

The Grapevine



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Pot Up Your Plants for May Plant Exchange !

It's not too soon to be thinking about the spring plant exchange this month.

Treasurer Crystal Kauer will host the annual event at her Kochville Township garden, which features more than 300 different roses, plus her new love, hydrangeas. And, while those won't be in bloom yet, her multitude of irises may well be in full show.

The plant exchange is a way to share your plant bounty with members. Simply pot them up in plastic bags or pots and be



sure to label each plant. The label should include the botanical name and/

Kauer Garden—Photo courtesy of C. Kauer

or the common name along with information that will help its new owner, such as light requirements, height, color, including how "enthusiastic" it is in its growth pattern.

If you are new and don't have plants to exchange, don't worry. There are plenty to go around.

You do have to be a certified Master Gardener and a member of the Saginaw Valley Master Gardener Association, so please remember to wear your badge.

Those bringing plants may want to arrive a little early to set them up on the side of Kauer's driveway. She'll have a

table inside the garage for snacks and drinks – just in case the weather doesn't cooperate.

Upon arrival, each member receives a ticket from Ruth Sny (who handles the drawing each month). When your number is called, you and your group are free to choose a plant.

The process is repeated until each group has chosen plants and all the plants are gone. Any remaining plants are usually made available to project chairmen for use in those gardens.

"Unfortunately, the spring weather has been so late this year," says Kauer, who wishes members could see her roses in all their glory.

"They don't usually start until the first week in June – and I would be surprised if I had any before that. But who knows, we could always have a heat wave."

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Next meeting

7 pm- 9 pm Wednesday, May 22
Crystal Kauer's garden

7 pm -7:30 pm business meeting
7:30 pm -8 pm refreshments
8 pm - 9 pm plant exchange and view garden

Bring a chair; wear your badge please. NO GUESTS

Directions:

5775 Mackinaw, about one-half mile north of Tittabawassee Road. Parking is on street or in grassy side yard, weather permitting. Driveway is just past curve from Tittabawassee Road.

View the newsletter at:
web1.msue.msu.edu/mastergardener/saginaw/

Meet the Gardener ~Kay Wyatt

This Master Gardener says she won't be surprised if one of her daughters gets married on a Wyoming mountain top sometime next year. Maybe she picked up this love of nature from her mother who "loves the open air" and has traveled up and down the West a-half dozen times or more to visit her daughter Linda or to travel around.

Says Kay Wyatt, an advanced master gardener, "I'm a camper!" Just give me a tent, my dog or a few friends and I'm off. Even before her retirement a year ago, Kay has sought adventure. She took a trip to Central Mexico with a Spanish class from Delta and says Mexico has lots of lovely gardens.

Then In 2003, Kay spent six weeks in Ireland; the first two were with her sister and the last four she spent alone in a room above a linen shop! States Kay, "I wandered, hiked, biked and joined in the town festivities. Dingel is on a big bay in the northwest of Ireland and the people are

friendly and talented; always a concert or play going on. Kay was able to be away in the summer because she had two months off from her Delta College job.

Born and raised in Saginaw, Kay hasn't gone too far from her roots.....for now.

She graduated from St. Peter and Paul High School and went on to Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. She received her teaching certificate at Saginaw Valley State University and studied a month at Columbia University in "Computers for education".

Kay worked as the office manager for the Senate office at Delta arranging

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Kay at Grand Canyon
Photo from K. Wyatt

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Minutes of April 28, 2008 meeting

Susan Scott welcomed 109 members to the Anderson Enrichment Center.

Prior to our meeting the keynote speaker for the evening was Charlene Harris, co-founder and former president of the American Conifer Society, Central Region, who gave an informative discussion on conifers that grow in Michigan. The slide show she presented to our members was superb, featuring conifers from her own collection and her travels.

Elaine Rappley moved that the minutes of the March 2008 meeting be approved as published; Judy Henning seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Crystal Kauer read the treasurer's report. As of April 23 we have 159 paid members.

