



NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2014

Fellow Gardeners,

Summer is almost over. Where did it go? I just seemed to miss it. It's almost time to put the tools away. Remember to wash tools for next season. The leaves will be falling soon and need to be raked. If you have a mulcher use it on the leaves. Now you have cover for flowerbeds for the winter, and you can use the rest for compost.

I just ordered a few cords of wood for the winter. I need to get the chain saw and ax sharpened. As we move from one season to the next there is always maintenance on the tools. Good care of your tools will allow them to last through many seasons. I am looking forward to trips to the local cider mill for cider and donuts. This is my favorite time of the year.

I would like to thank every one of you for your help this season. Volunteering your time and effort is reflected in the many projects such as downtown flower boxes, Fair, Columbiaville Park and Display Garden just to mention a few. You make the difference.

Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving. Wishing you and your family health in the coming year.

Ron Gotowicki
Co-President

Hello all!

Unfortunately summer seems to be gone... Blah. Sorry but I love it, because our cold lasts toooooo long! If everyone's gardens were HALF as gorgeous as Suncrest, then they were great! Thank you to the special people that work SO hard in our gardens! Just know MANY new people were there to enjoy them!

October first is our meeting at the Mayfield Township Hall; we will have Jan Burns speaking on herbs for Halloween and every day use. See you there and enjoy the rest of the heat.

Georgia
Co-President

AUGUST MEETING

The August meeting of the Lapeer County Master Gardener Association was held on August 6, 2014 at the For-Mar Nature Preserve, with 33 members in attendance.

Co-President Ron Gotowicki opened the meeting. The Secretary report was printed in the last newsletter and was accepted as read.

Judy Niergarth gave the Treasurer report and it was accepted.

A sign up sheet was available to order LCMGA Aprons - \$20.00, Hats and Visors - \$10.00 and T-Shirts - \$15.00.

There were no meeting agendas or 50/50 drawing at this meeting.

Sandy Peterson reported on Art-In-The-Garden. Volunteers are needed for putting up signs, parking attendants and sweeping up. A meeting will be held Aug. 20 at the Display Garden. There is free admission and free coffee and tea provided by Starbucks on Sat. Aug. 23.

Jane Schade reported that Bev Kobayas sent a thank you to all who donated plants for the Honey Festival. Jane also reminded everyone to recycle garden plastic in the regular recycling at the Habitat Re-Store on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. #6 plastic will be taken to Royal Oak recycling in the fall.

Ken Mitchell gave a report on the Eastern Michigan State Fair. There were 22 baskets donated for the silent auction, which made \$817.00. Some visitors requested more trees for next year. All of the exhibits were great, and Ron thanked everyone who helped on the fair.

Speaker Brian Van Patten, Horticulturalist for the Genesee County Park System, spoke about the Nature programs and On-The-Road programs, the Truck Farm, Educational programs held on Sundays from 2:00 – 4:00 PM, and the Bird Collection. Outside, the members toured the Rain Garden, a shade area, and a fountain area to be planted in native plants.

Karen Palmer spoke next about the Junior Master Gardener Program. Volunteer teachers are needed for the programs in schools and in the community on September 13, and 27. Anyone interested may contact her at 810-845-6437 or: kpalmer@gcparks.org

There is a 1½ -hour education credit for this meeting.

Ron thanked Brian for his informative talk and Mary Paine welcomed new member Sandy.

A Saturday morning Master Gardener class is being offered in Macomb County.

The next Association meeting will be held at the Mayfield Township Hall on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 6:30 PM.

Linda Ladoski
Secretary

TREASURER REPORT - AUGUST 2014

The Treasurer's report is available at every LCMGA and Display Garden meeting and is reviewed by the Board; each Board member receives a hard copy monthly. The hard copy is available at every meeting for your review and questions.

Judy Niergarth
Treasurer

2015 GARDEN TOUR - 2015 EASTERN MICHIGAN STATE FAIR

Sign up sheets for volunteers will be available at the next Association meeting. A chairman or co-chairmen are still needed for the Fair.

SEPTEMBER

Newsletter

- 9/10 5:00 - 7:00 PM - Seven Ponds
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 9/17 4:00 PM - Display Garden Suncrest
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 9/17 6:00 PM - Display Garden Meeting
Display Garden / Suncrest Pavilion

OCTOBER

- 10/1 6:30 PM - MG Association Meeting
Mayfield Twp. Hall / Bring Snacks
- 10/8 5:00 - 7:00 PM - Seven Ponds
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 10/15 4:00 PM - Display Garden Suncrest
Group Workday / Bring Tools
- 10/15 6:00 PM - Display Garden Meeting
Display Garden / Suncrest Pavilion
- 10/25 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Display Garden
Group Workday / Fall Clean-up

NOVEMBER

Newsletter

- 11/1 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Display Garden
Group Workday / Final Fall Clean-up
- 11/19 6:00 PM - Display Garden Meeting
Suncrest / Activities Room

DECEMBER

- 12/5 6:30 PM - MG Association Meeting
Christmas Party/Gift Exchange
Awards / Recognition

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Genesee County Master Gardeners present:
Fall Into Spring Conference on Saturday,
October 4, 2014 from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.
The conference will be held at Mott Community
College Events Center, 1401 E. Court St. Flint.
Registration is \$65.00 by Sept. 26. For more
information, call 810-244-8531.

