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LCMGA Newsletter March / April 2018

"I love spring anywhere, but if I could choose I would always greet it in a garden."

~ Ruth Stout

Spring Greetings Master Gardeners

Looking forward to Spring! On March 20, Tuesday at 9:16 AM she will arrive. The robins are back and the blackbirds are raiding the bird feeders, the first sign of spring for me. I am so looking forward to its arrival this year.

The first association meeting was canceled because the Flu season was rough this year, the second association meeting was canceled because of snow, lets hope the third time's the charm with the April association meeting.

I am planning to attend a couple of the Seminars going on this spring. They are a very good education opportunity, and attending two seminars will give you most of the education hours you need for the year on average. With the new trainees needing extra hours to certify we could use a few more educational project ideas, to keep them busy.

Keep an eye on the schedule of project meetings, so that you can get involved in something that interests you.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Bird Song? One spring morning, Will and I were in the garden looking at the flowers we had just planted. As luck would have it, a bird flew over us leaving his calling card on my clean white shirt. When I showed Will, he replied without missing a beat, "you know, sweetheart, they sing for most folks."

Ken Mitchell
President

*** NOTE * The March 21 Display Garden meeting has been changed to the Mayfield Township Hall at 6:30 PM.**

Treasurer's Report February 2018

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 you may always call or email me at home.

2018 Budget will be discussed at April 4, 2018 Association Meeting.

Mary Paine
Treasurer

2018 Garden Tour / Walk

The Lapeer County Master Gardeners are hosting the 2018 Garden Tour/Walk on July 21, 2018. It will be gardens in the southern part of the county and the Display Garden. If interested, let's talk: justoveredge@charter.net
Mary Paine

Bigelow Plant Sale

Please invite your family and friends to join you in our annual Bigelow Perennial Plant and Herb Sale. Order forms have been emailed and hard copies are available at the Extension office. Hard copies are due to Mary Paine by March 15 and email orders to Walt Meyer by March 21. Sale day is Saturday, May 26, 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon.

The 1st transplant date is on Tuesday, April 3; the 2nd transplant date is on Thursday, April 19 or 26. Sort orders date is on Thursday, May 24. Bring a chair and a snack. Bottled water is available.

If you want to participate in all or part of transplanting, sorting orders or sale day and have not signed up already please call Pam Frampton. If you have email questions please call Walt Meyer.

Read DIRECTIONS and EMAIL notes carefully as they have changed.

We are looking forward to another fun year in the greenhouse.

Pam Frampton, Judy Niergarth, Walt Meyer

[Adopt-a-Highway](#)

Hi Everyone,

Spring is on it's way, tho' it may not be till June! The road clean-up dates are as follows: Friday April 20th at 9:00 AM if there is NO snow!! We will be cleaning again during the week of July14-22 and then September 22-30. Pease keep those weeks in mind, and when they get closer, we will be in touch.

Click for: [MDOT safety video](#) Click for: [MDOT Safety brochure](#)

Bernadette and I have worked on a brochure to help with the education aspect of the cleanup. We are hoping we will then be able to count our hours.

Please call Bernadette or Georgia, if you can help in April.

Thank You, Georgia THINK SUN

[Display Garden on Suncrest - March 2018](#)

I guess its March even though its snowing sideways at my house over the 6 + inches of snow from yesterday. I have been up walking around the Garden several times in the last 6 weeks. It is so different covered in snow; usually I am checking the tarps to make sure they are still in place.

With so much snow it is hard to walk and with the new snow we won't have a workday prior to our meeting on the 21st of March and speaking of that, we have moved the Display Garden March meeting to Mayfield Township Hall and expanded it some - still 6:30 PM. I will send out a notice today.

I didn't see any sign of all the bulbs we planted although last week I had a couple of tulips poke through on the west side of the house.

If you didn't know the construction seems to be over; residents at Suncrest have moved into the new rooms and the electricity is disconnected from the construction trailer. It will be first time in 3 years we can have the Tea without the trailer! We can decide where the additional entry path to the Garden will be and other exciting opportunities. New signs will appear and some new plants.

We are looking forward to another exciting season - as soon as the snow melts. Call with questions and come to the meetings.

Mary Paine
Chairman Display Garden on Suncrest

2018 Spring Tree Sale - Lapeer Conservation District

The Lapeer Conservation District is now holding their annual **Spring Tree Sale**. Many varieties of trees and shrubs are available for purchase, order early for best selection.

