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LCMGA NEWSLETTER JULY / AUGUST 2019

*“We might think we are nurturing our garden,
but of course it’s our garden that is really nurturing us.”*
~ Jenny Uglow

A cold wet spring has played havoc on gardens and outdoor projects, every plant and every gardener is playing catch-up this year. The summer furnace has kicked on at the end of June into July.

We had a lot to do in the garden before the tea, remember you can work in the garden anytime, just call Mary and ask what needs to be done. We will not call down the list of master gardeners to find someone to work! This is your association and garden, we can grow or disband, it is up to you.

People need to step up and run for an officers position, we need fresh people on the board maybe someone that works at Seven-Ponds.

The next association meeting is at [Blueberry Lane Farms](#), 13240 Blueberry Lane, Otter Lake, MI 48464. The meeting starts at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, if you wish to pick blueberries you must do it before 6 pm.

Any questions call me.

Ken Mitchell
President

Treasurer's Report July 2019

The Treasurer's report is available at every MG Association Board meeting, Master Gardener Association and Display Garden Meeting. A hard copy of the monthly report is provided to every Board member every month.

If you have a specific question, ask at a scheduled meeting, or before or after the meeting. Members may always call me, I do check and answer phone and email questions.

Mary Paine
Treasurer

marycattthegarden@gmail.com
(this is a new email address, just over edge address is retiring)

Just another reminder:

Every Certified Master Gardener is required to have **20 volunteer hours** (that's the easy part) AND **10 hours of education** annually.

The volunteering reported must be on MSUE approved projects, although you probably do other volunteering in the community that is still very nice to do and appreciated by the community or group you are supporting, they don't count.

The education hours are not as easy to accomplish but this time of year there are numerous classes at local nurseries, other county associations, county seminars and don't forget speakers at our own meetings provide 60-90 minutes of education at each meeting. Still if you can't find any of these don't forget the free webinars provided by MSUE on the [VMS](#) and yes, I know some have a fee. There is plenty of opportunity for education especially if you start looking before Thanksgiving!
See you in the Garden!

Mary Paine
VMS Ambassador

Association Board

Please consider volunteering as an officer or board member. There is an opening for a director on the board. The board meetings are held every other month usually about 10:30 AM for about an hour and a half. Time for attending these meetings count as volunteer hours. **Please contact Mary if interested.**

June Meeting

The June meeting of the Lapeer County Master Gardener Association was held on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 6:30 PM at the Display Garden pavilion. President Ken Mitchell opened the meeting with 39 members present.

Pizza and desserts were enjoyed by the members.

Ken Mitchell introduced horticulturalist Angela Nelson who gave a very interesting and informative talk about native plants and grasses. There is a **1 ½ - hour education credit** for attending this meeting.

Mary Paine gave the Treasurer report and requested more help in the garden.

Mary Ann McDonald spoke about the Butterfly Garden at [Seven Ponds Nature Center](#). The group workday is the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 2:00 - 5:00 PM.

Georgia Ellis reported on the Tea, more help is needed for cleanup before and after the Tea. Rose has 2 tickets left.

The next MDOT Highway Cleanup will be on Thursday, July 18 at 9:30 AM. Meet at Bryan's parking lot in North Branch. The rules / video is online at the MDOT website. Another cleanup is planned for Monday, Sept. 16, 2019

Rick Talaski thanked all of the volunteers who helped with the Downtown Lapeer flower boxes.

Jane Schade spoke about the Michigan Honey Fest in Frankenmuth on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2019. Volunteers are needed.

The annual plant exchange was held.

The next Association meeting will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2019, 6:00 PM at [Blueberry Lane Farms](#) in Otter Lake.

Linda Ladoski
Secretary

**** MDOT [ADOPT-A-Highway](#) Cleanup POSTPONED ****

The next Highway Cleanup is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 30, 2019** starting at 9:30 AM. Volunteers should wear long pants and long sleeve shirts. Bring gloves, pickup tools, hoops, and bug repellent. Meet at Bryan's parking lot in North Branch on M-24.

Please click for: [MDOT Safety Rules brochure](#). Click for: [MDOT Safety Video](#)

[Michigan Honey Festival](#)

The Lapeer Master Gardeners are again planning to participate in the Michigan Honey Fest in Frankenmuth, Michigan. On Saturday, August 3, 2019 from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Master Gardener volunteers will teach the importance of pollination to young people and their families through hands-on activities and crafts. The Harvey Kern pavilion in Frankenmuth is a great venue for this event. Volunteer hours are easily earned and a variety of speakers throughout the day may provide the opportunity for education hours, as well. Please text or contact me if you are interested.

Jane Schade
Honey Chairman

Project RED 2019

. . . Will be held at the [Eastern Michigan State Fairgrounds](#) (formerly known as the Imlay City Fairgrounds) on Tuesday, October 1, 2019. All volunteers are asked to 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.

A meeting is planned for Monday, September 30th for those who would like to walk through the stations ahead of time to be better prepared for the Tuesday, October 1st 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!)



LAPEER COUNTY PROJECT RED OCTOBER 2, 2018

Names that Carol Billig knows, from left to right.

Flossie Jankowska, Ashley Elliott, Ken Mitchell, Elaine Turner, Susan Fischer, Carol Wong,

Cathy McHarg, Pat Meyer, Peggy Haywood, Dorothy Hicks-Burchwell, Jane Griffen,

Nancy Zimmer, MaryEllen Kaiser, Carole Billig, Rick Talaski, Mary Robinson,

Tom Gwisdalle, Candice Meyer, Sylvia Graham, Gerald Swoish, Kay Johnson, Deb Campbell Jacobson

Photo from 2018 Project RED

Hi Master Gardeners,

Thank you for another beautiful Tea. The weather was fantastic and all of the tables were awesome!

