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Old plants take to new home, shared garden

Sara Clark lives in a newer subdivision off Midland Road and her yard backs up to the Walmart store off State and Lawndale.

But due to good planning and careful planting, this Master Gardener and her neighbors in the adjoining condo have a shared garden that looks long established and provides the privacy they treasure.

Saginaw Valley Master Gardener Association members will visit the property Wednesday, July

27, and see how Clark and her friends, Paul and Brooke Kowalski, transformed the 100- by 250-foot lot from scrub.

"This was one of the bigger lots, although it's not really that big," said Clark.

She is an artist who serves as the art department technician at Saginaw Valley State University. She also teaches ceramics, art appreciation, sculpture, three-dimensional design and drawing, depending on the need.

Clark and the Kowalskis shared

duplexes in Zilwaukee when they decided to build the condos together in Saginaw Township more than three years ago. When they moved, they took the garden they had there with them.



Sara Clark stands with her friends, Brooke and Paul Kowalski, in front of her Saginaw Township condo. The Kowalskis live on the other side.

"Brooke has the vision for the garden. Paul takes care of the lawn, the shrubs and the grunt work. I'm a (plant) collector. For me, when I'm buying, texture, leaf shape, color and flowers convince me. I don't like fussy; if it behaves, it can stay."

Clark started gardening when she was living in an apartment, something her father also

did, no matter where they lived.

"He was always taking care of plants."

Clark's gardening took a new leap when she moved to Zilwaukee and discovered their landlord didn't care what they did, so she put in an herb garden.

A small collection of roses followed, gathered from a friend who didn't appreciate the garden she inherited at her new house.

"Before we built here, we had a landscaper come and help us figure out what trees we should save and what should go," says Clark, seated near her back picture window, with its panoramic view of the back yard.

"Unfortunately, all the trees you see out back are ash and although we haven't seen any signs of emerald ash borer, there's too many to treat. We're in a holding pattern right now."

The landscaper also put together the front planting beds — real stand outs with the lively pink, nearly wild roses.

In the back, trees provide shade and beds for planting. In addition, the threesome put in a staggered row of pines at the back edge to hide the

Next meeting

- 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, at Sara Clark's garden, 1610 Foxwood. Take Midland Road to Normandy (between State and Gratiot), follow Normandy to Foxwood.
- 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.**
- Park in Clark's shared driveway, both sides (12 cars should fit), on Normandy or north on Foxwood, not south.

parking lot lights behind them.

"I have a lot of irises – I love them. I guess they remind me of my mother. She didn't grow them, but she had this quilted bedspread with irises on them, so they remind me of her. When she passed, I was given an Althea, white iris, so I've sort of dedicated that area to my mom."

Most of their hybrid tea roses, many of which are 20 years old, survived the move, and provide color, along with the annuals, like zinnias, Clark favors.

She's planted glads in a new bed, but a virus may keep them from blooming.

"I'm still trying to figure out the light back here," she explained. "I also like caladiums and my fallopia, a viney kind of plant, because of its leaf texture. It's variegated and gets pretty tall and it can be quite bushy."

The one plant she is willing to baby is her new ligularia, The Rocket, with its gold spike flower.

"It requires a lot of water, so I did what another Master Gardener suggested, I planted it in a plastic bag to help retain the water.

"I also have a turtlehead that I picked up at the plant exchange. Holly Furlo was telling me about it – it's a 'wow' with an interesting shape, plus it's very pretty with beautiful yellow flowers and very

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Minutes of the May 25 meeting

Grey Gitzen welcomed all to Crystal Kauer's home. He thanked Crystal and her husband Lynn for their hospitality.

Judy Henning moved that the minutes of the May 2005 meeting be approved as published; Brian Ott seconded the motion.

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

Balance of last report	\$3,986.51
Deposits 5/25/05 to 6/21/05	\$626.50
Expenses 5/25/05 to 6/21/05	\$941.93
Balance as of 4/26/05	\$3,671.08
As of 6/21/05 we have 171 paid	

members.