Scott mentioned Karen Tilden had copies of the latest member list dated April 21, that were placed on seating chairs prior to the start of the meeting.

Scott asked members for their opinion of the website posted newsletter; indicating the newsletter will continue to be posted monthly throughout the summer. Members should access the site for the newsletter and discussion on this issue will be tabled until September's meeting. The newsletter will continue to be mailed through the U S Postal service during this trial period.

Scott mentioned there were several sign-up sheets in the back room for the various approved volunteer projects for which our members are involved. Members heading up these projects in-turn

stood and gave brief descriptions of the project and appealed for volunteers. See March 2008 Meeting Minutes for list of repeated projects.

Karen Tilden informed members that before and after photos need to be submitted to the Board for any projects for which grant financing has been approved. This is a practice that is being re-instituted from several years back.

Mary Andrews indicated there is a May 5 deadline for Project Coordinators to complete and submit the proper form for their project to Nancy Burd, MG coordinator. Andrews also indicated there is a sign-up sheet for volunteer MG's to work on a gardening project for the Cancer Society.

Thanks go to Joyce Scheltz for donating the Malus 'Robinson' Crabapple Tree, Gloria Schuler the red rose floral picture frame, Stella Thelen the two books, A Guide for Gardening in Southwestern

Michigan and Flower Gardens, Jane Chard Corinthian Bells Hand-tuned Windchimes, Kathy Berger the Master Gardener Cap and Tom Leinberger the Curly Pussywillows.

Congratulations to Roberta Schaeffer for winning the tree, Bonnie Duclos the picture frame, Kathy Lewis the books, Dave Quinnan the windchimes, Will Hufton the cap and Patty Burnside the Curly Pussywillows.

*Respectfully submitted by
Melva Bond, secretary*

SVMGA Members ! !

2 Education Hours will be credited for the April presentation by Charlene Harris.

SVMGA Finalizes 2008 Project Funding

At the May 7 SVMGA Board meeting, three Projects and Chairpersons received approval for the 2008 year:

- St. Charles Beautification Day
Laura Keevan \$200
- Andersen Rose Garden
Ben Pawlik \$200
- Ling Elementary School
Barbara Boggess \$100

The following projects received approval at earlier meetings:

- Arthur Eddy
Melva Bond/
Waunita Pettiford \$200
- YMCA Flagpole
Judy Wagner \$100
- Children's Zoo
Judy Henning \$200
- HealthSource
Jane Chard \$200
- Dow Event Center

Entry planters and atrium Ruth Sny	\$200
● Roetke House Bob Sawyer	\$200
● Hoyt Rehab and Nursing Home Sharla Hammer	\$200
● Saginaw Art Museum Shelley Whitehead	\$200
● Rainbow's End David Quillan	\$200
● Japanese Gardens Holly Furlo	\$200
● Make a Difference Day Janet Martineau/ Joe Madison	\$200

This completes the funding available for the 2008 year. Any money not used by individual projects will then be returned to SVMGA and become available for projects currently on hold. After review, new project chairpersons receiving funds will be contacted by SVMGA Board member.

Next Board Meeting:

**5:30 p.m. Wednesday,
June 4, 2008 at MSU Extension**

**Newsletter Deadline:
June 9, 2008
5:00 pm**

Send submissions to
Sue Stemler, editor
suestemler@chartermi.net

View the newsletter at:
[web1.msue.msu.edu/
mastergardener/saginaw/](http://web1.msue.msu.edu/mastergardener/saginaw/)

View the SVMGA web page at:
[web1.msue.msu.edu/
mastergardener/saginaw/association/](http://web1.msue.msu.edu/mastergardener/saginaw/association/)

Saginaw Valley Master Gardener Association mission statement

"Joining together as Master Gardeners, our mission is to promote our enthusiasm and knowledge of gardening by a wide variety of educational and volunteer activities in a spirit of fun and friendship."

