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Children's zoo adds animals, gardens

If you haven't been to the Saginaw Children's Zoo in a while – or feel there's no reason to go if you don't have little ones – think again, says Patti Decker, chairman of the zoo's horticultural committee.

She welcomed the opportunity to show the city facility off to her fellow Master Gardeners when there was an opening in the July meeting schedule.

Just remember the meeting starts and ends one-half hour earlier and you must have your name badge to enter free.

"There's a new zoo director and right now we have as many gardens as there are animals — 102," Decker explained one sunny Friday afternoon before she dug into her volunteer job there.

"The first year of the Adopt-a-Garden, there were 11 gardens. When I took over from Judy Ross, there were 40. Our goal on the 'hort' committee is to maintain, improve and expand the gardens. We have more gardens planned for next year. We want to stay ahead, instead of playing catch-up."



Patti Decker, horticultural committee chair, invites you to Children's Zoo.

To help, the committee has planned a fund-raiser, called "Birds, Bugs, Butterflies and Blooms" for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1. It features three speakers, discussing how to draw birds to your yard; bugs – the good, the bad and the ugly; and Master Gardeners to explain the blooms.

In addition, there will be an auction of birdhouses and bird feeders – Decker is still looking for donations – and the vote on the People's Choice Awards for the Adopt-a-Gardens.

"The funds we raise from this will go to the horticultural efforts," she

explains. "Hundreds of people are coming through the zoo every day and if the gardens and the grounds don't look good, there's the perception the animals aren't taken care of either."

The zoo changes each year, she adds. This year there is the addition of the kangaroos, which challenged the horticultural committee to come up with an Australian style theme, keeping in mind plants that wouldn't harm the lively creatures.

Advanced Master Gardener Tom Leinberger donated ornamental grasses to decorate that exhibit.

"No one knew what Australian flowers look like, or whether they would survive here," Decker says.

Also new this year is the renovated Forgotten Forest, complete with wolf and log cabin. There's also a raven plus 25 more Adopt-a-Gardens.

"Even if you don't have kids, the zoo's a good place to relax or have lunch. It's very pretty."

Of course, that's thanks to the residents and businesses who have adopted

Next meeting

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, at the Saginaw Children's Zoo, 1703 S. Washington

6:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. Meeting

7 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Refreshments

7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Tour Saginaw Children's Zoo

Please bring a lawn chair. Parking available at zoo. Meeting is in Event Area between the kangaroos and turtles. Look for red and white tent.

a garden and spend at least one hour a week weeding and watering their plot. Some 50 were on the waiting list for this year.

It's also due to Master Gardeners who collect their volunteer hours maintaining the gardens and grounds since the zoo has no maintenance staff for that.

"It's been a real learning experience," says Decker. "It's not just flowers, but trees, shrubs, ponds, vegetables and controlling pests without hurting the animals.

"We're always looking for weeders and people with different expertise. This spring (Advanced Master Gardener) Gus Schulwitz pruned the roses on the perimeter of the property. They hadn't been cared for in 15 years and you can see they're blooming beautifully."

Tadpoles placed in the ponds last year hold promises of bullfrogs next year. Decker also hopes to borrow an idea from the Dallas Botanical Garden and have watering cans available to teach children how to care for a garden.

While it's a blessing the city has compost and woodchips available, volunteers should watch out for the poison ivy that may have slipped in with them, she warns.

The horticultural committee's wish list includes tools, border materials, resource books on plants, shrubs and trees, labeling materials for plants and shrubs and volun-

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Minutes of the June 2004 meeting

On June 23, 2004, Judy Henning welcomed all to the June meeting and thanked Nancy and Allen Hales for sharing their lovely yard with us for this meeting.

Elaine Rappley moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as published and Bill Wegner seconded the motion.

Deb Keller read the following treasurer's report:

Balance as of last report	\$4,100.18
Deposits 5/26 - 6/23/04	25.00
Expenses 5/26 - 6/23/04	674.00
Balance as of 6/23/04	\$3,451.18

As of 6/23/04, we have 159 paid members.

Eighteen members attended the MSU Summer Conference. Peggy Shaver, Grey Gitzen, Pat Washburn, Judy Wegner and Judy Henning were instructors.

Thanks went out to Patty Burnside, Beth Bedtelyon, Grey and June Gitzen and Darlene Damp for their contributions and help in assembling gift baskets for our group to present at the conference.

