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From The President

Summer, glorious summer! I love the long days and hot temperatures. It seems we wait nine months here in Michigan to have these few shorts months to enjoy our perennials. Because we are all so busy during the summer – in our gardens and other people’s gardens – our Association doesn’t meet again until September. It doesn’t mean that we don’t do Association work however, as we continue to work at the Mackie Rest Area and plan ahead for next year. Thanks to Cheryl Rundle for heading up the Mackie as Project Leader. I appreciate all of your hard work in organizing the planting and maintenance there. It is certainly our crown jewel of projects we are involved in. Thanks, too, to Blane Hiscox for making the individual garden bed stands for the Mackie. I’m sure visitors to the Rest Area will enjoy being able to match the name to the plant and taking away ideas for their own gardens. That’s what we’re all about. Sharing ideas!

Summer also means plenty of educational opportunity for Master Gardener’s who need continuing education hours. The first day that comes to mind is Garden Day at MSU on Friday, August 10th. There are plenty of other opportunities before then but Garden Day is so much fun I want to personally invite you to attend. The speakers are top rate and the MSU gardens are at their peak – a perfect place to get grand ideas for your own garden. Please contact me or Marybeth Denton for more information. I’m certain that we will have a car pool going. Early registration ends July 21. Happy summer and looking forward to seeing you at my house in September,

Carol Neeper

Mackie Welcome Center

I would like to start by thanking everyone that participated in the Mass Planting Day at the Mackie on June 2, 2007. The dedication shown by everyone there is greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to stop at the Mackie any time that is convenient to you, to weed, dead-head, etc. If you notice any problems, please give me a call.

At this time we are having a problem with bed 3. The sedum has been eaten down to just the stalks, and the grasses have been chewed on, too. We are trying a few deterrents such as deer repellent spray and possibly some smoke bombs for what could be voles. If you notice any kind of critter eating the plants in any bed, give myself or Marybeth a call. You can also email me at crundle@charter.net.

If you are interested in being a bed leader next year, we will have one bed available.

Again, much thanks to all who have and will participate.

Cheryl Rundle

Education Opportunities

Northern Gateway Master Gardener Association. Meetings held at 6:00 pm at the Clare County Building unless otherwise noted.

All Master Gardener Volunteers are invited and encouraged to attend Association meetings. **You do not have to be an association member to attend an association meeting.** So, please come join us and be part of the planning and preparation of 2007 projects.

- **Dow Gardens** – Call 989-631-2677 to register, or visit www.dowgardens.org.

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| Sept. 4, 2007 | Carol Neeper’s Residence,
Lake, Michigan | Live Flower
Arrangements |
| Oct. 2, 2007 | County Building, Harrison | Winter Bed Preparation |
| Nov. 6, 2007 | County Building, Harrison | Real Colors Training
Officer Elections |
1. July 24 – Butterfly Gardening – 6:30 to 8:30 pm. 2 MG credits. Cost: \$5.00 Register by July 16.
 2. August 14 – Gardening with Native Plants for Pollinators and other Beneficials. Cost: \$12.00. 6:00 to 8:00 pm. 2 MG credits. Register by August 3.
 3. August 11 – Pruning Trees Properly – 9:30 to noon. Cost: \$10.00. 2 MG credits.

- **GARDEN DAY at MSU**

Friday, August 10, 2007. For detailed information and registration visit: <http://www.hrt.msu.edu/outreach/GardenDay2007.htm>. If you would like copies of the GARDEN DAY brochure or have questions, please contact the phone number and e-address below. 5 MG credits.

Voice: 517/355-5191, ext.1339

Fax: 517/353-0890

Email: allens@msu.edu

<http://www.hrt.msu.edu/>

- **Stone Cottage Gardens**
 1. **July 28:** Perennial Excitement 10:30 am - noon
Learn about new, unusual, and often overlooked perennials. Kelly Lewis, owner of Perennial Partners, will share her knowledge of perennial varieties, as well as, their care and feeding.
 2. **Aug. 4:** Herb Festival 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Coleen French, Joy Burnsworth, and Donna Hoff-Grambau are some of the herb specialists that are teaming up to increase your knowledge of herbs and how to use them.
 3. **Sept 8:** Create Your 2008 Perennial Garden Now - 10:30 a.m. – noon. Kim Francis will convince you to plant that garden of your dreams now and then show you how to do it.
- **Garden Design Short Course Series.** Sponsored by the Master Gardener Volunteer Program. Locations around the state: Mt. Pleasant, East Lansing, Gaylord, Petoskey.

	E. Lansing	Gaylord	Petoskey
1. Intro. To Garden Design	Sept 22	Sept 8	Sept 15
2. Advanced Garden Design I	Sept 29	Oct 6	--
3. Advanced Garden Design II	Oct 27	Oct 13	--
4. Garden Design Graphics	Nov 10	--	Nov 3
5. Garden Design-Construction &Calc	Dec 1	--	Nov 17

For more information and pricing, call 517-355-5191 ext. 1-408, email mgvp@msu.edu or visit the Master Gardener website at: <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/mastergardener>

- **Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens** – various family programs. To register call 517-256-9915 or register online at <http://4hgarden.msu.edu/calendar>

Thank You

Joan Roberts would like to thank Colleen Kniespeck and Cheryl Rundle for helping plant at the Clare County Courthouse. Also, thanks to Judy Clennan, Colleen Kniespeck, and Cheryl Rundle for donating plants for the project.

Kay Haven would like to thank Candy Brakora who helped plant the Children's garden at the Imagination Playscape at Brookwood Park in Clare.

- **Mackie Welcome Center** –There will be deadheading and weeding to do all summer, and clean-up in fall. Contact Cheryl Rundle, project coordinator for more information. 989-539-0367 or crundle@charter.net
- **Clare County Roadside Park** – Grace Felsner, coordinator. 989-539-5837
- **Lake George Beautification** – Janice Chapman, coordinator. 989-588-9047
- **Lincoln Township Project** – Janice Chapman, coordinator. 989-588-9047
- **Shamrock Park, Clare** – Kay Haven, coordinator. 989-386-7541
- **MSU Extension Building, Fairgrounds** – Tom Card, coordinator.
- **Jr. Master Gardener Day** – Date to be announced. Marybeth Denton, coordinator. 989-539-7805
- **Clare County Fair** – August 20-25, 2007 – 5-9 pm
Marybeth Denton, coordinator. 989-539-7805

Volunteers Needed

- Jr. Master Gardening Day is planned for the last Saturday in July. A committee is being put together for this project. Call Marybeth Denton if you are interested in serving on this committee.
- If anyone would be interested in taking over the NGMGA newsletter, it is up for grabs. I have taken on a part time job, and have found that the Mackie is time consuming. If you are interested, contact Marybeth Denton or myself, Cheryl Rundle.

Integrated Pest Management Resources

It's the time of year that the pests that plague all of us start emerging. I would like to recommend the MSU Integrated Pest Management newsletter to everyone. I have found it to be extremely informative and just downright interesting. It really keeps you up-to-date on what is happening and how to possibly deal with it.

When you sign up, you receive an email each week containing the link to the latest newsletter, which you then click on to view the newsletter. The link with directions for signing up is: <http://www.ipm.msu.edu/email-landscape.htm> or a copy is available at the MSU Extension office.

Cheryl

Volunteer Opportunities