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# The Extension Outlook

Newsletter For Wayne County's Master Gardeners  
SUMMER 2007

## SUMMER HAS FINALLY, OFFICIALLY, ARRIVED

*Yes, Mother Nature had attempted to fool around with us quite well in the last few months, but the calendar is what I am now going by in my belief of summer's arrival.*

*I'm sure that we are all on our second or third nailbrush and have given up on the manicures by now. The spring bulbs and perennials are all flowered out and the new season's joys are upon us. The vegetable plants are all in. We're cutting herbs and flowers too. Life is grand isn't it?*

*With the onset of the summer months, not only is there joy in our gardens, but there are also hidden dangers as well. We seem to take for granted that we are following all precautions when we are doing our gardening chores and tasks. We feel confident that we remember all of the instructions, formulas, rules, and safety features that we have been doing over and over again for more years than we want to count.*

*Unfortunately, we are usually incorrect in all of these. Sometimes we are dangerously wrong. Every year there are countless gardeners who end up in emergency rooms because they assume they know what they are doing.*

*Chemical and fertilizer formulations change over the years. You may have used a liquid fertilizer with a dilution rate of 1 Tablespoon per gallon of water in the past. Now a day, with everything becoming more concentrated, the dilution rate might be 1 teaspoon per gallon of water, That is one third the dilution rate of the original. Read and reread all labels and instructions.*

*Our equipment and tools get old and worn out. Just like us, they need more TLC every year to perform at their optimum. We should have already checked out our tools before now, but if you haven't, do so now. If you have purchased any new items this year, remember to read all instructions that came with your purchase. Refer to them often.*

*Remember the sunscreen, hats, gloves and good, sturdy footwear. Remember to hydrate yourself on an ongoing basis while out in the gardens. Don't wait until you feel thirsty as your body is already depleted of water by then. Remember too that some medications that you might be taking can be effected by your exposure to the heat and sunlight.*

*Don't overdo it while out in the gardens either. Take regular breaks to cool down and hydrate yourself. Work in the early morning or late evening to avoid the hottest parts of the day. Avoid alcohol and caffeine, as these will dehydrate you.*

***Relax, have fun, enjoy your gardens and those around you..  
Most of all, be safe.***

***Have a great summer,  
Anita Callender  
Master Gardener Coordinator***

## **Fruit Partner Needed For EarthWorks and CHASS Program**

Over the past five years, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's EarthWorks Urban Farming program has been providing locally grown fresh produce to low income families throughout the Women Infant and Children (WIC)/Project Fresh program at the Community Health and Social Services center on Fort St. and Junction in southwest Detroit. Hundreds of families have benefited by this unique program. Each year the Capuchin Soup Kitchen/EarthWorks volunteers and staff have grow literally thousands of pounds of fresh produce for distribution in the metro-Detroit area. Our program has grown from offering only a few market dates to this season's schedule of 19 markets at CHASS center (5635 W. Fort St., Detroit, MI 48209). Bilingual staff will be on hand to assist with translation. Market dates are as follows:

July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30  
August 6, 13, 20, and 24  
September 10, 17, and 24  
October 29

EarthWorks has become a mighty little program for the promotion of healthy eating in metro-Detroit, but we do have limits. With under an acre of tillable land, EarthWorks primary products are fresh vegetables. At our markets, people often ask for such things as fruit which we would love to offer but are not able to produce.

To better meet the nutritional needs of the community, we would like to secure a "fruit partner" who would provide fruit for some of our 2007 markets! This would be a great way to include other partners in this venture while meeting the real nutritional needs in the community. EarthWorks is seeking fruit to supplement its market efforts this year at the CHASS clinic. This Community Health and Social Services clinic provides medical services and more to many in Southwest Detroit. We need at least 2 cases of Michigan grown fruit (strawberries, apples, etc) each week that we can offer along with our fresh produce. At EarthWorks we feel that food and agriculture-labor has great value, so food distribution at the CHASS market will be sold at modest prices.

For further information contact Giancarlo at 313-961-1030, or [gguzman@chasscenter.org](mailto:gguzman@chasscenter.org) or Lisa Richter at 313-579-2100 x 211, or [lrichter@cskdetroit.org](mailto:lrichter@cskdetroit.org).