There will be a meeting July 7 at Judy Henning's for all interested in volunteering for the October 2 gardening seminar.

Thanks to Raeann Krauss and Mary Ann Malek for representing SVMGA at the Open House held for the County Commissioners.

Job descriptions have been published. Everyone is asked to seriously consider running for an office (See Page 4). Nancy Kleekamp, Janet Martineau and

Judy Porter are the nomination committee and will be contacting members.

Gail Caird reminded us of the July 10 trip to Marshall, MI. We will leave from Meijer's on Gratiot at 7:30 am.

After the raffle, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

There were refreshments and time to enjoy the lovely evening in Nancy Hales' beautiful yard.

The next meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, at the Children's Zoo. Name badges are required to enter free.

Respectfully submitted by Ellie Robertson, secretary

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Blackspot, spider mites common rose problems

Blackspot got your roses?

Roses are beautiful, but not always easy to grow, thanks to blackspot and spider mites.

Blackspot, a common rose disease, causes dark brown, circular spots on foliage.

As it worsens, leaf spotting increases then leaves yellow. Keep the plant clean by removing infected leaves from the plant and around it to control blackspot.

A fungicide application once a week also is necessary, but one product alone rarely restrains blackspot.

Alternate fungicide applications using different products each time you spray.

Fungicides formulated as wettable powders are less likely to burn leaves, but often are more difficult to apply.

Spider mites flourish during hot, dry weather, causing leaves to yellow or turn light greenish-gray, then drop.

A strong spray of water to leaf undersides at least once a week helps decrease spider mites.

Insecticidal soap also will control the pest.

Use as labels direct.

See the children's zoo...

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teers.

"There's always something to do. You might start in one area and then see something that really needs attention as you go through the park," says Decker, a support coordinator for Saginaw County Community Mental Health Services.

"Do what you can. This is a work in progress. There's not a lot of direction, but you're on your own schedule.

"We like volunteers to meet with staff first and feel comfortable. And if you want to work after hours, there's always the yard in front of the fence."

The Saginaw Children's Zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday; and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$5 for adults; \$4 for seniors and children, ages 3 to 12. Children, ages 2 and younger, are admitted free.

Story by Darlene B. Damp, co-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

Here it is July and I am still planting. I am down to the last few plants, I think.

If I am not buying something new, a friend is bringing a plant over to share with me.

Life is good. The rain has done some wonderful things in the garden as far as lushness of the plants and their blooms.

On the negative side, there seems to be more slugs and pesky insects to deal with. From talking with fellow gardeners it seems that the bunny population has exploded this year.

The Garden Walk was a success even with the rain. It didn't seem to stop the people from visiting the gardens.

They came with umbrellas, raincoats, and some had garbage bags over their heads. They are what I would call "true gardeners."

The gardens on tour were gorgeous. Thanks to all the MGs who volunteered that day in the gardens or at the MG table at the Saginaw Art Museum.

The committee for our fall seminar held their first meeting at my home. Everyone present signed up to work on one or more of the committees and I thank each and every one of you. We are off to a good start and will have more information at the July meeting. (Registration for the gardening seminar is included in this edition. See page 7.)

You will again see descriptions of the Officer's Duties in this newsletter (page



4). Please read them and give the nominating committee (Nancy Kleekamp, Janet Martineau, Judy Porter) a call and let them know which office you would like to volunteer for.

Be sure to read the article below, "Looking For A Fun Way To Earn Master Gardener Credits."

If it is something that you might be interested in doing, give Grey Gitzen or me a call. We are on this review team and might be able to answer any questions.

Remember the July 28 meeting is at the Children's Zoo from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. You must wear your name badge to get into the zoo. No name badge, no free entrance. We will start promptly at 6:30. See you there.

Take care,
Judy

Looking for a fun way to earn Master Gardener credits?

Looking for a new and interesting way to earn your Master Gardener credits?

Join the Horticulture Gardening Institute's Master Gardener Review Team.

We're offering a unique opportunity to Master Gardeners nationwide who are interested in critiquing container gardening.

Plans are submitted by participants of the Gardening Institute's online program "The Art and Science of Container Gardening."

Kate Koltvedt, senior project manager of the Gardening Institute, is leading the Review Team.

