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Newsletter May / June 2018

“No two gardens are the same. No two days are the same in one garden.”
~ Hugh Johnson

I almost thought we were going to miss spring and go from winter directly to summer but spring finally hit it's alarm clock and showed up at the end of April.

I've started working the garden up for planting, I want to put seeds in right away but don't want to jump the gun and lose them to a late frost. So I am keeping an eye on the 10-day weather outlook to decide on when to plant.

There are several plant sales at the end of May (Bigelow's, Melvyn Corner - Horizon Plants) and the June plant exchange at the MG Association meeting. Figure out what plants you want and where you can put them, there will be some good deals out there.

What did the tree say to spring? What a re-leaf.

For those that need a lot of volunteer hours, plan when you can put hours in on an approved project, check the volunteer opportunities on the MG website often, and please work on getting your hours in the best that you can.

Ken Mitchell
President

“In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.”
~ Margaret Atwood

Treasurer's Report ~ May 2018

The Treasurer's Report is available at every LCMGA meeting & 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. Association Dues are still \$10.00 and if you want a hard copy of the newsletter the cost is \$6 for the year. Otherwise the newsletter is posted on the website (www.lc-mga.org). The dues & newsletter fee are waived for Trainees for the first year.

Mary Paine
Treasurer

2018 Lapeer County Master Garden Tour / Walk

The Master Gardeners will host a Garden Tour / Walk on Saturday, July 21, 2018 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. The walk includes four Master Gardeners homes, the Display Garden on Suncrest and the educational Meditation Garden at Holy Redeemer Church in Dryden that is maintained by Master Gardeners Candice Meyer and Mary Robinson. Other participants this year include Georgia Ellis, Deb Brown, Linda Ladoski and Nancy Zimmer.

Volunteer hours for helping at these homes will count in the VMS. We will have tickets and maps available for sale the first week of July. Tickets will be \$10, same as in the past. Contact individual members to help at their homes prior to the event and the day of the event. There will be more discussion at the June MG Association Meeting.

Mary Paine
Chairman of Garden Tour Committee

April Meeting

The April meeting of the Lapeer County Master Gardener Association was held on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, 6:30 PM at the Mayfield Township Hall. President Ken Mitchell opened the meeting with 47 members present. A quarter-page ad was put in the Kiwanis Kapers fundraiser.

Sandy Mroz, Master Gardener and owner of [Red Bird Farm](#), gave a very interesting and informative talk about Hoop Houses. There is a **1-hour education credit** for this meeting.

Background check forms were passed out to the members. The completed forms are held in a safety deposit box.

Carol Skiba reported on the **15th Annual Tea** to be held on Sunday, July 8, 2018. Sign-up sheets were available for food, kitchen help, and raffle items. Door prizes such as hand soaps, lotions, notebooks, tea towels, etc. are also needed. Items can be left in the shed or given to Carol. Rose Gotowicki will handle the tea tickets.

Pam Frampton spoke about the successful transplant day, 1,200 plants were transplanted. The 2nd transplant will be held on Thursday, April 26, 9:00 AM. The sort orders day is on Thursday, May 24, 9:00 AM and **Saturday, May 26** is the plant sale from **9:00 AM** until **12:00 noon**. All orders must be paid for and picked up that day. Call Pam if you need to make other arrangements. Lots of extra plants will be available on the sale day.

Georgia Ellis reported that the **MDOT M-24** cleanup will be on ~~Monday, April 16,~~ **Canceled due to miserable weather**. Next event scheduled in July. Wear long-sleeve shirts and pants, bring gloves, grabbers or poles and bug spray. Click for [Safety Video](#). Click for [Safety Rules flyer](#). A brochure will be posted in local businesses.

Mary Ann McDonald reported on the May 5 Rummage Sale held at the opening of the Farmer's Market in downtown Lapeer. Volunteers are needed throughout the day. Drop off clean used items, no clothing, at 7:00 AM. All leftovers are donated to Seven Ponds.

Rick Talaski passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with planting the downtown Lapeer planter boxes on **Saturday, June 2, 9:00 AM**. Meet at the Sherwin Williams store area.

Ken reported that Melvyn Corner, owner of Horizon Plants.com will hold a special sale day for Master Gardeners only on **Monday, May 21, from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**. Cash or checks only and located at 3931 Reamer Rd. Lapeer, MI.

Jane Schade reported that Summer Dream.com Dahlias will host the Master Gardeners for a farm tour on **Sunday, September 9, from 1:00 - 2:00 PM**.

Mary Paine spoke about the Garden Tour to be held on **Saturday, July 21**, and will include the Display Garden and 5 or 6 other gardens.

Jackie Delisi spoke about setting up a Master Gardener table at the Wellness Fair on **Saturday, May 5** in Columbiaville.

