



over the Picket fence

Summer, 2017
June, July, August

The Mason County Garden Club Newsletter

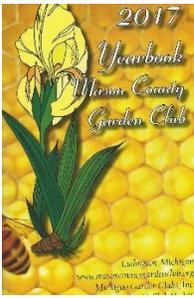
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Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.
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Club No. 140, District V





Important Information For New Members:

Your Yearbook has a lot of information for you:

To use: Program dates, times and locations (pages 13-31); Member pictures to better identify each other (pages 42-45). Member addresses and telephone numbers for easy access (pages 37-41).

There is also information on the National and Michigan Garden Clubs, websites, merchandise and other information. There are local events and our own website and facebook page. If all else fails, contact your mentor! They will be able to point you in the right direction. Or contact any of the board members listed on page 32.



New Members

Sharon Blume

Kathy Dykstra

Sunny Emersen

Chris Fonnesbeck

Anne Kievela

Karen Oele

Judy Olson

Dianne Portwine

Dega Shropshire



E-Mail Address Change

Mary Mortensen

Phone Number Corrections

Lorna Tucker Judy Lehtinen

Correction of Spelling of Names in Photos

Rhonda Hildebrandt

Liz Donakowski



Local Events for June, July and August

June:

- 10 Mason-Lake Conservation District Native Plant Sale 2 pm- 6 pm
- 10 Petunia Parade-Weeding Day
- 24 Petunia Parade-Weeding Day
- 28 AFFEW (Mason-Lake Conservation District Fall Tree Sale)

July:

- 1 Petunia Parade-Weeding Day
- 9 MCGC 21 Annual Garden Walk "A Bouquet of Gardens" 1 pm - 5 pm
- 15 Petunia Parade-Weeding Day
- 29 Petunia Parade-Weeding Day

August:

- 4&5 MCGC Standard Flower Show
- 12 Petunia Parade-Weeding Day
- 19 Manistee, Mason & Oceana County Household
Hazardous Waste & Pharmaceutical Collection 9 am- 2 pm
- 26 Petunia Parade-Weeding Day

Important Recurring Events:

Thursday, June 22 at 1:00

Refreshments & Business Meeting followed by program
Flower Show-"How to prepare a Horticulture Submittal"
Sharon Morman and Dawn Rollenhagen
Flower Show Co-Chairs, Landscape Design Consultants
Members, Mason County Garden Club

Sunday, July 9 from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

21st Annual Garden Walk
"A Bouquet of Gardens"

Important Recurring Events (cont.)

Thursday, July 27 at 1:00

Refreshments & Business Meeting followed by program

Field Trip

"Hobby Nursery & Shrub Propagation"

Tom & Patty Harmon

Retired Greenhouse/Garden Center Owners

Friday, August 4 and Saturday, August 5

"Days Gone By"

A Standard Flower Show

Sharon Morman, Chair

Tuesday, August 15 at 4:00 p.m.

Field Trip:

"Cherry Point Farm and Market"

Labyrinth & Afternoon Tea

Check your handbook for details.

Tuesday, August 22 at 11:30 am

Lunch at Old Hamlin Restaurant

Field Trip

"Hardscapes and Landscape Design"

By Larsen's Landscaping,

Pentwater Garden Club

Check your handbook for details

Thursday, August 24 at 1:00 pm

Refreshments & Business Meeting

Followed by Workshop

"Herb Wreaths"

Instructors, Sue Ann Hanson & Julie Tews

(designed by Peaches Throckmorton)





Members Birthdays:

June:

7 Diane Nemitz
23 Barb Scherer

July:

1 Judy Lehtinen
5 Christine Schulte
9 Marilyn Austin
12 Melinda Dougherty
17 Carolyn Plaszenski
24 Julie Vanderwater

August:

No Birthdays



Members Who Have Been Ill:

Karen Oele

Joan Nelson

Mary Margaret Scanlon

Save The Date
 21st Annual Garden Walk
 "A Bouquet of Gardens"
 Presented by: Mason County Garden Club



Sunday, July 9, 2017
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Ticket Price: \$10.00

Tickets can be purchased at the Cartier Mansion, Cole's Antiques, Orchard Market, The Giving Tree Garden Center, from any Garden Club Member and at the featured gardens on Garden Walk Day. For more info: Contact Sue Hanson (Garden Walk Chairman) at (331) 425-3119 or via e-mail at suehanson1325@gmail.com.

22 Perennials that Like Shade

 Anemone	 Bleeding Heart	 Bruniera	 Sedum
 Campanula Bellflower	 Columbine	 Epimedium	 Yellow Cordalis
 Gardenia	 Hellebore	 Hosta	 White Trillium
 Hydrangea	 Japanese Painted Fern	 Lamium	 Sticky Jerusalem Sage
 Lily of the Valley	 Lungwort	 Lychins Flower	By Homestratosphere.com
			

19 Perennials that Like SUN

 Artemisia	 Bearded Iris	 Beardtongue	 Helianthus
 Chrysanthemum	 Yellow Coneflowers	 Cockflowers	 Lavender
 Coreopsis	 Daisy	 Delphinium	 Hibiscus
 Dianthus	 Echinacea	 Gaillardia	 Lobelia
 Salvia	 Sedum	by Home Stratosphere www.homestratosphere.com	
			





Spring Plant Exchange:

Dawn Rollenhagen notes the success of our annual Spring Plant Exchange and White Elephant Sale, Saturday, May 13th: "Our Plant Exchange and White Elephant Sale was very well represented and we had a nice day. Many different plants were brought in and exchanged for new ones. Big thanks to all the members who helped and/or contributed to the Spring Plant Exchange! Plant Exchange committee --outstanding organization and planning and great job! Thank you to the many members who were there all day! We had a little rain but most of the day was lovely and we made a lot of people happy with their "new" plants." Thanks to Gwen Jackson and Diane Davis, Chairman and Co-Chairman.