Letter from the president

Hello

Well, another month has gone by and gardening is in full swing. I am sitting here looking out at a cold grey day that has brought us much needed rain. You can almost see the plants growing taller minute by minute.

Our next meeting will be the plant exchange at Crystal Kauer's home on Mackinaw road. Crystal's gardens are always lovely and I look forward to seeing what plants are in abundance in members gardens. I always seem to find something that will also look great in my garden, so. I would like to thank you all for your additions to my landscape.

As has been mentioned at the meetings, Bill Wegner and his nominating committee are hard on the trail to find a new board. The current board's term ends in December of this year. Today I am going to use my letter to you to discuss what is involved in being president. As you may know the Presidents serves 2 years as the President and 2 years as the past president to maintain continuity and help answer questions for the new President. The past president attends the board meetings primarily and is also available to answer questions at other times.

The President's primary concern is setting the agendas and running the two meetings each month - the general membership meeting and the board meeting.

The board meetings run about 2 hours on average as do the membership meetings. I figure an hour to two hours of prep time for each of these meetings depending on the month. That in itself is about 8 hours a month.



The President's Letter for the Grapevine takes me about an hour to write but I am usually making notes as things come up during the month that I might want to bring to your attention.

I also am responsible for notifying members if they have not re-certified. For the most part this ends up being a reminder for members to post their hours so they can remain a Master Gardener and a member of our organization. I also try to notify members if they have forgotten to pay their dues. While this is not necessarily one of my duties, I do it as a courtesy because I have found that life is distracting and reminders are helpful.

Very often, I will be contacted about new projects. This year, for example, we were asked to participate in the first Garden Day at the Horizon center. This turned out to be a fun event and great exposure for the MSU extension offices of Bay City and Saginaw as well as promoting the Master Gardener program, hot line and selling cow pots. For some things, I may decide to

take them on as a project and others I will ask for volunteers. You guys are so great! Someone always steps up to the plate.

I also get to meet and talk to more of you one on one. Questions often come to the President first. I either try to resolve them for you or find out who you need to contact to get the answers.

I am guessing that I probably put in between 10 and 20 hours a month altogether. Many of you have the basic qualifications to do all the above and do it well. Maybe someone has a vision of where our association should go over the next two years. This would be the time to step up and help make it happen. Judy Henning, for example, wanted to see us have a gardening seminar before she left office.

This board is in many ways different from previous boards because all but one of us was not part of the core group that began the association. So my goal was to find out everything I did not know and make sure that information was available to the next president. I also asked my board members to put together systems that could be used to simplify things for their replacements. Come run the organization!

Toodles
Susan

Odds and ends...

MSU Offers Plant Sale

Saturday, May 31 7:00 am—2:00 pm
Plant and Soil Sciences Building
(Corner of Wilson and Bogue)

Pick your favorites from perennials, ornamental grasses, roses, herbs, annuals, cottage garden plants, "cool kid" plants, and shrubs.

Cash, checks, Visa and Mastercard will be accepted.

Please bring your own cart!

Edible Nut Trees Available For Your Order !

Soil Conservation District will be taking orders for a variety of edible nut trees.

Watch their website at www.saginawcd.org or call office for order form at 989-781-4077 Ext. 4.

Officers for 2007-08		
<i>President</i>	Susan Scott	791-9270
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MSU Presents Garden Events.

Celebrate the Gardens' 15th year!

Thursday, August 7th Time Info
Coming

This special event is planned in appreciation of the donors to, and friends of, the MSU [Horticulture Gardens](#). We invite everyone who appreciates the beauty and wonder of gardens to join us

You are invited to enjoy the beauty of this year's gardens for an evening in the Horticulture Gardens of Michigan State University.. Make new friends and renew old acquaintances or simply enjoy the gardens. \$30 per person

Garden Day- August 8, 2008

Wharton Center & Plant & Soil Sciences Building
Michigan State University

Get inspired with new ideas and practical tips for your garden. Garden Day is from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m at the Wharton Center.

