

# The Grapevine

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## Crystal Kauer's garden has flower power

Crystal Kauer and her husband Lynn had a chance to build the garden of their dreams when they moved from a city lot to their new acreage in Kochville Township in 1991.

This month, members of the Saginaw Valley Master Gardener Association can see what they've created – and continued to expand upon – since their last visit several years ago.

"We had rental properties and we needed a place to store equipment and my husband wanted a workshop, so this seemed ideal with the barn and the three-car garage,"

explained Kauer, who moved to North America from England when she was 21.

"All that was here really was a bed in the front of the house, a deck and above ground pool off the back of the house and a vegetable garden with pine trees lining one side of the yard."

While the vegetable garden is still in place, her gardening skills and his contracting background have formed a

variety of new planting beds lined in brick, a koi pond, a water fall, with gently rolling, grass-covered hills as the backdrop.

The original pine trees were moved to line each side of the back acreage to help focus the view.

Kauer, a retired senior accountant for Michigan Sugar, finally has the time to garden the way she wants.

She says there should be quite a show as her 370 rose bushes, including 40 miniatures, burst into bloom, in all colors and varieties.

"I like the challenge of roses," she says.

"People say roses are so hard, but I spent time as a volunteer for Dow Gardens' rose garden and joined the local rose society so I could learn more about their care.

"I spray them every 10 days, keep them clean by deadheading them, give them space and make sure they don't go to bed at night wet."

She's even come up with ways to foil the rabbits, who love them as much as her, but for a different reason.

"I don't show my roses, but I like to see them and be around them. Growing roses here is much different than growing them in England."

She alternates the type of sprays she uses on the roses to keep bugs away.

But there's far more than roses to see in the gardens that surround her home and form the focal point of the backyard.

Kauer has hydrangeas, rhododendrons, columbine including a yellow one from Texas that dies back and returns as a healthy bush, irises, peonies, including a fern leaf variety, perennial geraniums, sedums, coral bells, clematis, lavenders, cannas, the



Crystal Kauer poses with some of her irises. Flowers abound on her Kochville Township property

### Next meeting

- 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 22, at Crystal Kauer's garden, 5775 Mackinaw, about one-half mile north of Tittabawassee Road
- 7 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. business meeting
- 7:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. refreshments
- 8 p.m. – 9 p.m. tour garden
- **Bring a chair; wear your badge, please. No guests.**
- Parking on street or in side yard. Driveway is just past curve (from Tittabawassee Road).

tall dahlias, and lamium. They are mixed together with shrubs and ornamental trees, like redbuds, weeping crabapple and locust.

Husband Lynn has improved the property by re-siding the house and barn. He has made clever arches from construction rerod for her climbing roses and green beans in the vegetable gardens. The same rerod supports the grapes he grows to make wine in the fall.

And Lynn helped shape the garden beds – he prefers curves – and stepped some of them for eye appeal. His wooden arbor is carefully crafted to best display his wife's other climbing roses.

Several years ago, he convinced a contractor to tackle the back acreage, composed primarily of scrub bushes and trees.

"(The contractor) peeled all that back, taking down the poplar trees I couldn't stand, and brought in 13 truckloads of subsoil.

"My husband did the rise and fall of the hills and then contacted the city to see what kind of grass seed they use because we couldn't water it or give it the kind of care you would if you lived in town," Kauer explained.

In recent years, two separate beds in the

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# Minutes of the May 25 meeting

Vice President Nancy Hales welcomed all to Amy Fitkin's home for the annual plant exchange. She thanked Amy for her family's hospitality.

Sheila Hempsted moved that the minutes of the April 2005 meeting be approved as published; Marie Kreinbrink seconded the motion.

Jan O'Dell read the following treasurer's report:

Balance as of last report	\$4,761.03
Deposits 4/27/05 to 5/24/05	\$1,217.85
Expenses 4/27/05 to 5/24/05	\$1,992.37
Balance as of 4/26/05	\$3,986.51
As of 5/25/05 we have 170 paid members.	

Judy Henning moved that the treasurer's report be accepted; Susan Scott seconded the motion.

Angela Irwin had new member notebooks available. Nancy Cotcamp had rosters available.

Henning reported that they have people

registered for the fall conference. There are 2 vendors in place. Everything is going smoothly.

Hales mentioned that a sign-up sheet for mentors for this past class is available for those who want to sign up.

Pat Bourdow had a sign-up sheet for anyone wishing to volunteer on the Saginaw Art Museum Garden Walk.

