FEATURE ARTICLE

Grow something new and different in your vegetable garden

One of the delights of growing your own vegetables is to become a vegetable explorer. This means that every year, if there is enough room, you try growing a new and interesting vegetable, one you’ve read about and can imagine eating. It’s your little experiment into the unknown and you get to eat the results. Maybe it’s a vegetable you’ve already grown but the color or shape is different. All it involves is one packet of seeds or a transplant or two to begin an eating adventure. Smart gardeners enjoy new and different vegetables that grace their gardens and then their tables.

Michigan State University Extension horticulture educators and Master Gardener hotlines get calls from people who have unintentionally grown something different and are surprised at what is in their garden. Black cherry is a dark purple cherry tomato and inexperienced gardeners who are not used to the strange color call to see if it is edible. They didn’t read the label or the tag was lost. The days to harvest is an indication on how long it takes to grow this vegetable. In Michigan, we usually have about 120 days for a growing season. Knowing if the vegetable is a cool season or warm season vegetable is important for the vegetables to grow well. Cool season vegetables do their best growing in the spring and fall. Hot weather causes problems for the plants. Warm season vegetables do best in the hottest part of summer.

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Cool weather causes problems with growth and production. “Days until harvest” are calculated from the time the seed germinates and comes up with little leaves, not when the seed is planted. So if soils are cold or dry, it delays germination. Days to harvest should be considered a guideline, not an immutable fact.

This is the time when many gardeners are shopping for seeds either through a catalog or online. This is where the greatest variety will be available. A few possibilities to ponder as you shop for seeds are listed below.

**Beets**
Many of us have eaten the dark red beets, but you could notch it up and try golden beets or Chioggia beets. Golden beets are a rich, golden color and have a mild, sweet taste. Chioggia beets have alternate layers inside of red and white for a bulls-eye effect and are also sweet.
When thinning small beets, cook the little leaves as a green. Beet roots don’t have to be boiled. They can be roasted in the oven to caramelize their sugars and make them even sweeter. **Beets are a cool season vegetable with 55 days until harvest.**

**Chard**
This is a kissin’ cousin to beets. Beets have the fancy bottom and chards have the leafy top. For some gardeners, seeing little blemishes on the yellow, white and pink stems makes them take additional time in the kitchen to trim out the imperfections. A simple nick or bruise can leave a brown blemish. The solution is to buy a chard with red stems that does not show tiny blemishes. Stems are a rich cranberry color and disguise imperfections. **Chards are a cool season vegetable with 55-65 days until harvest.**

**Watermelon**
Because of the short number of growing days, it is almost impossible to grow big watermelons. These are watermelons like Charleston Gray that look like a green propane tank. However, it is possible to grow the smaller, roundish watermelons that are under 10 pounds. They have the advantage of being very sweet, easy to handle and fit nicely into the refrigerator. These may have a name like Sugar Baby or Ruby Hybrid Seedless. **These kind of watermelon are warm season vegetables with 75-85 days until harvest.**

**Carrots**
Look to spice up your carrot world with different colored carrots. Seed companies sell packets of various colored carrots mixed together. Grating purple yellow carrots into coleslaw or salad could add a bit of dinnertime excitement. **Carrots are a cool season vegetable with 65-75 days until harvest.**

Other new and interesting vegetable choices to consider include small, round zucchini, white eggplant, okra or kohlrabi. Try the purple, mild variety. Have fun and eat well with your garden adventure.

*Article written by Gretchen Voyle*  
*Michigan State University Extension*
Why am I getting mice coming into my house now? I have lived in this house for almost fifty years and have never had a problem until this year. I have looked at ground level and just above and have not found anything. Do I just continue to put down mouse poison?