Carol Skiba motioned for the 2018 budgets to be approved, and passed by members. The meeting was adjourned.

Linda Ladoski
Secretary

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

Bigelow Plant Sale

The annual Bigelow Perennial Plant and Herb Sale will be held on **Saturday, May 26, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon**. Bigelow's Greenhouse is located at 4845 Lake Pleasant Road, North Branch. **All plants MUST be picked up that day**, call Pam Frampton if you need to make other arrangements. Lots of extra plants will be available, come early for the best selection. Cash or checks made out to Eric Bigelow only, no credit cards. Please bring your own trays or containers to transport your plants; the greenhouse does not supply these.

Thursday, May 24 is the sort orders day for volunteers starting at 9:00 AM. No chairs are needed.

Pam Frampton
Judy Niergarth

Horizon Plant Sale

Melvyn Corner has graciously opened his greenhouse up to the Lapeer Master Gardeners only for an early sale of plants on Monday, May 21, 2018 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. You can check out what he has for sale (most plants are \$3.00) on his website at: horizonplants.com. Melvyn sells wholesale the rest of the year to landscapers except for two days at the end of May, he sells to the public. Here is the information to take advantage of the sale:

Horizon Plants LLC
Melvyn Corner
3931 Reamer Rd.
Lapeer, MI 48446

Sale Dates:
MG Private Sale - May 21, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Public Sale - May 25 - 26, All day

Invasive Alert - Oak Wilt Disease

Oak Wilt, caused by a fungus, is a serious disease affecting oak trees in the Midwest and Michigan. Oak trees suddenly wilt from the top down during the summer months. Trees that have pointed tips, northern red oak, black oak and northern pin oak are most susceptible, and can die within weeks. Trees in the white oak group have rounded leaf edges and include white oak and swamp white oak and are weakened severely by this disease. Avoid pruning or injuring oak trees until they have lost leaves for the winter. Immediately cover damaged tree wounds with tree-wound paint or latex-based paint. Don't move firewood from trees that have been killed by oak wilt. For a Forest Pest Alert flyer, please click: [Oak Wilt](#)

Visit <http://www.michiganoakwilt.org/> for more information. Report infections to: by email to: DNR-FRD-Forest-Health@michigan.gov or by phone at 517-284-5895.

“Perhaps it is while drinking tea that I most of all enjoy the sense of leisure.”

~ George Gissing

“Tea Thyme in The Garden”

Sunday, July 8, 2018

“A Fresh Brew of Tea Thyme”

The Display Garden on Suncrest

The Fifteenth Tea will take place on Sunday, July 8, 2018. The Display Garden will be full of Tea Patrons enjoying the Tea and The Garden. The Tea Table Hostesses are busy picking out Teacups, table linens and decorations. There are volunteer opportunities available to work at the tea. Signup sheets will be available at the next Display Garden meeting and the Master Gardener meeting in June. There are food items that are needed, also, 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 its future.

The next Tea Meeting is a workday. It will be held on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at the Display Garden Pavilion at 3:00 pm. Following the meeting is a Display Garden workday and meeting.

Projects to be accomplished at the Tea Meeting Work Day:

Wrapping of Door Prizes

Supplies needed: Door Prizes, Ribbons, Scissors, Tape,

Wrapping Paper (for items that do not fit in the white bags)

If you have something and need to drop it off, just leave it 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, please give me a call. Thank you for your Support of The Display Garden.

Carol Skiba, Tea Chairman

Michigan Honey Festival

The Michigan Honey Festival will be held in Frankenmuth on August 4, 2018. They are looking for 10 - 12 Master Gardener volunteers to work 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM. The tables to choose will be the information desk, several kids' tables (crafts), butterfly tent, raffle table and a plant sale. There will also be monarch butterfly kits to purchase. If you are interested, please contact Jamie Ivory at 248-252-4833 or jamieLivory1@gmail.com

Display Garden on Suncrest - May 2018

The Construction trailer is GONE!

It looks so nice without it blocking the view but a little work remains to 'tidy the edges'. The Garden is ready for some help and the weather is finally cooperating, although I saw a forecast for rain Wednesday through Friday. The daffodils blooming in the Children's and Perennial beds brighten up the pretty flat landscape. The garden has a whole new look without those once beautiful Colorado Blue Spruce. They provided so much for everyone and I'm sure they will be missed by all, not just the people. The birdhouses need a new home and on the bright side it gives us a giant opportunity to remodel as the spruce "came" with the original blank slate back in 2002.

