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Newsletter ~ September / October 2018

“In the garden, Autumn is, indeed the crowning glory of the year, bringing us fruition of months of thought and care and toil. And at no season, save perhaps in Daffodil time, do we get such superb colour effects as from August to November”

~ Rose G. Kingsley, The Autumn Garden, 1905

The [Indigo Lavender Farm](#) visit went well even though it rained a little in the beginning, but a gardener never melted in a little rain. Trisha Dennis and her daughter gave us a very informative talk on how they farm Lavender for 1 hour and then we could wander through the fields of lavender, some cut their own to take home, for a cost. 40 members were in attendance for the presentation.

The new path from the south parking lot is in and looks great, it merges in to the walkway perfectly, great job.

On Friday, August 24, the garden had a special guest from Japan, [Chisato Takeuchi](#), a garden designer specializing in Japanese and tea gardens. 60 people were in attendance for a 1½-hour presentation. After the talk, she demonstrated the trimming of the Japanese maple next to the pavilion. I think everyone enjoyed the informative talk and demo.

The garden looks great for as dry a summer we have had, people have been using the garden pavilion for all kinds of activities all summer long and enjoying the beauty of the garden. Great work Master Gardeners for keeping it beautiful.

Please work on getting your hours in at the garden and logged into the Master Gardener website. Click for link to: [VMS](#) Thank you for your hard work this year.

Ken Mitchell
President

Treasurer Report - September 2018

The Treasurer's Report is available 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 meeting for your review or questions. If you have questions you may always call me at home (9am. - 9pm.). Association dues are still \$10.00 and are due in February; if you want a hard copy of the newsletter the cost is \$6 for the year. The newsletter is also posted on the website (www.lc-mga.org). Dues and hard-copy newsletter fee are waived for Trainees for the first year.

If you have any receipts for Garden or Tea expenses please get them to me soon. You may also turn in Budgets for your garden bed for 2019 plans you have them.

Mary Paine, Treasurer

VMS Information

Congratulations to the trainees who have completed their initial 40 hours. New badges (from MSUE) are provided as close as possible to your completion dates. The certificates will be presented at our October 3, 2018 Association meeting at Mayfield Township Hall. There are several trainees who have not entered any hours, if you have other issues or need additional help in finding volunteer opportunities, please just call me. I will also guide you through the [VMS](#) if you need help there: I will continue to check on trainees who have not entered hours.

If you are currently certified and need assistance with the VMS call or email me. Linda has included a copy of approved projects for Lapeer County and there is also a list of educational speakers we have hosted. **Certified Master Gardeners need 10 hours of education and 20 hours of volunteer time on approved projects this year.**

Please remember there are almost zero opportunities in November and December so just about 70 days are left to complete the requirement. I can resend the Genesee County, St. Clair County and Lapeer County volunteer opportunity lists. **The 40-hour requirement must be completed by December 31, 2018 (shoveling snow does not count!)**

Mary Paine, VMS Ambassador

Association Meeting Educational Speakers to Date

4/4/18	Sandy Mroz - "Hoop Houses"	Credit: 1 hour
6/6/18	Brian Van Patten - "For-Mar Butterfly House"	Credit: 1 hour
8/1/18	Trisha Dennis - "Indigo Lavender Farm"	Credit: 1 hour
8/24/18	Chisato Takeuchi - "Japanese Garden Seminar"	Credit: 1½ hour

August Meeting 2018

The August meeting of the Lapeer County Master Gardener Association was held on Wednesday August 1, 2018 at the Indigo Lavender Farm in Imlay City. 40 members were in attendance.

Announcements were made for the following upcoming events: Honey Fest in Frankenmuth, Japanese and Tea Garden Seminar, Dahlia Farm Tour, Adopt-A-Highway, Project **Red**, and the Sanilac County Fall Forum.

Trisha Dennis and her daughter gave a very interesting and informative talk about their Lavender Farm. Members then toured the fields of different kinds of Lavender. There is a **1-hour education credit** for attending this meeting.

The next Association meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 3, 2018, 6:30 PM at the Mayfield Township Hall.