At 9:00 am, the first Keynote Speaker, Rita Randolph, speaks about containers.

At 10:15 am the group attends their first choice workshop held at the Plant & Soil Sciences building followed by Lunch, Market Place (vendors, plant sale, book signing) and their second choice workshop.

At 1:15 pm all workshops are again presented.

At 2:30 the group returns to Wharton Center to hear the final keynote speaker.

There will be vendors selling garden necessities at the Garden Marketplaces. Items such as roses, herbs, native plants, grasses and birdbaths will be available for purchase.

Keynote Speaker: Rita Randolph

Containers for the Collector:

Designing containers since the 1970's, Rita combines flowers and foliage in a unique way, with the emphasis on 'Foliage FIRST'. From table-top pots to large commercial installations, plants flow seamlessly together. New introductions - as well as old favorites perhaps forgotten by the industry- all come together for captivating combinations. You will be entertained by beautiful photographs of containers from her greenhouses as well as private and botanic gardens she has seen across the country. You are guaranteed to leave this lecture inspired!



Keynote Speaker: Rick Luke

Creating the water garden of your dreams:

While growing up in East Lansing, from the early age of 19 Rick Luke knew he wanted to create a business for himself. Rick Luke took classes at Lansing Community College in Business and Pre-law, and later at Michigan State University in Turf Grass; during that time Rick also was running a small Lawn Care Business on the side. After building up an impressive clientele Rick had developed a love for Landscaping. Twenty years later, with much hard work, and plenty of hands on experience Rick's small business has grown into what we know today as Luke Landscape Company. Rick has assembled a one of a kind design team and they now specialize in all types of Hardscapes, Landscapes and water features. Rick has truly gained his knowledge through unique means, and has established Luke Landscape as one of the top Design and Build Firms in the industry today.



Workshops at 10:15-Repeated at 1:15

- Adventures in the Storybrook Garden
Jessica Albright
- Growing Herbal Gifts
Colleen French
- 'Behind the Scenes' Garden Tour
Doug Badgero
- Sensible Landscape Maintenance: When to Take Notice, Action, or a Nap
Irene Cahill
- Bring Your Garden to Life at Night with Landscape Lighting
Mike Grizwak
- Edible Landscaping
Margaret Realy
- Vegetable Gardening
Dr. Bob Herner
- Native Plant Rescue
Jennifer Silveri
- 'Lost in Paradise': Bringing the Tropics to Michigan
Dr. Art Cameron
- Grow Organic! Gardening with What You've Got
Dr. John Biernbaum
- Conifers for Connoisseurs
Dr. Bert Cregg
- Computer Gardening: Resources
Dr. Norm Lownds
- Tackling Tough Lawn Problems
Kevin Frank

Cost is \$75 before July 25 and \$85 after that date. Registration includes two workshops, keynote speakers, parking and lunch. Advance registration required.

For registration information:
Sandy Allen at allens@msu.edu or call 517-335-5191 Ext 1339
Hrt.msu.edu/gardenday

More Workshops and Events.....

2008 Nurturing Nature Wednesday Series

Green Point Environmental
Learning Center

Cost: \$2.00 per person per class
FREE for Friends members
(Dues-\$12 per year)

● **Spring Tree and Wildflower Identification**

May 7 7:00 pm
1 Education Credit

This involves a hike along the Green Point trails, led by refuge manager Steve Kahl, who will describe how to identify the trees and wildflowers that grow in our area and relate interesting facts about their life history. Dress for the weather and possible muddy terrain.

Backyard Conservation Series

Presented by Saginaw Conservation District in conjunction with
Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge

Greenpoint Nature Center
3010 Maple Street—Saginaw

This series of **FREE** workshops will cover a broad array of topics from small woodlot management to establishing native plants in your backyard.

● **Native Grasses and Prairies**

Michelle VanderHaar of
Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge
May 19 7:00 pm—8:00 pm
1 Education Credit

● **Native and Beneficial Plants**

Verne Stephens of Designs by Nature's
June 9 6:00 pm—8:00 pm
Plants will be available for cash and carry.