She will work directly with Master

Gardeners who are interested in joining the team to establish a relationship and benchmarks for awarding volunteer hours.

Several Master Gardeners have completed their tenure and earned credits.

They have enjoyed the experience, especially reviewing plans from gardeners in other regions other than their own.

"I have been reviewing plans for about a month, and it is a lot of fun," says Pam Marlin, a 2004 Master Gardener Review Team member.

"I took the Container Gardening Online Program before I started being a reviewer.

"I was very impressed by the valuable resource provided in such a user-friendly way and how creatively the program uses

the capabilities of the internet.

"I think all of the questions in the container garden design plan section are important. And they provide participants with a valuable format for thinking through their plans before they get started."

Marlin is assistant dean for Student Affairs for the School of Nursing at Oakland University in Michigan.

To learn more about the Horticulture Gardening Institute, visit www.gardeninginstitute.com.

For more information about the Master Gardener Review Team, contact Kate Koltvedt via email at kate@gardeninginstitute.com.



SVMGA was well represented at this year's Summer Conference. Can you name your fellow MGs? Photo by MG Brian Ott.

Pinch back mums for bigger blooms in fall

To keep chrysanthemums compact or to increase the number of flowers they produce, pinch or cut back the plants every two to three weeks.

Pinching is the key to growing bushy mums.

In the spring, prune mums back to about three inches to prompt new shoots. When these grow to six inches, pinch them

halfway back.

Repeat this through the summer whenever new shoots are six inches tall.

Stop pinching in early August to allow the chrysanthemums to set flower buds.

Just a little work will result in bloom-laden plants come fall.

Available soon; put in your bid for board seat

The following job descriptions are intended as a guide to outline the various officer responsibilities and the approximate number of hours required to meet those responsibilities.

Please review these carefully and decide which position you would be willing to submit your name for nomination.

SVMGA President

20-25 hours per month:

- Presides at the monthly meetings and Board meetings; preparing agenda for both.
- Writes the "Letter from the President" for monthly newsletter.
- Is the official representative of SVMGA.
- Shall be the liaison between SVMGA & MSUE.
- Collaborates with Board to develop long- and short-term goals and Association policies.
- Gives SVMGA orientation presentation to Master Gardener class.
- Coordinates activities of SVMGA.
- Enforces by-laws and policies of SVMGA.
- Appoints committee members or solicit volunteers, oversees committees and provides direction.

SVMGA Vice President

15 hours per month:

- Attends monthly Board meetings.
- Assumes duties of President if that officer is absent.
- Assists the President with enforcement of by-laws, policies, and membership responsibilities.
- Oversees and coordinates SVMGA

projects, assists project leaders, reports to President and Board on regular basis, ensures final project summaries are completed and filed in MG office.

- Assists the President in overseeing committees.
- Assists with volunteer selection or solicitation.

SVMGA Secretary

6 to 8 hours per month:

- Attends monthly Board meetings.
- Keeps minutes of all business meetings. Provides copy to editor to be published in monthly newsletter. Places copy in notebook in MG office.
- Keeps minutes of Board meetings and provides copies to Board members. Places copy in notebook in MG office.
- Keeps attendance record of Board meetings.
- Secretary may be asked to complete any correspondence required by the Association.

SVMGA Treasurer

8 to 10 hours per month:

- Attends monthly Board meetings.
- Collects dues, issues receipts and deposits monies.
- Pays bills incurred by SVMGA.
- Keeps account balance.
- Gives financial report at monthly meetings and Board meetings.
- Maintains list of paid members. Forwards membership information to Board members and Roster Chairperson.
- Collects and deposits earnings from projects.
- Prepares copy of check register for audit committee review and submits end of year report.
- Provides categorized yearly Financial

Statement of Income and Expenses.

SVMGA Program Chairperson

6 to 8 hours per month:

- Attends monthly Board meetings.
- Arranges for speakers as determined by Board decision.
- Provides President with agreed upon fees and schedule of speakers.
- Sends confirmation letter to speaker prior to scheduled meeting.
- Arranges for any special set-up or equipment needed for speaker.
- Obtains information to properly introduce speaker or provide President with such information.
- Obtains check from treasurer and pays speaker on night of meeting.
- Send thank-you letter to speaker after event.
- Arranges for field trips as determined by Board decision.
- Submits information to newsletter editor regarding field trips, etc.
- Arranges Christmas Potluck site and assists Potluck Committee as required.

