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FEATURE ARTICLE

Catchweed Bedstraw

Dale Daron, MSUE Master Gardener

This review of available information was prompted by conversations with a couple of Master Gardeners at a meeting of the Yard and Garden Club of Flint as well as some other Master Gardeners encountered while manning the phone lines while working the Plant and Pest hotline. One of the Master Gardeners related to problems encountered with Catchweed Bedstraw while working at Crossroad Village. The common feeling is –If you haven't had to deal with it yet. YOU WILL!!!



The following is a summary of information available from many sources. One of which is the University of California Integrated Pest Management Program, Pest Notes publication #74154.

This is an annual weed in the MADDER/RUBIACEAE family and is found around the world. Catchweed Bedstraw has several other names, such as, Stickywillie and Velcro plant.

This weed is native to North America. Catchweed Bedstraw will often be among the first plants to show up in new highway work areas or other locations where the soil has been worked up and not properly planted with an eye to keeping the weed population in control. Also, this pest weed can show up in cash crops such as oats, wheat, and sugar beets, just to name a few. Catchweed Bedstraw is capable of reducing the farming success of cereal harvesting by as much as 60 percent along with causing problems by jamming up machinery and the difficult process of removing Catchweed Bedstraw seeds from food

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Catchweed Bedstraw problems with animals

Included in this area is the loss of value in fur or wool due to entanglement and to the animal's intestinal tract. Similar problems exist with pets.

Lawn and Garden

In the lawn and garden areas Catchweed Bedstraw is a strong competitor for all that's needed to help produce the product or landscape of a gardener's desire. To add insult to injury, Catchweed Bedstraw compounds the effort required to tend to and harvest some garden products due to Catchweed Bedstraw tangling with the product.

Catchweed Bedstraw control

For the long term, the manual extraction of any plants prior to their flowering and producing a seed is the primary goal! Use of the hoe and weed pulling in early spring when the ground is damp seems to be the most effective, while using a generous layer of mulch will help control new growth of Catchweed Bedstraw and reduce the effort required for plant removal. **NOTE!!! The cutting of Bedstraw to 2 to 3 inches has a NEGATIVE effect on control as this action actually will INCREASE its growth.** The seeding of a Catchweed Bedstraw competitive product in parks or other non-agricultural ground plots has shown to somewhat limit the Catchweed Bedstraw. There are no known insect or biological control agents for the Catchweed Bedstraw problem. Product loss due the lack of a control agent isn't great enough to fund a search for a biological control. There has been some success with the use of pre-emergent herbicides that have oryzalin as an active ingredient. NOTE: Organic clove-oil based herbicides such as Matratec or Burn Out will kill young plants if applied early in the season according to one source.

Catchweed Bedstraw Identification

The cotyledons (seed leaves) will be oblong to egg shaped, having slightly notched tips and are $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch in length. Mature Catchweed Bedstraw can have stems ranging to 6 feet long, are basically square near the tips and will often make thick tangled mats that will spread on the ground or over practically anything else. Catchweed Bedstraw leaves are in clusters on the stem with 6 to 8 leaves to the cluster. Both the stem and the leaves have downward curved hair-like growths on both sides which results in the tangled mass, sticking to nearly anything that it makes contact with, and contributes to its spreading. Catchweed Bedstraw will have small four-parted white to green tinted flowers on the upper part of the plant.

Catchweed Bedstraw life cycle

In more temperate climates, like California, Catchweed Bedstraw may be both a winter and summer annual. Catchweed Bedstraw seedlings can emerge in loose soil even when buried up to 3 inches but the seed will not sprout on the soil surface as exposure to light inhibits germination. Catchweed Bedstraw has a slender tap root with stems that spread and will survive freezing temperature when in the non-flowering state. This weed may flower as soon as 8 weeks after germination.

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Catchweed Bedstraw fruit is a dual lobed, slightly kidney shaped fruit that separates into 2 nutlets after the leaves dry up and fall off. A single plant may produce between 100 and 400 seeds which have the hooked hairs for dispersal and may remain in the soil for 3 years. Catchweed Bedstraw is most productive in clay and loamy soils containing high nitrogen and phosphorus levels. Established Catchweed Bedstraw will tolerate dry conditions but favors moist cool soils.

