FEATURE ARTICLE

SPRING IS FINALLY HERE

After a record-breaking cold winter, spring is finally here! I’m not sure Mother Nature got the memo, but, I digress. With spring comes a whole litany of chores for the avid gardener. Rather than looking at these as chores, look at them as “Labors of Love” We all “love” to garden, right?!

One of our spring chores includes cleaning out bird houses. Remove any left-over materials from last season. Wipe them out with a mild bleach solution and hang them back out when dry. This should be done in March, so it may already be too late this year. If the houses are not occupied, you may still be able to do it: Check and see. If you are not sure, let it ride for this year and put it on your list for next year.

Winter is not always real kind to our woody ornamentals. This season certainly is no exception. Another Spring chore is pruning out any dead wood and branches from our shrubs and trees. Before doing any pruning, make sure no occupied bird nests are there! Remember to only prune dead wood for now. Any live wood pruning you do on spring blooming woody ornamentals will sacrifice this year’s blooms. Other than dead wood, which can be pruned at any time, wait until after your ornamental has finished blooming to do any addition pruning.

Pairs of birds are flying in and out of the garden. Here are some tips that I have run across for our feathered friends. Most of our back yard birds are busy gathering nesting materials, building nests, and will soon be raising their young. We can help by putting out nesting materials — yarn, string, strips of fabric, etc. Pieces about 5” long are good. Birds will also use cotton balls, as well as human and pet hair. An empty suet cage feeder makes an excellent basket for nesting materials.
Another option for easy gathering is to sprinkle your nesting materials on top of your shrubs and bushes. Birdies will find it.

Natural food is in short supply in early Spring and migration is, or soon will be, in full swing. Most of the natural berries and seed heads from last season have been consumed over the winter. Check and fill your seed feeders daily. Don't forget your suet feeders! They are an excellent source of energy on cold mornings. It’s also time to add crushed egg shells to the feeders for the nesting birds so they can get the calcium they need. Take your dry eggshells, chop them in an old blender, and add them to your birdseed or homemade suet and seed cakes. You can also put out orange halves for Orioles, Red-Bellied Wood Peckers, Scarlet Tanagers, and others. Don't forget meal worms for the Bluebirds!

I have shared lots of things for the spring gardener to do. In all fairness, I would like to share some DONT’S. Spring wildflowers are blooming. Trilliums are a spring favorite. Be careful NOT to pick the blooms because it injures the plants, which will take several years to recover. If you have, or are considering putting in a wildlife pond, it should NOT have fish! If you add Koi, they will eat all your native tadpoles, dragonfly larvae, and salamanders. You can help protect baby birds and other newborn critters as well, by limiting Kitty’s outdoor time.

Enough of the DONT’S and one final DO! Nesting season means baby birds will soon be everywhere! Get out your camera and capture your favorite species, birds and other critters too, as juveniles. April and May provide many opportunities for the amateur photographer.

**BASIC SUET RECIPE**

1 cup lard  
1 cup chunky peanut butter  
1/3 cup sugar  
2 cup rolled oats

2 cup yellow corn flour  
1 cup all purpose flour  
1 cup birdseed  
1/3 cup crushed egg shells (in spring)

Some recipes use flour, some do not. I don’t know if it matters. I see it more often than not, so I included it. You can use wild bird seed mix or sunflower seeds.

Over low heat, melt lard and peanut butter. Add sugar to melted mix. Combine and blend in remaining ingredients. Place into plastic molds or containers. If you have saved your store bought suet containers you can reuse them. Another option: line a baking pan with wax paper. Spread mixture into pan and cut into squares when cool. Store the suet in the freezer until needed.

Some birders use bacon grease in place of lard. This works best in winter. It tends to melt easier as the weather warms and may also go rancid in the summer heat. The raccoons love it too!

Randy Tatro, MG(06)

Gathered from several Birds and Blooms articles
This really cold weather has me worried about my landscaping. What about the tall ornamental grasses with their tops sticking out of the snow? What about my trees or shrubs? Will this cold weather freeze off the buds?