Next board meeting:
**6 p.m. Wednesday, August 4,
at Judy Henning's home**

Newsletter deadline:
Monday, August 9

Send submissions to
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To view the monthly newsletter on the Web site, please go to:
**www.msue.msu.edu/
mastergardener/saginaw**

Please wear your name tags at the meeting — and introduce yourself to someone you don't know.

Flower Power Festival in Midland

MIDLAND – Enjoy the brightest colors of the year and celebrate Flower Power at Dow Gardens, beginning Monday, July 19, through Friday, Aug. 13.

Make time to stroll through the gardens to see the many annuals that are showing off their bright and bold colors.

Youngsters can play Flower Power bingo and make a craft to take home while adults can join a tour of the trial garden with horticulturist and director Doug Chapman. Tours are at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3. Please register by July 26 by calling (800) 362-4874

Stroll through a garden or two this summer and get ideas

Midland has garden walk July 21

MIDLAND – The Reece Endeavor Garden Walk, featuring six gardens, is set for 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 21.

All proceeds from the garden walk benefit the Reece Community Living Endeavor.

The endeavor is a non-profit organization that provides and maintains affordable housing and explores housing opportunities for individuals with disabilities in Midland County.

Currently the organization owns and maintains 33 homes in the Midland area that they rent to special needs adults.

The tour gardens include: the Campbell garden, 2112 Revere, an English-style garden in Midland's historic district; the Kalina garden, 920 W. Park Drive, offering a mix of shrubs and perennials with water feature; and the Nehil garden, 1315

West St. Andrews, with formal gardens and whimsical art.

There's also the Szymanski garden, 2205 Ramble Lane, with shade plants, water feature and Chinese accents; the VanSlyck garden, 909 Sterling Drive, with comfy garden shed and serene plantings; and Whiting Forest, 2303 Eastman Ave., a sneak peek at the new forest featuring native plants from Dow Gardens.

Cost is \$10 in advance and \$15 the day of the walk (tax deductible).

Tickets are available at all of the gardens the day of the walk.

Purchase tickets at the following businesses: Dow Gardens, I've Been Framed, Kutchev's Flowers, Northwest Antique Gallery, Village Green or the RCLC office at 2515 Ashman Street.

For information, call (989) 835-9700.

10 gardens on display

HUNTINGTON WOODS – Tours of 10 gardens are featured Sunday, July 18, here, sponsored by the Seed and Sod Garden Club of Huntington Woods.

The tour is open from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call Barbara Christiansen at (248) 399-8228.

Garden tour in August

ST. CLAIR SHORES – The Yardeners sponsors its annual garden tour from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, beginning at the Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum, 22500 11 Mile Road,

It is located behind the St. Clair Shores Library near Jefferson.

The tour costs \$5 and features gardens and expert help from Master Gardeners, Master Composters, homeowners and other organizations.

Odds and ends

Garden the smart way

Take a tip from construction workers when it comes to working in the garden.

The results can keep you more fit and pain-free if you use these basics for lifting and handling materials.

First, think of your tender toes, in case something heavy drops. Always keep your toes under protective cover by wearing sturdy shoes, perhaps even those with steel toes.

Think of your hands. Wear good, tough gloves when you handle anything rough, sharp or splintery.

Before you heave-ho, be sure you've got a secure grip and secure footing.

Keep the load close to your body. This minimizes the strain. Lift smoothly – don't jerk as you lift.

Don't twist your body. When carrying a heavy load, pivot with your feet instead of your spine. When a load is too heavy or awkward to handle alone, be sure to ask for help.

Plan your path of execution. Also make sure it is free of debris and obstacles.

Push rather than pull.

Use equipment. No matter whether it is dollies for moving heavy trees and shrubs you've dug up, wheelbarrows or tractors, you can ease your load and still get plenty of exercise.

Make sure work levels are at waist height when standing and elbow height when sitting, whenever possible.

If you have to work in one position for a long period of time, take stretching breaks. It will save you some painful evenings.

Play it safe and smart. Stick with the basics in all of your lifting and handling of materials and equipment.

Pressed flower class in August

MIDLAND – A two-part pressed flower class, for ages 11 and older, meets from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Aug. 3 and 17, at Dow Gardens, West St. Andrews and Eastman Road.