For a brochure, call 810-664-0895 ext. 5, or order online at: www.lapeercd.org

To volunteer, call Mary Brown at 810 - 664 - 0895 ext. 5

2018 Skywarn Class

The 2018 Skywarn Class will be held on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM at The Pix Theatre, 172 W. Nepessing St. Downtown Lapeer. The class is free and open to the public. No Registration is required. Click for: [2 page Skywarn Flyer](#).

Questions can be sent to: mpiorunek@lapeercounty.org

Educational Opportunities

March 15, 2018 (Thursday) 6:30 PM

[Lapeer County Conservation District](#) - **FREE Forum** - No registration required.

“Backyard Conservation” - Topics: Managing Your Yard for Water Quality, Native Plants for the Backyard, Invasive Species & What to Look For. Held in the upstairs courtroom, Historic County Courthouse in downtown Lapeer. 810-664-0895 ext. 5

March 17, 2018 (Saturday) 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

* [Huron County Spring into Gardening Conference & Home Show](#)

Bad Axe Knights of Columbus Hall on M-53

March 24, 2018 (Saturday) 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

* [St. Clair County Symposium](#) - \$90.

Landmark Academy, 4800 Lapeer Rd. Kimball Twp., MI 48074

April 5, 2018 (Thursday) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

[Lapeer County Skywarn Class](#)

Free Event held at the Pix Theater, Downtown Lapeer

April 28, 2018 (Saturday) 8:00 AM - 4:15 PM

* [Oakland County's Gardening & All That Jazz](#) - \$80 Register by April 14, 2018.

Oakland Schools Bldg. Pontiac Lake Rd., Pontiac MI

September 14 and 15 (Friday and Saturday)

[Master Gardener College](#) Click for: [M G College summary](#)

Wayne County Community College District (Ted Scott Campus)

955 Haggerty Rd. Belleville, MI 48111

* **5 Educational hour credits** earned for attending any of the 3 county educational seminars, links and more information is available on our website,

www.lc-mga.org

Seven Ponds Nature Center www.sevenponds.org

Hello Volunteers!

Spring is just around the corner and we are ready to kick off our busy season at Seven Ponds. I hope you all had a safe and fun winter season. I know the weather has been all over the spectrum, but that's Michigan for you. Now that we are inching closer to that glorious springtime, we have more volunteer opportunities coming up.

Invasive Species Control

Come help with non-native invasive plant removal here at the nature center. Learn about these plants, and why it's important to manage them on your own property. Bring your gloves.

Tuesday, March 20th, 2:00 PM

Sunday, April 8th, 1:00 PM

Sunday, May 6th, 1:00 PM

Sunday, May 20th, 1:00 PM

Sunday, May 27th, 1:00 PM

Garden Work Day

These gardens are a beautiful focal point during the summer months for teaching and reflection. If you are interested in doing general gardening maintenance for **The Butterfly Garden**, The Herb Garden, or The Woodland Wildflower Garden, please contact me at kmckiernan@sevenponds.org or (810) 796-3200

Nest Box Monitors

We are looking for dedicated volunteers to monitor our bluebird nest boxes this year. This very important opportunity helps us keep track of not only bluebirds, but also wrens, swallows, chickadees, and other small birds that use these boxes. Please feel free to contact Naturalist Cathy if you want to sign up. Her email is, cwesley@sevenponds.org or feel free to call us at (810) 796-3200

Assistant Naturalists

Are you an Assistant Naturalist or want to become one? These classes and opportunities are for you. These adult classes are held on Saturdays and usually start at 12:00 PM where we will eat lunch together before the program. If you are interested in becoming an ASNAT please feel free to email me kmckiernan@sevenponds.org or (810) 796-3200

Again I can't tell you how much we appreciate your help. We are able to run as a non-profit because of the time that you give to Seven Ponds. Please let me know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. I am here for you any time.