She also had tickets available for \$8. Tickets are \$10 day of the walk.

Tom Leinberger requested that anyone who wished to give a demonstration on pruning wisteria at the Rose & Garden Spectacular being held at the Andersen Enrichment Center on June 29 let him know.

The workshop is free and more details are in the newsletter. (Please see Page 6.)

Kathy Berger will call members who signed up for the Hemlock Memorial Garden about when they will be working there.

She had a sign-up sheet if anyone else wanted to volunteer for this project.

Bill Wegner reported that the Gardening for Gents group planted the fruit trees at the Cushing Home Orchard. He thanked the Master Gardeners for the money to buy the trees.

Deb Keller had a sign-up sheet for anyone wishing to sign up for a week of maintenance at the Playscape garden.

Patty Burnside thanked the Master Gardeners for the money to help towards landscaping of Swan Valley Middle School.

Gail Caird thanked the Master Gardeners for the money to buy plants for the Students Spring into Service Day. Some 800 people participated in the event.

Shirley McNair asked members who ordered logowear to please pick it up.

Following the business meeting, the plant exchange was held and refreshments were enjoyed.

The weather was beautiful and all went smoothly.

*Submitted by Ann Birkam, secretary*

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## Country home allows for more gardens...

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backyard have been linked together and a stone path added.

It's there that visitors may catch a whiff of her heavily scented white Japanese lilac tree.

Her vegetable garden is planted with tomatoes, parsnips, peas, lettuce and beets, which Lynn also makes into a wine. In the winter, the vegetable garden becomes a nursery for her rose cuttings.

To keep down the horsetail weeds, which plagues many a mid-Michigan garden, she's found straight, undiluted Round-up, carefully sprayed or dabbed, works the best. Her fertilizer is a 12-12-12 mix.

"I don't have much trouble with deer since my neighbor who was feeding them moved away - but those rabbits,"

she says, surveying the latest damage.

Her garden was featured on the Saginaw Art Museum Garden Walk in 2002 and drew 800 people, in spite of heavy rains that flooded her yard the day before.

"My husband has a friend who is a drywaller and just borrowed some boards from him so people didn't have to walk in the water."

Kauer says she's always had a garden of some sort, no matter where she's lived, but despite the size of this yard and care it requires, she still finds time to visit her sisters and brother in Europe, as well as travel for pleasure.

And with five children and five grandchildren, there's always plenty of family around.

*Story by Darlene B. Damp, editor*

## 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

It must be spring, our patio is full of potted plants waiting to be put in the ground or in containers.

I am a nursery owner's delight. If I see a plant that talks to me I bring it home and spend the next several weeks trying to find a permanent home for the specimen.

My thanks to Ruth Snyder and Pat Korkus who agreed to co-chair the Dow Event Center project.

The containers they planted in time for the Saginaw High School prom are outstanding. Great job ladies.

On Thursday evening, June 2, I wandered over to the Children's Zoo at Celebration Square with my camera to watch and photograph Master Gardeners

in action.

Anne Birkam, Sheila Hill, Charlotte Huebner, Marilyn Karpicke, Brian Ott, Ellie Robertson, and Ruth Snyder designed and planted the beds at the entrance to the Zoo in the colors of the rainbow. I have pictures to prove it.



One of our duties as certified Master Gardeners is to assist the Extension Office with homeowner questions or problems relative to horticulture.

Please give Wil Hufton a call and schedule a couple of hours to help him with these endeavors. He really needs your

assistance.

And now a request for all the rosarians who coincidentally are Master Gardeners or any Master Gardener who doesn't mind getting pricked fingers. Ben Pawlick needs help maintaining the rose garden at the Enrichment Center.

In closing, just a reminder, our monthly meetings are for members only.

We took 13 weeks of classes and have met strict standards that gives us the privilege of meeting as a group. Sorry, no guests allowed.

*Grey*

## Meet the Gardener — Nancy Cotcamp

With "Grapes" as her maiden name, it's no wonder this Master Gardener would be impressed with the vineyards near Cognac, France, where champagne is made.

Nancy Cotcamp stayed nearly a week in a 13<sup>th</sup> century chateau as she and a group from Delta College explored the southwest of France.



Nancy Cotcamp is an Advanced Master Gardener.

Europe is in her blood with grandparents from England and Germany. She says she remembers her grandpa in his asparagus patch when she was only three and her other grandpa as a valet and groundskeeper for a wealthy Chicago family who built a cottage in Traverse City.

