



# Grass Roots Column

## A Publication of Lakeshore Garden Masters

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### Fall Gardening Plans:

As the summer winds down and we prepare our gardens for a long, cold sleep, I am saddened by the fact that another season has come and nearly gone. But am already prowling my garden beds and making long range decisions about where to move those overgrown perennials; what plants need to be moved because a tree was removed and what was once a shady spot is now sunny; what new plant or shrub can I make room for; planning a hedge that will keep our new dog (not yet rescued, but working on this) in the yard instead of a fence. So much is still to be done when the canning and freezing of vegetables is completed. I always plant more than I need and while my neighbors enjoy my bounty, I still have plenty for the freezer and shelf.



- I looked for some tips to share with you and find myself coming back to the same tried and true ones: Before I start a major digging project I sharpen my shovel. Quite easy using a stone or file to create a clean edge that is a breeze plunging into the soil. Really helps make the job easier!
- Discarding old pots that have become faded, chipped or just the wrong color palette. Pots make a huge difference when they are bright colors! Many are on sale in the fall so I stock up for next spring.
- Planning which plants come back indoors to live with me while the snow flies. Each year I try a new herb indoors and usually some other plant that I simply can't part with makes it to the indoor list also. This year it will be my beautiful Mandevilla. She produced heavily all summer long! Called Apricot, this plant usually comes in beautiful pinks as well!

So goodbye to summer with many fond memories!

Susan Thorpe,  
LGM President,



## 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.

## September at the Orchard!

**September 24** – at **Gavin Apple Orchard**, 16495 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Coopersville, MI. Meet at 10 AM for a tour of the orchard and the operations there. (See Pg. 4 for more information.)



## October in Grenada, Spain

**October 22 Meeting** – at **AMG Developments**, Election of Officers and Awards for LGM. Followed by presenter Marsha Green: Visiting the **Gardens of**



**El Alhambra** in Grenada, Spain. (See Pg. 4 for more information.)

## Calendar of Events

**September 4** - Monet Garden 5 PM-8 PM  
**September 14,15** - Master Gardener College  
**September 20** - Monet Garden 10 AM-1 PM  
**September 24** – LGM meeting at Gavin Apple Orchard (See pg. 4)  
**October 2**- Monet Garden - 5 PM-8 AM  
**October 18** – Monet Garden - 10 AM-1 PM  
**October 22** - LGM Meeting at AMG 6 PM (See pg. 4)

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## Plant Sharing Rules

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



## Monet Garden Fundraising Campaign Update by Susan Thorpe



In June, our leadership team met to discuss the big ticket needs for the Monet Garden that could not be completely covered by our endowment fund at the Muskegon Community Foundation. I have learned much since then about endowments and how they work. I learned that our endowment is currently around \$18,000 and was started back in 2000 when the garden began with generous donations from The City of Muskegon, the Master Gardeners Association and many generous individuals that saw the vision of what is today a beautiful pocket garden. Of this \$18,000 we are only allowed to spend down to \$10,000 or we lose the endowment fund status. Hence, our current campaign is to raise a total of \$20,000 to replace the pathways in the garden with concrete, remove 2 medium sized trees and upgrade the pond with surrounding stones that are glued down.

This year already we have replaced boards on the bridge and power washed it and painted the rose arbors thanks to our very dedicated volunteers. A big thank you to each of you!

As of this writing our campaign is just two months old and we have received \$2950 in donations directly to our endowment fund through the Muskegon Community Foundation. Our **GoFundMe** page has raised over \$500! We are very excited to see this great jump start to the campaign and wish to continue this pace toward our goal of \$20,000.

We need the help of everyone in the club and their friends, co-workers, or neighbors to accomplish our goal. Please consider making this a priority in the coming months. Giving through the Foundation is tax-deductible for those of you looking to create a nice deduction on your 2018 taxes.

## Non-minutes of the July meeting

There was no official meeting. Eleven members and guests of Lakeshore Garden Masters toured the *Lavendar Labyrinth and the Sensory Garden* at the Cherry Pointe Farm in Shelby. The weather was misty and overcast (one of few this summer) but the members thoroughly enjoyed the visit and information provided to the group. A delicious lunch was had by all on the grounds in a lovely restaurant on the farm. Finally, on the list was shopping for all kinds of interesting items and yummy looking foods in the quaint farm market.



Don't forget to check FACEBOOK for both the Lakeshore Garden Masters page and also the Monet Garden page. Feel free to post on these pages and share with interested friends.



### Hello From The Garden!

It's looking better all the time down here. We've been digging out lots of things that either don't belong in the garden or we have way too many of. We've removed day-lillies, black eyed susans, phlox, and of course weeds. We've cleared space out around many things so they can have a chance to grow and thrive. We found a lovely hydrangea buried in the middle of one section that I don't think anyone has seen in years! We have the perfect spot to move it once it is done blossoming.