2 Education Credits

To register, call: 989-781-4077 Ext 4
Register at least 3 days prior to event.

The Saturday Morning Gardener

Horticulture Gardens—MSU
Rain Gardens: July 19, 2008 9am-11am

Rain Gardens are in the news a lot these days, and for good reason. They offer a unique way to clean water, as well as create beautiful gardens, all at reasonable cost. Come and learn the *real* story about rain gardens and why they make such sense in our concrete urban environments. Taught by Patricia Pennell, director of Rain Gardens of West Michigan (raingardens.org)

Cost: \$25.00

For online information on enrollment status of a class, registration forms and maps, go to: www.hrt.msu.edu/outreach/SMG120.htm

For further information or accommodations for persons with disabilities, call Ann Hancock at (517) 355-5191, ext. 1348.



Bridgeport Historical Society Offers Education & Pampering

Tuesday, May 13 6:00 pm—7:30 pm
Museum-Historic Village
(Dixie Hwy—Next to Fire Station)

"Natural Gardening Ideas"

Guest: Ron Burns
(Burns Poultry Farms, Inc.)
Natural Poultry Fertilizer

Ron will tell us about using dried poultry waste for fertilizer (and bring along their packaged product for sale.) We'll have some other natural gardening ideas, and a

Dow Gardens Offers IPM Walk & Talk Series

Dow Gardens—Midland

Get a firsthand look at different insects and diseases, and how they change through the growing season, all summer long, in this hands-on IPM series.

You'll spend 30 minutes inside and 1.5 hours walking for each session. Don't miss this chance to tour the gardens while learning IPM with Chuck Martin, Elly Maxwell and Dan Veresh.

● **Cultural Control**

June 12 6—8 pm

● **Chemical Control**

July 10 6—8 pm

● **Panel Discussion on IPM with experts**

August 14 6—8 pm

2 Education Credits per class

Cost: \$10 each or \$40 for series

To register: Call 989-631-2677 or

Visit www.dowgardens.org

special guest, our own member, Laura Gerken will offer "Pampered Hands" for those tired gardener's hands we all have-- (from Mary Kay).

The meeting has been approved for Master Gardeners to use for educational credit, also.

For more info, contact the museum @ 777-5230 ---office hours are Tues - Sat. from 1 - 5:00, and flyers should be out at the library.

Spring Brings Garden Events

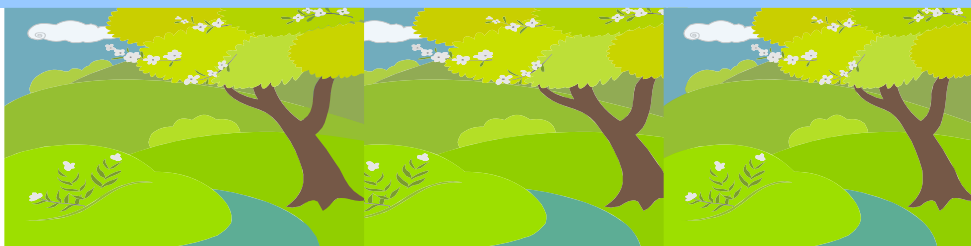
Andersen Enrichment Presents Art and Garden Fest

Wednesday, June 11 brings the Art and Garden Fest to the Anderson Enrichment Center. Speakers, vendors displays and food are all a part of this annual event.

“It runs from 9 am to 3 pm and features four presentations by local experts on topics such as flower arranging, shade gardening and urban gardening”, says Lisa Hill, business manager at the Andersen Enrichment Center. “We’ll have lunch by Jimmy Johns and strawberry shortcake.”

Hill says she is still looking for sponsors and vendors for the festival.

The event also kicks off an eight-week series called Saginaw Celebrates Summer. Organizations such as the Children’s Zoo, Saginaw Art Museum, Saginaw Bay Symphony and the Japanese Tea House will offer concerts, nature hikes, art displays and lectures during the eight week celebration.