This part of Michigan is rated zone 5 for cold hardiness by USDA. That means during the winter, low temperatures could be ten to twenty degrees below zero. And that's pretty much what we have had. But last winter, it got colder that twenty below zero on several occasions. Think about how your plants fared last spring. For woody ornamentals that have flowers in the spring, those flower buds were made last fall. This is why they can bloom in the spring. Leaf buds are always tougher than flower buds. If it was cold enough, the flower buds would be frozen. But it is rarely cold winter temperatures that ruin the flower party. It is Michigan's late freezing events after flower buds begin developing and expanding. The expanding flower buds get a frigid blast one night and get turned into bud-cicles. We have had heavy spring frosts in recent memory that have also frozen leaf buds and small leaves. Parts of Japanese maples have gotten flash frozen as well as fruit blossoms more than once. If your plants are perennials buried in the snow, it's a cheery 32 degrees down there. The ornamental grass tops were dead in the fall and will not get any deader than they are now. Those tops need to be cut down in the spring because new shoots will be growing. Snow is protecting your perennials and the bottoms of many shrubs. If you only have flowers on your forsythia on the area that was below the snow line, you will know what happened. If you have flowers all over the forsythia, it wasn't as bad as you thought. Forsythia flower buds are not completely hardy in Michigan so the milder the winter, the more exuberant the flowering.

I want to grow lavender and begin selling oil, plants and other forms this summer to make money. Part of my one acre is shaded and the other is sunny with heavy soil. Where do I buy seeds and where will it grow best? I am interested in the Spanish lavender. My gardening experience is limited. How do I begin?

Because your experience is limited, before the first plant goes into the ground, do some reading about lavender and growing conditions. You are going to find that growing lavender in Michigan on a large scale is going to be extremely challenging. The idea behind growing lavender to sell is to be able to grow it and have it grow rapidly enough that there are parts to harvest. Lavender has its origins in the Mediterranean region where there is low humidity. English lavender or Lavandula angustifolia can be grown in Michigan which is zone 5. It grows in zones 5-8. But Spanish lavender is only hardy to zones 7-8 which means it will not live over the winter. Lavender requires sandy, well-draining soil and full sun. Root rots can happen when plants have too much moisture in the soil that does not drain rapidly enough. You may be able to keep the plants alive but there may not be much to harvest. It is going to take several years to begin selling plants or harvesting plant material. Since you do not have not much experience, start with several purchased plants instead of seeds and see how it goes. Do not invest a great deal of money until you are growing plants successfully. Get a soil test to determine soil pH, nutrients and the type of soil you have... www.msusoiltest.com You also should decide how you will be marketing your lavender when the time comes. Know what direction this is all going before beginning. This is going to give you time to learn and see if this is for you.
KALANCHOE TUBIFLORA

I have identified a succulent that I was given a start from last summer by another Master Gardener, Joe Panula, who winters in Florida.

When I inquired, "What is it?" He replied, "I don't know." He was hoping that I would recognize it, but it was a specie that I had never before seen.

After digging through my books on succulents, I finally found a description that matched the plant.

The botanical name is

Kalanchoe tubiflora

The common names are

Chandelier Plant, Mother of Thousands, Propeller Plant, Maternity Plant.

It started blooming in late December and has been gorgeous!

Both it and the Cyclamen that I have had for several years put on very spectacular shows this winter.

Gives a gal a great pick-me-up on these dreary shortened & cold days.

I did a little research on the web after I found this plant in one of my succulent books.

Several gardeners commented that theirs took 30 years to bloom.

I am very pleased that I lucked out with conditions that it preferred for setting bud the same year that I started growing it.

I have another species of Kalanchoe (K. daigremontiana) that is also called “Mother of Thousands”.

If this one behaves anything like that one, I should start finding babies in all of my surrounding pots before long. <Sigh>

This was a frequently referred to trait in the reviews that I read online.

One grower mentioned even finding new starts that had fallen to the floor and rooted themselves into the carpet!

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EDITORIAL

HE  First and foremost here is a salute to Mel Kennedy who must be the busiest person in Genesee County. There hasn’t been a day that has gone by without two or three emails announcing this or that. Thanks for keeping us all up to date on the latest opportunities. If it was within my power I would vote you a straw hat and a hammock so you could take it easy all summer.