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Catchweed Bedstraw is a rapidly growing vine type plant that will take over gardens and other areas not under cultivation; its one failing is that the stems are somewhat weak. The Velcro-like hairs on Catchweed Bedstraw located in sunny areas are more aggressive than those in shady areas. In either case, long sleeves and gloves are called for when working around this weed. Pulling out young plants in moist soil is the best action along with rolling them up into a ball for disposal. It has been reported that no herbicide can be used safely on this weed. Also, composting is not recommended as the seeds will survive. Pictures and info available @<https://plants.usda.gov>

All of the Catchweed Bedstraw seeds will not be damaged when being eaten by some farm animals and birds, making the use of un-composted manure a debatable question and as noted earlier, composting has not proven to be successful in destroying the seeds either.

Restricting the growth of Catchweed Bedstraw can be aided by the use of two treatments of a pre-emergent product, the first treatment after this weed has been removed in the fall and the second treatment before spring planting. Be sure to follow the application directions regarding the pre-emergent product.

Disposal of Catchweed Bedstraw

The current recommendation for disposal is for Catchweed Bedstraw is 1) to be bagged for deposit in landfill areas or 2) incineration.

Acknowledgements:

Thank you to Glenn Perry for technical and editorial assistance.

TO PRUNE OR NOT TO PRUNE

Pruning in the fall is not desirable for woody plants as the growth of the plant slows down at this time of year and any cuts made would not allow for proper healing. Pruning would open up the potential for disease and injury. It is best to prune in the winter after frost or early spring when plants are dormant and before growth begins. It results in maximum regrowth since the food reserves in the roots are not affected and pruning wounds heal quickly. Also during this season insect and disease activity is low.



COOKS CORNER

MOM'S SWEET POTATO BAKE RECIPE

Ingredients

- 3 cups cold mashed sweet potatoes (prepared without milk or butter)
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup 2% milk
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- **TOPPING:**
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons cold butter

Directions

In a large bowl, beat the sweet potatoes, sugar, eggs, milk, butter, salt and vanilla until smooth. Transfer to a greased 2-qt. baking dish.

In a small bowl, combine the brown sugar, pecans and flour; cut in butter until crumbly. Sprinkle over potato mixture. Bake, uncovered, at 325° for 45-50 minutes or until a thermometer reads 160°. Yield: 8-10 servings.



QUICK CARAMEL APPLE DIP

INGREDIENTS

- 1 package (14 ounces) caramels
- 20 large marshmallows
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1/3 cup heavy whipping cream
- Apple slices



DIRECTIONS

Place caramels in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave, uncovered, on high for 1 minute. Add marshmallows; microwave for 1 minute or until marshmallows are melted, stirring occasionally. Whisk in butter and cream until combined. Serve with apple slices. Refrigerate leftovers. **Yield:** 2-1/2 cups.

“PLANT IT” CHINA

MGAGCM speaker for September

“The plant life of China is much more diverse than North America.” shared, Tony Reznicek, recent speaker at the Genesee County Master Gardener monthly meeting. An internationally known authority on grasses and sedges, Tony is also a past president of the Great Lakes Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society and Curator of Vascular Plants at the University of Michigan Herbarium.

Tony walked the group through a horticultural tour of China by elevation with a beautiful slide presentation of the terrain and explanation of the geographical features that creates the environment for such abundant plant life.

Explaining that China did not experience the continental ice sheets such as North America, there exists a diverse terrain with elevations beginning at 1000 feet climbing to 25,000 feet, providing a climate range from hot and dry in the lower valleys to the snowy alpine tundra.

This provided the perfect conditions for a diversification in all plant life as exemplified in the abundant species of Rhododendron. Michigan is home to one species and North America 25 species compared to 571 species in China!

At each elevation a beauty of lushness envelopes the land. Lilies, orchids, magnolias and dogwood abound as expected but in addition there are many of the perennials that are common to our area, lilacs, trillium, jack in the pulpit, iris, roses, peonies, clematis and even poison ivy, to name a few.