Judy Ross moved that the treasurer's report be accepted; Ruth Sny seconded the motion.

Judy Henning reported the board would be presented with vendors for the fall conference at its next meeting. Vendors would be in place at the July meeting. She also mentioned that inserts about the fall conference were put in each packet at the Summer Conference.

She had a sign-up sheet for members

wishing to help at the conference. The meeting is at 6:30 p.m. July 7 at her house.

Gitzen said the keynote speakers at Summer Conference were outstanding. He also praised the longer sessions that allowed for more in-depth learning about topics.

The Rose & Garden Spectacular is June 29 at the Andersen Center. Education hours for this event have yet to be decided. Bill Wegner and Elaine Rappley will be doing presentations at the event.

The final count for the garden walk will not be known until after July 10. Many people stopped by at the Master Gardener booth at the Saginaw Art Museum.

Shirley McNier had logo wear at the meeting for members who ordered it.

Becky Geidans asked for volunteers to sign up for refreshments for the July and August meetings.

Carmen Lerash said the Frankenmuth Garden Walk is June 27. She also

mentioned that Frankenmuth would have a farmer's market from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, starting July 16.

The Bay City garden walk is June 23.

Nancy Cotcamp had rosters available for members who did not receive a copy.

Amy Fitkin had a sign-up sheet for a field trip Sunday, Aug. 7 to Frankenmuth Mutual Insurance Company's gardens.

Members wishing to go can either meet at 3 p.m. on the west side of the building in Frankenmuth, or car pool there from Horizons at 2:30 p.m.

Sara Clark was wondering if anyone could tell her why pebbles were being discarded in the display gardens at MSU Extension.

Charlotte Huebner donated vases for the raffle. Gloves and a plant stand were also raffled through the generosity of anonymous donors. Grey Gitzen won the vases; Charlotte Huebner the plant stand, and David Quinnan the gloves.

Refreshments were enjoyed and members toured Crystal's beautiful garden.

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Friends treasure garden's plants, privacy...

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lush. Mine died, but I had to have another and planted that in a bag too. I didn't realize it was going to be such high maintenance."

Clark plants lettuce to keep the bunnies at bay and two tomato plants when it comes to vegetables.

"I noticed this spring I was spending more time gardening instead of making art," says the ceramicist, whose larger pieces provide focal points in many of the beds.

"I'm justifying it as environmental art. There's still one piece I hoped to get pumped out by the meeting, but I don't know if it will be done by then."

Brooke Kowalski has added an arbor and Saginaw bricks from her in-laws home to a center bed. A footed bathtub, rocks, holly hocks and a cactus, similar to a prickly pear will comprise the bed on their side of the yard.

"She does the placement for objects I provide," Clark said.

"We're still struggling with the poison

ivy. I'm highly allergic so I have to be careful. We have hostas, which are not my favorite, but they're so well behaved they can stay.

"This spring I was trying to solve a problem with a wind tunnel, plus six inches of water collected here from all the storms."

They've planted forsythia, witch hazel along with the viburnum, Autumn Jazz, which they hope will provide a spectacular display.

Clark also enjoys alliums, which mirror the look of some of her art.

Brooke Kowalski's favorite is the pagoda dogwood while husband Paul is pleased with the privacy the pines will provide.

"Paul really worked on the lawn this year. We just couldn't seem to get rid of the weeds or bare spots," Clark explains.

"Paul keeps us grounded."

Story by Darlene Damp, editor

Letter from the President

The 2005 Master Gardener Volunteer Summer Conference is history. It was a good meeting. There were changes in the format this year that enhanced the sessions. The afternoon sessions were twice as long as in the past which allowed the presenters to go in depth on their subject matter.

There were two keynote speakers, both of whom were outstanding. The organizers cut back on the quantities of food, which was good for me. I never seem to have enough willpower to ignore the afternoon cookies they put out at past conferences.

