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Newsletter July / August 2018

"A garden is a grand teacher it teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; Above all it teaches entire trust." ~ Gertrude Jekyll

The Suncrest garden looks pretty good for as hot and dry as it's been, even though we have a sprinkler system that runs every day. The missing trees gave a lot of shade to part of the garden, but you can barely tell they were there now. I like the flower design in the annual garden this year, the whole garden looks great this year.

When driving by Suncrest take a look at our new sign on the fence facing Suncrest Dr. If you still need volunteer hours there are projects to work on.

1. Adopt-a-Highway - 7/16 10:00 AM. Georgia Ellis.
2. Garden Tour / Walk - 7/21 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Mary Paine.
3. Honey Fest in Frankenmuth - 8/4 9:00 AM-5:00 PM. Jane Schade.
4. **Project Red** - 10/2 8:00 AM. Carole Billig.
5. Courtyard # 3 cleanup time and date to be decided later.
6. The monthly workdays in the Display Garden or at Seven Ponds.

I hope everyone gets his or her hours in this year.

Don't forget our next association meeting is at the [Indigo Lavender Farm](#), 613 Cedar St. Imlay City, across the street from Campbell's Farm Market on M-53. August 1, 6:30 pm.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Ken Mitchell
President

Treasurer Report - July 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 (9 AM. – 9 PM.). 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.

Mary Paine
Treasurer

VMS Information

Congratulations to the 4 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 the 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. Please click for: [VMS](#) login screen.

Please remember there are almost zero opportunities in November and December so just about 100 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

Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

The M-24 Highway Cleanup will be held on Monday, July 16, 2018 at 10:00 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 click for: MDOT [Safety Rules](#) brochure. Click for: [Safety Video](#)

June Meeting

The June meeting of the Lapeer County Master Gardener Association was held on June 6, 2018, 6:30 PM at the Display Garden on Suncrest pavilion. President Ken Mitchell opened the meeting with 50 members in attendance. Ken announced there is a Huron County plant sale on June 9, a MG volunteer is needed for maintenance at Rotary Park. Also, there was a picture in the **Lapeer County Press** (June 6, 2018) of the MG volunteers working on the downtown planter boxes. [Click to view photo](#) courtesy of the **Lapeer County Press**

After pizza and desserts, Ken introduced Brian Van Patten who gave a very interesting and informative talk about the Butterfly House at [For-Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum](#). There is a **1-hour education credit** for attending this meeting.

Linda Ladoski gave the secretary report.

Carol Skiba reported that July 6 will be the setup for the Tea, washing chairs and setting up tables in the pavilion. This year's tea is sold out. Food items still needed are melon, watermelon, and snap peas. Volunteers are needed for decorating on Saturday, and on Sunday for garden questions. Carol explained the raffle items and door prizes needed.

Mary Paine spoke about the Garden Tour on July 21 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. The home gardens of Nancy Zemmer, Georgia Ellis, Deb Brown and Linda Ladoski will be shown in addition to the Dryden Church Garden and the Display Garden.

Volunteers are needed on Monday, July 16 at 10:00 AM for the Adopt-A-Highway cleanup, meet at Bryan's in North Branch. Call Georgia or Bernadette for more info.

Jane Schade reported on the Michigan Honey Festival on Saturday, August 4 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the Harvey Kern Pavilion in Frankenmuth. Volunteers are needed to run the Butterfly House, call Jane if you can volunteer.

This year's Rummage Sale made about \$1,100, Bigelow's Plant Sale about \$1,200.

Rick Talaski thanked all of the volunteers who helped plant the downtown flower boxes.

The next Master Gardener meeting will be held Wednesday, Aug. 1 at the Indigo Lavender Farm, 613 Cedar St. in Imlay City. September 9 will be the Dahlia Farm Tour at 2:00 PM.

The plant exchange was held.

Linda Ladoski
Secretary

2018 GARDEN TOUR / WALK

The Lapeer County Master Gardeners will host a Garden Tour / Walk on Saturday, July 21, 2018 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. The tour includes four Master Gardener's homes, Georgia Ellis, Deb Brown, Linda Ladoski and Nancy Zimmer. Also on tour will be 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.

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.

Mary Paine
Garden Tour Chairman

MICHIGAN HONEY FEST

Master Gardeners from several counties will again be educating the public about pollination, pesticides, insect life cycles, and what can be done to improve habitats for the birds, bees, and butterflies at the Michigan Honey Fest. This festival takes place August 4, 2018 at the Harvey Kern Pavilion, 601 Weiss Street in Frankenmuth. If interested in volunteering, please contact Jane Schade jbschade@yahoo.com.

DAHLIA FARM TOUR

Lapeer Master Gardeners and their families and friends are invited to an educational tour of [Summer Dreams Farm](#) conducted by Michael Genovese on September 9 at 2:00 PM. The tour will take place at 2745 Sashabaw Road Ortonville, MI 48462. The production farm contains acres of blooming dahlias, so plan to do some walking!

More info is available online at: summerdreamsfarm.com

PROJECT RED

Project Red will be held at the [Eastern Michigan State Fair Grounds](#) (formerly known as the Imlay City Fair grounds) on Tuesday, October 2, 2018. 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 3rd graders to various stations where they will learn about farming. Contact Carole Billig for more information.

Display Garden Report - July 2018

Remember as you read this, it is not a Tea Report, that's Carol's.

In case you haven't been around or in the Display Garden in the past 3 or 4 weeks, you don't know what you are missing. No, not just the volunteer hours, you are missing the Garden. I sometimes just go in and enjoy the awesome beauty and walk through - it is pretty amazing.

The comments I have been given recently by visitors are "fabulous" "beautiful" and the best I thought was "glorious". It is not just the overall beauty, it's the variety of plants and shrubs and trees and the air is different there. The Dove Fountain and the Japanese Garden stone have their own special contributing water sounds along with the waterfall. You don't hear the sounds all together but encounter each as you move along the path. Speaking of the path, several of our new volunteers spent hours before the Tea handpicking all the teeny tiny miserable weeds that reemerged. How wonderful it is to have the extra help and great attitudes in the Garden. If you missed the 30 yards of mulch under the trees – it has all been moved and a great deal of it by the new folks who just do a great job.

If I seem to brag, I am, it has been very difficult for us the past few years to accomplish all that's been done.

So, **THANKS** to everyone who has been working in and around the Display Garden. You may not be standing there when the visitor says, "thanks for all the beautiful plants and all the work you do" and all the enjoyment that is created, but surely you feel the satisfaction as you complete a task.

And of course, we are not done yet, it is only July, the Tour is in less than 2 weeks, let me know if you have a couple of hours or if you are available to work on Saturday July 21 - it is fun, really!

Mary Paine
Display Garden Chairman

PS - have you seen the King Kong Ligularia, the Lion King Iris or the Empress Wu Hosta?

Newsletter Deadline:

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

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 – 5:30 PM - Seven Ponds
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 7/16 10:00 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 – 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 – 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 – 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**
Mayfield Twp. Hall /
Recognition Awards / Speaker
Dinner / Gift Exchange
- 12/31 * **Annual Dues and Association
Membership Forms are due** *

* EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES *

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)

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 MASTER GARDENER
ASSOCIATION MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2018 - 6:30 PM.

INDIGO LAVENDER FARM

**613 CEDAR ST. (M-53)
IMLAY CITY, MI 48444**

**THE INDIGO LAVENDER FARM IS LOCATED NORTH OF M-21
ACROSS FROM CAMPBELL'S FARM MARKET ON M-53**

*** BUSINESS MEETING *
* FARM TOUR ***

(PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR NAME BADGES)