The educational tour through China was concluded with beautiful fresh picked samples of various fauna from Tony’s own yard. An avid gardener with interests in native plants, rock gardening, Chinese and Japanese woodland plants, and hardy succulents, Tony’s love and passion for plants was evident.

We are most appreciative of Tony sharing his passion with all of us, and the beauty and breadth of a land so far away, which shares so much in common with us.



Podophyllum Delavai



Hemiboea Subcapita



CAN YOU NAME THIS PLANT?

Answer at the end of this Newsletter

A PRINCESS, BUFF ORPINGTON AND ISA BROWN



The Genesee County Fair this year featured the Princess Lana Bagley, a 4-H Intermediate participant and chicken raiser. Lana has participated in the fair entering her chickens since she was six years old. At thirteen years old, she led the fair this year, being recognized for her contributions and dedication to her efforts raising a variety of chickens.

Raising a flock of six chicks from pullet to hen, she was eager to share her knowledge on the Buff Orpington, Isa Brown, Golden Lace Wyandotte, Welsummer and Araconda chickens. "I started with the pullets in early April and raised them in the bathtub until they were able to be moved to the garage and transitioned into the tractor coop, when the weather warmed up."

A delightful young lady, Princess Lana, enjoys all that 4-H offers and delighted in showing her entrees in all the areas she entered including art, gardening, floral arrangement and writing. Receiving blue ribbons in every category it was her Buff Orbington, affectionately named, "Buff" she was most proud. In demonstrating the process of showing her hen, Lana, explained how to open the wing to display the beauty of the bird. A blue ribbon winner, Buff, remained calm and was very comfortable being held, a credit to Lana's skills as a handler.

Lana was chosen as Fair Princess through an application and interview process that considered scholastic achievement, community activities, personality and poise. We congratulate Lana and wish her continued success and fun in her future farm and art endeavors.

If you have a child or grandchild with interests in joining 4-H please visit the 4-H webpage by clicking on this link: [4-H Youth Development](#).



MGAGCM HOLIDAY PARTY

November 16th 5:30 – 8:00 PM

Plans are underway for another wonderful Holiday gathering to be held during the November MGAGCM meeting at the GCCARD building 5:30-8:00.

Here are the details:

Bring a side dish for the potluck. Don't forget a serving spoon. MGAGCM will provide chicken. Sabrina and Loretta will bring the ice cream punch everyone raves about. There will be more delicious food than you can imagine.

- * Some of our master gardeners have amazing musical talents and are members of various choirs. For fun, we thought members would enjoy hearing them sing Christmas carols rather than listen to a Christmas CD. These singing master gardeners sing regularly with various choirs and now we get to hear them. Jim Harrow, who is a member of The Flint Male Chorus, will help organize the singers. Hopefully, we will be able to hear him also.
- * The amazingly talented Marilyn Nichols has been guiding a group of volunteers making fairy garden centerpieces for the table. Please let us know if you are working at a project that has fairy gardens. We are going to let projects have first dibs on the fairy garden houses. The rest will go into a drawing for those attending the meeting.
- * If you are feeling charitable this year, Master Gardeners are donating to Carriage Town Ministries. They could use white towels, kitchen towels, hand and body lotions, or a check made out to Carriage Town Ministries.
- * Do you feel lucky? We will have drawings for books, shirts, gift cards and maybe extra fairy garden centerpieces.

Location GCCARD Building 605 N. Saginaw St. Flint, MI 48502

A friendly security Guard will meet you at the door.

If you have any questions about the holiday party call

Kay McCullough (810-635-9341) or Sandy Johnson (810-714-0829)

We look forward to seeing you!

Please RSVP

The link is on the home page of VMS

This will help us plan for ordering chicken and having enough plates.

Harvest Greetings

What are you putting in your gift stockings this year?

How about a little rosemary, lavender and basil?

Wondering how to use all of those beautiful herbs that you harvested and dried... try creating an assortment of gifts for those on your list. Tub teas and bath bombs, lip balm, and bath salts are just a few ideas that you can easily make to share your garden joy with others.

Here are a two recipes for tub teas that may inspire you.