We had a great turnout for our first of the year workday and meeting just last week, it was almost May; we had 29 folks helping all over the garden. The six new trainees made a big difference in cleaning up the beds. Larry & Ken started shredding and were able to shred almost everything we hauled back there. Although the water wasn't on yet, it's been too cold, the water is turned on in the bathrooms now. I will be calling the sprinkler folks this week. We really don't need to water anything yet.

Jim Sillers has been busy the past few weeks splitting grasses all over the Garden. On our workday, Jim and Carl split the grasses out by the big rock at the Suncrest front entrance. Thank you both, I know it is really trying work.

We have some brick paver repair work to do in several places around the garden; if you are interested in learning/helping or even experienced let me know. Our May workday, the 3rd Wednesday of the month, is May 16th, 4:00 - 6:00 PM with the Display Garden planning meeting at 6:30 PM in the pavilion or on the lawn, or on the patio in the sun.

Remember, all work in the Garden counts as volunteer hours in the VMS if you are tracking hours. Also, we have cold water in the refrigerator in the kitchen. With such a late start this year we have plenty of work to do in less time than we usually do. Please park on the blacktop, either in the back or the new south lot unless you are hauling a bunch of stuff. For the Trainees, if you have found an area you would prefer to work in let me know. I will send a meeting reminder prior to the workday and let you know if we have a fun project going on there. Call or email me with questions, I don't mind calls from 9:00 AM till 9:00 PM any day.

Mary Paine Chairman, Display Garden on Suncrest Committee

MAY

- Newsletter
- 5/2 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM - Seven Ponds
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 5/5 7:00 AM - Rummage Sale
Farmers Market / Downtown Lapeer
- 5/5 Wellness Fair / Columbiaville
- 5/9 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Seven Ponds
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 5/16 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Seven Ponds
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 5/16 4:00 PM - Display Garden Suncrest
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 5/16 6:30 PM - Display Garden Meeting
Suncrest Pavilion
- 5/21 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - **Horizon Plants**
Sale - 3931 Reamer Rd. Lapeer
- 5/23 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM - Seven Ponds
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 5/24 9:00 AM - Bigelow's Plant Sale
Sort Orders / Bring Snack
- 5/26 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
*** Bigelow's Plant Sale ***
- 5/30 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Seven Ponds
Group Workday / Bring Tools

JUNE

- 6/2 9:00 AM - Planter Boxes - Downtown
Lapeer / Sherwin Williams Area
- 6/6 6:30 PM – **MG Association Meeting**
Suncrest Pavilion / Plant Exchange
- 6/13 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM - Seven Ponds
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 6/20 4:00 PM - Display Garden Suncrest
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 6/20 6:30 PM - Display Garden Meeting
Suncrest Pavilion

JULY

- Newsletter
- 7/6 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Tea Prep
Display Garden - Suncrest Pavilion
- 7/7 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM - Tea Prep
Display Garden / Suncrest Pavilion
- 7/8 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM - **"Tea"**
Display Garden / Suncrest Pavilion
- 7/11 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM - Seven Ponds
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 7/14-22 9:00 AM - **MDOT M-24** Cleanup
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 7/21 **Garden Tour** / 5 Gardens
Display Garden on Suncrest

AUGUST

- 8/1 6:30 PM – **MG Association Meeting**
Lavender Farm / Imlay City
- 8/4 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM - MI Honey Festival
Harvey Kern Pavilion, Frankenmuth MI
- 8/7 3:30 pm – 5:30 PM - Seven Ponds
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 8/15 4:00 PM - Display Garden Suncrest
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 8/15 6:30 PM - Display Garden Meeting
Suncrest Pavilion

SEPTEMBER

- Newsletter
- 9/9 1:00 - 2:00 PM - Summer Dream
Dahlias - Farm Tour / Oxford
- 9/12 3:30 PM – 5:30 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
- 9/22-30 9:00 AM - **MDOT M-24** Cleanup
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 9/30 *** Garden Receipts Due ***

OCTOBER

- 10/2 8:00 AM - **Project Red**
Fairgrounds, Imlay City, MI
- 10/3 6:30 PM - **MG Association Meeting**
Mayfield Township Hall / Speaker
- 10/10 3:30 PM – 5:30 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 ***

**LAPEER COUNTY MASTER GARDENER
ASSOCIATION MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2018 - 6:30 PM

DISPLAY GARDEN - SUNCREST PAVILION
1455 SUNCREST DRIVE
LAPEER, MI 48446

* BUSINESS MEETING *

* SPEAKER: BRIAN VAN PATTEN *

* PIZZA PARTY *

* PLANT EXCHANGE *

PLEASE - A LIMIT OF 2 PLANTS PER PERSON

MUST BE LABELED (NO INVASIVES PLEASE)

DESSERTS AND SALADS ARE WELCOME!

(PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR NAME BADGES)



DISPLAY GARDEN ON SUNCREST MAY 2018