

Macomb MSUE Hort E-News

February 3, 2012

This message is being sent to you from Sandra Goeddeke-Richards, Master Gardener Program Coordinator for the Macomb County MSU Extension. I use it to inform you of educational events, volunteer opportunities and unbiased, educational information provided by the Michigan State University Extension and other sources. Please contact me with comments, concerns, suggestions, volunteer opportunities and e-news worthy articles at my address below. Anyone can subscribe to this list by contacting me. Copies of Macomb MSUE Home Hort E-News Issues are available upon request. Copy it for your non-computer friends!

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Master Gardener Volunteer Update:

Not too late to enter 2011 hours

A number of you have contacted me to ask whether it is too late for you to enter your 2011 volunteer and education entries. No it is not too late.

Please take a moment to get up to date so that we can get the most accurate count of hours as well as the number of active Macomb Master Gardeners. We are facing some changes in the reporting for the upcoming year that will affect your decision to enter hours from 2012 on out, but let's get everything in for 2011 that should be there!

Feel free to contact me if you have any difficulty entering your hours.

Your effort to earn your certification and/or to maintain it is extremely valuable to us.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Request for Special Speaker

Comprehensive Services for the Developmentally Disabled, Inc. (CSDD) located at 55800 New Haven Rd., Chesterfield, 48051, is seeking a Master Gardener Volunteer to talk to their adults with disabilities about gardening and to help generate ideas for their garden that best suit their location. They would like a 1 to 1 1/2 hour presentation. Their class time runs between 10:00 and 2:00 with a half hour lunch break at 11:30. Their first choice date is March 19, second choice is March 26. Contact person is Jami Lane, 586-749-0772.

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Request for Speaker at the Mt. Clemens Farmers Market
Macomb MSU Extension would like to do a series called "Garden Right Macomb" at the Mt. Clemens Farmers Market. Classes would be taught by a qualified Master Gardener. Class length should be 30 - 45 minutes at most. Topics are:

May 12 - Planning and Preparing Your Flower or Vegetable Garden

May 19 - Choosing Veggies for the Garden

May 25 - Choosing Flowers for the Garden

June 2 - Maintaining a Healthy Garden

To qualify to teach the Master Gardener should have several years experience in the subject area. Any Master Gardener who is interested in teaching one of the classes, please contact Mary Gerstenberger at 586-469-6085 or email gerste10@anr.msu.edu for details.

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Care 'N Share

On opportunity for Master Gardeners to share their knowledge with other Master Gardeners, garden aficionados, and the general public. We would like to set up a regular monthly schedule for a "Care 'N Share" program that would allow Master Gardeners to share their knowledge in a particular subject area or topic. Presentations should be approximately one hour in length. PowerPoint presentations are fine, but demonstration or hands-on activities are even better. There will be a small charge for attending the programs to help cover the cost of handouts and materials. If you are interested in giving a Care 'N Share presentation please send the following information to Mary Gerstenberger at Macomb MSU Extension, 21885 Dunham Rd., Suite 12, Clinton Twp., MI 48036 or email her at gerste10@anr.msu.edu

Name:

Address:

Phone/email:

I would be interested in presenting on the following topic/s:
Indicate your background with this topic/s or years of experience with this topic/s:
(Please indicate) I am available to do this: 1) during the day only
2) in the evening only 3) day or evening
Please list any previous experience you have in giving educational presentations or public speaking:
You will be contacted to determine a date and time for any presentation.

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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Educational Series on Herbs
Macomb MSUE is offering a series of classes on Herbs to be held the first Tuesday of the month from February through May from 1:00 - 2:30 PM. Troy Huffaker of DTL Herbs. Ltd. is the speaker. Troy has been growing herbs for over 25 years. Dates and topics are:
February 7 - Growing Herbs in the Garden
March 6 - Cooking with Herbs
April 3 - Harvesting and Preserving Herbs
May - Unusual Herbs
Cost is \$7.00 per person per class or \$25.00 per person for the series. Registration is required. Contact the MSUE office at 586-469-6440 for details or to register. Or, send your name and information for dates attending along with a check payable to MSU Extension to: MSU Extension - Attn: Maureen, 21885 Dunham Rd. Suite 12, Clinton TWP. MI 48036

Subject: Upcoming Educational Programs for Home Gardeners
From: The MSU Extension Consumer Horticulture Team

Greetings Master Gardeners!
What better way to get enthused about the spring gardening season than by immersing you in garden education! The MSU Extension Consumer Horticulture team is excited to share several upcoming conferences and course offerings that will be held in a variety of locations around the state. Several of them are listed below. Additional educational offerings are posted on both the Master Gardener Volunteer Program web site (http://mg.msue.msu.edu/mg/seminars_and_classes and the Gardening Michigan web site (http://www.migarden.msu.edu/migarden/upcoming_programs) Find a program near you and dig in!