Apple Country Gardeners’ Club Walk

June 24th is a day to note for garden walking from 12 pm to 8 pm as once again we are treated the Apple Country Gardeners’ Club Walk.

This year’s gardens offers a variety of landscape situations ranging from large, park-like settings to the smaller backyard escapes, but each is certain to delight the eye. Proceeds from ticket sales will help to landscape the new Freeland Community Center.

Tickets are available from club members or call: Dick Redifer at 989-695-4626.

Bay City Garden Walk, Flower Show & Luncheon

Thursday, June 26, 2008, Bay City Garden Club will proudly present its Garden Walk and Flower Show. Six lush gardens will be open for your viewing pleasure. This year the special attraction of a Flower Show has been added.

The walk will begin at 11 am and conclude at 7 pm. A luncheon with a cost of \$10 will be served at the spectacular Wirt Library, which is also the location of the Flower Show.

Tickets are \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door. For information, call Joan Wendland 686-8363.

Volunteer Opportunities.

We need YOU at the ZOO!

The Horticulture Committee will have regular clean-up sessions every Saturday morning in April and May from 9 am until noon each week (weather permitting - no snow or heavy rain and temperatures above freezing).

Volunteers will assist in cleaning up garden beds, preparing soil, improving animal exhibits (landscaping), laying down mulch and early planting in the children's farm garden. Additional dates and times may also be scheduled as needed.

Help with planting at Shiawassee Refuge

On May 31st at 9:00am volunteers will be needed to help plant 19,000 plugs at the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge. The area to be planted is on M-13 behind Rose Auto Parts. The expectation is to have 5 or more acres of wetland restored. The Horticulture Program at the Michigan Department of Corrections facility in Freeland is growing the plants to be used. This is a great way for a lot of people to be able to have an impact on our community! This is a one day project so hopefully lots of you will come and help.

There will a sign up sheet at the May meetings.

Saginaw Art Museum Ring Garden

Volunteer opportunities coming up at the Ring Garden, 1126 N. Michigan, Saginaw:

1. Planting of Annuals Saturday, May 24th from 9 AM to 12 PM
2. Pre wedding clean up, Saturday, June 7th from 9 AM to 12 PM

Your help is always appreciated while we earn our volunteer hours. For more information call Shelley Whitehead 989 892-0719.

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Kauer continued

Kauer started her garden after she and husband Lynn bought property at 5775 Mackinaw, about one-half mile north of Tittabawassee Road.

He used his contractor skills to shape the acreage into some rolling hills with plenty of places for his wife to have her roses, a vegetable garden, koi pond, waterfall, and more.

Her interest in roses started with caring for different varieties as a volunteer at Dow Gardens. Later, she joined the local rose society and filled her yard with all sizes, varieties and colors.

"Now that I'm a certain age, I looking for something that doesn't take quite as much care or time," says Kauer.

Her new love is hydrangeas, both summer and fall blooming. She prefers the paniculata and Pee Gees, which, she says, can get quite large.

In addition, she has peonies, perennial geraniums, sedums, coral bells, clematis, lavender, cannas and dahlias, all

Meet the Gardener continued

monthly senate administrative meetings for this particular system used specifically by community colleges since the 60's. Delta is the only college that has continued to pursue this type of management.

Because Kay worked at Delta college, she was able to take advantage of a variety of classes. She took several art classes, dabbling in sculpting, painting and photography which helped with her job on catalogs with text, pictures, graphs, etc. Prior to her ten years at Delta, Kay taught math and computer application in Saginaw Public schools for seven years. This year she used those skills in "a stint" with VITA (Volunteers in income tax assistance) with older and poor individuals.

Inspired by the green thumb of her mom, Kay has always had gardens at her "120 year old big farm house"! She grows everything from asparagus, rhubarb, strawberries, currants, black berries and hazelnut bushes. She plants tomatoes, cukes, peppers and herbs.

mixed in with shrubs and ornamental trees, like redbuds, weeping crabapple and locust.

