



LCMGA Newsletter - January / February 2019

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"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors we borrow it from our children."

~ Chief Seattle

Happy New Year Gardeners:

I hope everyone ended 2018 in good health and is looking forward to spring 2019. I received the [Gurney's seed catalog](#) the day after Christmas with more wish books to come as the winter progresses. During the winter garden break I will be looking for webinars to watch and seminars to attend to get my 10 education hours logged in for the year. What will you be doing? Do it early so you don't get stuck scrambling late in the year for hours. Some of the seminars I am looking into are:

1. Dow Gardens - Know and Grow seminar/workshop, 2/16 800-362-4874
dowgardens.org. \$65.
2. MG of St Clair County - Turning Over a New Leaf, 3/16 810-367-3399
mgoscc.org. \$95.
3. MG Society of Oakland County - Gardening and All That Jazz, 4/13 248-961-1013
mgsoc.org. \$80.

The state of the MG Association as of 2019 is we have fewer projects to volunteer for and more volunteer hours to put in for certification (20 hours). We can't expand projects without people to chair them. So if you have new projects to present to the board, please plan to chair it. Find the projects that make you happy to work on and schedule them on your calendar. Hope to see you at the February association meeting.

Kenneth Mitchell
President

"No winter wind shall chill my gardening heart." ~ Blake Schreck

Treasurer Report January 2019

The Treasurer 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 any other time call me at home (9 AM. – 9 PM).

Association dues are still \$10 and are due in February; if you want a hard copy of the newsletter mailed to you, the cost is \$6 for the year. Dues and newsletter fee are waived for Trainees for the first year. Bring your dues and membership form to the February meeting or mail to:
LCMGA P.O. Box 543 Lapeer, MI 48446.

Mary Paine
Treasurer

Master Gardener Awards:

You may or may not know, Master Gardener Awards for hours volunteered are for the whole year. We have always tried to get them ready for our award meeting in December. This year the awards came from Lansing after our December meeting and hours were not inputted in the VMS until December 30.

So: Both Ron Gotowicki and Herb Hampel have received the Emeritus status.
(Master Gardener Emeritus' is used to designate active Extension Master Gardeners who are no longer able to fully meet the volunteer service requirement for annual re-certification.)

AND: Judy Davis will receive her 500 Hour pin
Deborah Pert will receive her 250 Hour pin

They will get the awards at the February meeting.

Mary Paine
VMS Ambassador

VMS - Time to Re-Certify

Yes, its time to re-certify as a Master Gardener with MSUE; the fee is still \$20.
If you need help with your password or something else call me (9 AM- 9 PM) and I can walk you through the process. The re-certification fee goes to MSUE not the local association.
If you had all your volunteer hours entered into the VMS, 10 hours education and at least 20 volunteer hours, you are able to be certified.

Re-certification Timeline:

January 8 - January 25, 2019: Re-certification will be open (Log into the [VMS](#) anytime during that period to complete the 3-step re-certification process).

January 26 - February 8, 2019: Late Re-certification opens for EMGs who did not re-certify in January (\$10 late fee applied).

February 8, 2019: Re-certification will close at midnight for 2019 and will not re-open until January 2020

FROM MSUE: This is just a reminder that **2019 re-certification** will open Jan. 8th and will remain open until Jan. 25th. Please log into the [VMS](#) during this time and complete the 3-step re-certification process. Once in the VMS, click on the notice at the top of your screen and complete the following steps:

Read and accept the Code of Conduct and Volunteer Agreements.

1. Select a Certification Status

- *If you completed the required hours in 2018:* **"Completed Hours and Seeking Re-certification"**
- *If you did not complete/report the required hours in 2018:* **"Did Not Complete Hours and Seeking Re-certification"**

2. Register and pay the annual re-certification fee.

- Click on the website link which will take you out of the VMS to the secure MSU site.

If you have questions call me. The certification fee is still \$20 payable by credit card or check.

Mary Paine
VMS Ambassador

December Meeting

The December meeting of the Lapeer County Master Gardener Association was held on Friday, Dec. 7, 2018, 6:30 PM at the Mayfield Township Hall. President Ken Mitchell opened the meeting with members and guests present.

Ron Gotowicki gave the blessing, and the dinner was catered by [Bryan's](#). Members applauded the table decorators: Sandy, Mary Ann, Pam and others, and also for Jane Schade for providing the honey made by the resident bees in the Display Garden. A big round of applause went to Pat Maitland for making all of the delicious desserts.