That's where Nancy's story began, but she took the long way around before settling in Saginaw.

While a student at Albion College, Nancy met her husband, a medical student. They moved to various cities so he could complete his residency programs.

In 1994 he accepted a position at St.

Luke's Hospital in Saginaw.

Nancy also was connected with the medical profession as a physical therapist until back and knee surgeries halted that pursuit.

Completing the family are two daughters. Ann is a first-year medical student at the University of Chicago and Sarah is in her first year at Swarthmore College, "home of the Scott Arboretum" and just down the street from the famous Longwood Gardens. No wonder Nancy loves to visit her daughters!

Knowing little about Saginaw, Nancy "dug" right in. She got involved with the girls' school where she met another active Master Gardener, Gail Caird.

She became a township school board member in 2000 and continues today. She joined Holy Spirit Church on River Road (Pastor Bob's gardens) and took the Master Gardener class in 1996.

Nancy's involvement in Master Gardeners have been many, including the recent "Make a Difference Day" with fourth-graders at Westdale School.

This was her fourth year working with elementary schools to plant shrubs (10 this year). The group also planted burning bushes and flats of flowers grown at the Freeland Correctional Facility.

Her other activities have included "Trees

for 2000," a Heritage High School project to plant different varieties of maple trees in front of the school; "Butterflies in Bloom" at Dow Gardens; the Saginaw Art Museum Garden Walk and provided SVMGA members with seven address rosters, a difficult job. As soon as a list is completed, more gardeners join... "that's a good thing!"

Nancy has attended the Summer Conference in Lansing for six years and assisted in our fall seminar.

Nancy remembers as a child helping to carry out the garbage for composting and being inspired by her mother who had the "gardening bug."

Living adjacent to a golf course, she has created a back yard garden with concolor firs and a pergola built by her husband. It has roses up one side and clematis on the other. This favorite spot also has a huge crab apple tree and a Japanese lilac tree.

Aside from gardening and traveling, Nancy enjoys swimming, cross-country skiing, playing the piano and reading.

Her most recent book was written by Bette Midler, an avid gardener in New York City.

As for Master Gardeners, she likes the diversity and the growing numbers.

*Story by Joan Martin*

# Odds and Ends

## Rail Trail eye park needs weeding

The Rail Trail eye park area (off Swan Creek Rd. on Benkert Rd.) is in need of weeding, says project coordinator Aileen Cowan.

The Rail Trail project offers MSU-directed hours for those who need them. Please contact Cowan by calling (989) 865-8784 and leaving a message or e-mail [scratchcreations@att.net](mailto:scratchcreations@att.net).

## SVMGA board distributes last of project funds

Three more requests for funds for community service projects won approval at the June board meeting.

Fund recipients include:

Swan Haven Retirement Community, Gratiot and Kennelly, \$150 to purchase soil, perennials and some annuals.

Michigan's Own Military Museum, Frankenmuth, \$200, to dress up the entrance with plantings.

Dow Event Center, Saginaw, \$200, to purchase six to eight containers for inner court garden beds. However, only \$100 was available at this time. If other project funds are returned, the board will forward it to Ruth Sny for this project.

All project managers must keep track of spending and receipts for a final accounting to the board. Any leftover funds should be returned to treasurer Jan O'Dell.

## Logowear available now

Shirley McNier, logowear chairman, will not be attending the summer meetings.

## Welcome new members!

There are three new members of SVMGA:

Daniel Knirs of 1715 Brockway, Saginaw, a Master Gardener trainee.

Diane Mikolaski of 7660 Lydia, Saginaw, a Master Gardener trainee.

Margaret E. Jackson of 115 S. 16th, Saginaw, a Master Gardener trainee.

There are now 171 members.

She asks that anyone who ordered and paid for SVMGA LogoWear contact her at 799-7172 to arrange for pick-up of their items.

## May plant exchange – one problem

The plant exchange was great, so many plants and such a great variety. Judy and Bill Wegner were their usual generous selves, bringing over 150 plants to the exchange.

No disease or insect problems were found by Scott Marsh, the state plant inspector.

The only problem was the lack of plant information on some of the plants. The May newsletter listed what essential information should be included on the plants (all the plants of one variety, not just one plant were to have the information) we were going to bring to the exchange.

We will be having a fall plant exchange, so please be sure to put **ALL** the pertinent information necessary on **ALL** your plants you bring — so their new owners will know exactly what they're getting.

Thanks.

