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FEATURE ARTICLE

GROW WILD THIS YEAR

While the definition of a wildflower may be fluid, most agree that it (perennial, annual or biennial) grows in a natural uncultivated site and survives with no care or human intervention. These are plants that do just beautifully if they're in the right spot and we don't interfere. They are the origins of all hybrids.

Native wildflowers are those that have originated naturally in their environment. An introduced or exotic plant is one that has naturalized after escaping accidentally or intentionally from a garden and is now considered a wildflower by most people, although it is not native. Some introduced wildflowers, such as purple loosestrife, are invasive and can overwhelm and destroy native flora. Others adapt to life in their new regions, becoming different from their original far-flung source. There is some disagreement among experts about which species are native and which are introduced. For purposes of this article, I have included both.



Wildflowers grow naturally in specific areas or plant zones. All are either woodland or meadow species. Woodland wildflowers prefer partial shade and moist, rich soil. Prairie or meadow wildflowers prefer full sun.

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Nowadays, uprooting wildflowers from their natural habitat is not a feasible option. Many are threatened species, essential to the ecology of their habitats. Instead, purchase your plants or seeds, or receive a gift from a fellow gardener.

Woodland Garden

The best time to seed a woodland wildflower garden is early spring or fall when the weather is cooler. This minimizes dehydration and encourages plants to develop a good root system. However, if you purchase full-grown plants about to burst into flower, they should settle in well at any time.



Choose your spot carefully. Some gardeners prefer a secluded location nestled subtly under the trees so that the wildflower garden appears unexpectedly to surprise viewers. Others prefer to plant in more visible areas so as to blend in with the rest of the garden.

To prepare the soil, add a 50-50 mixture of soil and damp peat moss to the ground at a depth of 12" to 18". You can add compost yearly. Ferns, intermingled with other plants, maintain the soil's coolness and provide shade. Companion trees such as hemlock, spruce, pine, fir, beech, oak and birch provide acidic humus, shade and wind protection. Many wildflowers are spring bloomers.

Author Joan G Hauser; Photos Chris Peterson (Butterfly Weed and Golden Rod)

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THE MG MEETING WILL NOW BEGIN AT 6:00 PM AND THE SPEAKER PRESENTATION WILL BE FIRST ON THE DOCKET FOLLOWED BY THE BUISNESS MEETING. THE LOCATION OF THE MEETING WILL REMAIN THE GCCARD BUILDING. SEE THE MEETING MINUTES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. AS A SUGGESTION YOU MIGHT WANT TO ARRIVE EARLY MAYBE EVEN BY 5:30 PM, SO THE SPEAKER WILL BE ABLE TO START ON TIME.

HOME GROWN 828

I was out walking by the big walnut tree that is in my yard. I saw quite a few white, fuzzy caterpillars around and on the tree trunk. They really showed up because they were white. I have never, ever seen these before. I need to know what to do to stop them before they kill my tree. I have got to fix this fast.

Relax; the world and your tree are safe. But I'm a bit worried about you. What you are seeing is a Hickory Tussock Moth or *Lophocampa caryae*. Older books call them a hickory tiger moth. They belong to a large family called, ironically enough, tiger moths. All tiger moth larvae or caterpillars are densely hairy and are often conspicuously colored. The hairs are called setae. Usually, the setae have numerous tiny barbs on the ends. If people, especially children with tender skin, handle the larvae or drop them down their shirts, they often get a contact rash. If you look at your caterpillar very closely, you will see that they are not completely white. On the back, there will be eight small black tufts along the center of the back. There will be four tufts of longer black hairs called subdorsal black lashes. Two are in front, like black antennae and two are almost to the rear. I suspect those are like those parallel parking feeler guides so you knew where the curb was when parking your car in the 1950's. The hickory tussock moth has a varied diet. Let's start with the favorite foods first: hickories and walnuts. But they will feed on almost any tree or shrub. There is one generation a year and you have met the feeding stage. Adult moths do not feed. The adult moth has upper wing markings that are golden tan and white. The underwing is a very pale tan. The adults do not feed and the kiddies are almost never a problem. The good news is that you can go back indoors and enjoy a nice, cold adult beverage because your tree is just fine.

