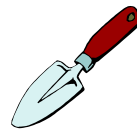
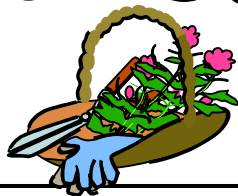
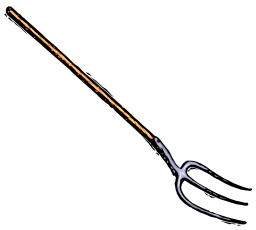


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## *The Dirt from 640 Temple - Kristin Kendall-Holiday*

Whew! Is it really the end of November?? (When am I going to get those bulbs in the ground??) 2004 has sped by, and I can't believe we're about to slide into Christmas! I'm not sure which grew more inches this year, my daughter Taryn or my weeds. Actually, I am caught up with my garden this year, after neglecting it for two. I had forgotten how much of my peace and time for reflection are to be found there - in watching the insects until I have a crick in my neck, in marveling at the incredible colors of the flowers, in knowing it's okay to go slowly, to putter, to think. Well, once again, we owe all of you a tremendous THANK YOU for pulling us out of the fire, and saving Kristine's job (and our programs)! Thank you for speaking up, and for telling your county commissioners how much Horticulture programming in Wayne County means - to all of us. It is overwhelming to receive such an outpouring of support from you. At the last session, I told the Fall 2004 class that I don't know many folks who are as lucky as I am, having a job that I feel so passionate about, and working with so many amazing people. The students tell me how much they enjoy the classes, but it definitely goes both ways. I get so much out of it, and my life is enriched immeasurably by the privilege of knowing all of you. You'll see quite a bit of info from Barb Smith (Winter 2003), our new database queen in this edition. She has already earned her 250 hours pin, struggling with the new system to get it where we need it to be. Barb's background is in database administration, so I am blessed once again with a perfect database volunteer, to follow in the footsteps of Sandy Kramer-Patterson and Michele Telerski-Rees. Speaking of Sandy, we lost many Master Gardeners this year, which has been a tremendous blow to many of our spirits. Besides Sandy, Charlene Heideman, Pat Patterson and Deb MacDonald all died this year. We will include a tribute to each of them in the next edition. If I have missed anyone, please let me know. If you would like to share a story, a quote, or quip about any of these wonderful people we miss, please let me know. I would like the tributes to be from friends and fellow gardeners. I wish you a wondrous, stress-free holiday season and dreams of gardening!

- Kristin



### **Name That Newsletter!**

This newsletter needs a name with pizzazz! Email suggestions to Kristin by March 1, 2005.

The top 5 names will be voted on at the award ceremony in April.



### **Moving Slowly**

Two servers at MSU failed recently, and the MSUE web sites will be slow or may not open at all. They are working hard to correct this in East Lansing! For now, please have patience with all MSUE sites, including M.G. and county web sites.

# ***Emerald Ash Borer Update - Kristine Hahn***

There have been many developments regarding the EAB issue that I learned while attending the Midwest Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Symposium in Novi (Oct. 14-15, 2004). You may (or may not!) be surprised to know I met people from as far away as South Carolina at this symposium who are concerned and want to protect their ash resources!

New research indicates that the EAB may have a longer larval period than the one-year period that was previously thought. It may take as long as two years for the EAB's larval stage to develop into the adult form of the insect. This means a longer period of the larvae feeding inside ash trees, and will translate into changes in the insecticide treatments currently recommended for management.

Another new change is a plan initiated by the Governor's office with the Michigan Departments of Agriculture and Management and Budget that significantly lowers the cost for the removal of trees impacted by the EAB in Michigan's 13-county quarantined area. Contracts are expected to be in place by Dec. 1, 2004. Homeowners must use this program through their local units of government. Homeowners should not contact local officials until the end of the year (to allow communities time to assess whether they will participate and/or to complete enrollment). Note that the Michigan Forestry and Parks Association (MFPA) does not support the proposed tree removal contract system. They feel it will drive the current low tree care prices even lower, and that the majority of smaller tree care companies will not have the capacity to bid on these contracts and will be pushed out of a majority of the tree removal market. MFPA stated at the EAB Symposium that they are willing to work with the state to develop a contract system that they can support.

The Michigan Dept. of Ag. has requested that MSU Extension and their volunteers assist with the surveying of ash trees for these removal contracts. This is a change from 2002 when they weren't interested in our volunteer surveys of Wayne County ash trees. So, stay tuned !!

Last, but not least, MSUE Wayne County recently received grant funds for more EAB educational outreach programs for homeowners, school children, decision makers, and professional developers and planners. Dates and locations of these programs will be announced soon – I'll keep you posted!

If you want to find out more about EAB, go to: [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info)

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***100 Years Old!***



***1904 – 2004, and more***

The Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory on Belle Island is 100 years old this year! Help us celebrate this birthday by visiting our Wayne County gem all dressed up for the holidays!