There are more plants that need to be removed too, but we can only accomplish so much in a work session. I want to thank those of you that have come out to work, either at a scheduled session or on your own, when those sessions don't fit into your schedule. I know who I can count on, and you know who you are.

I'm sure everyone knows by now we are raising money to get some things updated at the garden. The biggest project is the walkways. They need some tender loving care. The bridge needs some work as well and the Monet Garden sign. We hope to remove a few trees this fall and replace some.

If you haven't been down there for awhile you should make an effort to do so. Things aren't perfect and there may be a few spaces that need to be filled, but it's come a long way! Thanks to every one who has helped!

See you at the garden!  
Linda

### Monet Garden Work Schedule for 2018

**September 4**-Monet Garden 5 PM-8 PM

**September 20**-Monet Garden 10 AM-1 PM

**October 2**- Monet Garden-5 PM-8 AM

**October 18**-Monet Garden-10 AM-1 PM

Email Linda Hecksel for more information or if you want to work at other times  
hecksel@aol.com

### 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:

Sharon Rubelman  
1599 N. Peterson Rd  
North Muskegon, MI 49445



### Lakeshore Garden Master Membership

Lakeshore Garden Masters' organization is open to anyone who enjoys gardening. Meetings are once a month and open to members and guests. The get-togethers usually include a potluck, a short business meeting, and a speaker with timely information that pertains to gardens and gardening. Lakeshore Garden Master members also maintain the Monet Garden in downtown Muskegon.

### Membership Information

Please Print Clearly

New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewing Member \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Dues \$15.00 for Year \_\_\_\_\_ Paid in Cash Paid By Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Dues Received By \_\_\_\_\_

Can also mailed to: **Sharon Rubelman 1599 Peterson Rd. North Muskegon, MI 49445**



## LAKE SHORE GARDEN MASTERS 2018 Calendar of Events

Dues \$15.00/year or \$5.00/event as guest

Lakeshoregardenmasters.org

Contact: Susan Thorpe 248-310-2312



**September 24** – at **Gavin Apple Orchard**, Monday, September 24th our meeting is at Gavin Apple Orchard, 16495 40th Avenue, Coopersville. We will meet there at 10:00 AM for a guided tour of the orchard and the operations there. This orchard is not set up for Pick Your Own apples, due to food safety standards. However, they do understand if a single apple is picked from a tree during the tour! They have a retail store to purchase fresh picked apples and will have numerous varieties of apples available.

We will have a pizza and beverages for lunch supplied by the club, so we will need an RSVP from everyone planning to join us for lunch at the orchard. Simply email Susan Thorpe at [holbox04@gmail.com](mailto:holbox04@gmail.com) or text 248-310-2312 your RSVP. Remember, guests are \$5.00 and members of LGM are free including lunch.



Carpooling available-meet at the Harvey St./Hile Rd. park and ride at 9:00 AM. We will leave by 9:15 AM

**October 22 Meeting and Elections!** – at *AMG Developments, 800 Ellis Road, Norton Shores*. Meeting begins at 6 PM with Election of Officers and Awards for LGM. Followed by presenter Marsha Green, Master Gardener, **The Gardens of Alhambra**, in (Grenada) Spain. Potluck starts at 6:00 for everyone, please bring a dish to pass, your beverage and table setting. This is our last meeting of the year!

### Elections in October!

This is the time of year we begin to think of the future of the club and keeping our momentum going and growing! Part of this success is YOU! You are members of Lakeshore Garden Masters which makes each of you an integral part of the club. We can't be successful without you, your input, and your talent.

Please consider joining the leadership team to support LGM and its future. If you are interested to know what positions are open for the October elections, please contact our Nominating Committee which is Dave Mellema - [djmellema@msn.com](mailto:djmellema@msn.com) , Michael Belt - [michaelbelt@comcast.net](mailto:michaelbelt@comcast.net), and Dick and Barb Jorgensen - [bdgardens@outlook.com](mailto:bdgardens@outlook.com).



## Minutes from LGM Meeting

General Meeting Minutes of Lakeshore Garden Masters  
August 27, 2018

The August meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by President Susan Thorpe at AMG Developments. There were 14 people in attendance, including 1 guest.

The September meeting is at Gavin Apple Orchard, 16495 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Coopersville. We will meet at 10am for a tour of the orchard and their operations. Pick an apple to eat while touring! There will be a pizza lunch after, which is free for LGM members and \$5.00 for guests.

The October meeting will include elections for 2019 and a presentation by Marsha Green about gardens in Alhambra, Spain. Trustees will be working on nominating officers for next year.

Here is the Treasurer's Report as of 8/27/2018: The LGM checking account balance is \$3100.63. There was \$20.00 in income and \$71.85 of expenses since the June report. The Monet Garden Community Foundation account balance is \$216.23. There is \$191 of Monet Garden money in the LGM account.