Linda Ladoski
Secretary

MDOT Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup - September

The M-24 Highway Cleanup will be held on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 9:00 AM. Volunteers will meet in the parking lot at Bryan's in North Branch, M-24 & M-90. Please bring gloves, pokers, hoops and bug spray. Long pants and long sleeve shirts are recommended. Contact Bernadette Hayes or Georgia Ellis for more information. Please read the: [Safety Brochure](#) and watch the: [MDOT Safety Video](#)

Michigan Honey Fest 2018

We enjoyed getting to know the new Master Gardener volunteers who entertained and educated appreciative children and their parents at the Michigan Honey Fest 2018 in Frankenmuth. Several crafts were constructed featuring pollinators and their importance to our environment and food supply.

Thanks to Cara Cunningham, Cindy Ferrell, Renee Evoy, Jane Griffin, Christine Lawler, Susan Washburn, Pat Meyer, and her friend, Chris for helping to make Honey Fest 2018 a success.

Jane Schade
Michigan Honey Fest Chairman

Project **RED** 2018

. . . will be held at the Eastern Michigan State Fair Grounds (formerly known as the Imlay City Fair grounds) on Tuesday, October 2. All volunteers are asked to check in at 8:30 AM, we should be done by 3:00 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 scheduled on **Monday, October 1st at 6:00 PM** for those who would like to walk through the stations ahead of time to be better prepared for the Tuesday, October 2nd 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 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!)





Meeting on October 15th, 2018 at 6 pm held at Mayfield Township Hall

LAPEER AREA HORTICULTURE SOCIETY

Is inviting the **Lapeer Master Gardener Assoc.** and their guests to attend this meeting.

Our speaker for the meeting will be Lisa Eldred Steinkopf, aka The Houseplant Guru

Topic: Succulents 101 .

There is no cost for attending, we are just asking for a donation if you chose to do so.

Lisa is a freelance writer, currently writing articles for the Michigan Gardener Magazine, Michigan Gardening Magazine, HGTVGardens.com, and have been featured in Real Simple Magazine.

She has presented programs on houseplants to garden clubs, master gardening groups, garden centers, home and garden shows, Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association Conference (MNLA), and the Chicago Flower & Garden Show.

Visit Her website: THEHOUSEPLANTGURU.COM

Also read info on Lisa at: thehouseplantguru.com/about-me/

NEWS FLASH: Recycling will return to Habitat for Humanity ReStore on Oct 6, 2018

For more information please click: [Lapeer County Drop – Off Recycling](#)

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*** EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ***

SEPTEMBER

- Newsletter
- 9/9 1:00 - 2:00 PM - Summer Dream Dahlias - Farm Tour / Oxford
- 9/12 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM - **Seven Ponds** Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 9/19 4:00 PM - **Display Garden** Suncrest Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 9/19 6:30 PM - **Display Garden** Meeting Display Garden / Suncrest Pavilion
- 9/27 9:00 AM - **MDOT M-24** Cleanup Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 9/30 * **Garden Receipts Due** *

OCTOBER

- 10/2 8:30 AM - Project **Red** Fairgrounds, Imlay City, MI
- 10/3 6:30 PM - **MG** Association Meeting Mayfield Township Hall / Speaker
- 10/10 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM - **Seven Ponds** Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 10/17 4:00 PM - **Display Garden** Suncrest Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 10/17 6:30 PM - **Display Garden** Meeting **Display Garden** / Suncrest Pavilion
- 10/27 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Display Garden Fall Cleanup / Bring Tools

NOVEMBER

- Newsletter
- 11/3 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - **Display Garden** Final Fall Cleanup / Bring Tools
- 11/14 6:30 PM - **Display Garden** Meeting Suncrest Activities Room

DECEMBER

- 12/7 6:00 PM – **MG** Association Meeting Recognition Awards / Speaker Dinner / Gift Exchange / Mayfield Hall
- 12/31 * **Annual Dues and Association** Membership Forms are due *