The Poinsettia Soiree is a fundraiser for the Belle Isle Botanical Society (\$45 per person). It will be held on Sunday, Dec. 12 from 6-9pm. There will be a holiday lighting, a light supper with deserts served by the Union Street Restaurant, musical entertainment, and door prizes. THERE ARE NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR, but reservations can be made in advance. Send name(s), address, phone # and a check payable to Belle Isle Botanical Society, P.O. Box 14693, Detroit, MI 48124 (by Dec. 7) or call 313-822-2548 with a credit card.

The Stroll Through the Conservatory is a free event on Friday, Dec. 17 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Come see the poinsettia display, holiday lights and the decorated tree. Enjoy free hot cider and doughnuts provided by the Belle Isle Botanical Society and the Detroit Recreation Department.

## In The Trenches: Database Update



- Barb Smith ([brksmith@hotmail.com](mailto:brksmith@hotmail.com))

The 2004 M.G. year (Oct. 1, 2003 – Dec. 31, 2004) is rapidly coming to a close.

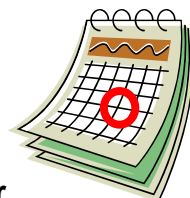
If you have not done so yet, please submit your volunteer & education hours ASAP.

As of mail & email received by Barb as of Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, Wayne County Master Gardeners have accomplished the following for the 2004 M.G. year:

12,342.5 volunteer hours  
2,215.5 education hours  
106 re-certified master gardeners  
42 newly certified master gardeners

If you thought you were re-certified in 2003 and did not receive a re-certification letter from Kristin, please contact her or me.

## Mark Your Calendars...



### Wayne County Master Gardener Award Ceremony ( DATE HAS CHANGED! )

Sat. April 30, 2005 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Location to be announced in the Feb. newsletter.  
If you want to help organize, contact Kristin.

### MSU Summer Master Gardener Conference

Dates: June 20-22, 2005  
(for certified/re-certified Master Gardeners only)

### International Master Gardener Conference

July 24 – 27, 2005  
Saskatoon, Canada  
[www.mastergardener2005.usask.ca](http://www.mastergardener2005.usask.ca)

### Wayne County New Master Gardener Class

Dates: Jan. 8 – April 9, 2005 (skip 3/26)  
9am-1pm at 640 Temple. If you want to sit in on a class as a refresher, see schedule at web site:  
[www.msue.msu.edu/mastergardener/wayne](http://www.msue.msu.edu/mastergardener/wayne)  
Contact Kristin to see if there is a free seat before you come to any class.

## Get those hours in...



Please make sure that all of your 2004 Master Gardener volunteer and education hours (for October 1, 2003 through December 31, 2004) are received by January 15, 2005. This is the only way we can promise that we will include your hours in the totals for the award ceremony. We will try to include late hours for the ceremony, but it may not be possible. If it is not possible to enter all of the late hours for the ceremony, they will still be entered into the database at a later time, and people will receive any certificates or other items in the mail after the award ceremony.

## Newsletter Schedule

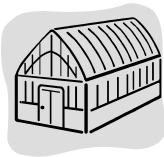
The Wayne County M.G. newsletter will be published 4 times a year in March, June, September, and December

These first two newsletters have been mailed to hundreds of our Master Gardeners. All of the future newsletters will be electronic, and will be available at our Wayne County web site: [www.msue.msu.edu/mastergardener/wayne](http://www.msue.msu.edu/mastergardener/wayne)

An email will be sent to everyone each time to notify you that the newsletter is available, along with a link to the newsletter.

If you do not have email or web access, please contact Kristin to have a paper copy sent in the mail to your happy gardening home!

## **An Early End To Those Winter Blues**



Getting an itch to start planting?  
Work will start in the Venoy  
Greenhouse in Jan or Feb, 2005.  
Volunteers will be needed to help  
start plants for the yearly plant sale  
(benefiting Extension garden  
projects & programs).

To volunteer, contact: Kristine  
Hahn: 313-833-3417 or Anita  
Callender: [gammaneetz@aol.com](mailto:gammaneetz@aol.com)

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### ***The holidays are coming...***

Can't think of anything to get your  
favorite Master Gardener for the  
holidays? Check out the Master  
Gardener gifts at the MSUE web  
site:

[www.mastergardenersshoppingmall.com](http://www.mastergardenersshoppingmall.com)

## **Get Your Tetanus Booster!**

Many gardeners may not realize that tetanus is a disease which can affect them. A recent survey showed that 80% of gardeners reported that they get cuts and scrapes while working outside. This is a potential source of tetanus.

All soil samples taken in the United States contain tetanus, which can enter the bloodstream easily through these types of gardening injuries. Tetanus is a serious disease that is fatal in about 20% of the cases.

You can prevent tetanus infection simply by getting a booster shot every ten years. The National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends a booster containing both tetanus and diphtheria for all adult Americans.

Give your doctor's office a call today to find out if it is time for your next tetanus/diphtheria booster shot!

Information from an article by Robert Krueger, Ph.D., WAM  
Wildflowers Newsletter, Fall 2004

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