I have this terrible weed, called bindweed, growing in my yard. It was here in a few places when I moved into this house ten years ago and now it is all over. Every year, I pull or cut them off in the spring but by the time that fall comes, they all back. It's a very clever weed. It grows under my raspberries and climbs the stems and hides from me so I can't find it. Now that I know the name of this plant, what kind of weed killer can I spray to kill it and not hurt my other plants? I am desperate for help.

Plants cannot think for themselves. Very simply, there is no brain controlling the bindweed, so it cannot be clever nor have witty thoughts of outsmarting you. This is not a bindweed problem but rather a management problem. Bindweed is a perennial plant and if you do not pull the roots out of the ground, it will regrow. For at least a decade, bindweed has flowered and gone to seed in your yard. That means even if the plants are removed, there is a mega-storehouse of seeds waiting to germinate. There is no bindweed spray. There are three categories of plant killers. There are weed killers can kill almost everything that is green or kill grasses and leave broadleaf plants or kill broadleaf plants and leave grasses, depending on what you buy. That is as exact as the herbicide world is currently. That means you can spray a nonselective herbicide and kill everything that it hits or use a broadleaf weed killer that is used on lawns and lets the grass live. Pulling weeds once or twice a season will not get rid of them. You need to be looking and pulling once a week. Or use mulch in garden beds and under the raspberries. Apply and keep three inches of woodchips on bare soil. This keeps the seeds from getting sunlight so they cannot germinate. Immediately pull any bindweed that might emerge. Mulch will not kill plants with existing root systems. Instead of wishing for a good outcome, you need to work for it.



COOKS CORNER

Chicken Hawaiian

SERVINGS 6

PREP TIME 30 mins

TOTAL TIME 2 hrs 30 mins

INGREDIENTS

- 3 pounds chicken pieces (with or without skin), rinsed and dried
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1/3 cup frozen pineapple-orange juice concentrate, thawed
- 4 cups Kellogg's® Corn Flakes® (crushed to 1 cup) or 1 cup Kellogg's® Corn Flake Crumbs
- 1/2 cup flaked coconut
- 1/2 teaspoon curry powder
- 3 tablespoons margarine or butter, melted

PREPARATION

Place chicken in single layer in shallow dish. Sprinkle with salt. Stir together egg and juice concentrate. Pour over chicken. Cover and chill at least 1 hour, turning pieces several times.

Place Kellogg's® Corn Flakes® cereal crumbs in shallow dish or pan. Stir in coconut and curry powder. Drain chicken pieces slightly. Coat with cereal mixture. Place in single layer, skin side up, in shallow baking pan, coated with cooking spray or foil-lined. Drizzle with margarine.

Bake at 350 degrees F about 1 hour or until chicken is tender, no longer pink and juices run clear. Do not cover pan or turn chicken while baking. Serve hot. RECIPE COM.

Prepare Your Flower Beds in the Fall for Next Spring

By now, chances are your flower beds are starting to dwindle down. You may have a few Black Eyed Susans here and there, or an herb or two still hanging on, but your beds are probably starting to look thin and sparse. It is now time to start preparing your flower beds for fall and ultimately winter, so they can take a peaceful slumber and be all ready for next spring. By following some simple steps now, you can best prepare your beds so they come back full force next year. It does not have to be time consuming or expensive to do so, and is a lot easier than you may think. Take a look below at how to prepare your flower gardens for fall so you can enjoy the best looking yard possible. Five simple steps are all it takes!

First, you want to **remove all dead items and debris**. Remove dead stems, dead flower blooms, leaves that drifted into your beds, and sticks. You can also pick out any debris that may

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MASTER GARDNER ASSOCIATION

REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 2015

The Master Gardener Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by President Vicki Laurin.

Vicki asked that members complete the survey on the table. It is for informational purposes only. It will be used to determine the best and most efficient ways to communicate with the membership.

Review of Minutes: The June 18, 2015 minutes were presented. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Nettie Sparks and seconded by Cheryl Borkowski. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle gave two months of treasurer's reports due to there not being a business meeting in July. The June beginning balance was \$33,034.07, with income of \$4,835.50 through the bus trip, bulb sales and tree sales, and expenses of \$1,040.80 in the form of grow lab costs, bus tour, etc. June's ending balance was \$36,838.55 which includes the \$10.00 from the Square Up account.