Just because you haven’t had any problems with mice or other critters does not mean that this lasts a lifetime. As houses age, sagging and weathering take place and what was once tight now isn’t. It’s just like humans getting older. We aren’t immune to problems forever. Mice can climb and you need to do something other than look at ground level. That’s where your foundation is and it is not likely that your opening is there. Mice can climb brick and block chimneys and walls. Mice can climb trees and if the tree has branches within a few feet of the house, they can hop off there. Mice could climb up a vine, trellis or drain pipe touching the house, so look at everything. Check the gable end vents and if the screening is torn or damaged, this could be a straight shot into the attic. Look at anything that has been cut into the house like a dryer vent or a gas line. Make sure that there is a solid caulking surrounding openings. There is a small possibility that a mouse could get into a dryer vent when the dryer is off. If the pipe connecting the dryer to the exterior vent is a material a mouse could chew through, there may be a hole in the interior of the vent. Mousy just drops through the hole and is indoors. If people prop doors open and the door isn’t watched, there may be a stray mouse around. This also goes for windows without screens that are partially open at night. If the door wall is open and there are holes in the screen, it’s another rodent home run. If the garage is attached to the house, look for openings between the house and garage. If there is a basement, check windows to be sure they are closed tightly. As you can see, an inspection of the exterior of the house involves more than a quick jog around the perimeter. Mice have very little to do all day because they don’t have friends or hobbies. Their only job is getting into your house and they are very motivated as winter approaches. That magic combination of heat and eat starts a fall mouse stampede.

My friend gave me a little houseplant that has grown to be about 12 inches tall. It has shiny, thick green leaves with what looks like baby plants with roots growing all around the edges of the leaves. She said it was called Mother of Millions but that’s all she knows about it. What is it?

You are now the proud owner of a succulent with the botanical name of Bryophyllum daigremonti. When you have the botanical name, you can look it up online and get information about the correct plant. It has a heap of common names including Mother of Thousands, Alligator Plant, Devi’s Backbone and Mexican Hat. Its origin is Madagascar and has been an indoor plant enjoyed by many people for decades. The reason so many people have enjoyed it is that as the plant grows, it makes small plantlets on the margins of the leaves. The little plantlets grow roots and if the plant is bumped, the plantlets fall off, ready to root in and begin a new life. This Bryophyllum will grow to about two to three feet tall and needs a sunny window for best growth. When it is little, it stands upright easily. As it grows taller, it wants to flop over and grow along the ground. You can stake it to keep it upright. The stem of the plant produces white aerial rootlets to enable the stem to root in various places if it falls over. In the spring, your little Bryophyllum will produce bell-shaped lavender or rose-colored flowers. But as cute as it is, it is just one of many poisonous indoor plants. Since adults do not define their world by putting plants in their mouths, there is no problem. If there are pets or little kids, keep the plant out of their way.

Gretchen Voyle, MSU Extension-Livingston County Horticulture Educator 517/546-3950
COOKS CORNER

VEGETABLE STUFFED CHICKEN ROLLS

INGREDIENTS

- 1/3 cup sun-dried tomatoes (not packed in oil)
- 1 cup boiling water
- 4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves (4 ounces each)
- 1-1/2 teaspoons minced fresh rosemary or 1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- 1 tablespoon golden raisins
- 1 tablespoon reduced-fat cream cheese
- 2 teaspoons pine nuts
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1/2 cup minced fresh basil
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1-1/2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon cold water
- 2 medium tomatoes, chopped

Directions

1. Place dried tomatoes in a small bowl. Cover with boiling water; let stand for 5 minutes. Drain, reserving 1/2 cup water; chop tomatoes and set aside.

2. Flatten chicken to 1/4-in. thickness; sprinkle with rosemary, pepper and salt. In a small bowl, combine the spinach, raisins, cream cheese, pine nuts and sun-dried tomatoes. Spread 1/4 cup spinach mixture over each chicken breast. Roll up and secure with toothpicks. Place flour in a shallow bowl; coat chicken with flour.

3. In a large nonstick skillet coated with cooking spray over medium heat, brown chicken in oil. Add the broth, basil, garlic and reserved water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 10-12 minutes or until a meat thermometer reads 170°.

