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Next Board Meeting

6 p.m. Tuesday, October 6, 2009
MSU Extension Office

Newsletter Deadline

5 p.m. Sunday, October 4, 2009
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What follows Summer? Peggy Shaver Will Tell Us

On a chilly day in late August as rain was beating down on the large windows of her stunning contemporary home in Thomas Township, Peggy Shaver explained a bit about the Power Point presentation she will make to the Master Gardeners on September 23.

After a summer that was a 'no show summer' is this the end of our gardening for the year? Or, what should we be doing now and what will it accomplish? A great deal according to Peggy. We will learn about doing an inventory, and taking steps now to make next spring's gardening more enjoyable.

Those of us who have enjoyed Peggy's talks in the past (not only as Master Gardeners but also other garden groups in the area) have always benefited from her vast knowledge of the subject and agree that she is a learned gardening expert

However, there is much more for us to learn about this consummate gardener.....how did she acquire her love of gardening and become so proficient at it? Her parents owned and operated Alexander's nursery and, as a child, she potted and sold plants at the nursery. Her interest and skill grew from that early experience.

Almost 2 years ago, because of her husband's back problems, they moved from a 2 ½ acre spread in the Freeland area to a conventional suburban lot in Thomas Township. Prior to the move, almost 100 perennials were transplanted to the new location and she set about to plant a lovely, smaller garden to set off the new home site. So, what is most different about gardening in her new area?

Missing is the extensive wooded area that provided a place for sheltering wildlife and also provided an excellent site for spring flowering plants such as bulbs and trillium. The new location has few trees - a golden sumac and Corkscrew Willow have been planted and other 'small' specimen trees are planned.



Because planting trees mature enough to shade the west-facing patio would be too costly, a new motorized awning has been ordered to provide shade over the patio when needed. Another difference is the clay soil that abounds in the new garden area which requires much more amending. Some plants may not do as well in the new soil as in the former sandy soil.

The many roses which are her favorite plants (they were her Mother's favorites also) had to be left behind and a smaller bed was prepared for them in the new backyard. When

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Next Meeting

7p.m. - 9p.m.

Wednesday, September 23

Andersen Enrichment Center.

Wear your badge....NO GUESTS

Minutes of August 26, 2009 meeting will be printed in the next newsletter

SVMGA Annual Bulb Sale

Once again SVMGA is holding their bulb sale at this year's fall conference. The following is a list of what will be available at the sale this year:

Allium 'Ambassador'

Allium schubertii

Allium 'Summer Drummer'

Arum Italicum 'Marmoratum'

Camassia quamash

Chionodoxa sardensis

Colchicum autumnale 'Alboplenum'

Colchicum 'Waterlily'

Corydalis solida 'George P. Baker'

Crocus chrysanthus 'Blue Bird (Spring)

Crocus chrysanthus 'Romance' (Spring)

Crocus ochroleucus (Fall)

Crocus speciosus 'Oxonian' (Fall)

Daffodils/Narcissus 'Minnow'

Daffodils/Narcissus 'Rip van Winkle'

Dracunculus Vulgaris

Eremurus 'Cleopatra'

Eremurus 'Pretty in Pink'

Fritillaria imperialis 'Aurora' (Large)

Fritillaria imperialis 'Rubra Maxima' (Large)

Fritillaria meleagris (Dwarf)

Hyacinthus Orientalis 'China Pink'

Hyacinthus Orientalis 'Jan Bos'

Iris histrioides 'Lady Beatrix Stanley' (Dwarf)

Iris reticulata 'Natascha' (Dwarf)

Muscari aucheri 'Blue Magic'

Muscari aucheri 'White Magic'

Tulip 'El Niño'

Tulip Kaufmanniana 'Heart's Delight'

Tulip pulchella 'Tête-à-Tête'

Tulip 'Sky High Scarlet'

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you (and your check books) at the fall conference. Any bulbs remaining unsold from the conference will be available for sale at the October SVMGA meeting.

Brian Ott

Chairperson, SVMGA Bulb Sale Committee

Letter from your President

As we begin to prepare for the beauty of the fall season let me take a moment to say goodbye to one of our friends, Nancy Hales. Her contribution of time and talent to our group was very much appreciated. Hours spent with her pet project at the Children's Zoo Butterfly House, working with community to donate just the right plantings, relentless hours planting, upkeep and coordinating helpers made it a fun, beautiful and learning place for young visitors.

Nancy passed away this past week; her extended family of Saginaw Valley Master Gardeners say, "Thank you and God bless you Nancy for your hard work. We appreciate all that you have done and your friendship. Our prayers are with your family and Allen."

In Lieu of flowers SVMGA has made a monetary donation to Nancy's family to offset medical costs.

Our September Membership meeting will be held at the Anderson Enrichment center. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in attendance now that summer is over. On the agenda will be updating, review and passage of a few of the bylaws to stay in step with the times and growth of our group.

First Saturday in October at Swan Valley Conference center will be our Fall Conference. Please register, as it looks to be a day filled with lots of interesting topics and educational hours!