The July beginning balance was \$36,828.55. Income was \$2,365.30 from the bus tour, Ask-A-Master Gardener and tree sale with expenses of \$3,852.84 from the bus tour, stones, annual non-profit State fee and Euro-Bloom fee for the trees. The ending balance was \$35,341.02 which also includes the \$10 Square Up fee.

Michelle announced that budget requests are due as the Board is going to be working on the 2016 budget. She requested that project chairs fill out the budget request forms and turn them in as soon as possible.

President Laurin read the rules regarding the treasurer's report that is given at each meeting with attention being paid to unusual items. The report does not need to be adopted monthly. **The annual audit is the only report that has to be voted on by the membership.**

Special Projects – Kay McCullough:

Abi and Kay have been visiting each project and taking pictures. They have enjoyed seeing what everyone is doing.

There is still a need for a chair for the Oasis Cactus Garden project. One of the perks Alicia says is being first in line to receive the extra plants. The work time is Tuesdays at 9:00 am. Volunteers are needed for the County Fair next week. Contact Vicki Perkins for information. She can be reached at (810) 636-9547. Further contact info is in the directory. Monday and Saturday are critical days for help as those are the days of the junior fair.

Carol Groat needs help planting with the kids.

Monday and Saturday are Junior Master Gardener's days at the County Fair.

Alan Grove announced that \$1540 was generated from the Ask-A-Master Gardener project. The Clio butterfly garden will be on the Garden Tour next year.

Joanie Snyder said the gardens at Crossroads are looking good. Day-Out-With Thomas is this weekend and next. They need volunteers. Contact Cindy at 249-3858 if you want to help. The Genesee Belle is in the water but awaiting final inspection by the State.

A project chair is need for the Easter Seals project.

Gloria Roudebush said the Davison Farmer Market is there until the end of September. An ATV drawing display is in the usual space so have not been using the table. The table needs

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EDITORIAL

HE Alas, while eating dinner the other day the usually incorrect weather man announced that summer was drawing to a close and the days are getting shorter. Pausing for a moment to reflect I concluded he was correct but the news was not received well. The morning grass reflects the dew of the previous evening so the grass cutting chore is delayed until the sun warms mother earth. The flowers are beginning to droop and the robust buds are losing their blooms. Certainly this is a harbinger of the changing season but in the meantime I will look forward to Autumn and the fall foliage.

Although not all of my summer projects are started or even completed there is still time during the cooler weather to redouble my efforts.

Here is a thought that was in an article I read that struck me as wise. Take a moment or two sit down and jot down what worked and what didn't work for you this summer. Review this years catalogs for ideas before you toss them out or even a new garden tool that could be added to a Christmas list.

SHE To keep our members informed and up to date on all the news of members, projects, etc. we want know where you want to find this information. Surveys are a good way to get information on subjects that interest you. At our regular meeting last month a survey was handed out to our members to answer a few questions on where they go to get Master Gardener information. I was amazed at the many answered surveys that were filled out and turned back into me. I appreciated the comments also. I am glad to say that most people enjoying reading and keeping current with news by all means of our information such as DTE, Weebly website, VMS, and from Ruth's emails. As time goes by and you have a suggestion on how we can keep you better informed please pass those ideas on to any of us and we will take them into consideration.



PRIMROSE

Take a walk down the primrose path and you'll never look back! Primroses are a classic cottage flower and are popular with collectors. They covet the hundreds of different primroses available, especially some of the tiny rare alpine types. Many are staples of cottage gardens and rock gardens, while others provide spring color to damp places, rain gardens, and bog gardens. Their basal rosettes of oval leaves are often puckered or are very smooth. The colorful flowers may be borne singly or rise in tiered clusters, or even spikes. Provide humus-high soil that retains moisture and some shade for best results

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to be taken to the office and stored for the winter. A new sign is needed.

Joyce Bellaire says things are slow there. We are back to using the table but need a new tablecloth. She needs volunteers. Terry McLean's people are helping September 5th and 12th. The Market management is very cooperative with us. The outreach booth will be over mid-November until mid-March.

Alan Grove told us the Grand Blanc Farmer's Market is held the first Sunday of each month. October is the last month it will be there.