In the first class, participants will gather flowers from the garden and press them in phone book presses. Two weeks later they will create pressed flower crafts, including pressed flower candles. Cost is \$20. Please register by July 27, by calling (800) 362-4874.

Musicians perform in gardens

MIDLAND – Listen to a variety of musicians perform throughout Dow Gardens on Saturday, Aug. 14.

Visitors may stroll through the gar-

dens or bring a blanket and stop along the way.

The gardens are open from 9 a.m. to one hour before sunset seven days a week. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$1 for ages 6 to 17; or buy an annual admission card for \$10 each.

Frankenmuth Plant a Row for Hungry lists drop-off sites

The Frankenmuth area Plant A Row for the Hungry will begin picking up produce July 12 and every Monday and Wednesday through Sept. 30.

Or, call Hidden Harvest directly for a special pickup at 753-4749 and they will come to your home.

Please drop off produce before 8 a.m. Monday or Wednesday at any one of the following locations: front porch of 620 Northview Drive, Frankenmuth; front porch of 1175 Tuscola, Frankenmuth; front porch of 8188 Mandy Lane, Frankenmuth; in front of garage at 8850 S. Gera Road, Birch Run; north side of garage at the Presbyterian Church, 12517 Morseville Road, Birch Run; front porch of 4855 Cole Road, between M-13 and Sheridan, Saginaw; or the front porch of 1436 Houlihan Road, Saginaw.

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More odds and ends

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There is a Friday drop-off by 3 p.m. at St. Lorenz Church Grove, Country Lane, Frankenmuth.

For information, call Gretchen Lima at 652-0654 or Jim Stoppleworth at 777-0819.

McLellan plans Tuscany trip

EAST LANSING – Michigan State University Master Gardener Coordinator Mary McLellan will lead a trip through the great gardens of Tuscany and the Italian Lake District in May 2005.

Participants will leave Monday, May 16, from Detroit and arrive in Florence where they will spend five nights at a four-star villa with its own gardens. The next four days include tours of nearby private and public gardens, each with different features.

In the Lake District, near Milan, there will be more garden tours, a boat trip across Lake Maggiore to the palace of Isola Bella and plenty of time for touring on your own and shopping.

Cost is \$3,799 per person for a twin share or pay \$799 more for a single room. Prices include transportation, most meals and tours.

A \$500 deposit is due July 15, another \$1,000 by Nov. 15, with final payment on March 15, 2005.

For information or a brochure, call

McLellan at (517) 355-5191 or Robyn at Ambassador Tours, (800) 247-7035.

Home Lawn Field Day at MSU

EAST LANSING – A free Home Lawn Field Day meets from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, July 22, at the Hancock Turfgrass Research facility at Michigan State University.

It is sponsored by the the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation and the MSU Turfgrass Team.

This open house style event will offer homeowners the opportunity to meet the MSU turf team and learn about the important research they do right on the actual research turf plots.

The most recent research supported recommendations for mowing, fertilizing, irrigation, grub, emerald ash borer, shade problems and establishment will be covered in these “on-the-turf” seminars.

The turfgrass foundation supports and represents the turfgrass industry in Michigan as well as supporting teaching, research and extension at MSU.

In addition to research-based seminars, professionals from the industry and Master Gardeners will be on hand for workshops.

Workshops will include how to successfully trap moles, scouting and controlling grubs, an ornamental grasses tour, customized lawn care planners, a lawn answer desk and an activity to make a deflector shield for a fertilizer spreader to protect

water quality.

A key focus will be on how turfgrass research provides tangible benefits. Participants will be offered the opportunity to be directly connected to the turfgrass program as well as being involved in research efforts by purchasing a Friends of Turf MTF membership which includes a “Lawn Care Survival Tool Box.”

The Hancock Turfgrass Research facility is at Mount Hope and Farm Lane; (Jolly Rd exit off I-127 east to Collins north/east to Farm Lane north to Mount Hope).

For information, call Ben Yost at (269) 217-8948.

Library seeks help

FRANKENMUTH – Help for a tribute garden to friends of the James E. Wickson Memorial Library, 359 S. Franklin, is sought by Dave Curtis, project coordinator.

He needs one to two volunteers to plant and maintain the garden that will add to the surrounding of the library. He is hoping to have the garden completed by Sept. 1.

For information, call him at 652-8323.