Lastly, thanks to all of our gardeners who opened up their beautiful yards to us this past summer. There was an extraordinary amount of work done to prepare for our visits. It is insightful to see what others have done. You almost want to come home and rearrange things! Outstanding!

See you at Andersen Center!

Mary Kathryn

Shaver continued

Peggy realized that there was room for just nineteen plants, some selective shopping was needed.

All the roses had to pass a 'sniff' test - fragrance was important. As we discussed the rose garden a tiny, daring hummingbird braved the heavy rain and made a quick visit to a red rose.

Some things are the same in the new area! The garden has its share of pests. A neighbor unwittingly attracted large colonies of Japanese Beetles when he hung a trap in his garden several houses down the street. A bit of friendly advice from Peggy and the trap was gone, but she still must check the roses daily for beetles. There is also a small rabbit... Peggy aims a tennis ball in his direction when he attacks the perennials.

There is also a skunk that roams the neighborhood at night. That requires a scan with a flashlight before letting the family's two dogs out into the electronically fenced yard.

As one of the first Presidents of the Saginaw Valley Master Gardeners more than 11 years ago, Peggy is pleased to see the growth of the SVMGA group and what it is accomplishing. She also feels that the education of the community should be the basic goal of Master Gardeners and that the Grapevine Newsletter is a vital medium for keeping all Master Gardeners informed of the opportunities available to carry this out. Of course, the volunteer work we do is important as well and she has volunteered at Dow Gardens for over 10 years.

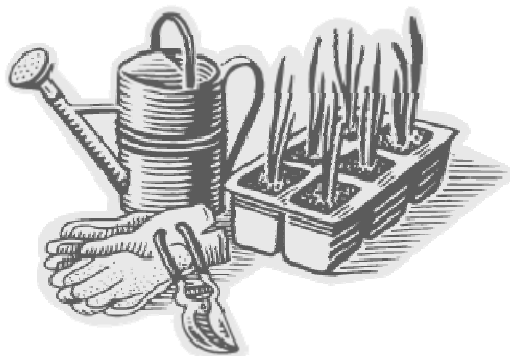
There are also many people who can no longer do the 'hands on gardening' who help with sending out the newsletter and working

in the office. Peggy says those people are important and they should be given recognition as well.

The rain continued relentlessly but an otherwise dreary morning on the cusp of September was made so much brighter by spending an hour with Peggy in her lovely home and learning more about her sincere love of gardening and her dedication to the ideals of Master Gardeners. As a cancer survivor, Peggy loves spring and its promise of renewal of life. And, at the meeting on September 23, you'll learn what comes AFTER summer! Maybe it's spring.

Contributed by Ruth Gardstrom
SVMGA Volunteer

AN AUTUMN AFFAIR FOR GARDENERS



The Saginaw Valley Master Gardener Association presents a gardening seminar from 8:15 a.m.—4:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 3, 2009 at Swan Valley Golf and Banquet Center, 9521 Highland Green

It brings enthusiasts, like you, together with experts in the field and vendors to provide the latest information and products for your landscape.

Saginaw Valley Orchid Society. You want to hear this from the experts! Orchids have become the “it plant” for indoor gardening. Exotic and mysterious, these plants are treasured for their long lasting bloom. Experts from the Saginaw Valley Orchid Society will be sure to demystify this fascinating plant!

Cheryl M. English, Advanced Master Gardener and owner of Black Cat Pottery will share her respect of nature in this thought provoking presentation of “**It’s Easy Being Green!**” Learn easy and economical ways to keep your garden –and the rest of the world– green and healthy, while lightening the load on your wallet.

Jerry Somalski, Vice President of Bay Landscaping, Landscape Consultant, Registered Landscape Nurseryman and past President of the Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association. Jerry’s presentation “**Reality Gardening**” will give even the most seasoned gardener a new perspective of garden design for today and the years to come.

Gail Caird, Advanced Master Gardener. From Sage to Stevia and Basil to Bay Laurel, Gail is your herb garden guru. Gail gives fresh and practical insight into the “Cultivation and Use of Herbs.” We are happy to welcome Gail back to her Master Gardener Roots here in Saginaw.

Schedule of Events

8:15 a.m. — 8:45 a.m. Registration, refreshments, and vendors (cash or check; no credit cards).

8:45 a.m.— 9:00 a.m. Welcome

9:00 a.m. — 10:30 a.m. Outstanding Orchids, the Basics and Beyond. Saginaw Valley Orchid Society.

10:30 a.m.—10:45 a.m.— Break/Vendors

10:45 a.m. — Noon “It’s Easy Being Green” with Cheryl English of Black Cat Pottery.

Noon — 1:00 p.m. Lunch/Vendors

1:00 p.m. — 2:30 p.m. Jerry Somalski, “Reality Gardening., Gardening Today with Tomorrow in Mind.”

2:30 p.m. — 2:45 p.m. Break/Vendors

2:45 p.m. — 3:45 p.m. Everyday Herbs: Growing, Using, and Enjoying Herbs in Everyday Living” with Gail Caird.