4. Combine cornstarch and cold water until smooth. Stir into pan. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 1 minute or until thickened. Add tomatoes; heat through. Discard toothpicks. Yield: 4 servings

RECIPE FOUND IN TASTE OF HOME HEALTHY COOKING
BANQUET UPDATE

Remember – APRIL 21, 2016 – is the annual Genesee County Master Gardener Award Banquet at Crossroads Village. We’ll see old friends and make new ones after our winter hiatus. The committee has again chosen a great menu. Our speaker, Lisa Steinkopf, will enlighten us with her presentation on “Cultivating Your Green Thumb: Indoors”. There will be drawings and door prizes.

If you are interested in assisting with door prizes, contact Carolyn Malaski at cfmalaski@aol.com or call or text her at (810) 348-0653. We will be asking businesses for donations of new items to be used as prizes. If you know of a business that might be a possible donor let Carolyn know.

Please join us for a great evening to honor our awardees and those who have worked so hard to make this the successful program that it has become. Reservation flyers are available in this edition of DTE, the Extension office, our monthly meetings as well as in a mailing. Hope to see you there. Loretta Ellwood ’07

BOOK SALE

Evelyn Peterson a retired Master Garden and Certified Organic Gardener is offering a list of reference material formally used in her business. She may be contacted at 989-525-4206 or 810-686-0069, email petersonctygds@aol.com. Arrangements for delivery would have to made between the seller and buyer.

A-z ENCYCLOPEDIA OF GARDEN PLANTS- HC- 1095 pgs-15,000 plants, 6,000 photos - Authors, Christopher Brickell, Judith D Zuk $15.00

COMMON SENSE PEST CON TROL- HC 715 pgs - Authors, Wm Olkowski, Shelia Daar, Helga Olkowski $7.50

COMPLETE BOOK OF TOPIARY- SC- 318 pgs, Author, Barbara Gallup, Deborah Reach $4.00

COMPLETE GUIDE TO ORCHIDS- hc-224 pgs -Ortho book, Author Meredith Books $5.00

HERBS IN POTS- HC 194 pgs. Author Bob Proctor, David Macke 1st printing $5.00

THE SCENTED ROOM- Cherchez’s book of dried flowers, fragrance and potpourri - 132 pgs. Author Barbara Mil Ohrbach $5.00

GROWING & SELLING FRESH CUT HERBS- HC- 453 pgs, Author Sadie Shores $4.00

HEALING POWER OF HERBS-Paperback 160 pgs 1975 - author May Bethel $2.00

SEX IN YOUR GARDEN-Not a sex book-(gardening)SC-119 pgs, 250 photos by Angela Overy $4.00

FLOWER DRYING WITH A MICROWAVE- SC-71 pgs small book by Tina Joosten $3.00

RODALE BOOK OF COMPOSTING- HC - 278 pgs-Rodale Press, by Deborah L Martin, Grace Gershony $5.00

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10 Tasks to Prepare Your Spring Garden

Inspect Raised Garden Beds
Check garden beds for any damage. Over the winter, soggy soil from rain and snow can put a strain on the wood frames of a raised garden bed. Repair any bowed or split wood on the frames.

Check Your Garden Tools: Get your garden tools in tip-top shape before the planting season gets in full swing. Give them a good wipe down and inspect for rust on the tool heads. If your tools have wooden handles and are showing signs of splits and cracks, rub them down with boiled linseed oil.

Turn Your Compost It’s time to turn your compost pile and check for any that is ready to use. Making your own compost is one of the best natural soil amendments, and it’s free! Add compost to improve soil by scratching in finished compost into the top one inch of soil.

Top Dress Garden Beds If you run short of home-grown compost, use well-seasoned manure to top-dress your garden beds in preparation for planting. If you planted a winter cover crop, now is the time to till it into the soil in preparation for planting the beds.