Suncrest Administrator Gary Easton gave a very interesting and informative talk about his reflections on the Display Garden over the years. There is a **1-hour education credit** for attending this meeting.

Georgia Ellis spoke about the charity for 2018, Love Inc. A donation box was provided.

Mary Paine presented the **Golden Shovel Award** to Gary Easton, and certificates were awarded to the new Master Gardeners. [Please click for photo.](#)

Jeannine Monteleone volunteered to accept the Vice-President position. The Christmas gift exchange was held and the meeting was adjourned.

Linda Ladoski
Secretary

Education Opportunities

Just a few ways to complete your "2019 education requirements of 10 hours"

1. We have a speaker at each of 6 Master Gardener Association meetings
2. County specific, all day educational seminars: minimum 5 hours each
 - [St. Clair County](#), March 16, \$95 includes breakfast & lunch & snacks
 - [Oakland County](#), April 13, \$80 includes breakfast & lunch & snacks
 - Sanilac County, October, usually first Saturday, \$60-\$70
 - [Genesee County](#), October, usually first Saturday, \$60-\$70(check their websites and the Lapeer Master Gardener website www.lc-mga.org)
3. MSUE Webinars on the [VMS](#), you can watch anytime, usually free
4. Classes at your local Nurseries and Garden Centers, usually \$5

Start getting your education early, its not hard, take a friend, or meet new friends, might be more fun than watching webinars on December 31! If you have a question if the class counts, please call or email me.

Mary Paine, VMS Ambassador

Important Notice

Please note the February Association meeting has been changed to the
VFW Hall 128 Daley Rd. Lapeer, MI 48446.

[Please click for map](#)

Rummage Sale

It's time to start thinking about spring cleaning all of your cluttered closets and drawers and finding good, no longer needed items for the annual Rummage Sale. Items must be clean and in good condition – no clothing is accepted.

The sale will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 in downtown Lapeer for the opening of the [Farmer's Market](#). Start collecting.

Mary Ann McDonald
Rummage Sale Chairman

Calling all Master Gardeners

Ladies and Gents,

The quilt shop in Lapeer will help us with a quilt for the Tea in July. They provide the material and we sew the blocks. This is a community quilt, people just stop by and do a few blocks, and then the finished quilts are donated to various charities.

How this works is you stop by the shop and sit down and make a block or two or more (you can stop by several times). It takes a while to make the quilt. The material is already cut, you just sew. There is a machine all set up and the ladies at the shop will help. They also have a book there where you can sign your name. The book will go with the quilt to the winner. The owner, Gwyn Stoneburg, and her staff will sew all the blocks together. In case you don't know, Gwyn is Shirley Walkers daughter. The shop has a quilter who will volunteer their services. It would be really great if everyone stopped by to make some blocks. The value of the quilt when finished should be \$500-\$750, with no cost to us. Gents, we need you to stop by also. If need be I can meet some of you there and help if you would like. We have not had a quilt in a few years, what a piece of luck for us. Please stop by and tell Gwyn thanks.

[Sew Crazy Quilt Shop](#)

69 W. Nepessing (across the street from Sherwin Williams Paint store in Lapeer)
Hours M-F 9-5 and Saturday 9-3
664-3566

Rose Gotowicki
Tea Ticket Chairman

Display Garden on Suncrest **January 2019**

Happy New Year and Happy 2019 Gardening (hopefully in the Display Garden). As I am writing this the temperature outside at 9 pm in January, in Michigan, is 40 degrees. I don't know what this strange temperature is going to do to all the trees and flowers in the Garden. They are used to a foot or so of snow cushioning them from such extremes.

When I stopped by the shed Sunday all I walked through was lots of maple leaves and not one snowflake. I guess the good thing may be not so much salt this year except some mornings are icy. I know it's early but I can't help planning for some of the empty beds. The aerator in the water garden is a cheerful sound even if the wind is blowing at 20 mph. All the instruments are still wrapped tightly – it's so quiet but really lonely.

Well, spring is coming soon (?), we have a workday planned for March and a planning meeting for February, hope you are getting rested and planning all you want to do. We are still short several bed heads so if you are interested let me know.

Pam Walton is going to work with Barb Hunter on the Water part of the water garden. We have completed courtyards 1, 2 & 3. The irrigation systems have been upgraded, so mostly it's maintaining all the beds and enjoying them.
Hope to see you there.