Crystal Kauer's gardens were spectacular. Her love of roses is evident as you tour the various beds surrounding her home. Crystal, thank you very much for your hospitality and for allowing the association members to trample your lawn. My favorite rose in her gardens is

"Jude the Obscure." I have a penchant for David Austin roses.

Speaking of roses, the Rose Spectacular June 29 at the Enrichment Center was a success. I was happy to see several Master Gardener volunteers taking advantage of the half-hour sessions on gardening that took place throughout the day.

Next year I hope more of you will take advantage of this free event to gain education hours. Before I leave this subject, Ben Pawlick your stewardship of the roses at the center is evident. The beds have never looked better.

The committee planning the Oct. 1 Autumn Affair for Gardeners has met and subcommittees have formed. If you would like to be part of this event, it's a fun way to accumulate volunteer hours. Contact



Aileen Cowan or Judy Henning. I'm sure they can always use more help.

A tip of my hat to publicity committee members Darlene Damp, Anne Birkam, Tom Brubaker, Ruth Gardstrom, Judy Ross, Cora Schaeff, Grace Dunkle, Liz Williams, Carmen Lerash, Jan O'Dell, Sherry Burkhart, Kathy Leach, Mary Maki and Sheila Hempstead. They are doing a great job publicizing the event.

Two upcoming events deserve our attention: "Birds, Bugs, Butterflies, and Blooms" at the Children's Zoo at Celebration Square on Saturday, July 23, sponsored by the zoo's Horticulture Committee, and the tour of the gardens at the Frankenmuth Mutual Insurance Co. on Sunday, Aug. 7, for Master Gardener volunteers coordinated by Amy Fitkin. Both are one-of-a-kind gardens.

Grey

MSU's Garden Day has workshops galore

EAST LANSING – A dozen workshops are featured Friday, Aug. 5, at Garden Day at the Michigan State University Horticulture Gardens.

It runs from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Wharton Center. It costs \$75.

Two keynote speakers will look at current issues in gardening. In between, there's workshops, lunch, a plant sale and garden marketplace.

John Biernbaum, an MSU doctoral graduate, associated with the MSU Student Organic Farm, discusses "Gardening with Nature."

He offers common-sense explanations of why what your grandparents did worked so well and how growers got off track with fertilizers and pesticides.

The Student Organic Farm produces vegetables, fruits, herbs and cut flowers in the field and greenhouses, helping students and the community reconsider

farming with nature.

The afternoon keynote speaker, Neil Diboll, a University of Wisconsin graduate, joined Prairie Nursery in 1982. It produces native plants and seeds as well as designing native landscapes.

His talk, "Creating Prairie Gardens and Meadows," shows how they provide habitats for birds and butterflies with little or no fertilizers.

Participants can choose two of a dozen workshops. Sessions are repeated in the afternoon.

There's "Green Roofs" with Brad Rowe, horticulture professor and consultant for the Ford Motor Co. Rouge River complex, which is experimenting with this concept.

"Pruning II" continues the basic class Marcus Duck and Dan Bulkowski offered in 2004, while "Hydrangeas and Viburnums" with Ann Hancock, horticulturist, provides the basics on these

landscape building blocks.

MSU professor Art Cameron takes a "Perennial Walk" and Tim Latimer, state-certified florist, teaches what should be in "The Cutting Garden."

Liz Driscoll, 4-H education coordinator, offers "Grazing in the Garden or Fun Cooking with Your Kids," and Dr. Cliff Welsch, a Nature Conservancy consultant, discusses "Prairie Restoration."

"Small Trees" is the topic of Sue Gruber; "Training Climbing Roses for Maximum Bloom" comes from Nancy Lindley, Great Lakes Roses owner, and "Top 20 Diseases and Pests of Herbaceous Perennials" is covered by entomologist Diane Brown.

"Soil Care and Building Techniques" with Gary Heilig, Ingham County Extension horticulture agent, looks at balancing air, minerals, organic matter and organisms. "Water Gardening" with the Capital Area Koi and Water Gardening Club, presents pond basics.

