

# Grass Roots Column

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Lakeshore Garden Masters Gardening Club

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It has been a pleasure to serve Lakeshore Garden Masters lately, as we have a very active board that has lots of ideas. Just look through this newsletter and you will find that we are no longer having five meetings a year. We thought that with the expanded meetings we would have a more cohesive club.



To start out the new year with our March meeting, we are doing something very exciting. We will be meeting at Garden Crossings Nursery in Zeeland on Monday the 28th as a group. You will see from the enclosed write-up that we will be planting our own large planter only to have the nursery care for the plants in their greenhouse for several-months, and then we can stop by in May to pick up our planter. We will have time allotted for instruction and lots of time to visit with our fellow gardeners.

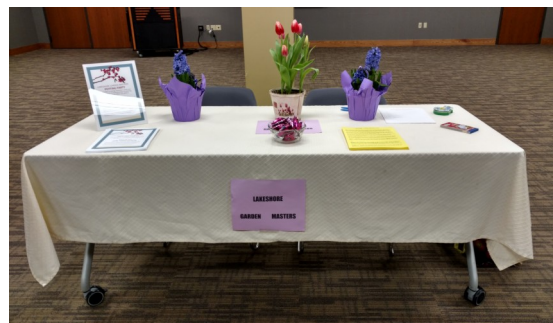
See you soon,

Rick Peters, President

## Note from the Membership Committee

Dave and I are happy to report the Meet and Greet in Ottawa County was a huge success! We had roughly twenty people attend all of whom had many questions. We had people from the Tri Cities Garden Club as well that are of course curious about us and interested as well. I had twenty applications for new members and ran out. They all loved the idea of the Potting Party. They all agreed that the Ottawa County gardeners were left in the dust when MSUE reorganized and were glad to know of us. Thanks to everyone that helped make this a success!

Susan Thorpe



Welcoming table at the meet and greet in Ottawa county

## LGM Purpose

The purpose of the Lakeshore Garden Masters is to bring together gardeners for fellowship, plant exchange, educational programs, and support for volunteer garden projects.

## Exciting March Meeting

**March 28**—“Potting Party” at *Garden Crossings Nursery, 4902 96<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Zeeland, MI*. Heidi, Garden Crossings owner, will guide you in designing your beautiful spring pot or hanging basket by planting beautiful annuals, fillers and spillers. She will care for it in her greenhouse until mid-May when you can pick it up. Cost is \$20 per person. Bring an item for a “finger food” potluck at the greenhouse along with a chair. Space is limited so reserve space with Susan Thorpe at [holbox04@gmail.com](mailto:holbox04@gmail.com) by March 15. Meeting starts 6 PM.

## Calendar of Events

**March 28**—LGM meeting at Garden Crossings (see above)

**April 25**—“Surviving Your Garden” with speaker Carol DeVries at the *VFW — 1061 Witham Road, Muskegon*

**May 23**—“Monet Garden Spring Perk Up”  
Monet Garden at *470 W. Clay, Muskegon*

**June 27**—“Hostas and More!” Meet at Kay Anderson’s, *10338 Rich Street, West Olive, MI*

**July 25**—“Phenology” (the relationship between climate, insects and plant life) by Elly Maxwell, Entomologist for Dow Gardens. Meet at *White Lake Library*

**July 25-Aug. 5**—The [2016 Michigan Garden Plant Tour](#). For more information on the tour, visit the [Michigan Garden Plant Tour](#) website.

**August** - To Be Announced!

**September 26**—“Autumn at Howmet Woodland Garden” This is a chance for all members and guests to experience another of our community garden projects.

**October 24**—“Tulips” with Master Gardener, David Van Heest. At *VFW — 1061 Witham Road, Muskegon*

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**Alcoa-Howmet Woodland Garden**—Open

## Plant Exchange Rules

1. Bring a plant; take a plant
2. Bring healthy plants with no disease or insects attached!
3. Label everything
4. Put seeds/bulbs in a zip-lock or
5. envelope
6. Bring plants in a sturdy container; plus a container to take home plants
7. New LGM members are encouraged to participate.