Oh, I came across an interesting number last week - the Lapeer County Master Gardeners have implemented over \$23,000 in grants on large projects at Suncrest since 2015. Maybe I should see if I can estimate how much we have spent in the Garden, Alzheimer Bed and Front Rose Garden.

There is no way to determine the immeasurable hours from the volunteers. Something to be proud of and something everyone can visit and enjoy. **Thank You!**

Mary Paine
Chairman Display Garden on Suncrest

Newsletter Deadline

Please send all newsletter articles and information for printing before the deadline of March 6, 2019 to: Linda Ladski: tladoski@greatlakes.net

SEVEN PONDS
BUTTERFLY GARDEN 2019

Workdays are as follows:

April 10	Garden Clean-up	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
April 17	Garden Clean-up	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
April 24	Garden Clean-up	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
May 1	Garden Clean-up	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
May 8	Garden Clean-up	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
May 15	Garden Clean-up	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
May 22	Garden Plantings	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
May 29	Garden Plantings	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Group Workday is the second Wednesday
of the month from June through October
2:00 PM

You can work in the garden anytime that is convenient for you,
but please work on a group workday first. Bring your own
gardening tools.

Native Plant Sale

Saturday and Sunday

May 11 and 12

9:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM

There will be a large selection of woodland and prairie flowers for purchase.
There will also be people knowledgeable on native planting to help with any questions.
If interested in the plant list contact nature center close to sale dates.

Seven Ponds Nature Center

3854 Crawford Rd.

Dryden, MI 48428

810 796-3200

<http://www.sevenponds.org/>

Winterfest

at Seven Ponds Nature Center

Saturday, February 2, 2019

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**2019 Display Garden on Suncrest
Workdays, Meetings And Tea**

<p>Email Mary if you have questions: justoveredge@charter.net</p> <p>No January Meetings</p>	<p>February 2/6 6:30-9 PM MGA @ VFW Hall - Budgets Speaker: Melvyn Corner “Nursery Propagation” 2/20 6:30-8PM Display Garden Mtg Suncrest Activities RM</p>	<p>March</p> <p>3/20 4:00-6PM Workday 6:30-8PM Display Garden Mtg South Conference RM</p>
<p>April 4/3 6:30-9 PM MGA Speaker: Wayne Decker “Organic Farming” 4/17 4:00-6PM Workday 6:30-8PM Mtg Activities / Pavilion 4/20 10AM-2PM Workday</p>	<p>May 5/4 Rummage Sale @ FARMERS MARKET 5/15 4:00-6PM Workday 6:30-8PM Mtg Pavilion 5/?? Plant Sale (around Memorial Day)</p>	<p>June 6/5 6:30-9 PM MGA Pizza Speaker: Angela Nelson “Native Plants” @Suncrest Pavilion * Plant Exchange * 6/19 4:00-6PM Workday 6:30-8PM Mtg Pavilion</p>
<p>July 7/12 9-2PM Tea prep: Garden 7/13 9AM-6PM Tea prep: Clean & decorate 7/14 8AM-7PM TEA #16</p>	<p>August 8/3 9AM-5PM Honey Festival 8/7 6-9PM MGA Blueberry Farm 8/21 4:00-6PM Workday 6:30-8PM Mtg Pavilion</p>	<p>September</p> <p>9/18 4:00-6PM Workday 6:30-8PM Mtg Pavilion * Garden Receipts due *</p>
<p>October 10/2 6:30-9PM MGA Speaker ?????? 10/16 4:00-6PM Workday 6:30-8PM Mtg Pavilion 10/26 10AM-2PM Garden Fall Clean-up</p>	<p>November 11/2 10AM-2PM Garden Final Fall Clean-up (if necessary) 11/20 6:30 -8PM Mtg South Conference RM</p>	<p>December 12/6 6:00-9 PM MGA Holiday /Awards Meeting ??? Mayfield Twp. Speaker:????? * NO DECEMBER * Display Garden Mtg THANK YOU!!</p>

**LAPEER COUNTY MASTER GARDENER
ASSOCIATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2019 - 6:30 PM**

**VFW HALL
128 Daley Rd.
Lapeer, MI 48446**

[Please click for map](#)

- * BUSINESS MEETING *
- * 2019 BUDGET APPROVAL *
- * SPEAKER: [MELVYN CORNER](#) *
- from HORIZON PLANTS, LLC
- * SEED CATALOG EXCHANGE *

- * SNACKS ARE WELCOME *

(PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR NAME BADGES)