*Judy A. Henning*

## Student service day another big success!

Thanks to all the gardeners who helped with the "Students Spring Into Service" elementary school beautification project on May 12.

Despite the cold and the size of the project, this was one of our best years yet.

High school and elementary students, Master Gardener volunteers, and a host of other volunteers worked non-stop for 3 hours to make a difference in local schools.

I have heard nothing but positive, enthusiastic appreciation for all that was done that day.

Thanks to Janet Martineau, Jan O'Dell, Mary Anne Malek, Raeann Krauss, Pat Korkus, Susanne Smokoska, Nancy Cotcamp, Anne Birkam, Darlene Damp, Delores Hignite, Debbie Keller and Marie Kreinbrink for all the time spent planning

and planting, and for daring to dream big!

Thank you to the SVMGA for the \$200 project grant that helped make those dreams come true.

And finally, another big thank you to those who donated plants to the cause — the aforementioned gardeners as well as Ruth Sny. Your generosity was greatly appreciated!

*Gail Caird*

Dear Master Gardeners:

On behalf of the Saginaw County's Promise Giving Back Team, the project recipients and everyone involved, thank you for taking the opportunity to show kindness and do a "good thing."

Your participation in our May 12 Students Spring into Service Day is greatly appreciated.

The Giving Back Team is a group of dedicated, hard-working adult and youth who believe in giving back to our community and enjoy planning and organizing opportunities for our youth to give back also. Coordinating this spring's project involving high school and elementary students was right in line with the National Youth Service Day theme, "The Power of Youth Serving Youth."

May 12 was a great success and the biggest reason for that is you! Without committed volunteers, students, staff, Master Gardeners, donors, host sites and everyone involved, the wonderful things that are accomplished would not be possible.

Your generous contribution of your time and talents, once again, as Master Gardeners on site was an integral part of our day. The Students Spring into Service project was very well received by everyone involved. Luckily the skies cleared and it was a beautiful day to work outdoors.

Thank you again for being a part of this successful and exciting project and we look forward to working with you again.

*Marsha L. Cooley*

*Volunteer Services coordinator and Giving Back Team representative*

## Volunteer opportunities...

### Master Gardener office...

There are many homeowners calling MSU Extension with gardening questions on the Master Gardener hotline.

This is a good way to help others while completing volunteer hours and expanding your own knowledge.

Volunteers are needed anytime from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. Contact Mary Jane Lysogorski at 758-2500, ext. 224.

If Lysogorski is not available, the office secretary has a calendar at the front desk so you can schedule a date.

There also is some filing to be done, if anyone would like to spend some time filing, Lysogorski added.

### Tendercare-Frankenmuth...

Design and help plant flowers and shrubs to update and beautify the nursing center.

For information, contact Nancy Walker, administrator at the facility at 500 W. Genesee, Frankenmuth, by calling 652-6101.

### Andersen Center roses...

Ben Pawlik is still seeking weekly help in caring for the roses at the

Andersen Enrichment Center, 120 Ezra Rust Drive.

Volunteers will learn overall care, including how to fertilize and spray for insects and disease. Call Pawlik at 793-4238 or e-mail [Bennzita@aol.com](mailto:Bennzita@aol.com).

### Japanese Cultural Center and Teahouse...

Weeding, pruning and other maintenance is needed at the Japanese Friendship Garden at 527 Ezra Rust Drive.

Also help assist in the growth of moss in the inner garden. Contact Charleen Boland or Yoko Mossner at 759-1648.

### Saginaw Art Museum gardens...

The Saginaw Art Museum, 1126 N. Michigan, is seeking help for its rose garden.

The garden, originally designed by Charles Platt for the Ring family nearly 100 years ago, has become overgrown with weeds.

Contact Laurajeanne S. Kehn, 652-3006 or 295-9766 or email [kehr@speednetllc.com](mailto:kehr@speednetllc.com).

### Art Museum Garden Walk...

Pat Bourdow needs volunteers Wednesday, June 15, for the annual Saginaw Art Museum Garden Walk.

She is seeking one volunteer to work from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and another eight volunteers to work from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.,

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. or 6 to 8 p.m.

Volunteers answer visitor questions about plants and cultivation.

Call Bourdow at 755-8879. She needs names and telephone numbers of volunteers.

### Dow Event Center...

This project has two co-chairmen, but will need volunteers to plant the enclosed garden and six to eight containers.

Contact Ruth Sny, 792-5688.

### Mentors needed for trainees...

Mentors are needed for many of the 18 Master Gardener Trainees who recently completed the MSU course.