## **Master Woodland Program**

The promotional information for the 2007 Master Woodland Steward Program is now available at [www.for.msu.edu/mws](http://www.for.msu.edu/mws). We're holding the program again at the RAM Center, September 14-16. This is the fourth year that we've offered a weekend format and promoted the event statewide. It's been a successful formula for us, with excellent and enthusiastic participants.

Please let others know about this program. A press release will be distributed statewide soon.

If you have any questions, contact Russell Kidd or myself. Thanks for your help!

Dean Solomon

Charlevoix County Extension Director

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## **FREE RAIN GARDEN SEMINAR**

You are cordially invited to a free rain garden seminar at Lawrence Tech University, Wednesday August 1, 9:30 am - 11:30 am. The meeting is co-sponsored by SOCWA and Lawrence Technological University, with financial support through the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Program.

The purpose of the seminar is to (1) introduce rain gardens to professional gardeners; and (2) to learn from Don Carpenter, PE, about soil mixes for rain gardens. Through a subcontract with SOCWA (funded through the Rouge program), Don is testing and comparing various soil mixes, including "in situ" tests at rain gardens in the Rouge River watershed. He will report on his results.

In addition to the engineering and soils update, we will discuss tips for maintenance of native plant rain gardens.

This free meeting is directed to professional gardeners, landscape consultants and municipal staff. Please share the invitation with other professionals who are interested in helping their customers and clients be "part of the solution to water pollution!"

To register, please e-mail me with names and offices of individuals planning to attend - advance registration is required. Telephone registration may be made to Karen Bever, SOCWA secretary at 248-288-5150.

We hope to see you!

Lillian Dean, SOCWA

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## **Simple Cucumber Salad**

2 large cucumbers, peeled, seeded, and cut into thin slices (@1/8 – 1/4")  
2 large tomatoes cut into bite – sized pieces  
1 medium red onion, cut into thin strips  
2 – 3 large fresh basil leaves, sliced into very thin slices

Toss all ingredients together in a covered bowl and chill well. Make at least 1 day ahead.

## **RECAP OF RECENT MASTER GARDENER EVENTS**

This past spring has been a very active time for our local Master Gardeners. For those of you who participated in any of these events, you know how much fun we all had. For those who might have missed out on any of these events, here is a bit of a re-cap for all of you.

### **Winter 2007 Master Gardener Volunteer Training Class**

The Winter 2007 classes were held again at the Temple Office and consisted of 24 new volunteer trainees. A few of these students have completed their Basic volunteer requirements and are now working towards their Advanced certification.

### **Wildflower Walk**

Master Gardeners of Greater Detroit held their annual Wildflower Walk on Belle Isle. The weather wasn't great, but all had a good time.

### **Tree Team Recognition and Wildflower Planting**

County Commissioner, Laura Cox, hosted a recognition ceremony for those who were instrumental in the Ash Tree Alternative tree plantings at the Bennett Arboretum. The tree team members were given tee-shirts provided by Kristine Hahn as well as a pair of tickets to a future Tiger baseball game from Commissioner Cox. The signs identifying each tree were installed and new plantings of wildflowers were planted around the kiosks and along the grow zone area.

### **Elmwood Cemetery Tour**

Once again, Bob Bricault led the participants in the tour of the famous cemetery. They were treated to not only a tour of the famous people laid to rest there, but also the beautiful, old trees located there. This year's tour was held back a week due to the weather, which if you remember, was a bit strange this past spring.

### **Butterfly Garden Installation**

The entry area of the Venoy Office now has a new look thanks to Brenda Dziedzic and a number of Master Gardener volunteers. The once mish-mashed collections of plants in the circle garden have now been replaced by a beautiful butterfly garden. Brenda researched, designed, and started many of the plants, which are now planted there. John Lambert has assembled the signposts for the descriptive plant signs. We are now in the process of locating the funds for the kiosk and plant signs. Barson's Greenhouse was very generous in the donation of shredded mulch and the sand used to line the small puddle area. Master Gardeners are also trying to tame the roses along the front of the building as well. Ideas have been kicking around on how to improve the look of the main entrance in the future. Does anyone have any suggestions or ideas?