[click here for flyer](#)

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please send all newsletter articles and
information for printing by mail or email before
the deadline on Nov. 7, 2014 to: Linda Ladoski
tladoski@greatlakes.net

GARDEN TIPS

September brings the cooler temperatures,
which make this the ideal time for weeding all
of your garden beds. Adding a fresh layer of
mulch to your beds will help to keep future
weeds down and help insulate your plants
throughout the winter months.

This is also a great time to plant some varieties
of spring-flowering bulbs. Planting depths
depend on the size of the bulbs, so be sure to
check the packages. Loosen the soil to a
depth of 6-8 inches and always plant the bulb
with the pointed side up.

PROJECT RED 2014

Will be held at the Eastern Michigan State Fairgrounds on Tuesday, October 7, 2014.
All volunteers are asked to check in at 8:00 AM, and we should be done by 3:30 PM.

This is a project sponsored by the 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, October 6, 2014 at 6:30 for those who would like to walk through the stations ahead of time to be better prepared for the Tuesday, October 7th 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. I need this information before September 8 so the shirts can be ordered.

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).*

DISPLAY GARDEN ON SUNCREST - SEPTEMBER 2014

Some days it feels like Fall is here, especially when the leaves start turning and fall into the lawns. The Garden has had an awesome year and continues to maintain lots of bloom. All the work that we did in the spring and summer has paid off with another month of color as we lose some plants and others seem to be thriving. The new bed continues to surprise visitors with the beautiful displays from the Hyacinth Beans to the Black Grasses. Too bad neither are perennials.

We will have our next workday and meeting on Wednesday, September 17. If you have any free time please stop by and do some dead-heading, or just stop by and enjoy a quiet visit as you listen to the water and visit the many guests and residents that saunter through. If it is dry enough we plan on making a big dent in the compost and storage area.

Meanwhile enjoy this wonderful weather and THANK YOU all who make such a difference in our community.

Mary Paine
Chairman Display Garden Committee

ART IN THE GARDEN

Hello Master Gardeners!

Art in the Garden was a success! The garden was filled with many new faces, the usual suspects and nothing but compliments for the garden, the vendors and the demonstrators. I hope that all of you that wanted to attend did. It was a wonderful day.

I wish to thank those of you that helped me realize this vision for the Garden; the Master Gardener Artists/Vendors: Pam Frampton, Barb Hunter, Barb Edwards, Colleen Foxlee-McDonough, Ken & Marlene Daniels and Sandy & Olivia Kipp. All of your booths were beautiful and inspiring. The Demonstrators: Deb Larson, Carol Wong, Mary Ann McDonald and Mary Lynn Darr for the live action demos. Ken Mitchell and Sarah Graver for representing L.C.M.G.A. and MSUE.

The "What can I do to help:" staff: Mary Beth Kramer, Deb Larson, Carol Liblong, Trish Lambert and Carol Wong. Your dedication both on Friday and Saturday was amazing.

Our Garden Ambassadors: Herb Hampel, Carole Billig, Pam Kvasnicka... I am sure there are others I forgot. Please forgive me. Just being present in the garden for questions is essential.

To the Display Garden Committee, thank you for always keeping this magical place "Tour ready". Mary Paine, thank you for keeping things together, legal and insured.

Debra Lyman, the Starbucks you secured was a hit and kept everyone well hydrated and caffeinated. We were abuzz with excitement!

If I omitted anyone please forgive me. The day was a fulfillment of an eight-year dream, now we can dream on until next year. All of the Vendors loved the venue so much they are interested in the 2nd Annual Art in the Garden. As always there are a few speed bumps along the way. We have a year to work through those.

Thank you all!

Sandy Peterson
Art in the Garden Chairman

**LAPEER COUNTY MASTER GARDENER
ASSOCIATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2014 - 6:30 PM**

**MAYFIELD TOWNSHIP HALL
1900 N. SAGINAW
LAPEER, MI 48446**

*** BUSINESS MEETING *
* SPEAKER: JAN BURNS *
* BYO-CUP AND A SNACK OR DESSERT ***

(PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR NAME BADGES)