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2012 Plants of Distinction
February 9, 2012 - Grand Rapids
February 10, 2012 - Novi

This annual program has been offered to plant lovers for over 15 years and continues the tradition of well-respected and renowned plants experts that pull you from your winter doldrums and excite you for spring!! This year's palette of speakers and topics include: Designs and Plants for Greener Gardens - Jeff Epping, Director of Horticulture, Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Madison, WI; Season Long Color, Jim Nau, Horticulturist, Ball Horticulture, Illinois; Shrub Roses: An American Love Affair, Chuck Martin, Horticulture Curator Woody Plant Collections, Dow Gardens, Midland, Michigan; Small Trees with Big Impact, Jeff Epping. Registration deadline: February 3, 2012. 2012 Plants of Distinction brochure and registration form.

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IPM Academy
February 20 - 21, 2012
Michigan State University

The Integrated Pest Management Academy focuses on introducing the concepts of integrated pest management and prepares participants to implement IPM on the job or in their garden. The academy is designed to assist newcomers to pest management but can be a valuable review for growers, nurserymen, Master Gardeners, or landscaper professionals looking to brush up their IPM skills. Pesticide recertification credits (16), Green Industry Professionals continuing education credits (7), and Master Gardener recertification credits (16) are available to participants. IPM Academy brochure and registration.

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Online Classes for Backyard Growers

Gary Heilig, MSUE Consumer Horticulture Educator, is spearheading an effort to bring several backyard garden classes live to you via ustream!! Currently scheduled classes are all live from 6:30 – 9:00 pm and include:

- 2/23 Understanding and Using Organic Pesticides in the Garden
- 2/29 Fruit Update 2
- 3/29 Growing Sweet & Tart Cherries
- 4/3 Growing Grapes
- 4/10 Science of Composting
- 5/8 Growing Pears

A complete list of classes is located on the Gardening in Michigan web site. Click on the “live web streaming” text next to the name of the program you wish to view, on the exact date and time of the program. (At other times you will see a recorded version of a previous program.) High speed internet connection is needed to view these classes. (Note: For the time being, there will be commercials due to the cost of getting them taken out.) Please share your thoughts about your viewing experience with Gary Heilig at heilig@anr.msu.edu.

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2012 Stuck on Gardening Conference
March 3, 2012 - Grand Rapids

This year’s featured guest speaker is Dr. Jeff Gillman, University of Minnesota Horticulture Professor and Mythbustin’ Guru of garden remedies! Gillman uses hard-core science to boil down which garden remedies work in the garden, what doesn't and why! As a matter of fact, you can check out Dr. Gillman’s articles at www.gardenprofessors.com, a shared blog between Drs. Gillman, Cregg (MSU), Chalker-Scott (WSU), Scroggins (Virginia Tech). Other Stuck on Gardening presenters include Renee Shepherd from Renee’s Garden seeds in California and Steve LaWarre, director of horticulture at Meijer Gardens. Six (6) MG recertification credits available. 2012 Stuck on Gardening Conference brochure and registration form.

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Veggies “101”— What You Need to Know to Grow!
http://www.migarden.msu.edu/migarden/upcoming_programs
March 10 – Ann Arbor
March 17 – Flint
March 24 – Fremont

Are you concerned about the safety of the food you eat? Are you interested in trying to grow your own food? Have you been gardening a while and would like to learn more? Then, Veggie 101 may be just what you're looking for! This intensive program will equip you with gardening knowledge that goes way past planting seeds—by incorporating space-saving design, healthy soil building techniques and problem solving you will come away excited to get growing! Three (3) MG recertification credits are available. Veggies 101 – What You Need to Know Grow!