### **Flower Day at Eastern Market**

Once again this year, Master Gardeners were present at the annual Flower Day to answer consumer gardening questions.

### **Edsel and Eleanor Ford Estate Tour**

Master Gardeners of Greater Detroit toured the grounds of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford Estate for their May general meeting. It was one of those beautiful evenings we dream about all winter long. A very nice way to spend a spring evening.

### **Grosse Pointe Park Library Gardens**

Members of MGGD have designed and planted three different gardens at the Grosse Points Park, Ewald Library. They are continuing to maintain each of the gardens. All plants in the gardens have been donated.

### **Four Star Greenhouse Consumer Day**

Many of our Master Gardeners attended the annual Four Star Greenhouse Consumer Day in Carleton. Unfortunately, there were many of us who were unable to attend due to the overwhelming demand for tickets. I have been told that there will be a fall Open House for those of us who missed out this past spring. When I receive information on the Open House, I will pass it along to you.

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## **Indian Village Home and Garden Tour**

Members of MGGD, along with the Detroit Garden Center and LOCOMOTION were present at the annual Home and Garden Tour to assist consumers with their questions about gardening dilemmas.

## **Summer Send Off Picnic**

MGGD hosted their annual Summer Send Off picnic at the EarthWorks gardens this year on Wednesday, June 27th. Members of MGGD, DGC and MGWWC attend the pot-luck BBQ and were then given a tour of the EarthWorks Urban Gardens by the Farm Manager, Patrick Crouch.

## **Tour of Hidden Lake Gardens and Gee Farms – Bruce Forrest**

### **“On The Road Again”**

On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Master Gardeners of Western Wayne County (MGWWC) and friends enjoyed a beautiful day and traveled to Hidden Lake Gardens in Tipton, MI. Upon arrival we were treated to a video showing the exhibits and their locations throughout the Garden. After some casual hiking and visiting the bonsai garden, we enjoyed a pot-luck picnic. Yes, the homemade goodies were wonderful, Anita Callender's sweet relish, Paul Rodman's rhubarb pie, and Shirley Brown's roasted peanuts.

The second destination of the day was Gee Farms located in Stockbridge, Michigan. Needless to say, no one had to be reminded: it was 2 hours of 'shop 'till you drop time'! Our driver, Bill, was bugged-eyed trying to fit all of the plants under the motorcoach.

Before returning home, tired and somewhat sunburned, we stopped at the Old Country Buffet for food and good cheer.

Anybody ready for another trip???????

## **Taylor Garden Walk – Shirley Brown**

### **“The Day Finally Came”**

A committee from the Taylor Garden Club had been working on finding homes for their 8<sup>th</sup> annual Garden Walk. They started last summer seeking out these unique homes that were on display on Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>.

The day started out with a beautiful sunrise and cool breezy weather that continued all day. There were garden artisans in Heritage Park along with complimentary refreshments in the log cabin. It was a gorgeous day and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

On Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Garden Club honored the homeowners and the workers for all of their hard work by having a wonderful brunch at Taylor Meadows Golf Course.

The Taylor Garden Club wants to especially “Thank” Anita Callender, our Master Gardener Coordinator, for coming and helping out as a Master Gardener Docent at one of the homes.

## **“DOWNY MILDEW RETURNS”**

By Paul Rodman

Bad news for gardeners who grow cucumbers in SE Michigan. Downy mildew has been confirmed on cucumbers in a home garden in Monroe County.

This fungal disease nearly wiped out the entire cucumber crop in southeast Michigan last year. Commercial growers are taking steps to prevent a reoccurrence this year.

Small bump like miniature pimples form on the undersides of the leaves, these spots erupt sending millions of tiny spores into the air and on to other plants. Inspect your plants carefully, if you discover this disease pull the plant and seal in a plastic bag and dispose of it.

If you are growing cucumbers and make it through the season without encountering this disease let me know what variety of cukes you are growing. MSU is trying to determine what varieties might be resistant to downy mildew. I will compile the information for Wayne County and pass it along.