Sylvia brought us up to date on the Flushing River Trail. There is a new City Manager at Flushing and the administration is being very helpful. There was some vandalism done to the trail. Several people were involved in resolving this. There is now a security camera in place. The City Manager got a grant to replace three trees and then two more at a later date. Everything is looking good. The work day is on Wednesday at 9:00 am. They meet in the VG's parking lot. The City has sent over mulch.

Maggie said they are currently weeding and deadheading the beds and moving plants. They are thinking about new signs. They work on Thursdays 9-11.

Diana said they are deadheading and doing general maintenance at the Baker Library.

Jim said they are calculating the number plant signs that will be needed for the library projects.

Lois said they have a new helper at the Jennings Library who knows the scientific names of the plants so they will be able to be added to the plant signs.

Carol had no report on the Genesee Library.

Standing Committees – Katie Van Patten:

Thanks to Randy the bulb sale was a success.

Sabrina is looking for suggestions on the next bus trip. There is a possibility of going to the Patchwork Gardens in Indiana but it is at least a 3 hour drive each way. Pam Kvasnicka had gone on this tour this summer and she said it really is something that can be done in one day. Jesse Gutierrez suggested that a Michigan trip would be more in keeping with the time restraints. Any suggestions would be welcomed.

The Fall Into Spring cutoff date for purchase of tickets is September 25th.

Dick has stones for sale. He has been approached by people asking if they could pick up compost at the Extension office. The main problem with this is space for the compost. Abi is going to look into this.

Kay said next year's Garden Tour will be in the Clio – Northern Flushing area. A member said Glen Pace had contacted her about being on the Tour. Kay will call him and finalize the details.

Gloria said that a sympathy card has been sent to Randy and Sue Tatro on the passing of Sue's father and a get well card was sent to Maggie Gregg after her surgery.

A chair is need for tools and garden supplies.

There are a number of members who have not put in their hours, some since the beginning of the year. If you need help or know of anyone who needs help with this, contact Abi. There are buddies who will help with the posting of hours.

Kay is adding project pictures to the website.

Old Business:

Chairs are needed at the Clio Veterans Memorial Garden, tool and garden and I-23 rest stop.

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Sherry Johnson of the Vienna Township Board would be a person to contact for Veterans Memorial Garden.

New Business:

President Laurin presented tri-fold boards to be used for displays at outreach booths, Farmer's Markets, etc. Other possible uses of the boards were discussed. The cost would be \$110 for one or buy three and get them for \$95 each with no shipping charge. The boards come with a carrying case. Sylvia Hansen made a motion to purchase three boards with Dick Moldenhauer seconding it. The membership approved the purchase of the tri-folds.

There is a need of one more snack provider for September and three for October at the membership meetings.

Alicia Ellis has waterlily bulbs available to give to members. They are from a neighbor.

The speakers were heard first at a couple of meetings. There was a discussion about having the speakers before or having them after the business meeting. There is a problem with the meeting running into the speaker's time. There was concern that some people leave after the speaker and do not attend the business meeting. It was decided that the number leaving after the speaker were not many and wouldn't impact on the business meeting. Gloria Roudebush made a motion to have the speakers first. It was seconded by Ruth Simon. The motion passed. Next there was a discussion on having the meetings start earlier. Having them start at 5:00 was suggested but after further discussion it was decided that 5:30 would be a better choice. Jim Harrow made a motion to have the meeting at 5:00. After more discussion, it was decided that 6:00 would be a better time to start as it would be difficult for those still working to be there by 5:30. The original motion was revisited and Diana Collison motioned that the meetings start at 6:00 pm and it was seconded by Dick Moldenhauer. This motion was approved by the membership.

To recap: The speaker will start at 6:00 at the monthly meetings. Someone will be at the building at 5:30.

Alicia questioned who had the responsibilities for the plates, cups and napkins at the meetings. Loretta responded that she should have remembered to pick them up but didn't think about it when at the office Wednesday. She will try to do better the next time.

The next meeting will be September 17th at the GCARD building at 6:00 pm.

Michelle announced that an acquaintance has hosta plants for sale. The small ones are \$1 and the large ones \$5. Bring a shovel and containers/bags to take them home. The contact is Carolyn Clark, 11298 N. Elms Rd., Clio, Phone: 877-8205.

