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**IONIA COUNTY MASTER GARDENER  
ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER.**

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Greetings Master Gardeners!

This has been a busy month for the Ionia County MG Program. We currently have 20 students attending the Thursday night MG class at Clarksville. The last class will be April 27<sup>th</sup>. If you are a certified Master Gardener and are interested in sitting in on any of the classes, please refer to the class schedule posted on-line at the Ionia Master Gardener website.

May 4<sup>th</sup> will be a graduation celebration for the Class of 2005, and also recognition night for the 20 Master Gardener trainees who are now attending classes. We will have a potluck dinner and some door prizes. Come on out and show your support for the graduating Master Gardener Volunteers and new trainees. If you are interested in attending and have not received an invitation, please contact me at 616-642-9750 or email [Clarks1@Netscape.com](mailto:Clarks1@Netscape.com).

We are in the planning stage of chartering a bus to Chicago Botanical Gardens on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Open to Master Gardeners and friends and family. Contact me if you are interested. We will need 34 folks to make it a go.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**April 3**, Ionia Master Gardener Association meeting  
6:30 pm, Clarksville Horticulture Station. Peach Byler of the Clarksville Hort Station will speak on tree pruning. (1/2 hour edu credit for certified Master Gardeners). Melissa Eldridge will also update on projects.

**April 21, 22, 23**, Ionia Home and Garden Show, Master Gardener Booth

**May 1**, Ionia Master Gardener Association Meeting, 6:30 at Clarksville.

**May 4**, Graduation celebration for Class of 2005. Clarksville Horticulture Station at 6:30. Potluck – RSVP to Sandi Clark

**June 5**, Ionia Master Gardener Association Meeting. Coleen French of French Gardens will speak on growing and using herbs. (1 hour edu credit).

**June 20-22**, Master Gardener Summer Conference, MSU.

**June 24**, Charter bus trip to Chicago Botanical Gardens, deadline to reserve a seat is May 20<sup>th</sup>.

## VOLUNTEER PROJECTS:

Bertha Brock County Park Beautification

Master Gardener Portable Booth update for Ionia Home Show

Clarksville Town Square Project

Habitat for Humanity Sunfield Project

Join us for the IMGGA meeting April 3 at 6:30. We welcome new members and the exchange of ideas and experiences.

Sandi Clark

Ionia County MG Coordinator