I can be reached at 313-719-1181 or email me at paulgrow@wowway.com.

## **Taylor Goodwill Community Garden Receives Award**

Congratulations to 23<sup>rd</sup> District Court Judge, Geno Salomone of Taylor, and all of the Master Gardener volunteers at the goodwill Community Garden in Taylor on the “Keep Michigan Beautiful Award” they received on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Judge Salomone resurrected the garden concept originally started by Judge Anthony Nicita years ago. Non-violent offenders are sentenced to community service in the garden. Food that is grown is donated to area food banks. To date, more that 5000 pounds of produce grown in the gardens have been donated to needy groups.

The second part of the project offers garden plots to area residents for which they can rent for a small fee and grow their own flowers and produce. There is a waiting list for these plots.

Judge Salomone thanked Judge William Sutherland and the following garden volunteers who help put it together and manage the garden; Advanced Master Gardeners, Bruce Forrest, Patty Donahue, Shirley Brown, Sharon Lodico and Greg Cruickshank.

The garden is located at the south end of Heritage Park at Pardee and Northline in Taylor.

## **MSU Garden Day**

This year's GARDEN DAY at MSU is scheduled for Friday, August 10, 2007. There will be vendors, selling garden necessities at our Garden Marketplace. Items such as roses, herbs, native plants, grasses, and birdbaths will be available for purchase. SIGN UP NOW! Space is limited.

For detailed information and registration visit: <http://www.hrt.msu.edu/outreach/GardenDay2007.htm>.

Master Gardener Volunteers will receive five (5) education credit hours for participation.

## **"Gardening Without Peat" Royal Botanic Gardens - Kew**

Each year in the U.K., around 2.5 million cubic meters of peat are sold to commercial and amateur gardeners. In Great Britain, over 94% of the 69,700 ha of peatbogs have been damaged or destroyed. Most of this damage has occurred in the last 50 or so years, since the promotion of large-scale use of peat for the horticultural industry.

Peatbogs are important sites for wildlife. They are unique habitats, which support a fascinating variety of birds, invertebrates and plants. Carnivorous plants such as sundews (*Drosera* species) thrive in these low-nutrient ecosystems. They trap insects and digest them to supplement their food supply.

Peat is partially decomposed plant debris, and can include trees, shrubs, herbs, sedges, grasses and mosses. Peat forms where plant debris is added faster than it is broken down. In cool, waterlogged conditions, the lack of oxygen and low temperatures limit the rate at which microorganisms degrade plant material. In places the peat can be many meters deep. The lowest layers of peat can be thousands of years old.

Peatbogs also help to protect the earth from global warming. As plants grow they absorb carbon dioxide. It is 'locked up' within the plant structure, and stored as the plants turn to peat. When peatlands are drained or disturbed, the peat starts to decompose. The carbon dioxide is released back into the atmosphere where it acts as a potent greenhouse gas.

Peat is used in horticulture either as a soil improver or as a growing medium. Traditional methods, many relying on waste organic matter, together with the newer peat alternatives can give equally good, if not better results without damaging a valuable habitat.

Growing media are used for plants, which are grown in containers, tubs and windowboxes. The most popular alternative to peat as a growing medium is coir. Coir is the protective fibrous layer surrounding the hard shell in coconut fruits (*Cocos nucifera*). The fibers are used to make ropes and mats. During the fiber stripping process, the pulp surrounding the coir fibers is removed as a waste material. In Sri Lanka, western India, the Philippines and other areas where coir is produced, this residue causes considerable disposal problems and is generally left in piles, occupying valuable land.

The residue is a crumbly brown substance. It is used in potting media as a bulk ingredient to increase moisture retention and porosity. Staff at Kew have found it to be suitable for bedding plants, germinating seeds and for propagation of cuttings, though in some cases the fertilizer or watering regime had to be modified carefully.

Using peat is unnecessary as there are now successful alternatives for use by both amateur gardeners and commercial horticulturists. Gardening without peat helps to make better use of waste organic materials while helping to conserve what is left of the unique and valuable habitat of the peatbogs.