Bernadette and I would like to say thanks to: Sue C., Gina D. and Jackie too, for last minute cleaning of the Rock/Alpine garden for the tea.

HUUUUGE thanks to the "kitchen crew".

Ron, who I am going to miss tremendously (and your nuts).

Carol W., for spending half of your milestone birthday in the kitchen.

Kathy, for always stepping up to help with every food item we made.

Ruth, for counting to make sure we stayed on track and sandwich making.

Nancy, for always being where I needed you also.

Gina, for keeping my brain working and all your help.

To all of you thanks for making work FUN!!

Enjoy the rest of the summer and see you soon.

Carol S., you did a great job organizing, even one armed.

Special thanks to Bob Skiba for the great tables.

Without the SAME 30 or so awesome Master Gardeners we could never pull the tea off each year!

Blessings to all,
Georgia

Thank You

Just wanted to THANK all of the volunteers who supported this past weekend Tea Thyme in the Garden. The weather was great, not a drop of rain, we were all sold out and the Garden was at its best. Rave comments. Best Tea Ever!
Thanks and stay cool.

Mary

Please Note:

Master Gardener Debra Campbell Jacobson and her husband lost their home in a fire a couple of weeks ago. No one was home and they lost everything; if you would like to donate send contributions to LCMGA P.O. Box 543, Lapeer, MI 48446.

Sandy Peterson will get the funds to Deb. We will write one check.

I do not have their temporary address.

Thanks for your support,
Mary

Display Garden on Suncrest July 2019

If you haven't been there lately you should visit the Garden, even if you just walk around and enjoy the sights, smells and sounds. Many changes have been made this year and even with less help much has been accomplished. If you have time to weed and you know what a weed is, please help out. If it hasn't occurred to you we have an issue with garden help; so much so I have been thinking it is time to think about downsizing. Yes, there are areas we can reduce work and although we have a few new volunteers, we have more folks that aren't able, or moved or whatever. Let us know your positive suggestions.

Please enjoy the new Heritage Garden, not finished, gardens never are but made possible by donations from the family of resident Loretta Umlauf. We are also replacing some benches and planting shrubbery with donations from the families of Lucille Schank and Shirley Glanville.

The irrigation systems have finally settled down and are maintaining most beds although in the intense heat additional hand watering has been required. Yes, I know it was and may still be in spots wet behind the fence. Remember, water runs downhill and the annuals and other plants are uphill. Weeds love all the water so it has been a constant battle this year.

We will have a new policy with invasive plants this year. We all say we will take care of them before they go to seed but 'invasives' are faster than we are. So find another beautiful specimen, perhaps we need a poster for education showing how great they are but not in the Display Garden. Plant them at home if you dearly love them.

Enjoy the rest of summer; enjoy the Garden, sometimes it is so pretty it takes your breath away.

Mary Paine
Chairman Display Garden on Suncrest

JULY

Newsletter

- 7/10 2:00 PM - Seven Ponds Gardens
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 7/12 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Display Garden
Tea Prep / Pavilion
- 7/13 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM - Display Garden
Tea / Pavilion Clean & Decorate
- 7/14 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM – Display Garden
Tea
- 7/30 9:30 AM - **MDOT M-24 Cleanup**
Bryan's North Branch / Bring Tools

NOVEMBER

Newsletter

- 11/2 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Display Garden
Final Fall Cleanup / Bring Tools
- 11/20 6:30 PM - Display Garden Meeting
Suncrest South Conference Room

DECEMBER

- 12/7 6:00 PM - **MG Association Meeting**
Recognition Awards / Speaker
Dinner / Gift Exchange

AUGUST

- 8/3 9:00 AM - Michigan Honey Festival
Harvey Kern Bldg. / Frankenmuth, MI
- 8/7 6:00 PM - **MG Association Meeting**
Blueberry Farm Tour / Speaker
- 8/14 2:00 PM - Seven Ponds Gardens
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 8/21 4:00 PM - Display Garden Workday
6:30 PM - Display Garden Meeting
Suncrest Pavilion

Newsletter Deadline:

Please send all newsletter articles and
information for printing before the deadline
on September 6, 2019 to: Linda Ladloski:
tladoski@greatlakes.net

SEPTEMBER

Newsletter

- 9/11 2:00 PM - Seven Ponds Gardens
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 9/16 9:30 AM - **MDOT M-24 Cleanup**
Bryan's North Branch / Bring Tools
- 9/18 4:00 PM - Display Garden Workday
6:30 PM - Display Garden Meeting
Suncrest Pavilion
- 9/30 * **Garden Receipts Due** *

OCTOBER

- 10/1 8:00 AM - **Project RED**
Fairgrounds, Imlay City, MI
- 10/2 6:30 PM - MG Association Meeting
Speaker
- 10/9 2:00 PM - Seven Ponds
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 10/16 4:00 PM - Display Garden Workday
6:30 PM - Display Garden Meeting
Suncrest Pavilion
- 10/26 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM – Display
Garden Fall Cleanup / Bring Tools

**LAPEER COUNTY MASTER GARDENER
ASSOCIATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7, 2019 - 6:00 PM**

Blueberry Lane Farms
13240 Blueberry Lane
Otter Lake, MI 48464

* BUSINESS MEETING *
* SPEAKER *

(PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR NAME BADGES)