3:45 p.m. — 4:00 p.m. Conference Wrap-Up

4:00 p.m. — 4:30 p.m. Vendors

SVMGA sponsors its annual sale of unusual spring-flowering bulbs. Be sure to stop by their booth.

DIRECTIONS TO SWAN VALLEY GOLF & BANQUET CENTER

9521 Highland Green Dr. Saginaw, MI 48609

(989) 781-4411

www.swanvalleybanquet.com

FROM NORTH OR SOUTH

Take I-75 to M46. Go west on M46 through Saginaw, approximately 16.5 miles. Turn north on Kennely, (just west of Martin Chevrolet), and go 1 mile. Turn left on Highland Green (sub-division entrance) and go .3 mile to Swan Valley Golf & Banquet Center.

FROM EAST OR WEST

Follow M46 to Kennely Rd., approximately 11 miles east of Hemlock, and 4 1/4 miles west of M47. Turn north on Kennely Rd. (just west of Martin Chevrolet) and go 1 mile. Turn left on Highland Green (sub-division entrance) and go .3 mile to Swan Valley Golf & Banquet Center.

Registration

Please complete the information below and mail to SVMGA Treasurer, Crystal Kauer, 5775 Mackinaw Rd., Saginaw, MI 48604.

Registration deadline is Friday, September 18th. Early registration is \$35.00 each, late registration, after September 18th, is \$40.00. Please fill out a separate form for each person attending.

Make checks payable to the Saginaw Valley Master Gardener Association.

Cancellation policy: Sorry, no refunds. Substitutes acceptable. Confirmation by e-mail or postcard.

Name

Address

Phone

E-mail (conference purposes only)

Buffet Luncheon.

For conference information, call Judy Porter, at (989) 799-9962 or e-mail jlporter08@att.net

Japanese Gardeners To Visit



The Japanese gardeners from our sister city Tokushima will be here again this year. They will lecture Wednesday morning Sep 23. The lecture will be held at 9:00 am at Seton Cove (next to the Tea House) on Washington. There is parking in the rear of Seton Cove or you may park at the Tea House and walk over. Lunch will be provided.

If you are not available for the lecture, please join us during the week. The Tokushima gardeners will be working in the garden Wednesday, Sep 23– Saturday, Sep 26th from 9:00am-5:00pm. They will primarily be restoring stone arrangements and making bamboo lattice fences. We need many helpers to tie the bamboo fences. Please call or e-mail me if you are interested in joining. You can reach me by phone at (h) 792-6982 or (w) 964-4211, e-mail hfurlo@svsu.edu

Please e-mail me if you are interested in learning how to tie bamboo fences. We need many helping hands. We will have a knot tying class at the Tea House, 527 Ezra Rust Drive (across from the Zoo) on Wednesday, September 9th and possibly another on Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 pm.

If anyone knows where we can borrow a Bob Cat (small crane truck) and operator for Thursday, September 24th please call me, Holly Furlo, at one of the above phone numbers.

Volunteers Needed

MG's needed to cover MG booth at

Frankenmuth Farmer's Market, Saturdays through October. Time to be covered is 6 hrs, 8am-2pm. Shift may be split or cover entire shift, one or two persons. Please call Ila Ezop at 989.652.9287. Thank You!



September 2009

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		1 6 pm SVMGA Board MSU Extension Office	2 Saginaw Farmer's Market 10 a-3 p	3	4 Help SVMGA at Saginaw Farmer's Market 10 a-3 p Info below	5 Saginaw Farmer's Market 9a-1p Help at Frankenmuth Farmer Market 8a—2p Info below
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You can bury a lot of troubles digging in the dirt.

Author Unknown

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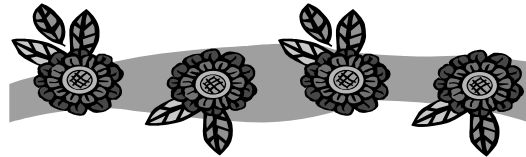
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SVMGA 2009 PROGRAMS

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| 9/23 | SVMGA Meeting
"What Follows Summer? "
Peggy Shaver, Advanced Master Gardener-SVMGA
Andersen Enrichment Center, Saginaw | 7:00 pm |
| 10/3 | An Autumn Affair for Gardeners-SVMGA Seminar
Swan Valley Conference Center
See Pages 4-5 for complete information | |
| 10/28 | SVMGA Meeting
"The Hard Scape"
Jerry Somalski—Bay Landscaping
Andersen Enrichment Center, Saginaw | 7:00 pm |
| 11/18 | SVMGA Meeting
"Butchard Gardens"
Joan Martin - Advanced Master Gardener-SVMGA
Andersen Enrichment Center, Saginaw | 7:00 pm |
| December, 2009 | | |
| | Annual Christmas Party
First Presbyterian Church, Saginaw | |

An Autumn Affair for Gardeners

On Saturday, October 3rd, SVMGA will present an education seminar, An Autumn Affair for Gardeners. This seminar will be held at Swan Valley Conference Center. It is open to all gardeners and features experts sharing the latest in gardening information. See Page 4-5 for complete info.



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."

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