For more information on coir, go to <http://www.kew.org/ksheets/coir.html>

## **Shirley's Marinated Carrot Salad**

4 cans of sliced carrots, drained  
1 green pepper, sliced into bite sized pieces – do not chop  
1 medium onion, sliced and cut – then separate pieces.

### SAUCE

1 can tomato soup  
1-cup sugar  
1/3-cup vegetable oil  
¾ - cup white or dark vinegar  
dash of salt and pepper

- Put all sauce ingredients in a saucepan and bring to a simmer. Simmer until sugar is dissolved. Pour over carrot mixture and mix well.
- Make at least 1 day ahead, 2 days or more are even better. The carrot salad will last in the refrigerator up to 3 weeks.
- It won't last that long!!!!

## “My Quest For The Double Red Fern-Leaf Peony”

**Stacy Karafotis – Master Gardener Trainee**

- Ever heard of a double red peony flower (not a tree peony) that lives for over 100 years and has dark green foliage that resembles a conifer or asparagus fern? I sure have!
- I fell in love at first sight in 2002 at The Growing Place Nursery outside Chicago. Large, brilliant red double blooms on a 1-foot tall peony that has leaves like I have never seen before. They only had 1 plant, and there was a waiting list of 5 years just to get 1 piece.
- My hunt continued at several Michigan nurseries until I found one at Saguaro Nursery in White Lake. Their waiting list was only 2 years. Then in 2005 I found more. A 3-inch twig was on sale for \$75.00 with no guarantees it would bloom in the first 5 years!
- After a complete internet search in the fall of 2006, I finally found Roger's Fern Leaf Peony Farm in Indiana. I ordered a bare root immediately and soon planted it in the center of my garden.
- I have waited patiently and was rewarded this spring with a small but beautiful shrub. No blooms yet, but I'm hoping next year will be different.
- If you can find one of these for a reasonable price, don't pass it up. It's well worth the wait.

### Vernal Progression By David Sharpe

Moving forward, while winter sleeps.  
 Spring,  
 Relentless in her drive for dominance,  
 Presses forward, and then retreats.  
 Finally,  
 In glorious splendor,  
 She makes her case with the song of bird and floral bouquet.  
 Winter sighs and takes his leave,  
 Again, disarmed by solar deity.



### Vegetable Varieties for Gardeners Website

- As our own gardens are starting to show the promise of fresh produce, take the time to check out Cornell University Cooperative Extension's website dedicated to home gardeners.
- “Vegetable Varieties for Gardeners” is a citizen science program from Cornell's Department of Horticulture. More than 1,700 gardeners registered to rate varieties in the first two years after the site launched in January 2005. Those gardeners – representing every state and most Canadian provinces – contributed the first 3,000 vegetable variety reviews.
- You can search and sort through more than 5,000 varieties of vegetables, read ratings and reviews by other gardeners, locate seed sources and share information about your favorite varieties. You can also find varieties that don't do so well either.
- Check out the website at [www.vegvariety.cce.cornell.edu](http://www.vegvariety.cce.cornell.edu). Here you can register (free) and start to be part of the review process.

### Summer Discovery Cruises

- Fisheries and Wildlife in partnership with the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority will again be conducting educational tours on both Lake St. Clair and the lower Detroit River from late July through August. These cruises are designed to appeal to a broad audience of 'free choice learners' whether individuals, families, or groups and provide a way to get them out on the water to learn more about our Great Lakes resources through a variety of cruise types.

This year's series theme is "Learn about the Great Lakes on the Great Lakes." Cruises on Lake St. Clair will depart from Metro Beach Metropark and those for the lower Detroit River will depart from Lake Erie Metropark.

Participant costs have been kept to a minimum again this year thanks to a NOAA grant. Adults are \$15 and children under 18 are \$10.

For detailed information about the cruise types, costs, date/time schedules, locations and registration you can go to their website at [www.discoverycruises.org](http://www.discoverycruises.org).