Those interested may sign up at the June meeting. Contact Juanita Pettiford at 777-6918 or [skeetni2@aol.com](mailto:skeetni2@aol.com).

### Hemlock Memorial Garden...

Chairman Kathy Berger says this project has gotten a slow start while the bricks and five trees were put in.

However, if you want to help plant perennials, please contact her at 642-5587.

### An Autumn Affair seminar...

Chairmen Judy Henning and Aileen Cowan will have a sign-up sheet at the June meeting for those interested in volunteering for SVMGA's second annual gardening seminar.

Next board meeting:  
**5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 6,**  
at MSU Extension office,  
1 Tuscola, downtown  
Saginaw

Newsletter deadline:  
**Monday, July 11**  
Send submissions to  
**Darlene Damp, editor**  
[shrew@att.net](mailto:shrew@att.net)

To view the monthly newsletter  
on the Web site, please go to:  
[www.msue.msu.edu/  
mastergardener/saginaw](http://www.msue.msu.edu/mastergardener/saginaw)

## Maple petiole borer not usually a long-term problem

Finding large piles of green leaves under your maple tree?

MSU Diagnostic Services reports it's maple petiole borer time again. The tiny larvae tunnel in the petioles of maple, and eventually cause the petiole to break a short distance from the leaf blade. Damaged leaves fall in May and June.

By the time the leaves are noticed on the ground, there is little that can be done since the damage has already occurred and the larvae are protected inside the

petiole. Larva remain in the portion of the petiole that is attached to the tree, so raking and destroying the fallen leaves will not control the population.

Rarely is there sufficient leaf drop to cause any harm to the tree. Many of the larvae are parasitized by tiny wasps, which develop inside the body of the borer. There is a single generation of maple petiole borer each year in Michigan, so the problem doesn't continue throughout the summer.

## Rose and Garden Spectacular June 29 at Andersen Center

Demonstrations, food, vendors and a silent auction are all part of the fun at the Rose and Garden Spectacular Wednesday, June 29, at the Andersen Enrichment Center and Lucille Andersen Memorial Garden.

It is sponsored by Stone Quest and Abele's Greenhouse to encourage and promote gardening.

The free event is from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 120 Ezra Rust Drive.

It features demonstrations, led by local experts, every half hour.

Topics include care and feeding of roses; flower arranging; container

gardens; hosta culture; growing bonsai; making compost; brick paving; water conservation; planting a rock garden; starting a vegetable garden; miniature evergreens and more.

Leaman's Green Applebarn of Freeland will have donuts, cookies and cider slush drinks. Strawberry shortcake also will be served.

And just so participants don't go home empty-handed, vendors will sell miniature rose bushes; pavers from Stone Quest; cookbooks and herb books from the Frankenmuth Herb Society; pond plants from Wetlands Nursery and conifers from

Celtic Conifers.

Participants also may bid on items during the silent auction.

Plants, garden tools and other garden merchandise donated by local businesses, such as Aquatic Gardens, Stone Quest, Abele's Greenhouse, Faber's Greenhouse, McDonald's Nursery, and Village Freeze-Dried Flowers, will be available.

The Saginaw Rose Society also will have a rose show and competition at the center, judged by American Rose Society judges.

For information, call 759-1362.

### Stone Garden Nursery hosts open gardens, classes

Otisville -- Stone Garden Nursery, 10414 N. Oak, offers a variety of programs this summer.

The gardens are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 11-12, July 2-3, July 16-17, Aug. 6-7, and Sept. 3-4 with extended hours for Labor Day, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 5.

Classes include Bonsai for Beginners from 10 a.m. to noon June 12 or July 3, cost is \$20; and Container Gardens from 10 a.m. to noon July 17, cost is \$10.

The bonsai class offers a handmade stoneware pot and bonsai starter tree along with assistance in trimming and planting in class.

The container gardens session is a demonstration of planting and care techniques for dwarf or miniature plants, including conifers, Japanese maples or other trees, hostas and sun-loving plants. Students receive a \$10 coupon for their \$10 fee for use at the nursery.

For information, call (810) 631-4292. To get to the nursery, take M-57 off I-75 or M-46 east to M-15, go south to Otisville, turn east at light in center of town and go 1.2 miles, bearing to the right at the YMCA, just before the reservoir. Continue to Oak Road, turn right, go .2 miles to nursery.

## More odds and ends

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### Dates set for spring Master Gardener class in Saginaw

The spring Master Gardener class will meet from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 18.