New MG class begins

The next master gardeners class begins Thursday, August 26, 2004. The hours are 5:30-9:00 p.m.

Contact Delfina at the extension office, 758-2500 ext. 220, for complete information.

TV's Roger Swain visits Garden Day on Aug. 6

EAST LANSING – Michigan State University's annual Garden Day, set for Friday, Aug. 6, features two speakers and a dozen workshops at the Wharton Center.

Registration is at 8 a.m. followed by Robert Schutzki, associate horticulture professor at MSU, at 9 a.m. He will discuss “Garden Design, an Exercise in Personal Expression,” examining design philosophy, design intent and the inspiration that drives the creative process in creating garden spaces.

Schutzki teaches courses in landscape design, environmental design and internship supervision. He has a doctorate in

forestry and continues to do research.

Participants will then break off into one-hour workshops, including perennial walk, pruning basics, tender perennials and underused annuals, hanging baskets, extreme gardening, cooking fresh, hardy cactus for Michigan, earth-bottom ponds, vines and climbers for your garden, floral design, rain gardens and orchids.

Then it's time for a box lunch and garden tours. At 1:15 p.m. participants go back for a second workshop, followed by “A 2004 Garden Snapshot” with Norm Lownds, director of the horticultural demonstration garden.

Between classes, a select group of ven-

dors will have plants, garden accessories and more at the Garden Day Marketplace.

Roger Swain – the man with the red suspenders on PBS-TV's “The Victory Garden” – takes the podium at 3 p.m. His topic is “Planting Villages: How Gardens Make Good Neighbors.”

The conference concludes at 4 p.m.

Cost is \$75, for two workshops, two keynote speakers, parking and lunch.

Registration deadline is Friday, July 23.

For information, visit <http://www.hrt.msu.edu/outreach/GardenDay2004.htm> or call Sandy Allen at (517) 355-5191, ext. 339 or email her at allens@msu.edu.

Gardening seminar Oct. 2 in Saginaw

Don't give up on gardening when the leaves turn color!

The Saginaw Valley Master Gardener Association invites you to its inaugural fall seminar, "An Autumn Affair for Gardeners," from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004, 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. **Registration deadline is Sept. 15.** Master Gardeners receive four education hours.

Conference topics and speakers are:

- #### Keynote speaker Frederick W. Case Jr., internationally known plant expert, will open the day-long conference, discussing **"Wildflowers."** Case has lectured worldwide, won top national horticultural honors, and authored four books and numerous papers.
- € **"Forcing Bulbs and Bulbs for Fall Planting"** features Grey Gitzen, Advanced Master Gardener, detailing how to force bulbs into bloom indoors and what to do this fall for a beautiful outdoor floral display next spring.
- € **"Turf Management"** with Jerry Somalski, owner of Bay Landscaping, Essexville, provides his special expertise on improving your lawn, from seed selection to maintenance.
- € **"The Garden in the Fall"** with Advanced Master Gardener Peggy Shaver covers all the tasks necessary in fall to prepare for winter and be ready for spring.

Conference schedule

- 8:30 a.m. — Registration/refreshments (pastries, coffee, juice)
- 9 a.m. — Welcome
- 9:15 a.m. — "Wildflowers" with Frederick W. Case Jr.
- 10:30 a.m. — Break
- 11 a.m. — "Forcing Bulbs and Bulbs for Fall Planting" with Grey Gitzen
- Noon — Box lunch
- 1:30 p.m. — "Turf Management" with Jerry Somalski
- 2:30 p.m. — Break/Snack (cookies, apples, drink)
- 2:45 p.m. — "The Garden in the Fall" with Peggy Shaver
- 3:45 p.m. — Conference wrap-up

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail (conference purposes only) _____

Select one entree for box lunch, which includes chips, cookies, drink:

Roast beef/provolone cheese sandwich _____

Turkey/Swiss cheese wrap _____

Vegetarian _____

Make check, \$50 for each person attending, payable to Saginaw Valley Master Gardener Association. Mail to SVMGA Treasurer Deb Keller, 1604 N. Thomas Road, Saginaw, MI 48609. You will receive written confirmation. There are no refunds; substitutes are acceptable. For information, please call Gail Caird, (989) 793-1942; Judy Henning, (989) 799-4136; or email sgcaird@hotmail.com or judrich@juno.com.