



NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2016

Hello Master Gardeners,

I hope everyone enjoyed the short summer! My gardens were and are absolutely beautiful - I hope yours are also.

Enjoy the fall and all the beautiful colors. Take time to ride down the side/dirt roads, for the awesome fall colors in October.

Please keep in mind running for an office or just helping out for our Master Gardener Association. Hope to see you all at the October 5th meeting for a conversation about chickens.

Blessings to all,

Georgia Ellis
Co-President

Dear Gardeners,

Where did it go? Summer that is. Vegetables are at their peak, flowers are blooming, and bees are still busy.

Soon there will be crispness in the air, "fall". That's my most favorite time of the year. The leaves turning color and cider mills. Working outside will be more fun now that the heat is gone. Weeding is still a big chore, but hope to catch up on it soon. The grass has been greener this year and it seems that I have been cutting it more.

I hope that you had a good season growing, picking, and cutting this year.

Happy Gardening,

Ron Gotowicki
Co-President

"Earth laughs in flowers".
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Well my garden is winding down, all my winter squash and pumpkin are done; the beans were productive and are done. Tomatoes are ripening and ready for canning. I tried hay bale gardening this year, had some problems at first but I'm learning. I still like raised beds better.

The fair is over and I will not be involved with it anytime soon. So if anyone wants to take it over as chairperson they need to speak up before the December Association meeting.

Ken Mitchell
Vice President

Treasury Report - September 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.

The Grant for the Safety Border on the East side of the Front Rose Garden was received; work completed, and was disbursed to EEE Landscaping.

Budgets for your individual Projects, Garden Beds, etc., for 2017 need to be submitted at the October meeting to be reviewed at the November Board Meeting.

Mary Paine
Treasurer

Volunteer Management System

Please continue entering your hours, if you need help let me know. If you are close to an award amount 250, 1000, 5000, etc., please enter your hours as you accumulate them as I have to order the "anchors" mid-October.

Don't forget you may "clump" your hours for the week, the month or for an event. I will include the information on how much your personal items count for volunteer hours.

The website to enter your hours is: <https://michigan.volunteersystem.org>
If you need help with your password, call or email me: justoveredge@charter.net

Mary Paine
VMS Ambassador for Lapeer County

AUGUST MEETING

The August meeting of the Lapeer County Master Gardener Association was held on Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2016, 6:30 PM at the Suncrest Display Garden pavilion. Co-President Ron Gotowicki opened the meeting with 38 members present.

The minutes of the June meeting were published in the last newsletter and were approved with no additions or corrections.

Ron introduced our speaker, Roxanne Gabriel from [Wojo's](#). She gave a very interesting and informative talk about trees and answered many questions. There is a **1-hour education credit** for attending this meeting.

Treasurer Mary Paine gave a detailed report on the Rummage Sale, Brick Sales, the Tea and the Japanese Garden.

Vice-President Ken Mitchell reported on the Fair. He thanked everyone for their exhibits, everyone that helped with the Fair, and all who donated plants and baskets for the Silent Auction. The cost of \$330.00 for admission tickets for the members will make this our last year at the Fair.

The members discussed the possibility of the public attending our meetings. The idea was tabled until the October meeting with further discussion and a vote.

The Display Garden needs someone to take charge of the water garden, please call Mary.

Elections for President and Secretary will be held in December. Ken Mitchell volunteered to be President, a motion was made, seconded and Ken was voted for nomination. Georgia Ellis might volunteer to fill in the Vice-President position for the remainder of the term. Linda Ladoski volunteered to remain as Secretary unless other members would like to volunteer. After 2 2-year terms, an amendment should be added to the bylaws. Any member can volunteer to be nominated for these positions.

Carl Kern announced the MSU Fall Cleanup Sweep for the disposal of hazardous materials on Sat. Sept. 10. Call the Extension office at 810-667-0341 before Aug. 29 to register.

Donald Miller, a former member of the Lapeer County Master Gardeners, passed away. He was instrumental in getting the Bricks started in the Display Garden.

Rhonda Laur and Ken Mitchell won the gift cards, and baskets left from the Fair were won as Door prizes. Mick Hodgson brought in different colored Irises to give away.