Take a moment or two to read the minutes this month. In addition to being informative project leaders review what is going on in and around the various volunteer activities. VMS contains a list of the projects and the coordinators who can also be cross referenced with the membership roster for contact. At 149 members there should be room for everyone to achieve the required volunteer hours. Time has moved forward and computers and what they can do are part of everyday life. If you cannot master the infernal machine bake some chocolate chip cookies and invite one of the grandchildren to expand your world. Heck, for cookies and a cold glass of milk I’ll come.

With the aforementioned at hand we are planning to reduce the volunteer section of DTE over time not to be confused with dates to remember.

When I wrote last month’s column following one of the coldest Februarys I can remember and we are now looking at one of the driest months of March in history.

SHE  As I am writing this the calendar says March, the sun is shining, the MGAGCM bulb sale is in full swing, our Awards Banquet is in a few weeks, projects are starting to pop up and we are in need of volunteers, Bob Tritton’s tree pruning class is underway and even with all these things that associate master gardeners with spring Mother Nature is playing a cruel April Fools joke on us with snow and 30 degree temperatures. Here is hoping that Mother Nature is done playing jokes and will bring spring in with an abundance of warm degree days and dry conditions so we can get out and play in the dirt or soil if you will! Come on Spring, we are READY.
COOKS CORNER

Par Cooked Weeknight Chicken Thighs

By Leslie Stephens

Something of a braise in reverse, this recipe for St. Claire Chicken calls for the chicken to be partially cooked in the oven, then finished over a grill or under a broiler. This cooking method allows the chicken thighs to soak in a lot of marinade, even if it hasn't sat in it all day, with a crispy finish.

INGREDIENTS

1 ½ cups vegetable oil
¾ cup Worcestershire sauce
¼ cup lemon juice, freshly squeezed
5 garlic cloves, minced
2 tablespoons dry mustard
2 ½ teaspoons kosher salt

PREPARATION

1. Mix all of the ingredients aside from the chicken and parsley in a baking dish large enough to fit both the chicken and the marinade.

2. Add chicken and coat each piece with the marinade. Marinate, refrigerated, for up to 10 hours.

3. Preheat oven to 350º F and remove chicken from refrigerator. Bake, uncovered, in the marinade for 30 minutes until par cooked. Remove from oven and finish cooking the chicken on the grill, or finish it under the broiler. Serve hot or warm. Garnish with chopped parsley

Spinach and Strawberry Salad

INGREDIENTS

6 cups baby spinach leaves, washed and dried
6 tablespoons Rhubarb Vinaigrette (see recipe)
Kosher salt
1 cup sliced strawberries
4 ounces freshchèvre, crumbled

Rhubarb Vinaigrette

1 cup sliced rhubarb
1 scallion, sliced
1 stalk green garlic, sliced (or 1 small garlic clove, sliced)
1/2 cup Champagne vinegar
2 tablespoons honey
1 teaspoon whole-grain mustard
1 teaspoon minced fresh ginger
2 teaspoons kosher salt
1/2 cup sunflower oil

PREPARATION

Place the spinach in a large bowl. Spoon the Rhubarb Vinaigrette onto the sides of the bowl. With your hands, gently lift the spinach up repeatedly, coating the leaves with the dressing from the sides of the bowl. Season to taste with salt. Divide the spinach among 4 salad plates or bowls and garnish with equal amounts of strawberries, chèvre, and sunflower seeds.

Combine the rhubarb, scallion, green garlic, vinegar, honey, mustard, ginger, and salt in a blender pitcher. Puree until smooth. With the motor running, drizzle in the sunflower oil.
THYMELY TIPS AND HELPFUL HINTS

According to researchers, walking on frozen turf can damage grass plants by crushing the crowns. This will happen even when there is no snow cover, so try to stay off the grass as much as possible. If you must transverse the yard a number of times, take a slightly different route on every trip to do as little harm as possible. Nancy Szerlag

Walking on wet sod and soil causes compaction and also damages turf, so give your lawn time to drain away excess moisture before working on it. Nancy Szerlag

Raised Beds you can use them to grow on slopes, it’s easy to build up with good soil over bad, they help prevent critters from dining on the crops, they can extend the growing season (in spring and fall), and the added height can make it easier to work. Make sure you select untreated wood, safe for food growing gardens. Empress of Dirt

Fill the bottom of pots with foam peanuts to improve drainage and easier to move. Handyman

Save your vegetable cooking water! The water has a lot of nutrients that your garden thrives on. Wait for the water to cool down first, and then use it to “fertilize” your garden or potted plants. This makes for a green and happy garden. Unknown

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It will be worth putting up with, though, because when it flowers, it is just too beautiful to consider discarding!