## **Honey Bee Update**

Kristine Hahn 7/12/07

The recent widespread loss of honeybee colonies from Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) has received a lot of media coverage. While Colony Collapse Disorder is causing entire colonies of honeybees to disappear, Vermont beekeepers are little affected, says a story in The Addison Independent. Some Vermont beekeepers credit their healthy hives to organic beekeeping methods they've developed for their small-scale operations. While some honeybee operations truck their colonies from orchard to orchard, pollinating a single type of crop, these Vermont beekeepers are careful to provide their bees with a varied plant diet and only honey as supplemental food. Just like humans, healthy honeybees need a varied diet. That's something they rarely get in the affected states, where migratory beekeepers truck them from farm to farm following one crop throughout the year. Lack of pesticide exposure and genetic diversity are other factors they cite for keeping Vermont bees especially healthy.

At this time the cause of CCD remains a mystery. "The bottom line is no one really knows what's going on," said Ross Conrad of Dancing Bee Gardens in Cornwall, Vermont. "I think part of the reason is because everyone's looking for a specific cause, one thing." Conrad, who recently published a book on organic approaches to apiculture called "Natural Beekeeping," doesn't believe the disorder is the result of any single problem, but the culmination of a series of issues underlying the country's current agricultural system steadily weakening the bees' immune systems. In fact, he said, a weakened immune system is one of the only common traits researchers have found in the bees — usually just a queen and a few recently hatched bees — remaining after an incidence of CCD.

Honeybees are the primary insect pollinator of approximately 100 crops nationwide. Many of the economically important crops such as cucumbers, apples, blueberries, and melons are dependent on honeybees for pollination.

The potential threat to many of our favorite foods has prompted some interesting reactions, including the designation of June 24-30 as the first National Pollinator Week. Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) along with eight other co-sponsors recently introduced the Pollinator Research Act of 2007 into the Senate. This bill provides significant funding for research that will improve the security of crop pollination and support strong populations of honeybees and native bees.

### **Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars**

#### **JULY EVENTS**

**Every Saturday and Sunday: Collias Family Garden Tour from 10 am and 4 pm.**

Every year this family opens up their 97 x 280-foot garden, free of charge, to those who would like to see their 260 evergreens and 2,000 flowers. They are located at 20517 Eastwood Drive in Harper Woods. For more information, call 313-884-0486.

#### **Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association**

**July 18:** "From Egg To Adult-Life Cycles and Rearing" Meet at Nankin Mills at 7:00 pm  
Bring along a 2 liter pop bottle and a Cool Whip container to make a rearing cage.

**July 28:** Field trip to the Toledo Zoo to see the Butterfly Exhibit. See website for prices  
And directions at [www.toledozoo.org](http://www.toledozoo.org). Meet at the zoo entrance at 9:45 am.

**For additional information on SEMBA, contact Brenda at 734-326-0578.**

#### **AUGUST EVENTS**

#### **Master Gardeners of Western Wayne County**

**August 2:** 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Summer Picnic at the Taylor Goodwill/Community Gardens located at the corner of Northline and Pardee Roads. For additional information, contact Bruce Forrest at [bruceforrest@comcast.net](mailto:bruceforrest@comcast.net).

**August 11:** MGWWC was contacted by Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church to join them in A trip to Meijer Gardens. Leave their church at 9 am and return 8 pm. For more information, contact Elaine Filiak at [dgf1945@comcast.net](mailto:dgf1945@comcast.net).

**Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association**

**August 11:** Tour of Brenda Dziedzic's butterfly garden and rearing sites. Meet at her House, at 1263 Springer Street in Westland from 1 – 3 pm.

**August 15:** "Getting Kids Involved" Meeting at Nankin Mills 7:00 pm.

**Master Gardeners of Greater Detroit & Detroit Garden Center**

**August 11:** Annual Harvest Picnic at Windmill Pointe Park. 6 – 8:30 pm. Contact Sue Hanson at [suehanson@comcast.net](mailto:suehanson@comcast.net).

**MSUE Master Gardener Volunteer Training Classes**

**August 21st through November 6<sup>th</sup>:** Applications for the upcoming session of the training classes can be obtained by contacting Anita Callender, Master Gardener Coordinator, at [acallend@co.wayne.mi.us](mailto:acallend@co.wayne.mi.us) or at 734-727-7238. Deadline for receipt of applications is Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will also be needed to assist with class preparations.