Registration deadline is Saturday, July 23. For a brochure, go to www.hrt.msu.edu/outreach/GardenDay2005.htm.

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."

Odds and Ends

August field trip takes members to Frankenmuth garden

Ever wanted to wander the lush gardens of Frankenmuth Mutual Insurance Co.?

Members have the opportunity at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, says Amy Fitkin, program director.

She has arranged for 30 members to tour the gardens with the horticulturalist on staff there.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the July meeting.

Those who sign up and want to car pool can meet at Horizons at 2:30 p.m. Or, simply meet on the west side of the Frankenmuth Mutual building at 3 p.m.

For information, call Fitkin at 781-1670.

Lysogorski resigns MG Coordinator position

Dear Master Gardeners:

As you may already know, our current Master Gardener Coordinator, Mary Jane Lysogorski, has decided to devote more time to other priorities and will no longer be the coordinator for the Saginaw County MSU Extension Master Gardener Program.

Mary has done a great job in the short time she has been here, and we wish her well in her future endeavors.

Because Mary has performed her job so well, this leaves a need for a person to take over the Coordinator position. We hope to find a replacement as soon as possible.

This person should have a keen interest in gardening and horticulture in addition to strong communication and organizational skills.

A small amount of grant funds have been secured for education on the emerald ash borer in Saginaw County. We hope to combine this project with the Master Gardener Coordinator.

If you or someone you know may be interested in this position, please call me at (989) 758-2503, or e-mail me at seamonm@msu.edu.

Sincerely,

Mark L. Seamon

Extension Agricultural Agent

Art Museum says 'thank you'

Dear SVMGA,

On behalf of the staff and board of the Saginaw Art Museum, a sincere thank you to the SVMGA for the grant of \$200.

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

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

Respectfully,

Marsha Braun, interim director

MGs return to Mackinac Island

East LANSING – The MSU Master Gardener Volunteer Program once again hosts a trip to Mackinac Island, from Sunday to Tuesday, Aug. 21-23.

Instructor Lynn LaPointe Weise, a registered landscape architect, leads "Coloring with Annuals" and uses the design inspirations from the Grand Hotel's gardens. The hotel's horticulturist Steve Bernard also shares his tips during a garden tour.

It costs \$505 per couple or \$427 for singles and includes a welcome reception, two nights stay, two dinners, two breakfasts, a picnic lunch and more.

Registration deadline is Friday, July 22. For information, call (517) 355-5191 or e-mail mg@msu.edu.

List Serv no longer available to MGs

The List Serv – that easy on-line method of contacting all Master Gardeners for upcoming events – is no longer available.

This means it is even more important to get items of interest and upcoming events into The Grapevine by the monthly deadline so your fellow Master Gardeners get the word.

It also means there will not be a notification of when The Grapevine is posted on the Web site. Instead, you can start checking the Friday after the published deadline.

For example, this month's newsletter deadline was July 11 so The Grapevine could be available as early as July 15, depending on how soon the state Web site editor completes that task.

We'll keep you informed if a new alternative to the List Serv becomes available.

Ornamental grass workshop Sept. 24 in East Lansing

EAST LANSING – A workshop set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, will focus on "Ornamental Grass: Creating a New Look in the Landscape."

Led by MSU horticulturist Art Cameron, it will look at plant selection, garden design, plant establishment and maintenance techniques for the home gardener. The session meets at the MSU Pavilion.

He will share tips and tricks on ways to reach "gardening nirvana."

His lecture utilizes slides and an opportunity to visit and discuss the ornamental grass display at the Hancock Turfgrass Research Center on campus. The garden is dedicated to the display and testing of ornamental grasses in mid-Michigan.

For a registration brochure, visit web1.msue.msu.edu/mastergardener.com.

Short course series fulfills specialization area for MGs

LANSING – Lynn LaPointe Weise, a registered landscape architect, offers a five-course series on garden design this fall.

Participants may sign up for one to all five. Master Gardeners who complete all five meet the educational requirements toward the Area of Specialization in Garden Design.