If it happens to be monocarpic, as are several of my other species of Kalanchoe, then it will probably die after the flowering finishes.

So, I plan to start one of the plantlets, rather than relying on one to appear in a nearby pot on its own, in order to preserve a specimen for next year.

My Cyclamen that I mentioned above and the new Kalanchoe are pictured in the attachments.

Unfortunately, I never got around to taking a better photo of the Kalanchoe after I moved it to the kitchen table.

Hopefully I will get another opportunity next year.

I am willing to share the plantlets. Contact me if you are interested.

Alicia Ellis MG(90)
MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
REGULAR MEETING
March 19, 2015

The Master Gardener Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Vicki Laurin.

President Laurin welcomed new member, Mary Gartland. Also, the other big news: Tomorrow is the official FIRST DAY OF SPRING!!

Review of Minutes: The February 19, 2015 minutes were presented. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Sandy Keirns, seconded by Joanie Snyder. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The February beginning balance was $31,411.46 with income of $616.11, which was from garden stone sales and DTE. Expenses were $445.27, consisting of the plaques and printing from A-Frame and a speaker fee. February’s ending balance was $31,626.34. The Square Up balance is $44.04. Randy Tatro made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report with Jim Harrow seconding it. The motion carried.

Projects – Kay McCullough:
Alicia Ellis said the grasses had been cut back and some clean up done. Help will be needed to deadhead. Spring cleanup is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31st, 9-12.

Carol Groat announced that the peppers are planted and tomatoes are next in line to plant. She will be at Grand Blanc Academy Monday, help would be appreciated.

Brian Van Patten updated us on the Junior Master Gardener program at For-Mar. Karen Palmer heads the program. They need presenters in the area of flowers, soil, vegetables and garden paths. Classes are to take place April 25th and May 9th. Flyers are available. For more information you can get in touch with Karen at For-Mar.

Marilyn Nichols stated that the work day for Carriage Town is Wednesday. They start at 9 am in the Children’s Garden and then move to Denny’s Memorial Garden at 11. Planting day will be Memorial Day. She would like to start an herb garden. There is a plot available near the adult men’s building. She has dug up some herb plants from the old Farmer’s Market and old Extension building. She wondered if MGs were interested in helping place a sign in the area. Marilyn made a motion for help with obtaining a sign which was seconded by Ruth Simon. The motion carried. The Wednesday work days start June 3rd.

Joanie Snyder reported that she is meeting with Amy McMillin April 7th to review/renew the contract with Parks & Rec. A partnership for enhancement of the butterfly gardens will be discussed. Work day is Tuesdays 9:30-12. The grasses will be cut back. Cleanup will start in May.

Dan Kah is in contact with those at the Davison Farmer’s Market. Discussion is ongoing about trying different things.

Beth Fromholz-Davies announced the Grand Blanc Farmers Market starts May 17th at 9:00 am. “Be there or be square.”

Michelle reported for Sylvia on the River Walk project. The Flushing City Council approved the purchase of a sign. The first work day is April 22nd.
Maggie Gregg reported that the Humane Society has given them more responsibility for the gardens. The work sessions start April 30th through to the end of October. The workday is Thursday 9-11.

Pat Seals announced that the GCCARD building work starts in mid-April. Tuesday is the workday starting at 9 am.

Linda Vance stated that it is too early to start at the Clio Library.

Jim Harrow informed us that the Pasadena and Flint Public libraries will be having work days.

Lois Henderson and Carol Bobb stated that nothing is going on at present at the Jennings Memorial and Johnson Memorial Libraries.

**Standing Committees – Alan Grove:**

Loretta stated that everything is going well. The banquet is at April 16th. Donations are welcome and can be left at the office.

Randy Tatro reported that he has sold out of some of the bulbs he brought tonight. He will be bringing more to the banquet next month. There are some new varieties available. The jumbo bags of iris corms will be available. The tender bulbs, i.e., lilies, will be available soon. The bulbs will also be available at the hotline office.