**Naturescapers of Westland**

**August 22:** "Native Wildflowers and Butterflies...Making the Connection in Westland" Wildflower plant sale begins 5:45-6:45 behind the William P. Faust Public Library located at 6123 Central City Parkway. Free workshop with Suzan Campbell. Advanced registration required by calling 734-326-6123.

**SEPTEMBER EVENTS**

**Master Gardeners of Western Wayne County**

**September 6:** Monthly meetings, including speakers, begin again. MGWWC meets at the Venoy office on the first Thursday each month from 7- 9 pm. For additional information contact Bruce Forrest at [bruceforrest@comcast.net](mailto:bruceforrest@comcast.net).

**Master Gardeners of Greater Detroit**

**September 20:** Monthly meetings, including speakers, begin again. MGGD meets at the Children's Home of Detroit on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month from 7-9 pm. For more Information, please contact their website at [www.mggd.org](http://www.mggd.org).

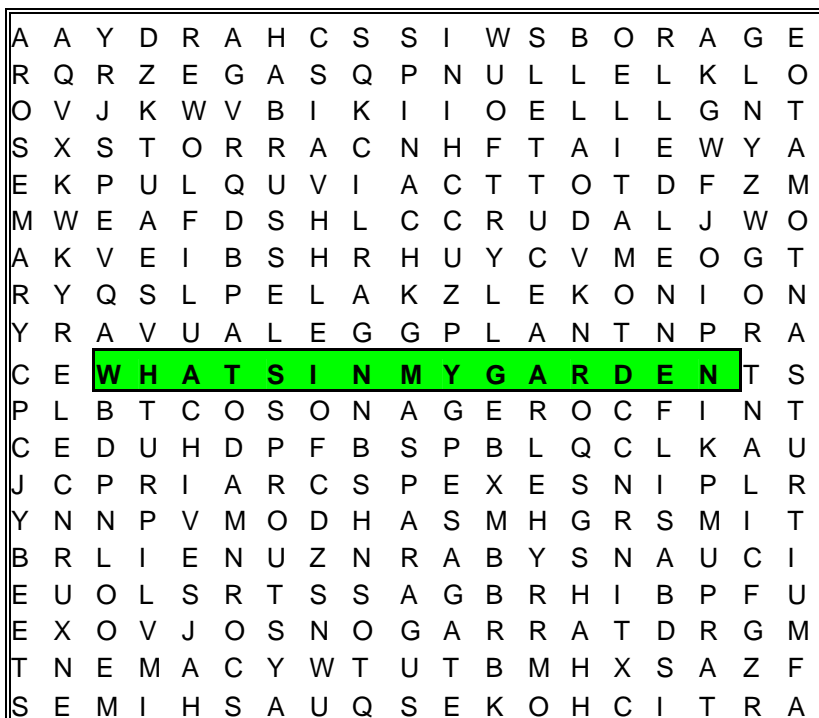
**Master Gardener Association of Wayne County**

**September 22:** 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Growing With Master Gardener Conference will once again be held at the Dearborn campus of the University of Michigan from 8am – 5:00pm. \$40 pre-registration includes 2 one-hour keynote and 3 one-hour classes and lunch. For more information and an on-line registration form, go to their website, [www.mgawc.org](http://www.mgawc.org), in early September.



**A LITTLE SUMMER FUN FOR YOU**

Here is a word search puzzle for you to work on while you are taking a time out from the heat. See if you can find all 41 items that you might have growing in your garden. Good Luck!



ARTICHOKES	CHIVES	MELONS	ROSEMARY
ASPARAGUS	CILANTRO	NASTURTIUM	SAGE
BASIL	CORN	OKRA	SAVORY
BEANS	DILL	ONION	SPINACH
BEETS	EGGPLANT	OREGANO	SQUASH
BORAGE	FENNEL	PARSLEY	SWISS CHARD
BRUSSELS SPROUTS	GARLIC	PEAS	TARRAGON
CARROT	KALE	PEPPERS	THYME
CAULIFLOWER	LEEKs	PUMPKIN	TOMATILLOS
CELERY	LETTUCE	RADISH	TOMATO
			ZUCCHINI