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**March/April 2005
Newsletter Supplement**

Hi Everyone,

Because there was so much added to the schedule after the cutoff here is a supplement to the March/April 2005 newsletter.

Debi Kraft
Master Gardener Coordinator

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring Garden Cleanup

An educational opportunity will be offered on April 9 at 1 p.m.. Sharon Witter will cover cleaning up your garden in the Spring. This class will be held at 312 N. Bower St., Greenville. Your hostess for this event will be Bonnie Braman. Educational credit will be determined by the length of the class.

Montcalm Area Master Gardener Association Membership Meeting

Tuesday, April 19 is the date for the next Montcalm Area Master Gardener Association (MAMGA) General Meeting. This is the annual membership meeting, dues will remain at \$10.00 per year. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Sidney Township Hall. Project displays and leaders will be available for any questions. The speaker will be Doug Steffens of GR Falls and Ponds. The educational credit is 1.5 hours. MAMGA members present will be eligible for a drawing for a Compost Bin, which will be given away.



Certification of the Master Gardener Class of 2004

Class of 2004 volunteer hours are to be completed by May 1, 2005. Your hours must be entered into the CommTech System or must be in the MSU Montcalm Extension Office by May 5, 2005. Anyone who would like to help with graduation please contact me.

System Update

For those of you who use the on-line system to enter your hours, GREAT news. You no longer need to send in a hard copy. However, the office will not have any way to verify your hours, so that becomes your responsibility. The system is working well and more improvements are being made daily. For those of you who need some help, give me a call and I will get you started. The system is quite simple to use and saves everyone a lot of time.

Plan Ahead

The Summer MAMGA General Meeting will be held July 16 at Palo School. Pat Studley will be our hostess. Palo School is a Master Gardener Volunteer Project and Pat will instruct us on this project and its educational value. Bring a sack lunch and a lawn chair, lemonade and water will be provided. One and a half educational hours will be given.

Master Gardener Summer Conference

The Master Gardener Summer Conference dates are June 19, 20 and 21. The format and classes have changed this year, so make sure you read your brochure. Invitations will be mailed to certified or recertified Master Gardener Volunteers on April 1, 2005. If you do not receive one and qualify let me know.

It is sure to be a great learning opportunity and a good time. There are several Master Gardener Volunteers who are planning on attending, so carpooling may be able to be arranged. Let's see how many Montcalm County Master Gardener Volunteers we can get to go and have a good time!!!! I will be attending. so I will not be in the Office that week.

FYI

Did you know that if a Master Gardener Volunteer was paid for his/her time, the average monetary rate is \$17.19? In the year 2004, you all logged 4,673.60. To hire you it would cost the County and/or MSU \$80,339.18. WAY TO GO MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!!!!!

Monthly Calendar

It is Back!!! Enclosed is a monthly calendar for April and May. Please check it for new listings. Only local education and volunteer opportunities are included.

Welcome Back

Welcome back Diane Covey from surgery. Diane is the Treasurer for the Montcalm Area Master Gardener Association. Welcome back Diane!

April 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 MAMGA Board Meeting 6:30	6	7	8	9 Spring Garden Clean Up (edu) 1:00
10	11	12 Tree Sale	13 Tree Sale Dig Team-Pot Dist. Braman's 4-7	14 Tree Sale Dig Team-Pot Dist Faber's 4-7	15 Tree Sale M-Tech 1:30	16 Tree Sale Heritage Village 9-12
17	18	19 <u>MAMGA General Meeting 6:30</u>	20	21	22	23 Central Montcalm Upper Elem. 10-1 Dig Tracey Larabel 9-5
24	25 Flat River Community Library 9-12	26	27	28 Dig Flat River Community Library 10-5	29 Dig Vicki Bohm 11-5	30 Dig HO Steele 10-5

May 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Class of 2004 Certification Hours Complete	2 Dig Fagerlin's 9-5	3 MAMGA Board Meeting 6:30	4	5 Dig Flora Phelps 9-11 Dig Carolyn Zilch 11-5 Class of 2004 Hours	6	7
8	9 Heritage Village 5:30	10	11	12	13 Dig Elaine Johnson 10-5	14 HO Steele 9-1
15	16 Dig V. Bohn 1-5 Central Montcalm Upper Elementary 2-5	17	18	19	20 M-Tech 1:30	21 Belding Museum 9-12
22	23 Heritage Village 5:30	24 Don Smucker Garden TBA	25 Flat River Community Library 9-12	26	27 Central Montcalm Upper Elementary 5-dusk	28
29	30	31 Plant drop off 3-7				



Montcalm Area Master Gardeners



Annual
PLANT SALE

June 4th & 5th, 2005



ALL ARE WELCOME!



Saturday, June 4 - *9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.*

Sunday, June 5 - *Noon to 3:00 p.m.*

Held at Heritage Village - on the grounds of
Montcalm Community College
Sidney, Michigan

***** Plants start at only \$1.00 *****

Directions:

M-66 to Sidney Road. West approximately 2 miles to MCC Campus

or

M-91 to Sidney Road. East approximately 10 miles, passing through the village of Sidney, to MCC Campus

Parking:

Use the MCC entrance and park in the lot that is east of Heritage Village

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