Petunia Parade Planting:

We were blessed with a crew of 17 volunteer petunia planters including 2 husbands. The beds had been raked and cleaned, marked with planting holes, and sticks indicating where to plant each color. The petunias began arriving just before 8:30. We distributed them along the avenue and our many workers 'dug in' and had them planted before 9:00. What an amazing team of planters. When we were finished, most of us crossed the street to help the new team captain who only had one additional worker. Our wonderful members helped clean the beds, mark the holes, plant the petunias, clean up the trays and weeds, etc. When we finished, coffee and snacks provided by the Schnitkers, Sue Joslin and me were enjoyed on the porch of the mansion. Thank you SO much to all who helped in any way. The weather cooperated and rain is in the forecast for later in the day. Our thirsty little petunias will be off to a good start. The first official weeding day is Saturday, June 10th. I'll be in touch with our weeding committee to see what day that week works best for weeding."

Deb Gundersen, Committee Chairman



Field Trip to Federik Meijer Gardens:

Thirty Garden Club members attended the Frederik Meijer Garden tour and were awed and amazed at the magnificent sculptures and gardens in the huge green houses and outside. There is a garden to suit all tastes, from a beautiful Japanese Garden to the English Cottage Garden. This is a trip well worth seeing. We just missed the butterflies. I took a picture of the floor because it was so unique, the designer used cast copper designs, 1700 of them all different and they were laid into the floor and then finish poured on top and then sanded down to show the copper designs. Our tram ride was around the gardens to all the statues and our Docent described each sculpture and who made it. The most impressive was the magnificent horse







WORST WINTER WEEDS – HAIRY BITTERCRESS

By Toni Leland, March 6 2014 (Appeared in Dave's Garden)

Spring is in the air, little green things are popping up all over, and we all heave a sigh of relief that the blanket of white stuff is finally gone. But beneath the snow that stopped everything in its tracks lurks a hardy, robust little puff of tiny green leaves that virtually grows before your eyes.

Call it what you will- hairy cress, popping cress – *Cardamine hirsute*- is a weed that tries the most forgiving gardener's patience. Growing worldwide (except in the Antarctic,) this genus of the Brassicaceae family numbers more than 150 species, both annual and perennial. The plant is self-pollinating and in bloom throughout the year. It loves moist soil and grows aggressively under those conditions. As the snow melts, tiny white, pink or lavender flowers begin to appear. Yes, flowers. This tenacious weed is short-lived, which is good, you say. A life cycle of 6 weeks doesn't seem like such a big deal. Think again – how many 6-week cycles are there in a year?

One of the biggest problems with bittercress is that, by the time you discover you have a problem, it's almost too late to do anything about it. The first flowers appear in late February or early March, quickly form seed pods, and mature. If you touch these trigger-happy seed pods, it's all over – the pods explode, distributing seeds over an area up to 36 inches around each plant. Those seeds will germinate and begin sprouting within a few days and the cycle begins again, only over a larger area. Small to medium size plants produce about 600 seeds, and larger plants can yield up to 1,000 seeds.

Hairy bittercress is not invasive enough to warrant using herbicides. As soon as new plants appear in February or March, begin pulling them; these are the offspring of the previous fall's seed crop. Through the season, always pull the seedlings when you see them; they have shallow roots and come away quite easily; however, bits of root left behind are capable of re-rooting under optimum conditions. The key is to get the plants before they set seed, which happens quickly after blooming. Eradicating this weed from large areas is almost impossible, unless you can ow and remove. Keeping bittercress out of the flower beds is a little easier, but requires diligent hand-weeding to stay ahead of the seed formation. The leaves release a pungent aroma when bruised.

Hairy bittercress is a problem in greenhouses and nurseries, so be sure to clear off the top 2 to 3 inches of soil before planting anything you purchase. Scoop the soil into a plastic bag and discard. Keep a close watch on newly planted containers, especially those that are positioned near flower beds. The propulsion factor of bittercress seeds can sneak new plants into your containers while you aren't looking. Hairy bittercress is a real problem near flagstone patios or walks, brick work, or any hard-scaping that has space between the pieces. This weed does not need much to set down roots – even a small amount of sand between two bricks is plenty. As mentioned before, at least the seedlings are easy to pull.

We enjoy bringing the newsletter to our wonderful members. Suggestions are always welcome and appreciated. Please send Vi articles, photos, or even your favorite recipe!

Don't forget to visit our Website at www.masoncountygardenclub.org. It's really nifty and Sue Ann Hanson keeps it updated so that information is always current. Recommend it to your friends if they want to see a bit more about our club.

See You Soon, Vi, Diane D and Sue Ann



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