## Monet Garden Update and Schedule

It looks like spring may come early this year, or is mother nature just playing games with us? I'm looking forward to another great year at the Monet. Please join us at least once this summer if that is all you can do. Also, feel free to work anytime if the scheduled dates and times don't work for you. You can always email, text, or call me anytime. 231-557-6317. Here is the work schedule for this year. I may schedule a session sooner than April 21. I'll see what the weather is like, hard to work down there if it's too muddy.

Linda Hecksel, Monet Garden Chairperson

**April 21** 5:00-8:00

**May 3** 10:00-1:00

23 5:00-1:00

**June 7** 10:00-1:00

23 4:00-8:00 – Group meeting at the garden

**July 5** 10:00-1:00

21 5:00-8:00

**Aug 9** 10:00-1:00

25 5:00-8:00

**Sept 6** 10:00-1:00

22 5:00-8:00



A beautiful splash of color at the Monet Garden in early summer.

## 2016 Michigan Garden Plant Tour

The annual tour will be July 25-Aug. 5, 2016. Please mark those dates in your 2016 planner. For more information on the tour, visit the [Michigan Garden Plant Tour](#) website.

## Lakeshore Garden Master Dues

Dues for the Lakeshore Garden Masters organization are due yearly from January 1-December 31. They may be prepaid at the October meeting or paid at the March meeting. Cost of the dues is \$15.00. Late dues should be mailed to:

Joe Hill  
1060 Horton Road  
North Muskegon, MI 49445-1947



## 2016 Master Naturalist Supplemental Class

### Frogging for Michigan Amphibians

Saturday, May 7, 2016 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM

**Butterflies, Caterpillars & Moths- getting them to stay instead of flying by**  
Saturday, July 23, 2016 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM

### Great Lakes Issues and Ecology

Saturday, August 20, 2016 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM

### ID That Tree!

Saturday, August 27, 2016  
8:00 AM to 12:30 PM

**TO REGISTER Please visit this secure website:**

**http://  
events.anr.msu.edu/2016KentMNAT/**

Mail to:

MSU ANR Events Services / Master Naturalist

Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture  
446 W. Circle Drive, Room 11  
East Lansing, MI 48824

**Questions?** Contact Ginny Wanty at (616) 632-7873 or [wanty@anr.msu.edu](mailto:wanty@anr.msu.edu)

**Lakeshore Garden Masters  
General Membership Meeting  
VFW Hall, North Muskegon MI  
October 26, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Judy Jett at the VFW Hall in North Muskegon MI at 6:30pm on Monday, October 26, 2015.

**Treasurers Report:** presented by Marsha Green and prepared by Joe Hill

Huntington Bank Balance as of 10/2/2015: \$3016.68/Monet Garden portion: \$48.02

10/23 Deposit-Donations In Memorium to Arla Decker: \$1080.00

10/23 Deposit Paver purchase: \$50.00

10/23 Check to Linda Hecksel Monet supplies: \$47.89

Cash to Marsha Green for "strong backs" Monet Garden: \$100.00

Monet Garden corrected portion: \$1030.13/LGM portion: \$2968.66

Check to Gregory Dunn "Garlic" Honorarium: \$100.00/LGM corrected portion: \$2868.66

**Monet Garden:** Three pear trees have been removed from the side of Florence Bright's house. The pond is closed and trees have been trimmed on the driveway side of the garden. Denise Thompson has an organic cleaner for the pond. Papyrus in the pond did great. The garden has been trimmed back. Orange paint has been applied on plants that will be removed. Also string has been tied on some plants that will be removed. Some roses will be removed and replaced.

Barbie Lathrop made a motion to engrave Arla Decker's name on a rock and Denise Thompson seconded that motion.

Engraved pavers were found at the MSU extension office in Muskegon. Speaker system at the Monet Garden has a short and the fuse/circuit breaker has been removed.

Types of replacement roses for the Monet were discussed and the Monet Garden Book will be reviewed.