Linda Ladoski
Secretary

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

- 10/4 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM - Project Red
E. Michigan State Fairgrounds
- 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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

FANTASY FOREST

October 8, 2016

Fantasy Forest, presented by Lapeer County
Voiture 1436, also known as "40+8", is
scheduled for Saturday, October 8, 2016 at
Rowden Park. We are a sponsorship donor this
year, with our donation of \$100.
Funds generated by this group support a variety
of local services in the community.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

October 1, 2016

**“Fall Into Spring” Gardening Conference
Genesee County Seminar - Mott
Community College Events Center, Flint,
MI
Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016 - 8:00 AM - 3:00
PM Cost: \$65.00**

October 15, 2016

Sanilac County Master Gardener “Fall Forum”
Lakeview Hills Golf Resort, Lexington, MI
Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016 - 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Cost: \$60.00
Ticket deadline: Sept. 25, 2016

LAPEER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FALL TREE SALE

Brochures and Information: (810) 664-0895 x 5
Website: www.lapeercd.org

Order deadline is Mon. Oct. 3, 2016
Pickup date is Sat. Oct. 15, 2016
Location: Mutch’s Hidden Pines

SANILAC & ST. CLAIR CONSERVATION

DISTRICT - FALL TREE SALE

Sanilac County Office: (810) 648-2998 x 5
St. Clair County Office: (810) 984-3865 x 5
Website: www.sanilaccd.org

Orders deadline is Sept. 30, 2016
Tentative pickup dates will be Oct. 13th & 14th
Locations: Sandusky and Wadhams

Amendment Proposal

The following Amendment Proposal to the LCMGA Bylaws will be voted on at the October 5, 2016 Association meeting, 6:30 PM at the Mayfield Township Hall.

ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS 7.02 b. 1

If there are no nominations, volunteers, or persons interested in any open officer position, the current officer, if willing would fill the open 2-year term.

Annual Holiday Awards Dinner Information

The December meeting will be held on **FRIDAY, December 2, 2016, 6:30 PM** at the Mayfield Township Hall. Bryan's will cater dinner, and spouses are invited. A short business meeting, elections of Officers, Recognition Awards, and if you still need education hours, speaker Chad Perkins is planned for the evening. The optional \$15.00 Garden Gift exchange will be held. The Charity chosen for this year will be **"Operation Care Package"** for our military men and women in service. **A \$5.00 deposit will be collected to hold your reservation.**

Nominations for Awards are still needed for the December meeting. Please let Mary Paine know the names of your outstanding volunteers for this year.

Project RED 2016 . . .

. . . will be held at the Eastern Michigan State Fair Grounds (formerly known as the Imlay City Fair grounds) on Tuesday, October 4. All volunteers are asked check in at 8 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 3rd graders to various stations where they will learn about farming.

A meeting is planned for Monday, October 3rd for those who would like to walk through the stations ahead of time to be better prepared for the Tuesday, October 5th 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
Please call and leave a message or
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 on Suncrest - September 2016

Just when I think the Garden can't get any better it just keeps on 'bloomin'. Yes there are some weeds and lots of deadheading opportunities but there are flowers everywhere and the grass garden is so lush and gorgeous. All three water features continue to run, attracting our birds and very healthy bees that are having a great year, (thank you Jane Schade). The water garden is staying so clear you can easily see all the different fish and large frogs. Yes, the temperature and regularly scheduled chemicals keep it looking great.

We planted sweet potato vine on the edge of the Birdhouse garden and they have almost completely taken over the bed and bricks around the fountain. There will probably be some interesting sweet potatoes later. Fun & Funky Bed certainly is, the Price Grass is almost 6 feet tall and the Mexican sunflowers, hyacinth beans and coneflowers almost took over the whole space. We did have a couple of cases of clematis wilt this year but the plants were beautiful while they lasted. The flowers in the annual bed have almost engulfed 'Kalamity Duck' who appears to be enjoying her beautiful spot.