September 14, 15, 2018

Master Gardener College
Wayne County Community College District
(Ted Scott Campus)
955 Haggerty Rd.
Belleville, MI 48111

October 6, 2018 (Saturday)

Sanilac County Fall Forum
Contact: Mary Martin at 910-672-9913

October 6, 2018 (Saturday)

Genesee County Garden Conference
"Fall Into Spring Educational Conference"
Mott Community College - Event Center
1401 E. Court St.
Flint, MI 48503
Contact: Loretta 810-344-7833 or
Ldellwood@aol.com

LAPEER COUNTY MSU EXTENSION

Clean Sweep Pesticide & Household Hazardous Waste Collection In The Lapeer Area

(This is the only one for the year)

For all Lapeer County Residents

Saturday, October 13, 2018

Call (810) 667-0341

Lapeer County MSU Extension

To Register – Go to the MSU website for the list of acceptable and non-acceptable items.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/234/42860/C_S_and_HHW_flyer_-2018.pdf

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Please send all newsletter articles and information for printing before the deadline on November 6, 2018 to: Linda Ladoski:
tladoski@greatlakes.net

TEA REPORT

A Fresh Brew of Tea Thyme in the Garden was Brewing on Sunday July 8, 2018. The theme was "A Fresh Brew of Tea Thyme". The Display Garden is still brewing from Tea Thyme in the Garden. From the hard work, dedication and devotion of The Lapeer County Master Gardeners, the Tea was a success.

The Brew started with the hard work of Master Gardeners to make the beds of the Display Garden brew with fantastic foliage. It all started with the washing and cleaning of the pavilion. The following day, 130 green and beige chairs were washed by hand by Carol, Wanda, Jackie, Ed, a few Master Gardener Trainees and Carol Leonard's sister.

Tables and chairs and curtains for a workstation were put up. Then comes Saturday, the tents arrive, put up by Jerry, Ken, Pam, Larry, and Taynie, a new Trainee. Tea table Hostesses were busy putting their tables and decorations up; Jane, Pat, Sandy, Mary Ann, Dorothy, Kaye, Marilynn, Maurene, Lynn, Arlene, Carol, Betty, Jackie, Carol, Wanda, Jeannine, Mary, Bernadette, Jackie, Mary Beth, Carol and Cathy (a new Trainee).

The day was not too hot, a light breeze, and the Pavilion was brewing. Tea Table Hostesses were busy brewing some fantastic tables. Helping this year serving already decorated tea table are new Master Gardener Trainees, Lisa, Cara, Ruth and Jane. The raffle table is busy; Pam, Judy, Elaine and Deb are setting up items. Ken and Ron are getting tickets ready to be sold. But the busiest place is the kitchen. Georgia is running a tight ship. Ron is filling nut cups, new Master Gardener Trainees, Peggy, Kim, Nancy, Linda, Mary Ellen with Gina are making sandwiches and are answering to Georgia. Other things are going on, Sue is filling vases with flowers with her assistants. Deb is organizing door prizes. Mary is doing all the fine-tuning in the garden. Rose arrives; she calls all these tea Patrons, knows what table they are at, and waits to greet each one as they arrive.

Outside the pavilion, Tony has a 6-wheeler ready to escort Patrons to the pavilion. He also supplied the music, and announced door prizes and raffle items. A man of many talents. Carl, Derek and Brittany are out in the parking lot directing traffic.

THANK YOU TO EACH AND EVERY ONE WHO WAS PART OF THE SUCCESS OF "Tea Thyme in the Garden".

Thank you each and every Master Gardener who was part of making Tea Thyme in the Garden and the Display Garden such a success. That includes those who worked so hard in the garden, those who supplied and made door prizes and raffle items, those who made and supplied the food for the Tea. If I forgot your name I am sorry. If you were not part of the Tea I am sorry for you, because Tea Thyme in the Garden is so much a part of the Lapeer County Master Gardeners.

This is a special **THANK YOU** to all the new Trainees, new faces, new talents, new bodies, a renewal for the Lapeer County Master Gardeners.