Divide Perennials Spring is a great time to transplant divisions or move plants around. Share or trade some of your plants with neighbors and garden friends. This is a cost-efficient way to add more plants to your landscape but be mindful of sharing pests, disease, and weeds. Only share plants from your garden that are healthy and inspect plants from friends or plant sales thoroughly. If there are any signs of distress or discoloration, do not plant it in your garden. The risk often far outweighs the reward!

Weed and Mulch Eradicate those pesky early spring weeds before they get too comfortable in your garden. Remove any young, sprouting weeds first and then put down a layer of cardboard or landscape fabric onto the bare ground before you add mulch. A 3 to 4 inch layer of mulch is sufficient to discourage any new weed growth. Alternatively, you can plant your garden tightly with perennials, annuals, trees, and shrubs to crowd out weeds.

Seed Starting Sow warm weather vegetables and annuals indoors before the last frost date. To aid in germination, presoak larger seeds and seeds with thick coats such as beets and nasturtium the night before you sow them in starter pots.

Early Spring Vegetables Direct sow any early spring vegetables once the soil is workable. Cool weather veggies like lettuce, cabbage, radishes and scallions will germinate in cooler soil.

Prune Remove any dead branches of shrubs, trees and perennial foliage after new growth has begun. Prune the spring bloomers like forsythia and rhododendrons as needed, soon after flowering is complete. Thin and shape hedges after the first flush of new spring growth.

Plan to Protect Seedlings A late season frost or freeze can happen anytime in the spring. Make sure you have enough cloth and plastic to protect tender plants. If a frost is predicted, just a cloth over your plants will suffice. For nights when the temps are forecasted to dip below freezing, it’s better to put a layer of cloth on first, then lay plastic on top. Condensation on the plastic will freeze and damage foliage.

Taking the time to complete a few essential spring garden tasks will bring you benefits for the rest of the season.
Come along and enjoy all the festivities as we honor our Master Gardener Volunteers. This wonderful evening will start off with a social period, followed by a delicious meal.

After satisfying your appetite, we will have drawings for items donated by local vendors and others.

Our speaker this year is Lisa Steinkopf. Her topic will be "Cultivating Your Green Thumb: Indoors". You may have seen Lisa's articles in the Michigan Gardener magazine. She is an expert on houseplants and related topics.

The evening will continue with the presentation of awards including hour pins and special recognition for the "Outstanding Master Gardener of the Year" and "Distinguished Master Gardener".

Please join our special celebration honoring our dedicated volunteers.

Sincerely

Come and help celebrate our achievements of the past year as a group and to honor our hard working volunteers.

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Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by calling Genesee County (810) 244-8531 by April 2, 2016 to ensure sufficient time to make arrangements. Requests received after this date will be regrettable.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.
Please make checks payable to: "MGAGCM" and return the Reservation form

NO LATER THAN:

April 11, 2016

Website: gc-mga.weebly.com
### Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order by President Vicki Laurin at 7:30 pm.

### Review of Minutes:
Motion and 2nd by Loretta Elwood and Mel Kennedy to accept the February 18, 2016 meeting minutes as corrected. Passed.

### Treasurer’s Report:
Michelle Chockley reviewed the Treasurer’s report for February 2016. The beginning balance was $33,616.55, income was $2,335.27, expenses were $258.58 and the ending balance was $35,703.25 which includes $10.01 in the Square One account.