From Home Garden to Market Garden—How to Make Some \$-Green from Your Expanded Vegetable Garden!

http://www.migarden.msu.edu/migarden/upcoming_programs

April 12 - Howell

April 19 - Flint

April 26 - Kalamazoo

May 10 – Lansing

The demand for local, fresh vegetables continues to increase across Michigan. This program will help you turn a home garden into a small business, supplying produce for farm markets and farm stands—or right at your site. Business planning, equipment needs and effective pest and disease management will all be discussed during this jam-packed session. Plan to get great new ideas on what to grow and how to market your produce too!! Three (3) MG recertification credits are available. Home to Market brochure and registration.

Benefits of Cover Crops—for Home Gardeners, Small Farms and Vegetable Producers, Hunters and Wildlife Enthusiasts!

http://www.migarden.msu.edu/migarden/upcoming_programs

May 8 - Mt. Pleasant

May 15 - Hickory Corners (Kellogg Biological Station)

May 22 - Wayne

Want to get more out of your garden or small farm? Want to green your garden practices and save money? Want to do less weeding? Join the team of MSU Extension professionals and learn how to harness the symbiotic nature of plants. During this seminar you will learn how to choose companions that work together for the benefit of both! Three (3) MG recertification credits are available for this session.

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Other Opportunities:

European Garden Study Trip: Floriade 2012

July 15-22, 2012

You are invited to a once-in-a-decade opportunity to experience FLORIADE 2012 with Rebecca Finneran, MSU Extension Horticulture Educator, Garden Writer and Travel Enthusiast. For more information

www.stuckongardening.com

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Troy Garden Club Meeting and Speaker

George Papadelis, owner of Telly's Greenhouse, will visit the Troy Garden Club on Wednesday, February 8, to discuss "What's New for 2012?" The club meets monthly, September through June, at the Big Beaver United Methodist Church, 3753 John R, Troy, just south of Wattles.

Papadelis will highlight both annuals and perennials, many of which are new to the marketplace this year. Be among the first to hear about his 2012 plant recommendations.

Guests are welcome and should check in by 11:45 AM. A \$7 guest fee includes a light lunch at noon followed by the Papadelis lecture from 1:00-2:00 PM. Reservations required. Call Marilyn, 248-642-7277.

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Thank You Note from Special Dreams Farm
January 27, 2012

To: Family, Friends, and Supporters

Shazaaam Public Relations and Marketing Firm announced yesterday the results of their Million Dollar Charity Challenge, and I am very pleased to announce that Special Dreams Farm was one of the 10 winners to receive \$100,000.00 of probono marketing services. We were an improbable winner because there were 104 charities entered into the competition and many dwarfed us in size.

Therefore we must credit the hard work the Special Dreams Farm organization did in getting the word out to our supporters and the many people that support our unique organization by casting a vote for us and spreading the word to their contacts and friends.

The ten winners are:

Lighthouse of Oakland County, Children's Cancer Recovery Foundation,
Vista Maria, Detroit Institute of Art,
Motor City Blight Busters, The Pink Fund,
The Salvation Army, Special Dreams Farm,
Angels of Hope, Cancer Foundation, Adopt a Rescue Pet

Please forward this thank you to everyone that you ask to support us in This campaign, and share that this is a major accomplishment for Special Dreams Farm that will help move us forward. You may also get more details by checking The Shazaaam website, www.shazaaam.com .

Thanks to all
Special Dreams Farm
Larry Collette
President

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FYI

Link to USDA's new plant hardiness map for 2012

I am not sure if you saw the USDA's new plant hardiness map for 2012, but We have significantly shifted. I thought you might want to pass this info on To other MGs in your Friday e-mail (which I love getting). The web site for The new map is: <http://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/PHZMWeb/#>

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Don't want to miss this issue of:
Macomb County School Garden Initiative
Jan 30, 2011

This message is being sent to you from Jean Persely, Macomb County School Garden Initiative Coordinator. I use it to share with you upcoming meetings, information, Local, state and national resources, grants and funding opportunities provided by various non-profits, corporations, libraries, garden groups, Michigan State University Extension and other resources.

Check out our blog site. <http://macombcountyschoolgarden.wordpress.com/>
This information is archived at:

<http://macombcountyschoolgarden.wordpress.com/2012/01/30/january-30-2012/>

Another way to stay in touch with us ~ Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Macomb-County-School-Garden-Initiative/117463091693179#!/>

'Like' us and receive information faster! I will update the Facebook page as I receive the information. Also, you will be able to post on the site, as well! What has your garden been doing this summer? Post pics and stay in touch..... Be sure to leave your feedback!

You can receive this email, register for the blog, and/or join the FB page – whichever way works best for YOU!

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