Carol Skiba, Tea Chairman Sweet 16 "Tea Thyme in the Garden" July 14, 2019

THANK YOU

Hello All,

So glad July is over! All of the Master Gardeners activities were a Whopping success, considering how GARSH darn hot it was!

Thank you ALL who contributed and or, worked for the Tea.

My extra thanks for the easiest run kitchen in a couple of years, without the following helpers it would have been awful!

Gina Delisi, Nancy Zemmer, Ron Gotowicki, Mary Ellen, Kim Wentz, Peggy Haywood, Linda Cleveland! It was a busy!! But great day! Thank you Carol for another successful Tea.

On July 16th we did the cleanup on M-24. Thank you Bernadette for arranging it all! Special thanks to Justin and Bernadette Hayes, Linda Ladoski, Ken Mitchell, Maurene Kern, Larry Mitchell, Sylvia Graham, Kathy Schrader, Ellen Powers, Pam Walton, Pat Meyer and Ed P. The heat was turned up by the end of the cleanup, but we completed it all. We had about 40 bags and lots of BIG junk. The cigarette butts are the worst! If you know someone who smokes, ask them nicely to keep their butts in the car!!

I would like to thank Bernadette Hayes for her 2 days of weeding at my house in the 91-degree heat! Thanks to Jane Schade for weeding, also for hours in the heat and the cement-like soil, to make my gardens look great! My stress level was much lower with both of you helping! Master Gardening is WORK, but also fun! I feel I have made GREAT friends, not just co-workers!

Thank you! Thank you for getting wet and walking the spectators through my gardens. It was incredible how the rain POURED down, every time one of us would walk to the back of the house to the barn!

Pat had a good quote, "IF YOU WANT RAIN, PLAN AN EVENT".

Blessings and thanks to Pat Meyer, Pam Walton, Amy Cichon for walking through the gardens with people, and being so cordial. Sue Corder, for the wonderful Butterfly display. Carol Wong for the great cookies and helping with tickets. I had a great day because of all of you!

The Garden Tour / Walks were successful because of the help we all received, Thank you Mary Paine for the signs and all the effort you put into everything for us!

Georgia Ellis

Display Garden on Suncrest - September 2018

The Display Garden is still looking better than last year - I probably say that every year, but with the loss of the Blue Spruce, we have a whole new look around the fountain and up to the pavilion. The Verbena and Salvia continue to impress. Last years mums planted along the sidewalk have mostly overwhelmed the red geraniums as they continue growing. The salvia planted along the east side filled in so you barely see the big rock. Surprisingly most of the hostas are holding their own in the bright sun. Sometimes we get lucky!

The butterfly garden is again so awesome and I am seeing more monarchs than usual. I thought the second batch of goldfish were lunch for the [Great Blue Heron](#) but they came out from under the leaves last night looking for dinner.

The irrigation issue has been solved for zone 5 that is now zone 3 in west controller. Our Japanese lecturer, [Chisato Takeuchi](#), provided a few suggestions for the Japanese Garden so we may see changes there in the coming months and next year.

On the 16th, Suncrest is having an open house and of course we will be part of the discussion. You should have received an individual invitation - go inside and see all the updates. We will have a few folks in Garden to answer questions.

HELP WANTED! HELP WANTED! HELP WANTED!

Now on a serious note: we have lost bed heads this year, although you can't tell by looking around. They will be greatly missed for their expertise and commitment to the Garden. The **Birdhouse Garden, The Butterfly Garden, The Water Garden, Rock Garden** and the **Keyhole Garden** need some one or someones to carry on next year. Yes, they have been attended to by volunteers and trainees on workdays but there is a lot going on between workdays. Please let me know if you would/could be a co-partner in a bed.

Mary Paine
Chairman, Display Garden on Suncrest Committee

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**LAPEER COUNTY MASTER GARDENER  
ASSOCIATION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2018 - 6:30 PM**

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

**\* BUSINESS MEETING \***  
**\* SPEAKER: [JAN BILLS -"2 WOMEN AND A HOE"](#) \***

**SNACKS ARE WELCOME !  
(PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR NAME BADGES)**