Thanks to Larry Mitchell who went into the garden and shredded most of the old debris in the 1st compost bin. More has already been added as Marylynn spends time tidying the Herb Garden. You may notice the hydrangeas having a great year, better than last. The severe pruning Ed Piorkowski and I did, (Ed did most of it last fall) really helped. Also, the seaweed Roxanne from Wojo's suggested along with the Osmocote and pre-Tea Thyme Miracle Grow didn't hurt. Weather makes such a difference and contributed a lot this year.

Sadly, the Crimson King Maple with its beautiful leaves has girdled itself - Carl Kern exposed some of the roots and they are completely wrapped around itself. Online, it said that is what the tree does, but people keep planting them because they are so beautiful. We will remove the tree soon, if you have a great idea for a replacement let us know. The Garden has been short-handed all year and we can use all the assistance you can give. Ruth Arnold is working by herself in the Rock Garden and can use help weeding anytime. Maurene Kern and Pat Maitland are also mostly working alone. Stop by and enjoy, and maybe pull a weed or two or three as you enjoy the sights, sounds, aromas and many visitors.

I can't forget to thank the lawn crew, Al Butler, Donna Hewitt, Herb Hampel and Paulette Johnson, who have been mowing all summer, mostly twice a week, 'cause that grass just keeps on growing - what we need is frost to give them a break.

There may be a final coat of blacktop in the new parking lot before the blacktop contractor closes for the season. Then we can plan on a new access path south of the patio from the parking lot. The trailer will probably spend the winter about where it is; it's too expensive to move for a few months, as construction will continue in the spring. Hopefully, they will be finished prior to Tea Thyme. Won't you miss all the "stuff"? Thanks for your continued support and all the good words from members and residents and visitors.

Mary Paine
Chairman Display Garden on Suncrest Committee

It was “Time for Tea Cups” on Sunday July 10, 2016. The Tea cups were clinking, they were upside down, blowing in the wind, 118 plus tea cups made an appearance at the “Thirteenth Annual Tea Thyme in the Garden.

From the hard work, dedication and devotion of the Lapeer County Master Gardeners, the teacups are still clinking. The Display Garden was fantastic as ever it is. The Music from Deep River made the garden sway. The only time the pavilion shines is on Tea day. It is power washed, chairs clean, and decorated for a tea by the Master Gardeners of Lapeer. The only way to say the Tea was a success is by the response of the Tea Patrons and the dedication of the Master Gardeners, I guess also by the amount raised for the maintenance and upkeep of the Display Garden.

Thank you to the following:

Jerry, Barb, Ron, Larry and Ed 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 tables, Jane, Pat, Dorothy, Kay, Mary Ann, Sandy, Mary Lou, Marylyn, Maurene, Barb, Carol, Betty, Ruthie, Carol, Wanda, Jeannie, Mary, Bernadette, Jackie, Mary Beth, Carol, Rhonda, Jackie, Lynne, Arlene, Sandy and Dave.
Carol, Ron and Judy for taking care of the money and selling raffle tickets.
Pam and Sue for filling the glass jars on the lattice.
Pam, Judy, Sue, Jim for the hard work of organizing and keeping the jars and raffle items straight.
Deb for organizing the door prizes.
Herb again at a table with all those women, entertaining them.

A special thank you to Rose for all your hard work in selling the tea tickets, knowing what table they 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.

And to Georgia for running circles in that kitchen with Ron, Carol, Colleen, Emiling, with not enough strawberries and a stove that did not work. Also, Gina Delisi and husband for extra strawberries.

Thank you to Tony with the 6-wheeler to escort patrons to the Pavilion. Carl and Derek, as always, out in the parking lot directing traffic, taking care of trash, and with the tear down of the Tea.

A year of planning done in five hours, always worth the end results.
Thank you to each and every Master Gardener that were part of Tea Thyme in the Garden. I still can hear the teacups clinking.

Carol Skiba
Tea Chairman

“Tea Thyme in the Garden”
July 9th, 2017

“Uncommonly Simple”
**LAPEER COUNTY MASTER GARDENER
ASSOCIATION MEETING**
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016 - 6:30 PM

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

* BUSINESS MEETING *
* SPEAKER: CHAD PERKINS *
* OFFICER NOMINATIONS *

* SNACKS AND DESSERTS ARE WELCOME *

(PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR NAME BADGES)