Sabrina Van Dyke announced the bus trip will be June 25th to Meijer Gardens. The Japanese Garden is to open. The bus would leave Flint at 8:00 and arrive in Grand Rapids around 10:00. The will be a tram around the gardens and a guided tour. Lunch would be at the cafeteria. On the way back, a stop will be made at the Wooden Shoe Earth Farm. The farm was established in 1987. There is room on the bus for 56 people. There is a stop at the Brody complex at MSU for dinner. The cost for dinner is $10.06 and will **not** be included in the $55 bus trip fee. A show of hands gave an indication of interest in this outing. Sabrina will be getting out flyers.

Vicki Laurin announced that the meeting with the clothing company is rescheduled. She stated that DTE is moving along.

Dick Moldenhauer informed us he will pick up the first order of stones Saturday. The first order will consist of 30-35 stones in four colors. Kay was able to show a picture of the sample stones. Seven of these stones are pre-sold. He has an event to attend March 28th and two in April. The cost of the stones is $6.00. A discussion ensued re: cost to sell stones. The Board will review this at the next Board meeting.

Kay reported there are 9 sites for the Garden Tour. The driving route is a total of 18.2 miles. The date will be June 28th so as to not conflict with the Art Fair. She is working on the tickets. The price is $10.00. Flyers and bookmarks are being put out.

Gloria Roudebush reported that two cards were sent out this past month: a sympathy card to Sherry Johnston for her sister and a get well card to Katie Van Patten.

Mel Kennedy told us about a bee symposium being held at the Mott Tech Center and a native plant sale April 20th starting at 5:00. There is a movie and various vendors. The person to contact if you want to attend is Becky Gonzalez. Her number is 762-0455.

Jim Harrow, VMS ambassador, informed us there was a request for volunteers at Genesys for
their greenhouse and flower cart. Wojo’s and Applewood are hiring. There is a master class being offered in Sault St. Marie. Owosso has requested volunteers to teach classes. Ruth informed us that there are still 14 people that need to get in their 2014 hours. The window for doing so is closing soon. Katie stated, if someone needed help to put in those hours, this is available through the VMS buddies and at the hotline office on Fridays.

**Announcements:**

Jim Harrow stated that the oral presentations for the coordinator position start at 1:00 pm March 23rd. There are 4 candidates. The presentation is 15 minutes long followed by a 10 minute Q&A session.

There are also four events that have requested Ask-A-Master Gardeners table: April 28-29 at the Peroni Home and Garden Show (he already has 5 volunteers but would like more); Bordine’s Spring Expo April 18-19; Earth Day at UM-Flint, contact Judy Rathburn for more information; and Wojo’s Spring Garden Party April 25th.

**Old and New Business:**

Kay McCullough gave a presentation of the Hospitality guidelines that have been developed and will become a part of our SOPs. Ruth Simon motioned to accept the new guidelines. It was seconded by Linda Vance. A discussion ensued about increasing the cost of the plant sent to $50 to keep up with current prices. Ruth then amended her motion to include the price increase. Randy Tatro made a motion to accept the amended motion and it was seconded by Dick Moldenhauer. The amended motion passed.

Project chairs are needed for Baker Park Library, I-23 rest stop (Vicki Laurin will check with Rhonda Johnson on this), Clio Veterans Memorial. Alicia announced she would like to step down as the Desert Garden project chair. The Easter Seals project may be in need of a chair.

Kay McCullough announced that she is driving with a friend to Lansing 5/2 for an educational conference if anyone is interested in carpooling.

Alan Groves gave a report on the 4 SOPs that the Board recently adopted. These will be reviewed annually. A copy at the office will be available for review. Contact a Board member about this.

Vicki Laurin reported on her attendance at the MMGA Retreat. It was two days of meetings. It was very hard work but felt that a lot was accomplished. MSUE and MGs worked together on many issues, i.e. communication, funding. This was all done with different people. Vicki emphasized our need for classes at the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for May 4th. She felt positive things will eventually come. The time frame is 3-5 years. This is disappointing but we will persevere. We can’t give up hope. With a new coordinator in place we will be able to go forward. Our organization is not the only one in this position. All need classes. Hopefully, there will be more positive news after the May meeting.

Joanie Snyder credited the past and present Boards and membership for progress already made and staying with it. 149 members have recertified on VMS.

Vicki has a new e-mail: vlaruin02@Yahoo.com.