**Howmet Garden:** Dave Lowder reported that four work sessions were held at the Howmet Garden this summer; 2 in August and 2 in September. The work sessions went well and the garden has been cut back; four or five people attended each session. Dave and his Dad replaced rotting wood in the shed and repainted it. The irrigation is off. Barbie Lathrop made a motion to reimburse Dave Lowder for his expenses at the Howmet Garden and Marsha Green seconded that motion. The shed may have termites and a termite inspection will be made.

**New Membership Committee:** Barbie Lathrop made bookmarks containing information about our LGM group. Dave Lowder, Barbie Lathrop and Allyson Clawson delivered the bookmarks to Garden Centers to distribute to their customers. Jean Freye suggested that bookmarks be left at the White Lake Library.

**Membership:** Barbie Lathrop announced that we have 35 active members and she would like someone to assume her duties on the New Membership Committee. Susan Thorpe volunteered to join that group.

**New Business:** The Community Garden at the County Building has been dissolved and Denise Thompson asked the group about their interest in a Community Garden at the Laketon Township Hall and she will speak to Laketon Township officials about establishing a Community Garden on site.

**October Program:** Gregory Dunn, Organic Produce Farmer and Urban Gardener from Coopersville, MI presented "Garlic - Organic Production". It was a fascinating talk about planting, growing and harvesting garlic. He presented each member present with an heirloom garlic bulb to plant in our own sunny gardens. A delicious pot luck was enjoyed by our members and Vice President Judy Jett adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted on October 26, 2015 by:

Rita Ann Wright, Recording Secretary

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**April 25- "Surviving Your Garden"** with speaker Carol DeVries at the *VFW - 1061 Witham Rd. Muskegon, MI.* Carol is an Advanced Master Gardener, and past president of Grand Valley Daylily Society. Carol will tell us how our garden should not make a wreck out of us! She will open her bag of tricks in this power point presentation to learn what she has discovered that helps make maintenance of our gardens less of a chore. Bring potluck dish to pass, beverage and table setting. Meeting starts 6 PM.

**May 23- "Monet Garden Spring Perk Up"** Monet Garden at *470 W. Clay Street, Muskegon.* This is a chance for all members and guests to experience our community garden project. Arrive at 4PM and work until 6PM. Bring a dish to pass and Brats on the Bar-B-Que will be provided. Bring gloves, garden utensils, chair, table setting, and beverage. Work session will continue after dinner.

**June 27- "Hostas and More!"** Meet at Kay Anderson's, *10338 Rich Street, West Olive, MI* to see this spectacular garden. Kay has been on the National Hosta Tour and cultivates a huge number of plants of all types in an extensive garden setting. Bring a dish to pass for our potluck along with your table setting, beverage and a chair. We can car pool at the Hile and Harvey Park and Ride for those living to the north. Meeting starts 6 PM.

**July 25 – "Phenology"** (the relationship between climate, insects and plant life) by Elly Maxwell, Entomologist for Dow Gardens. Meet at *White Lake Library, 3900 White Lake Drive, Whitehall, MI.* This meeting will also be a membership drive for prospective new members. Bring a generous "finger food potluck" dish to share and beverage. Meeting starts at 6 PM.

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**October 24 – "Tulips"** with Master Gardener, David Van Heest. At *VFW – 1061 Witham Road, Muskegon, MI.* Who eats tulip bulbs? You will be surprised to learn this as well as growing tips, tulip history and more! Bring a dish to pass for our potluck along with your table setting and beverage. Meeting starts 6 PM.



## LAKESHORE GARDEN MASTERS **POTTING PARTY**

At Garden Crossings Nursery! Create your own spring pot or hanging basket by planting beautiful annuals, fillers and spillers!

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**MARCH 28, 2016**

**6 PM AT GARDEN CROSSINGS  
4902 96<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, ZEELAND, MI**

Cost is \$20 for non-members of LGM, \$10 for members. Bring a finger food potluck dish to pass, a beverage, table service and chair for yourself. Heidi, Garden Crossings owner, will guide you in designing your beautiful pot and will care for it in her greenhouse until mid-May when you can pick it up.

To reserve your space call Susan Thorpe at 248-310-2312 for details! If interested in carpooling to this event designate at reservation.