The classes continue through April 12.

The cost, \$200, is expected to remain the same as the fall session.

So far seven people have signed up for the fall evening session. That class meets from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursdays, from Aug. 25 to Nov. 17.

Classes meet at the MSU Extension office, 1 Tuscola, downtown Saginaw.

For information or registration, contact Master Gardener coordinator Mary Jane Lysogorski at 758-2500, ext. 224.

### Art museum expresses thanks for grant

On behalf of the staff and board of the Saginaw Art Museum, a sincere thank you to the Saginaw Valley Master Gardener Association for your grant of \$200 to the Saginaw Art Museum.

This money is to be used to place steel edging in the historical Ring Garden.

One hundred percent of your gift is a tax-deductible donation to a 501c (3) educational institution.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will further help the museum continue its mission of providing art for

all.

Respectfully,

*Marsha Braun, interim director*

### Correction: Here's the real dirt from Gitzen

Grey Gitzen's soil recipe contains 2 parts compost, 2 part soil, 1 part perlite, 1 part peat moss.

For every pot, add 1 tablespoon Osmocote, a fertilizer, and 1 tablespoon of acrylic beads to retain water.

### Frankenmuth plans to open Farmer's Market

A non-profit Farmer's Market will

open in downtown Frankenmuth from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, beginning July 16.

It will be held near Cass and Main, in the parking lot

across from the Chamber Platz.

A grand opening celebration is set for Saturday, July 23.

The market continues through Oct. 29.

Vendors are being sought.

The non-profit group hopes to attract both those with fresh, locally grown food and other items of interest, like honey, plants, etc.

Contact Laurajeanne Kehn at (989) 295- 9766 or email [kehr@speednetllc.com](mailto:kehr@speednetllc.com).



# Register now for Oct. 1 gardening seminar

The Saginaw Valley Master Gardener Association invites you to see what the fall season holds for great growing and year-round enjoyment. The second annual conference is from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at Saginaw Valley State University Regional Education Center, Ott Auditorium.

The university is located off M-84 (Bay Road), near Pierce Road, between Saginaw and Bay City.

You do NOT have to be a Master Gardener to attend. The seminar, including four classes, box lunch and snacks, costs \$50. No refunds; substitutes are acceptable. **Registration deadline is Sept. 16.** Master Gardeners receive 4 education hours.

## Conference speakers and their topics:

- Keynote speaker Brent Heath, of Brent and Becky’s Bulbs, hybridizers of daffodils and third generation of bulb growers in Virginia, introduces you to **“Bulbs as Companion Plants,”** with exquisite slides. He returns to the podium for growing **“Lovely Long-lasting Lilies and Awesome Alliums.”**
- Jerry Somalski of Bay Landscaping in Essexville, examines how to create the perfect backdrop for your plantings in **“Bones of the Garden.”**
- **“Native Woody Ornamentals”** with Chuck Martin, Dow Gardens horticulturalist, examines how they provide scale, structure, foliage, floral and seasonal interest.
- A variety of vendors will be available. SVMGA will sell bulbs for fall planting.

## Conference schedule

8:15 a.m. Registration/refreshments	1 p.m. “Native Woody Ornamentals,” Chuck Martin
8:45 a.m. Welcome	2 p.m. Break/Snack (cookies, coffee)/ Vendors
9 a.m. “Bulbs as Companion Plants,” Brent Heath	2:15 p.m. “Lovely Long Lasting Lilies and Awesome Alliums,” Brent Heath
10:30 a.m. Break/vendors	
10:45 a.m. “Bones of the Garden,” Jerry Somalski	3:45 p.m. Conference Wrap-up/Questions and Answers
Noon Box lunch/vendors	4 p.m. Vendors

## Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a Master Gardener? \_\_\_\_\_

Select **one** box lunch entrée (includes chips, cookie, drink):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Shaved roast beef/ham with Cheddar | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Pasta Salad       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Caesar wrap                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed Greek Salad Pita |

Make check, \$50 for each person attending, payable to Saginaw Valley Master Gardener Association. Mail to SVMGA Treasurer Jan O’Dell at 5122 Hickory Court, Saginaw, MI 48603. For information, call Judy Henning at (989) 799-4136, e-mail judrich@sbcglobal.net, or Aileen Cowan at (989) 865-8784, e-mail scratchcreations@worldnet.att.net.

Brochure/registration form available at [www.msue.msu.edu/mastergardener/saginaw](http://www.msue.msu.edu/mastergardener/saginaw).