Rose and Lavender Tub Tea

1 oz. perfumed rose petals

1 oz. rose geranium leaves

1 oz. lavender

grated and dried rind of half of

1 lemon.

½ oz. rolled oats

Marigold Merry Tub Tea

3 parts marigold

3 parts pennyroyal

2 parts lovage root

1 part pine needles

Experiment with ingredients and herbs that offer relaxation, are invigorating or romantic - perhaps make an assortment for each gift.

Instructions for Bath Bags

Mix all ingredients together and spoon into small muslin bags and tie with string and small ribbon. Tea Fill a pretty glass container with a few bags and complete by tying lace and a few stems of lavender.



Invigorating herbs: basil, peppermint

Calming elements: chamomile, pennyroyal, lavender

Soothing elements: Calendula, sunflower and lemon

Romantic elements: Rosebuds, Geranium, Jasmine

Add sea salt, Epsom salts or oatmeal for additional benefits while adding bulk to your mixture.



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FALL INTO SPRING - 2017

The Fall Into Spring conference took place September 30, 2017, at the Mott Community College Events Center. We had four speakers that shared their expertise and knowledge about "Flowers We Love" – hydrangeas, peonies, roses and daylilies.

Janet Macunivich, a lady with a multitude of hats, garden designer, educator and author among them, was first. She told us about the numerous varieties of hydrangeas and their care. Pictures were shown to us of hydrangeas, from small to large and new to old, in a variety of settings.

Our second speaker, David Michener, co-author of "The Peony: The Best Varieties for Your Garden", is an associate curator at the University of Michigan where he oversees the largest public collection of herbaceous peonies in North America at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens. He showed us various types of peonies we have available today as well as a history of the plant. There are many new cultivars that have been developed and introduced.



After a great soup, salad and sandwich lunch with homemade cookies for dessert, catered by The Lunch Studio, Roman Kwarcinski, president of the Detroit Rose Society and an ARS certified rose judge, gave highlights about the many new varieties of roses. He also enlightened us with valuable information about pruning, fertilizing and general care of roses.



Our final speaker was Ric Adams. Mr. Adams, along with his wife Lynne, is a local gardener and owner of the Laidback Daylily Farm in Goodrich. They have been hybridizing daylilies for over 35 years. Two of his most well-known daylilies are "Motor City Burning" and "Panic In Detroit". He is competing this year for the Stout Award, the highest honor for daylilies. He showed pictures of the many varieties he has developed along with tips on planting and care.

The vendors this year, Ilene's Stone Craft, Mason Welding, MGAGCM, MMGA and Oakland Master Gardeners all had good responses to their various items and asked if they could return next year. Everyone who came was given a raffle ticket when they signed in. The tickets were drawn during the breaks. We had plants, wreaths, decorative items and gardening supplies to give away thanks to donations by MGAGCM members and various garden venues in our area.



The Fall Into Spring committee this year comprised of Barb Pougnet, Cheryl Borkowski, Cory Graham, Alan Grove, Sylvia Hansen, Carol Jankowski, Pam Kvasnicka and Kay McCullough. They deserve a big THANK YOU for the all the work they did as well as the numerous meetings they attended. Kay was the official photographer this year. Thanks also to Abi, and her scooter, for being a great emcee.

Loretta Ellwood "07"

MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION OF GENESEE COUNTY MICHIGAN

Membership Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2017

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Vicki Laurin at 7:30 pm.

Review of Minutes: Motion and 2nd by Cheryl Borkowski & Beth Fromholz-Davies to accept the September 21, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: The beginning balance on 01SE17 was \$22,727.30. September income totaled \$3,237.58 and expenses were \$1,649.65. The ending balance on 30SE17 was \$24,315.27, including the Square account of \$300.10.