Ruth spoke about IRS scams she had gotten and Alicia mentioned a credit card scam she received. Everyone needs to take care.

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Randy Tatro informed us of the passing of Gloria’s sister-in-law. Our condolences were given. Jim Harrow motioned that meeting close. It was seconded by Dick Moldenhauer. The motion passed. It closed at 7:50 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Loretta Ellwood

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**GREEN THUMPER**

Spring is just around the corner! The days are getting longer, the snow is melting off our lawns, and the nurseries are opening for business. The gardeners among us are dusting off their tools and planning their plots.

But there’s a dark side to the season. Just ask anyone who’s ever spent their day lovingly tending to tulips and morning glories, only to wake up the next morning to a garden full of stubs! House rabbits aren’t the only ones who’ll eat us out of house and home. Their wild bunny brethren are just as voracious.

So what’s a gardener to do, aside from encircling the yard with barbed wire? It may be hard to believe, but there ARE plants that rabbits won’t touch. Many of them are also deer-resistant.

Do you have a sunny space to fill? Consider daffodils. They range from brilliant yellow to light peach and even pink, and buns won’t touch them. Or try daylilies, which come in every color known to man, including bright red and rich purple.

For shaded areas, plant lambs’ ear. Just like the name implies, the leaves are covered with a downy fuzz. Astilbe provides crisp foliage with tall feathery blossoms. Can’t wait for the spring thaw? Hellebore will push its way up through snow and ice.

If you’re a vegetable gardener, you’ll have the best luck with asparagus, potatoes, or tomatoes. No list is fool proof, so be prepared to experiment. Providing a snack for the wildlife now and then is par for the course. Dig in and enjoy!
Flint Farmers Market is in need of volunteers. If interested please call Joyce Bellaire at 810-487-1237.

Davison Farmers Market is looking for volunteers. If interested call Dan Kah at 810-732-3170.

Flushing River Trail will be starting on Wednesday, April 22 at 9:00 am with a cleanup of the trailhead and top of the boardwalk. Clean up at the berm will be 9:00 am on Wednesday, May 6 and a trail cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 16. Please contact Sylvia if interested in any of these times and if you have a preference of Wednesday or Saturday mornings. sylhans@sbcglobal.net or 810-659-0130

Humane Society Genesee County Gardens G-3325 S. Dort Highway, Burton, Mi. Thursday workdays starting April 30 thru end of October from 9-11a.m.

Earth Day event at the UM Flint April 11, 2015 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. To volunteer please call Judy Rathburn at 810-744-0157.

Bordine’s Spring Expo, April 18 and 19, Grand Blanc. We need volunteers for these two days in 4hr shifts, 9-1 and 1-5. If interested in volunteering either of these days contact Jim Harrow at 810-244-8541 office or 810-233-6214 cell.

Marlene Webster who works at an independent bookstore in Owosso is looking for Master Gardeners who would be interested in teaching a class or two on spring gardening. For more details call Marlene at 313-520-7680.

DATES TO REMEMBER

The 27th Annual Awards Banquet will be held April 16, 2015 at Crossroads Village with Social hour starting at 5:30-6:00 pm and dinner starting at 6:00-7:15 pm. Speaker will be from 7:15-8:00 pm and meeting will be from 8:00 –8:30 pm and lastly finishing the program with the awards from 8:30-9:30 pm.

Plan on supporting our Silent Auction and Raffle with cash or check only.

Contact Loretta Ellwood at 810-444-4549 or Pam Kvasnicka at 810-658-3821 for more details.

Silent Auction donations may be dropped off at the Extension office.

2015 Bee Symposium on Monday, April 20, 2015,5:00PM to 8:30 PM at the Regional Technology Center-MTEC, Mott Community College at 1401 E. Court St. in Flint, Mi. There will be a film “Saving the Lifekeeper” and you can purchase Michigan Native Plants, Honey, Bee Products and Bee Keeping Supplies. Make your reservation for a seat for the film to Rebecca Gale-Gonzalez: rebecca.gale@mcc.edu or 810-762-0455

Spring bulb sale is currently running and you can shop for bulbs during regular hotline hours. Starting April 6th hotline will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30am-1:00pm.

Come in and start your summer collection of beautiful bulbs. There are some new varieties and all are excellent bargains.

Bulbs will be available at the Awards Banquet.
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