The classes include Introduction to Garden Design, a prerequisite for Advanced I and II; Advanced Garden Design I, Advanced Garden Design II, Garden Design Graphics and Garden Design Calculations, Installation and Maintenance.

Classes meet from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, Oct. 8 and 15, Nov. 5 and 12 and Dec. 3, in the MSU Engineering Building.

For a registration brochure, visit

Volunteer opportunities...

Zoo fund-raiser needs help...

Patti Decker needs volunteers to help weed and clean up the Saginaw Children's Zoo in the weeks prior to the annual fund-raiser, Birds, Bugs, Butterflies and Blooms on Saturday, July 23.

"The gate is unlocked and you can get into the zoo as early as 8 a.m. so feel free to weed any of the general areas or anywhere in the zoo that looks like that weed doesn't belong there," she says.

"If you are unsure about the different areas, e-mail or call me and I can let you know when I will be at the zoo and we can do some weeding together."

She also is looking for volunteers to

help the day of the event, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Volunteers will help set up, pass out and collect people's choice ballots, answer gardening questions, help with the auction and other activities.

She said volunteers are needed for three-hours shifts – from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., noon to 3 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. – or for the full day.

"Thanks and keep it blooming!," says Decker.

Ag Expo needs help this month

Master Gardeners who want to earn volunteer hours can work the Agricultural Expo at MSU this month.

The times and dates are 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 19; 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 20; and 9 a.m. to noon and noon to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 21.

Interested volunteers may contact Nancy Whalen at 964-4259, 893-8649 or e-mail nwhalen@svsu.edu.

Farmer's Market seeks MGs...

The Frankenmuth Farmer's Market welcomes Master Gardener volunteers to sit and answer questions during its operating hours.

For information, contact Laurajeanne

Saturday Morning Gardener features array of classes

EAST LANSING – Michigan State University's Saturday Morning Gardener offers a variety of classes this fall.

Sessions meet from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturdays in B109 of the Plant and Soil Sciences Building. Costs vary.

Each session counts as two hours of MG education credit.

"Sweet Annie Wreath" on Sept. 17 features Tim Latimer, a state-certified

florist, guiding participants in making a wreath decorated with fall flower accents that will dry and remain fragrant for months. Class limited to 35; bring pruners. Cost is \$40.

"Dahlias" is the focus Oct. 8 with expert Richard Rejman, who will share his passion for the dazzling flower forms, colors and bloom sizes. He also demonstrates dividing dahlias. Cost is \$25.

Horticulturist Ann Hancock leads a "Bulb-forcing Workshop" Nov. 12. Participants learn the cycles and tips for forcing various bulb species and go home with six pots of bulbs. Class limited to 20; cost is \$55 including handouts, bulbs, pots and media.

Latimer returns Dec. 3 to lead "Holiday Centerpiece." Students create a fresh evergreen centerpiece after selecting materials and designing with ribbon, candles, pine cones and more. Class limited to 35; cost is \$40.

Hancock offers "Hydrangeas and Viburnums" Jan. 21. Her class examines the plants best suited for your landscape needs. Cost is \$25.

Tim Banfield, owner of Outdoor Living Inc., demonstrates the challenges of

"Designing Small Spaces" Feb. 18. Cost is \$25.

"Topiary" on March 18 offers one of three forms to add a unique accent to your garden. Doug Badgero, MSU garden manager and creator of Wilbir, the topiary peacock, details the history and art of topiary, and discusses its care.

Cost is \$100; students may choose a hanging monkey, a standing rabbit or a frog. Registration deadline is Jan. 10 so forms may be ordered.

Grey Gitzen, an Advanced Master Gardener from Saginaw, looks at "Success with Clematis," as well as the many varieties, pruning and tips for getting the best blooms, on April 15. Cost is \$25.

"Cutting-edge Containers" with Vickie Buell, owner of Homeland Gardens, shows how to create one-of-a-kind designs May 20. She will use annuals, perennials, grasses and other plants. Students will fill a container to take home. Cost is \$45.