Mel Kennedy - Projects Reports:

Projects	Chairperson
Crossroads Village (Monarch Way Station) Joanie Snyder-	2017 was a successful year for Monarchs at Crossroads, working on 'Ladies Night Out' project for 13NO17, tickets are \$5.00.
Desert Oasis	Alicia Ellis / Kay McCullough- still can use help.
Easter Seals the greenhouse.	Carol Groat / Betty Draper- Clean-up is next week, starting a touch/feel garden in
Edible Flint Demonstration Garden still in progress	Deb Hamilton for Micah Williams- Harvested over 1500# of veggies for people,
GCCARD Gardens	Alan Grove/Gwen Barney- almost done, cleanup for the next 2 weeks.
Farmers Market – Flint	Judy Trombley- finished for 2017. Plan to come help us in 2018!
Farmers Market – Grand Blanc	Beth Fromholz-Davies/Alan Grove- Done!
Flushing Butterfly Garden	Sue Crisp for Mary Beth Seaward- cleanup in progress
Flushing City Hall officials	Sylvia Hansen – to finish Monday 23OC17, the garden is appreciated by Flushing
Flushing River Trail	Sylvia Hansen- to finish Wednesday 25OC17.
Humane Society	Maggie Gregg- had a great year! In cleanup phase
Swartz Creek Veterans Memorial	Maggie Gregg- Cleanup Tuesday 24OC17

Alan Grove - Standing Committee Reports:

Bulb Sale	Randy Tatro- no bulb sale this fall
Clothing	Vicki Laurin /Kay McCullough- The next order deadline is 17NO17.
DTE	Vicki Laurin / Kit Puroll – Some EXCITING changes are coming to DTE, stay tuned!
Fall Into Spring	Loretta Ellwood- Committee mtg. is next week, report next month
Garden Stones/Plant Stakes/Tool & Garden supplies	Dick Moldenhauer- AM Leonard sale thru Oct.
Garden Tour (Educational)	Kay McCullough- event will be Sunday 24JN18 in the Grand Blanc area
Holiday Party	Sandra Johnson – SIGN UP for food, event is 16NO17,
Outreach Activity	Christy Jones- Done!
VMS Ambassadors	Ruth Simon / Michelle Chockley- Enter your MG hours using the VMS.

Old Business:

Nominations and Elections

Nominations will be closed at the end of tonight's meeting.

The ballot will be distributed to MGAGCM members by November 1st through:

VMS (e-ballot),

The Genesee CountyMG.org website (download paper ballot and mail),

Only send paper ballot to members w/o an email address.

Ballots submitted by U.S. Postal should be sent to the MGAGCM P.O. Box ("ATT: Election") and must be signed by the master gardener.

A member may only vote ONCE (whether in person or by early ballot).

The deadline for the Nomination & Election Committee Chair receiving ballots prior to the meeting (through e-mail, or US Postal) will be November 12, 2017, 12:00 am., (five days prior to the November business meeting.

At this time we have a candidate for Secretary (Dick Moldenhauer), Treasurer (Bobby Parkhill) and Director of Outreach (Micah Williams).

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New Business:

Thanks again to our speaker, Janet Macunovich for her presentation on: "Our Favorites: The Easiest, Best Perennials".
 Thanks to our snack providers: Alicia Ellis, Dan Kah, Sandy Johnson and Alan Grove.

Announcements:

Planting 1600 tulip bulbs at Flint Cultural Center, Friday 20OC17 at 10AM.

Insect ID class will be either Sat. 18NO17 10-3 OR Sat 09DE 10-3 at MSUE, cost tbd.

There will be a MG training class starting 15JA18 from 9 am to 1 pm, cost will be \$300. Details to follow.

There will be a Mason BEE workshop in the spring of 2018. Details to follow.

CAMG Winter Symposium is Saturday 27JA18 from 8:15 am to 4:00 pm

Close of Meeting: Moved and 2nd by Randy Tatro and Colleen Putinsky to adjourn the meeting. Passed. The meeting was adjourned by President Vicki Laurin at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Dick Moldenhauer, MGAGCM secretary

2017 MGAGCM Membership Meeting Schedule:

January 19, 2017	February 16, 2017	March 16, 2017
April, 20, 2017 Awards Banquet	May 18, 2017	June 15, 2017
July 16, 2017 - Picnic @ Crossroads	August 10, 2017 (1 week earlier)	September 21, 2017
October 19, 2017	November 16, 2017 (Elections & Party)	December (no meeting)



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While a relaxing bath gift can be the perfect for one person, perhaps another would enjoy a gift to spice up the kitchen - consider infused vinegars and oils, seasoned salts or simply sharing your herbs in pretty little jars.