Jim Harrow made a motion that the meeting be closed and it was seconded by Dick Moldenhauer. The motion passed and the meeting closed at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Loretta Ellwood Secretary

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have drifted from the trash can into your beds, where debris often gets trapped. A good pair of garden gloves will make this task a lot less messy and a little easier. Remember that any organic matter such as leaves and dead plants can be added to your compost!

For the second step, **start getting rid of those weeds**. Even cooler weather is not enough to stop weeds. Start pulling them by hand to make sure you get every last one. You don't want them stealing nutrients from your precious soil, so being thorough when doing this job is es-

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EASY COMPOST TEA

Every great gardener has a glut of fertilizing tools to ensure every flower, bush or vegetable grown has the optimal nutrients to turn it into the absolute best version of itself. They spread wood ash around arugula, broccoli and peonies, knowing these plants love it, but are careful to avoid putting it around azaleas because these plants don't like it at all. They use fish emulsion, bone meal and volcanic rock dust that they carefully dilute, sprinkle or scatter in the ratio stated on the back of the container. Usually something handy such as 542ml per 5.2 acres (squared).



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I am not a great gardener. I don't do well with complicated math equations, and that includes dividing regular doses of fertilizers down to the tiny amount I need for my tiny garden. I also have issues with remembering things. One year I forgot to dig up my potatoes. So, the chances of me remembering to fertilize them with fish emulsion on the second rising of the summer's full moon are slim. Yet somehow, year after year, I produce hundreds of pounds of food for myself and my family.

How do I do it? I use compost. I make my own, but you can buy bags of the stuff in any nursery or garden center. I use my compost in two ways. When I plant my garden in the spring (or summer, depending on exactly how bad this whole remembering thing is going for me at the time), I throw one large handful of compost into the hole before I put my plant in it. If I'm growing from seed, I do the same thing. I dig a hole, throw a handful of compost in it, level it out and plant the seed right in the compost.

Compost Tea Instructions:

1. Throw however much compost you want in a bucket.
2. Fill the bucket with water.
3. Wait a week.

Water your plants with it.

That's it. I have a general ratio of one part compost to three parts water, but it really doesn't matter. You could add a bit more compost or a bit less. If you're using a five gallon bucket, just throw in a shovel full. Fill the bucket with water and wait a week. Then water your plants with it once a month.

If you insist on being more technical about it, you can stir the bucket once every day. This works some oxygen into the compost and helps it break down a bit more, allowing the nutrients to more easily flow into the water. See how I'm talking all science-y now? That's the sort of awful thing that happens when you get too serious about gardening.

Gardening is fun. At least at the beginning of the season it is. So whatever you can do to maintain that fun is okay by me. Keep gardening fun – it's one of the few things I always manage to remember. *Text and photos by Karen Bertelsen*



TIPS AND TRICKS TO KEEP PLANTS BLOOMING

Here are six quick and easy ways to keep your plants blooming. Ever hear the expression, a pinch to grow on? Many plants, including goldenrod, Joe Pye weed, Aster and chrysanthemum benefit from pinching back to promote compact well branched growth and uniform blooms. Annuals that commonly get leggy including petunia and colioius also benefit from pinching back. Remove the top third of stems. Deadhead flowers as soon as they fade before they set seed and shut down flower production. Many perennials including flocks, purple cone flower, black eyed Susan, Veronica and Jarl respond to deadheading by producing more buds. Make sure to make cuts low enough to avoid leaving unsightly stems. Bushy perennials that set flowers at the tops of tall stems such as perennial Salvia can be sheared back with grass or hedge clippers to promote a second flush of blooms. Other perennials that respond to shearing include Coreopsis and hardy geranium. To avoid sacrificing blooms wait until all flowers have faded before you shear plants. Plants have varying moisture requirements. So be sure to plant tags and follow their watering recommendations. In general, containers dry out faster than in- ground gardens and small containers dry out faster than large ones. Soil that contains moisture retaining amendments such as peat can go longer between watering. Plants need a regular source of nutrients for optimal blooming. You can feed plants in one of three ways. Sprinkle slow- release fertilizer granules on the soil surrounding plants. Add diluted liquid fertilizer to your watering can. Or spread an inch or so of well rotted compost around plants. Keep in mind that not all plants are meant to bloom all season. But no matter what, your garden's overall health and beauty will be enhanced if it is kept well groomed.

BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS

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Third, you want to **aerate and loosen up all of the compacted soil**. Allowing plenty of air to make its way through the soil is a great way to make sure it stays healthy and can be the best growing environment for your plants. You can do this with a small hand shovel and finish with a rake to smooth all of the soil out and create a nice even surface.

Fourth, you want to **start thinning out your perennial plants**. Look for plants that seem to be crowded and choose a few center blooms to dig out. You can always plant these in other areas of your yard or give them to a friend looking for plants. Dig up the entire root of the bloom and the rest of the plant will have more room to breathe and grow.

For the fifth and final step, you want to **start filling in any bare areas** that are present. Now is the time to plant your fall bulbs or add additional perennials to your beds. Plant according to tag directions, add plenty of water, and your bulbs and added perennials will look great next spring.

As you can see you are only five steps away from beautifully cared for flower beds that will be all ready to perform for you next spring. Follow these five steps and you will enjoy flower beds that are neat, clean, and totally functional. Happy fall gardening!

By Katie Fermia premeditatedleftovers.com

Plant Names Made Simple

Back in the mid-1700's, Karl von Linné, a Swedish botanist, developed the botanical naming system. By analyzing plant similarities, he categorized plants and gave each a two-part name. Von Linné even took on a Latin version of his own name: Carolus Linnaeus.

The first part of the **botanical name** indicates the **genus** and is always capitalized. The second part names the **species** and is usually lowercase. The genus and species are written in italicized text. For example, in the name *Penstemon digitalis*, “*Penstemon*” is the genus and “*digitalis*” is the species.

When plant breeders develop new plant varieties, they add a third name called a **cultivar**, which is capitalized and placed in single quote marks. For example: *Penstemon digitalis* ‘Husker Red.’

As you become familiar with the plant naming system, it can actually be quite useful. The second part of the plant name frequently describes a dominant characteristic of the plant. For example, *grandiflora* indicates that the plant has large flowers. Here are a few other common words:

alba: white flowers • **grandiflora**: large flowers • **grandifolia**: large leaves
lutea: yellow flowers • **macrophylla**: large leaves • **microphylla**: small leaves
nana: dwarf • **nigra**: dark • **odorata**: scented flowers
purpurea: purple • **repens/reptans**: creeping • **sempervirens**: evergreen
variegata: green and white leaves (or green and yellow)

Many plants are also referred to by their **common name**. This name is frequently used because it is quicker and easier to pronounce. Unfortunately, there can be confusion because some plants have several different common names, especially in different parts of the country (and the world).

Adding Structure with Windwalker Big

We love ‘Windwalker’ big bluestem for its structure and color and the way it adds movement to the garden whenever there’s a gentle breeze. Often overlooked or approached with trepidation, grasses can actually be a wonderful addition to any garden. While some varieties may be a bit vigorous (some would say thuggish), ‘Windwalker’ big bluestem is well behaved and elegant. A mature ‘Windwalker’ provides a strong vertical element to the garden. The plant’s colors are striking without overpowering the garden and its tidy habit makes ‘Windwalker’ big bluestem easy to incorporate into a garden design, perhaps at the back of the border. Common Name: big bluestem or turkey grass.





I-69 Rest Area



US-23 Rest Area

DATES TO REMEMBER

September MGAGCM meeting will be held at the GCCARD building on 605 S. Saginaw St, with our speaker Erin Caudel starting at 6:00 pm. Erin will be speaking about using low tunnels to extend the growing season and a little on her business with the Farmer's Market and hoop house.

After a brief break we will continue on with our business meeting. Snack volunteers are Loretta Elwood and Katie VanPatten. We could use one more volunteer for September and at this time we have no one signed up for October snacks. If you would like to volunteer please let Katie VanPatten know. Maybe someone who hasn't brought their favorite snack might like to share so give Katie a call.

FALL INTO SPRING CONFERENCE is set for Saturday, October 3rd from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM. For more information call or e-mail Loretta (810)344-7383 or ldellwood@aol.com

In need of new garden tools, maybe a new shovel or a pair of new garden gloves or even a new pair of pruners. Information will be coming soon on how to make purchases from A.M.Leonard Horticultural Tool and Supply Co.



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CROSSROADS VILLAGE MONARCH WAYSATION

Fall Into Spring 2015 - A wonderful way to experience tips and ideas to create a beautiful garden for next year. A fun-filled and inspirational event full of ideas and guidelines to benefit any gardener -- from basic to the most experienced.

