for all the help.

Ken Mitchell
Eastern Michigan State Fair Chairman

SILENT AUCTION BASKETS, PLANTS AND POTTED TREES NEEDED

Just a reminder, we will be at the fairgrounds Saturday and Sunday, July 25 and 26 if you want to deliver your Silent Auction Garden Baskets or plants or potted trees. If you need help wrapping, please call Ken Mitchell or Mary Paine, we will be finishing some of the donations this Saturday. If you need to drop off items before this weekend call us.

We have great exhibits again this year and the Fair is also going to be great.
See you there.

Mary Paine

JULY

Newsletter

- 7/8 5:00 - 7:00 PM - Seven Ponds
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 7/10 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Tea Prep
Display Garden / Suncrest Pavilion
- 7/11 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM - Tea Prep
Clean / Decorate / Suncrest Pavilion
- 7/12 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM - "Tea"
Display Garden / Suncrest Pavilion
- 7/14 1:00 PM - E. MI State Fair Meeting
Fairgrounds / Imlay City
- 7/25 & 7/27 Eastern Michigan State Fair
Set-up Displays / Exhibits
- 7/28 - 8/1 Eastern Michigan State Fair
Imlay City Fairgrounds

AUGUST

- 8/1 Michigan Honey Festival
- 8/2 Eastern Michigan State Fair
Takedown and Clean-up
- 8/5 6:30 PM - MG Association Meeting
Display Garden / Suncrest Pavilion
- 8/12 5:00 - 7:00 PM - Seven Ponds
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 8/19 4:00 PM - Display Garden Suncrest
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 8/19 6:00 PM - Display Garden Meeting
Display Garden / Suncrest Pavilion

SEPTEMBER

Newsletter

- 9/9 5:00 - 7:00 PM - Seven Ponds
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 9/16 4:00 PM - Display Garden Suncrest
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 9/16 6:00 PM - Display Garden Meeting
Display Garden / Suncrest Pavilion

OCTOBER

- 10/7 6:00 PM - MG Association Meeting
Mayfield Twp. Hall / Bring Snacks
- 10/14 5:00 - 7:00 PM - Seven Ponds
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 10/21 4:00 PM - Display Garden Suncrest
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 10/21 6:00 PM - Display Garden Meeting
Display Garden / Suncrest Pavilion
- 10/24 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Display Garden
Group Workday / Fall Clean-up

NOVEMBER

Newsletter

- 11/7 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Display Garden
Group Workday / Final Fall Clean-up
- 11/18 6:00 PM - Display Garden Meeting
Suncrest / Activities Room

DECEMBER

- 12/4 6:30 PM - MG Association Meeting
Annual Holiday Awards Dinner
Garden Gift Exchange

ANNUAL HOLIDAY/RECOGNITION AWARDS

I have heard from members that they enjoy the year-end awards.

If you have a recommendation or a suggestion, please send a note or email to any Board Member; also, MSUE hours awards must meet their criteria and if you have hours to input yourself, get them entered in time for a pin to be ordered.

MSUE Awards, including Emeritus come through Mary Wilson's office.

Any other special volunteer recognition comes from within our organization.

Contact me if you have questions.

Mary Paine
MSUE VMS Ambassador

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please send all newsletter articles and information for printing before the deadline on September 7, 2015 to: Linda Ladoski:
tladoski@greatlakes.net

Interesting and informative garden related articles are always welcome in our newsletter. They also count for volunteer time.

DISPLAY GARDEN ON SUNCREST: JUNE / JULY 2015

Now is the time to visit and maybe even volunteer, if you haven't yet, the Display Garden.

So many volunteers and so many hours have created this very special garden again this year. The Grand Blanc Garden Club that visited us in May found so many great things to see. Then the Hosta Society Garden Tour came through the garden in early June with approximately 300 visitors, all on one day, who were all very impressed and amazed that volunteers could accomplish and maintain this gem. The Lapeer County Community Foundation Board was entertained with lunch and a tour. The Foundation has funded the patio through a grant.

All of these new items were completed before Tea Thyme, July 12.

Of course the "fire-pit patio" expands the access view for all visitors and residents. Just so you also are aware, the past Tuesday, 12-15 residents gathered around the fire for some outside time and activities. (Eric Hendricks completed prior to June 1)

New "birdhouses" are nestled in the Birdhouse Garden where the refurbished "Bear" entertains many children and residents. (Dick Long/Mary Paine)

A second, very active and attractive beehive has been placed on the south side of the Garden after our bees swarmed. (Jane Schade)

Our kind of new Recovery Bed on the South side where shrubs and plants are sent to get better was weeded and mulched. (Marylynn Darr)

But don't forget the maintenance that goes on every day with the volunteers who maintain the individual beds. I cannot say enough about all those who come and keep us looking great all the time. Carol Liblong and Betty Kennedy, Carole Billig and Sue Corder, Barb Hunter, Marylynn Darr, Jeannine Monteleone, Sandy Peterson, Maurene and Carl Kern, Pam Frampton, Judy Niergarth, Gerry Swoish, Ed Piorkowski, Jane Schade, Jim Sillers, Candice Meyer, Pat Maitland, Pam Kvasnicka, Ruth Arnold, Deb Lyman, Barb Edwards, Deb Pert, Mick Hodgson, Larry Mitchell, Ron Klocek, Herb Hampel, Ken Mitchell, Rick Talaski, Al Butler, Paulette Johnson, Georgia Ellis and me too, Mary Paine.

Who knows what we will do next. Enjoy your summer and gardens!

Mary Paine

Chairman, Display Garden on Suncrest

**LAPEER COUNTY MASTER GARDENER
ASSOCIATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2015 - 6:30 PM**

**DISPLAY GARDEN AT SUNCREST
PAVILION**

*** BUSINESS MEETING *
* SPEAKER ***

PLEASE BRING A SNACK OR DESSERT

(PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR NAME BADGES)