### Kay McCullough - Projects Reports:

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<td>Desert Oasis</td>
<td>Alicia Ellis (acting) - the usual spring cleaning is being done on Tuesdays from 9 am - 12.</td>
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<td>Grow Lab</td>
<td>Carol Groat - things are growing good!</td>
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<td>Jr. Master Gardeners</td>
<td>Vicki Perkins - applications are available in the office. Classes to be held on (2) Saturdays: 4/2 and 4/16.</td>
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<td>Ask A Master Gardener</td>
<td>Alan Grove / Michelle Chockley - letters have been sent to nurseries about participation this year. Get ready to volunteer.</td>
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<td>Butterfly Garden (Clio)</td>
<td>Cheri Johnston-NR</td>
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<td>Carriage Town</td>
<td>Marilyn Nichols - workdays on 4/23 and 5/21 from 9 am - 12. The main garden planting day will be Memorial Day.</td>
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<td>Crossroads Village (Monarch Way Station)</td>
<td>Joanie Snyder - cleanup is started! Meeting Tuesdays @ 9:30 to work.</td>
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<td>Farmers Market – Grand Blanc</td>
<td>Beth Fromholz-Davies/Alan Grove - starts 2nd Sun. in May: 5/8 from 10 am - 3 pm</td>
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| 1st Presbyterian Church-Flint | Corrine Kage-NR |
| Flushing River Trail | Sylvia Hansen - plan to cut grasses on April 13 at 9 am. Sylvia has a syllabus for interested workers. Give your email to Sylvia and she will send you notice of when they plan to work. |
| Flushing Butterfly Garden | Mary Beth Seaward-NR |
| GCCARD Gardens | Alan Grove/Gwen Barney-NR |
| Humane Society | Maggie Gregg - The first workday will be 4/30 from 10 am - 12, then Thursdays from 10 am - 12. |
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Library Gardens
Baker Park (Burton)    Diana Callison-NR
Burton Memorial (Burton)    Mary Faith Down-NR
Genesee District (Pasadena)    Sasi Vemuri-NR
Flint Public    Sasi Vemuri-NR
Jennings Memorial (Montrose)    Lois Henderson-NR
Johnson Memorial (Genesee)    Carol Bobb-NR

Rest Stop Projects
I-69 Brenda Monty-NR
I-75 Ruth Sutton-NR
US-23 Loretta Elwood- Mulch and plants are being ordered. Needs to be planted by Memorial Day. There is lots of work to do!

Katie VanPatten - Standing Committee Reports:

Banquet (Spring/Awards) Loretta Ellwood / Caroly Malaski- The banquet is April 21 at Crossroads. The speaker is Lisa Steinkopf, an expert on houseplants.
Bulb Sale Randy Tatro- Bulbs on sale at this meeting and in the office during Hot Line hrs.
Bus Trip (Educational) Sabrina VanDyke-The trip will be July 21, 2016. Cost will be $45 + lunch. They will be visiting Hidden Lakes Gardens and Proven Winner Trial Gardens. To reserve a bigger 2nd bus due to strong demand. Signup and pay to reserve your seat.
Clothing Vicki Laurin / Katie Van Patten- the order is almost done, clothing will be offered at cost to MGAGCM members.
DTE Vicki Laurin / George Rappold- will publish project workdays and times in DTE when informed by project chairperson.
Fall Into Spring Loretta Ellwood-NR
Garden Stones/Compost Dick Moldenhauer- several MG stone sale opportunities in April
Garden Tour Kay McCullough-The date is Sunday June 26, 2016. It will be a good garden tour this year in the Clio and N. Flushing area! Other local events may be planned to complement the garden tour.
Holiday Party (Open)
Hospitality Gloria Roudebush- Cards were sent to Carol Groat and Vicki Perkins on the passing of their mothers. Shirley McFarlane is ill.
Public Relations Mel Kennedy- No Bee Symposium at MCC in 2016. Applewood will open 5/5-8 with house tours! Reservations will need to be made.
Tool and Garden Supplies Dick Moldenhauer- Only one order to date. Catalogs are in the office. Place and pay for orders by April 21, 2016. The first order will be sent in by the 1st

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of May. Members may order tools for project or personal use. Go to www.amleo.com to view tools online.

VMS Ambassadors Ruth Simon / Jim Harrow- Check your member info in the directory (just sent out) and correct it on VMS if inaccurate.
Website Kay McCullough-To add clothing info / order form to website.