For comfort - heat bags are a gift pleaser for everyone. These can be made for specific needs ... wrist, neck, back or the simple small rectangle. The link below is for an easy small rectangle made from up-cycled material. Add a little fresh lavender and lavender oil to the rice for the perfect soothing touch.

The bags can be made in hearts or small animals for a child or as eye masks for the spa basket gift.

For the kitchy ... make a harvest wreath, herbal fire starters, fairy house or a twig candle centerpiece.



Finally, it is about presentation ...ribbons, raffia, tulle, lace, colorful fabrics, lace hankies, and herbs tied around items. Use left over scraps and even brown paper bags to add to the homespun look. Your creativity makes the gift your own. Find joy in the making and the giving!



This is the Hairy Ball Plant

Gomphocarpus (=Asclepias) physocarpus

This quick-growing, short-lived species native to tropical Africa is used as a seasonal annual in the Midwest, although it is actually a tender perennial (zones 8-10). It has naturalized in many places in the world, and is a weed in many areas with a mild climate.



Here is a link for more information:

<https://wimastergardener.org/article/balloon-plant-gomphocarpus-physocarpus/>

Grown by Master Gardener

Nettie Sparks

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If you enjoy receiving a hard copy of the DTE each month it is time to renew your subscription. You can do so by sending a \$10.00 check to PO Box 34, Flushing, Mi. 48433. Make the check out to MGAGCM and mail by Jan. 15, 2018.

November Clothing order is due November 17. This order will return in time for Christmas. After completing your order make a check to MGAGCM and mail it to PO Box 34, Flushing, Mi. 48433.

Dates To Remember

November 16, 2017 is our Holiday Party/Nomination and Election night.

The Nomination Committee has received nominations for the three open positions: Secretary, Treasurer, and Director of Outreach.

The official election ballot will be prepared with the nominee's names in alphabetical order for each office. If a person chooses to write in a candidate, please ask them if it is OK with them. Write in candidates must be a certified member of MGAGCM; support our association's purpose and mission; be able to attend Board meetings; and have communication, computer and leadership skills.

Ballots will be available to members through VMS, MGAGCM website, and the DTE by November 1st. The deadline for absentee and early voting will be November 12. Ballots will be available at the November 16 meeting. Every voter will be checked on the most current VMS list. Be sure to sign your ballot or it will not be valid. Our association president will announce the new officers after the ballots have been tallied. New Officers will work with outgoing officers and begin their terms at the first of the New Year.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

Pam Kvasnicka

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Secretary 810-695-2649	Dick Moldenhauer rnmail1050@aol.com
Treasurer	Michelle Chockley

Hi Gardeners!

Thank you so much for your support of our MGA Outreach on such a rainy day. Colleen-keep that tarp in your trunk! :)

It was a fundraiser event for the Humane Society of Gen. Co., as well as a fun event for dog lovers, and gave the MGA the opportunity to connect with 80+ people with our banner and flyers. On a sunny Fall day many more. Your ideas to help us improve our Outreach are welcome.

Thank you again,
Maggie Gregg
HSGC Garden Chair
MGAGCM



Pictured are MG volunteers Karen Shilling, Patricia White, Colleen Putniski. MG Michelle Chockley, Maggie Gregg , and Kennedy Shilling helped as well.

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MGAGCM Website at: Genesee

County MG.org

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Link to VMS: <https://michigan.volunteersystem.org>

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Master Gardener Association Genesee County Michigan

2017 Election Ballot

Vote for not more than one person per office

**BALLOTS THROUGH EMAIL OR U.S. POSTAL SERVICE MUST BE RECEIVED BY
MGAGCM BY MIDNIGHT NOVEMBER 12,2017**

Secretary

Dick Moldenhauer

_____ (write in candidate)

Treasurer

Bobbi Parkhill

_____ (write in candidate)

Director

Micah Hutchinson
(Micah Williams)

_____ (write in candidate)

MGAGCM member signature (required): _____

Mail ballot to:

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