Lynn Kauer has created some arbors for her climbing roses and fashioned the curves her flowerbeds take around the house and yard.

The vegetable garden is typically planted with tomatoes, parsnips, peas, lettuce and beets, which is made into wine.

Kauer's garden was featured on the Saginaw Art Museum Garden Walk in 2002 and drew 800 people. Master Gardeners were last there in June 2005 to enjoy her rose display.

*Submitted by Darlene Damp
SVMGA Volunteer*



Kay took the Master Gardening class in 2001 because of her love for open air and "getting my hands dirty". She says she is amazed to learn about all the different plants & their development. Furthermore, she enjoys the camaraderie of our association's members. Many hours of volunteering have been earned from the I-75 rest stop, MSU extension office gardens, Lion's Club gardens and the Ring Garden at the SAM.

Says Kay, "I've lived half of my life in the same home in Saginaw. I'd like to spruce it up for market then maybe settle out West. Nice for daughter Linda, in Wyoming, but not so for Christina in Grand Rapids. Housing is not so plentiful out there!"

So what? You said, "Just give me a tent." But wait a minute, where's the garden?

*Submitted by Joan Martin
SVMGA Volunteer*

*Gardening is a kind of
disease. It infects you,
you cannot escape
it. When you go visiting,
your eyes rove about the
garden; you interrupt the
serious cocktail drinking
because of an irresistible
impulse to get up and
pull a weed.*

~Lewis Gannit

Member List Changes

Please note the following changes/additions to your SVMGA Membership List:

Changes:

- Mary Katherine Andrews:
Email address: iyahmary@yahoo.com
Phone: 797-3319
- Ruth Averill:
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Phone: Number listed no longer works
- Katherine Morley:
Name is spelled Kathryn
- Bonnie Stewart:
Zip Code: 48638
- Sue Stemler:
Email: suestemler@chartermi.net

Additions:

- Leo Leroy
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Karen Tilden will update any additions and/or corrections, and apologizes for any inconveniences these mistakes may have caused.

A word about the word.....Garden

'Garden' came into the language in the 14th century from Old Northern French gardin, itself a variation of Old French jardin (still used in modern French), which probably has a German origin. 'Horticulture' is not recorded by the Oxford English Dictionary until 1678. This word for art or science of cultivating gardens comes from the Latin hortus, meaning garden, and cultura, meaning growing or cultivation. The 17th century also saw the creation in American English of the idea of a 'backyard', first recorded in Suffolk, Mass, in 1659. 'Yard', however, is one of the oldest words in the English language. It came in around 300 AD as geard 'building, home, region', from a Germanic word that is related to 'garden' and 'orchard'.

Juliet New, A Word About Gardening

2008 SVMGA PROGRAMS

5/28	Meeting and Plant exchange at the garden of Crystal Kauer	7:00 pm	9/24	"Water Quality in the Shiawassee Basin"	
6/25	Garden Tour at the homes of Karen Beogher and Janice Wazny	7:00 pm	10/04	An Autumn Affair—SVMGA Conference (See below)	7:00 pm
7/23	Garden Tour at the home of Joan Martin, Saginaw Township	7:00 pm	10/22	To be determined	
8/27	Garden Tour and Annual SVMGA picnic Japanese Gardens and Saginaw Children's Zoo Saginaw Guest Welcome	7:00 pm	11/19	To be determined	7:00 pm
			12/09	Annual Christmas party	7:00 pm
				First Presbyterian Church, Saginaw	

On October 4, 2008 at Saginaw Valley State University, Saginaw Valley Master Gardeners Association will sponsor an education seminar, *An Autumn Affair for Gardeners*. It is open to all gardeners and features experts sharing the latest in gardening information. For info: Judy Henning-799-4136 or judrich@juno.com or Aileen Cowan-989-865-8784 or scratchcreations@worldnet.att.net