Katie McKiernan, Naturalist/ Volunteer Coordinator

kmckiernan@sevenponds.org

Seven Ponds Nature Center (810) 796-3200

Seven Ponds Nature Center Butterfly Garden

April 11	Garden Clean-up	5:00-7:00 PM
April 18	Garden Clean-up	5:00-7:00 PM
April 25	Garden Clean-up	5:00-7:00 PM
May 2	Garden Clean-up	5:00-7:00 PM
May 9	Garden Clean-up	5:00-7:00 PM
May 16	Garden Clean-up	5:00-7:00 PM
May 23	Garden Plantings	5:00-7:00 PM
May 30	Garden Plantings	5:00-7:00 PM

Group Workday is the second Wednesday
of the month from June through October
5:00-7:00 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 12 and 13

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.

For flyer please click : [Eco Days and Plant Sale](#)

**Seven Ponds Nature Center
3854 Crawford Rd.
Dryden, MI 48428
810 796-3200**

Volunteer Projects

Hi All -

Just to remind you of projects that are acceptable to MSUE, below are guidelines for us to use and the quote from MSUE:

"You should only report education and volunteer hours that align with the EMG Program Mission of educating the public with research-based, environmentally-sound information."

Projects that can be reported in the VMS in Lapeer County are:

EVENT: Opening day at Historic Farmers Market - "Ask a Master Gardener"

PROJECT: Outreach: Master Gardener Booth

EVENT: Display Garden on Suncrest - "Hands on work"

Tea Thyme, Courtyards, Alzheimer Garden

Display & Meditation Garden in Dryden

Seven-Ponds Nature Center Butterfly or Herb Gardens

PROJECT: Community: Beautification - Educational Display Gardens

EVENTS: Downtown Lapeer Annual Beds

Southern Links Trail Gardens

PROJECT: Community: Beautification - Public Areas

EVENTS: Honey Fest

Project Red

Master Gardener Tour/Walk

PROJECT: Outreach: Live Educational Presentation

If you have questions about other local events, call and ask if they count for your volunteer hours. You can always volunteer for whatever you want but MSUE will only accept hours that meet the above guidelines.

If you want to volunteer in **St. Clair County**

contact Maryann Herman 810-300-4020 or Lisa Sharrow 810-329-3722.

Genesee County, contact Vicki Laurin at: laurinvicki@gmail.com.

Tuscola County, contact Cathy Patterson 989-672-3870.

Mary Paine

VMS Ambassador

Newsletter Deadline

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

LCMGA ANNUAL PLANT SALE

From: Lapeer County Master Gardner Association.

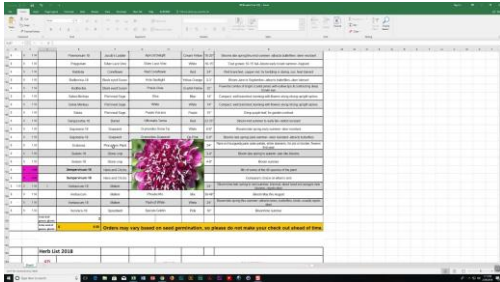
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 1:40 PM

Dear Plant Lovers,

The Lapeer County Master Gardeners Association (LCMGA) is again having their plant sale. These plants cost less than you can purchase them at a nursery.

If you want a quick guide of how to download the plant file and get started, click on the following video link. This way you will not have to read the info below.

Video link: https://youtu.be/I6_ezYwBjmg



2018 plant list guide

youtu.be

Guide for the LCMGA plant list

The attached link is an Excel file with all the perennials for the year of 2018. Please download this file. It is a big file (43MB) so it will take some time. **Do not use the chrome web browser**, because it has problems with downloading Excel. You might get a download box or just a file name in a box, if when you click on either download or the box and you get a spreadsheet with a black background, press on the download button located on the top right.

When it is downloaded **make sure you click on “enable editing”** which is at the top of the spreadsheet. You will know that you have done it correctly when the “protected view” on the top goes away. **If you get “Macros have been disabled” click on “Enable content”**

This is a large file because this year there is a picture of each plant. Just move your mouse over the box with the red triangle in the upper right corner and you will see the picture. You must press the “submit” button before sending it, so the file is reduced in size; Email does work with large files.

Save the file and attach it to your return email.

Thanks.

If you have a technical problem call Walt Meyer

 [2018mailer final.xlsx](#)

**LAPEER COUNTY MASTER GARDENER
ASSOCIATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018 - 6:30 PM**

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

*** BUSINESS MEETING *
* SPEAKER *
* 2018 BUDGET ***

SNACKS ARE WELCOME !

(PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR NAME BADGES)