"Irrigation Systems for Your Garden" provides simple methods to free you from hose and garden slavery. Cost is \$25.

For registration and campus map, visit www.hrt.msu.edu/outreach/SMG120.htm

Next board meeting:
5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3,
at MSU Extension office,
1 Tuscola, downtown
Saginaw

Newsletter deadline:
Monday, Aug. 8
Send submissions to
Darlene Damp, editor
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)

More odds and ends...

web1.msue.msu.edu/mastergardener.com.

More project \$\$\$ available

At least \$50 is available in project money after funds were returned.

Sharla Hammer planned to plant perennials at a local retirement center, but a resident took care of it instead.

Grey Gitzen also plans to return some funds that were left over from the give-away at the Art Museum garden walk.

To apply, contact any board member.

Dow Gardens offers classes

MIDLAND — Dow Gardens has three upcoming programs to expand your gardening knowledge and earn education credit.

Each meets from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, costs \$10 and earns 1 education hour.

“Disease Diagnosis,” on July 27 introduces you to the secret world of plant diseases and provides insight into their diagnoses. This is a repeat of a class held May 18.

“Tree Hazard Evaluation” on Aug. 10 looks at warning signs, how structural failure can damage cars, houses and people and when to call a professional.

“Mulching” on Aug. 24 gives tips on how to mulch, select the right type for your area and effectively use it in your landscape.

For information, call (800) 362-4874 or visit www.dowgardens.org.

National hotline answers pesticide questions?

Get answers to your pesticide questions seven days a week at the National Pesticide Information Center.

Call (800) 858-7378 toll-free between 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Pacific time and except on holidays) or visit npic.orst.edu and user-friendly scientists will help you understand the technical-chemical information on the labels, assess toxicity and risks, explore possible alternatives, offer safe-use practices, identify signs of pesticide poisoning and detail pesticide regulations.

They also will help find assistance for emergency treatment for humans and animals, pesticide clean-up and disposal,

laboratory analyses and pesticide incident investigations.

The center is based at Oregon State University.

Web sites offer information on roses, suppliers

Sarah Kinder, secretary of the Greater Lansing Rose Society, offers these Web sites for those seeking help in growing roses:

Help Me Find – a database of rose information and images,

www.helpmefind.com/rose/index.php

Greater Lansing Rose Society –

www.geocities.com/glr2003

American Rose Society – www.ars.org

Paul Barden’s Old Garden Roses –

www.rdrop.com/~paul/

For suppliers of unusual and old garden roses, also try:

Vintage Gardens –

www.vintagegardens.com

Antique Rose Emporium – www.antiqueroseemporium.co/pages/324335/index.tm

The Uncommon Rose – www.uncommonrose.biz/r/index.html

Heirloom Roses – www.heirloomroses.com

Hortico Roses – www.hortico.com/roses/roses.htm

Sorry Deer formula helps keep animals away from plants

Deer eating all your hostas?

Try mixing 1 egg, 1/2 cup milk, 1 tablespoon cooking oil, 1 tablespoon of dishwashing liquid with one gallon of water.

Label and allow to ferment a few days then spray on plants. It smells bad so store in garage or shed.

It won’t harm plants and the plants smell too bad for the animals to be interested in eating them.



A large contingency of SVMGA members attended the 2005 Master Gardener Volunteer Summer Conference at Michigan State University in East Lansing.

They are, from left to right, (front row) Marge Engelhardt, Judy Henning, Grey Gitzen, Darlene Damp, Becky Geidans; (center row) Mary Jane Lysogorski, Nancy Hales; (back row) Patricia Yockey, Nancy Kleekamp, Patricia Bourdow, Peggy Shaver, Raeann Krause, Judy Wegner, Marilyn Karpicke, and Bill Wegner.

Missing from the photo are: Ruth Sny, Gus Schulwitz, Ricardo Romero, Karen Tilden and Sherry Burkhart, who took the photo.

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.