Old Business:
Project chairs are still needed for: Holiday Party

New Business:
The SOP Committee is making great progress on completing SOP’s for our membership.
As soon as they have been approved by the board we can pass them on to the membership for review and use.
The Board will be making a decision on an engraver by next month after viewing some online videos.
VMS review – Michelle Chockley explained the new project selection details in VMS for reporting MG hours.
Jim Harrow asked for volunteers to staff a) Dort Federal Event Center on 4/2-3 and b) Bordines on 4/15-16, times tbd. Contact Jim to see if there is still a need.
Cheryl Borkowski asked for help planting 26 circles in the Durant Plaza between Whiting and Sloan Museum on Saturday 5/21 from 9 am – 1 pm
Info on part of tonight’s speakers’ subject is available at www.asianlonghornbeetle.com

Close of Meeting: Moved and 2nd by Vicki Laurin and Ruth Simon to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm. Passed.

Respectfully submitted: Dick Moldenhauer, MGAGCM secretary

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HERBCRAFTS-HC-128 pgs, 40 crafts and pictures by Lorene Books $5.00
HERBS-GROWING & USING THE PLANTS OF ROMANCE- SC- 176 pgs Ironwood Press by Bill & Sylvia Varney $5.00
GARDEN PROBLEM SOLVER-Reader's Digest HC- 415 pgs $5.00
TAYLOR'S MASTERGUIDE TO LANDSCAPING-HC-372 pgs. Author Rita Buchanan, Houghton Mifflin Co $10.00
PESTS & DISEASE-AMERICAN HORT.SOC- HC _ 217 PGS. Authors:Pippa Greenwood, Andrew Halsted, A>R>Chase, Daniel Gilrein $5.00
THE COMPLETE BOOK OF SOAPMAKING-HC-128 PGS-Sterling publishing by Norma Coney $2.00
UTIMATE ROSE-HC-`160 pgs by American Rose Society$3.00

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COMPLETE BOOK OF HERBS-HC-288 Pgs -Penquin Books by Leslie Bremnes $4.00
CREATIVE ART OF DRIED FLOWERS-HC-128 pgs by Sarah Waterkeyn $3.00
ALL ABOUT PERENNIALS-SC- 96 pgs. Ortho book $2.00
PLANT PROPAGATIONS-HC- 320 pgs-American Horts Society,by Alan Toogood $8.00
HERBAL TREASURES-SC-312 pgs= by Phyllis V Shaudys $5.00
SECRETS TO A SUCCESSFULL GREENHOUSE AND BUSINESS -SC- 280 Pgs by TM Taylor $5.00
HERB GARDENS- HC- 132 pgs.Better Homes & Gardens by Catriona Tudor Erler $5.00
100 FAVORITE HERBS-HC-119 Pgs-By Teri Dunn $3.00
MAKING A HERB GARDEN-HC- 96 pgs- by Catherine Mason $3.00
START TO PLANT HERB GARDENS-HC- 48 pgs by Graham A Pavey $2.00
HOUSE PLANTS A-Z-SC-112 PGS. sUNSET BOOKS $2.00
DISCOVERING ANNUALS -HC-192 Pgs- by Graham Rice $3.00
ENCYCLOPEDIA OF NATURAL INSECT & DISEASE CONTROL-HC-490 Pgs by Roger B Yepson Jr $5.00
THE LITTLE GUIDES HERBS-SC- 32- pgs by Geoffrey Burnies $2.00
THE HERB BOOK -Paperback 660 pgs by John Lust $2.00
HOW TO SELECT,GROW & ENJOY-SC- 160 Pgs-HP Books by Norma Jean Lothrop $3.00
JERRY BAKER'S YEAR AROUND BLOOMERS -HC- 376 Pgs $5.00
GARDENING ESSENTIAL-HC- 180 pgs- Complete Gardeners Library have 2 books $3.00 each
1000 GARDEN QUESTIONS & ANSWERS-HC-1461 Pgs- by FFRockwell $5.00
THE NEW SEEDS STARTERS HANDBOOKS-SC- 385 PGS By Nancy Bubel $3.00
THE NEW ILLUSTRATED ENCYCLOPEDIA OF GARDEN-HC- 475 Pgs-(unabridged)
Greystone Press-Volume 3- $3.00
PRINCIPLES OF FLORICULTURE-HC-467 pgs (1931 edition) $3.00 old book
CONTROLLING WEEDS-SC- 96 Pgs-Ortho book $2.00
MARSHALL CAVASH ILLUSTRATED ENCYCLOPEDIA OF GARDENING-HC- 140 Pgs-
Volume 1 $2.00
ARCHITICUTURAL PLANTS-HC 144 pgs by Noel Kingsbury $5.00
BONSAI-HC-224 pgs by Harry Tomlinson $5.00
DATES TO REMEMBER