The Speakers:

Abi Saeed

Genesee County MSU
Consumer Horticulture/
Master Gardener
Coordinator will discuss
"Pollinators, We Can't
Live Without Them"



Susan Grubba



Owner, Creative Scapes,
Author & Educator, will offer tips
on preparing your garden now for
spring planting and tell you how to
cut your garden chores in half with
"Fall Flowers & Garden
Care"

Ed Blondin

Owner, Hortulus Gardens and
Landscapes. His topic "Witches:
From Wonderful to Wicked" is
a story of how ancient herbal healers
evolved to our modern stereotype of
the witch.



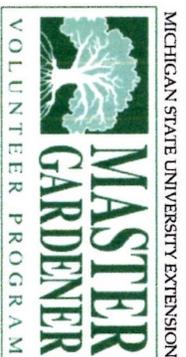
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The Garden Market: Shop our market
of vendors who offer for sale many hand-made or one-
of-a-kind items, including garden stones, garden art,
herbal products, unique gardening supplies & more!
*Note: Some vendors take only cash or checks.

Genesee County Master Gardeners
P. O. Box 32
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12th Annual
Master Gardener Association
Genesee County presents:

Fall Into Spring
Educational
Conference

Saturday,
October 3, 2015
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mott Community College
Events Center
5 Hours of MG Educational Credits

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Learn the tricks of the trade to ensure a beautiful garden next spring!

The Speakers:

Abi Saeed - Genesee County MSUE Consumer Horticulture/Master Gardener Coordinator will discuss how pollinators play a vital role in our food, economy and ecosystem in **"Pollinators, We Can't Live Without Them."**

Susan Grubba - Owner, Creative Scapes, Author & Educator will offer tips on preparing your garden now, for spring planting. She will tell you how to cut your garden chores in half in **"Fall Flowers & Garden Care"**

Ed Blondin - Owner, Hortulus Gardens and Landscapes. brings history to life with the story of how ancient herbal healers evolved to our modern stereotype of the witch in **"Witches: From Wonderful to Wicked."**

George Papadelis - Owner, Telly's Greenhouse in Troy, author & educator, will give us a sneak peek at the new annuals and perennials with **"What's New for 2016."** He will show you some new "WOW" for your garden.

Location:

**Mott Community College Events Center
1401 E. Court St. • Flint, MI 48503**

Directions: Take either I-75 or I-69 to I-475. Exit at #7 Court Street. From the north, turn left onto Court St. and from the south, turn right onto Court St. Follow Court St. 1/2 mile to Gorman Drive. Turn left on Gorman, turn left into the parking lot.

The Mott Event Center is in the Library building adjacent to the parking lot. There will be directional signs. For further information, type this link into your computer browser:
http://www.mcc.edu/maps/ed_mail.shtml

SCHEDULE October 3, 2015

8:00 am	Registration, Continental Breakfast and Garden Market open
8:45 am	"Pollinators, We Can't Live Without Them" Abi Saeed
10:00 am	Break - Garden Market open
10:30 am	"Fall Flowers & Garden Care" Susan Grubba
11:45 -	Lunch and Garden Market open
1:00 pm	
1:00 pm	"Witches: From Wonderful to Wicked" Ed Blondin
2:15 pm	Break - Garden Market open
2:30 pm	"What's New for 2016" George Papadelis
3:45 pm	Wrap-up and Garden Market sales

Questions?

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Or, Check out our website:

<http://fallintospring.weebly.com/>

- No refunds will be issued, however substitutions will be made. No confirmation letters will be sent.
- Speakers and topics are subject to change
- Open to both Master Gardener Volunteers and the general public.
- Master Gardener Volunteers will earn 5 hours of education credits for attending this event.
- Note: Some Garden Market vendors take only cash or checks.

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Name _____

Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

phone # _____

email _____

Early Registration is \$65.00 by September 25th. Registration after September 25th will be \$70.00.

Amount enclosed: **NO CREDIT OR DEBIT**

attending X Registration fee = Total enclosed

- Register early to get the \$5.00 discount
- Don't delay! Seating is limited.

Make checks payable to: MGAGCM

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Fall Into Spring Conference
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