ANNUAL AWARD BANQUET

Will be held on April 21, 2016 at Crossroads Village, 6140 Bray Road, Flint, Michigan.

Our May MGAGCM meeting will be held at the GCARD building at 605 N Saginaw St. Social time will begin at 5:30 pm and our speaker, Marvin Pettway, will begin at 6:00 pm. Marvin earned both the Bachelor of Science in Forestry and the Master of Forestry degrees from the University of Michigan. He has worked over 40 years in various aspects of grounds maintenance including the last 27 years as the lead arborist for the UM Ann Arbor campus, Marvin will be speaking with Chris Pargoff on Big Tree Move. Detailing how U of M Ann Arbor transplanted the largest, oldest, well known Burr Oak on campus to a new location.

Business meeting will follow after a short break.

HOME AND GARDEN SHOW AT DORT FEDERAL EVENT CENTER (former Perani Arena) APRIL 2 & 3.

We will need volunteers for four (4) hour shifts for both days. Times tentatively set for 10:00 AM thru 4 or 5 PM

SPRING EXPO BORDINE GARDEN CENTER TORREY RD. APRIL 16 & 17.

Again, we will need volunteers for four (4) hour shifts for both days. Times tentatively set for 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Please contact Jim Harrow at 810-244-8548 or joker108@sbcglobal.net to volunteer. If you leave a message please leave a phone number and email address for return information. There will be a lax at times so you’ll be able to wander around and see the rest of the exhibits as well as our own booth.

2016 ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL MGAGCM BUS TRIP

Wow! What a response! The MGAGCM Bus Trip 2016 has filled up one bus and has ten seats reserved on the second bus. Kudos to Sabrina for planning such a fun filled bus trip. For only $45, the bus driver will chauffeur us from Flint to Four Star Proven Winners Display Gardens in Carleton, MI. There we will see hundreds of Proven Winner plants in a multitude of settings. After a morning of gardener bliss, we will travel to the quaint historic town of Tucumseh to enjoy lunch at a restaurant of your choice. You will be on your own for lunch, but there are several choices. A short distance away, we will travel to the 755 acre botanical gardens at Hidden Lakes in Tipton, MI. It is a long day starting at 7:30 in the morning and arriving back home by 6 PM, but it is well worth it. Save the date Thursday, July 21, 2016. The deadline for Registration is June 1. It is a fun day to spend with other gardeners. We hope to see you there. You may download a registration form at our website geneseecountyMG.org.

FLINT FARMERS MARKET project will begin Saturday, April 2, 2016. Volunteer hours are 10:00 am-2:00pm. If interested in spending time in the new Flint Farmers Market please contact Joyce Bellaire 810-487-1237.

MGA Volunteers needed at Humane Society of Genesee County, G-3325 S. Dort Hwy, Burton, Mi. 48519.

Garden workdays are Thursdays 10 am-noon, starting April 28-mid October.

Community garden and grounds cleanup, Sat., April 30, 10 am-noon.

Community “Bring a Flat to Plant Day” is Sat., June 11, 10 am-noon.

For more information contact Chairperson Maggie Gregg at:maggiekg42@comcast.com
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