Marsha Green said we purchased our domain name, [www.lakeshoregardenmasters.org](http://www.lakeshoregardenmasters.org), which will have to be renewed after 3 years.

Susan reminded the attendees to Like and Share our Lakeshore Garden Masters and Monet Garden Facebook pages. Jean Baker spoke about the Go Fund Me page which has generated \$510 in donations so far. Remember that donations given through the Community Foundation are tax deductible. The total amount given in 2018 through the Community Foundation is \$2950.

Two bids were obtained from concrete companies, \$10,000 and \$15,000. Muskegon City Manager, Frank Peterson, said city workers will remove the overgrown trees in the Monet Garden this fall. City workers may also be putting in footings for the pathways. This will be a big cost savings.

Come to the Monet Garden work sessions this fall. Plants need to be moved so concrete can be poured.

Susan introduced Jane Hart, Food Safety MSUE Educator. She gave an interesting and valuable presentation on home food preservation. We learned that we need to use research based recipes for freezing and canning foods. A USDA computer guide to home canning can be downloaded to your computer. A good website is Michigan Fresh [www.msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/mi\\_fresh](http://www.msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/mi_fresh)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Fiebelkorn, LGM Secretary



## **Monet Garden of Muskegon Receives Keep Michigan Beautiful Award**

*Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc.* annually recognizes programs and activities that substantially contribute to environmental improvement, clean up, beautification, site restoration and historical preservation in the state of Michigan.

Lakeshore Garden Masters has been selected to receive the *Michigan Award* for the 2018 year, after being judged by a panel of Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc. Directors.

The award will be presented at the annual KMB Luncheon in Frankenmuth, Michigan, in October.



*Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc.*

KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

Lakeshore Garden Masters, the caretakers of the Monet Garden of Muskegon since 2000, are undertaking several major renovations. Here are a few of the projects: resurfacing the garden paths to make them handicapped accessible and the removal of several large trees that have outgrown the garden.

We need your help to ensure the future of Monet Garden

### **Donate in any of three ways!**

#### **1. Mail tax-deductible check:**

Muskegon Community  
Foundation/Monet Garden Fund  
425 W. Western Avenue  
Muskegon, MI 49440

#### **2. Online tax- deductible donation:**

<http://muskegonfoundation.org/give/give-now/>

#### **3. go to our Go Fund Me page:** [https://www.gofundme.com/6924ux-help-](https://www.gofundme.com/6924ux-help-monet-garden-grow-amp-flourish)

[monet-garden-grow-amp](https://www.gofundme.com/6924ux-help-monet-garden-grow-amp-flourish)

[-flourish](https://www.gofundme.com/6924ux-help-monet-garden-grow-amp-flourish) (Go Fund Me search for - Help Monet Garden Grow & Flourish)



**Please share this with co-workers, business associates and friends!**

**Show us that you love the Monet Garden of Muskegon!**

## Obtaining Educational Credits

Hello gardeners! We have been working with MSUE on obtaining educational credits for our speakers at our meetings so that all of our current Master Gardeners can get the benefit of one credit hour when attending our meetings!

Also, Master Gardeners can obtain volunteer hours when working at the Monet Garden in Muskegon. Simply enter your hours on the VMS website from MSUE. If you are not familiar with this process, contact Susan Thorpe. Its really simple to do!

## Beautiful Hawk Moths Are Common In Michigan Gardens This Year

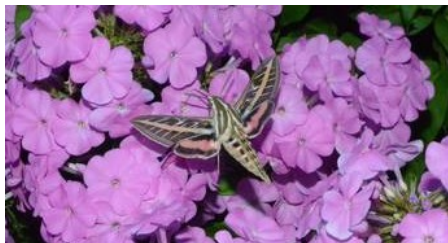
(MSU Extension) Author: Erwin Elsner

Two species of hawk moths, also known as sphinx moths, have been very numerous in Michigan flower gardens this year. Both of them are gifted fliers, able to hover like hummingbirds while they feed on the nectar of flowers with their long tubular mouthparts.

One is the called the **white-lined sphinx** (*Hyles lineata*). Their front wings are deep brown with grayish-borders, a wide cream band and several crisp white streaks. The hind wings have a broad pink band on a dark brown background. It is very hard to get a good look at the wings because the moths are almost always fluttering at a high speed. The body is light brown with white lines and spots of white and black, and much easier to see when they are hovering. The wing span of this moth varies quite a bit, from 1.75 to 3 inches.

The other species that has been common this summer is called the **hummingbird moth** (*Hemaris thysbe*). It flies only during the day and takes nectar while hovering at flowers. This one is smaller, rarely more than 1.5 inches in wing span. The wings are partially clear, only the margins are covered with dark scales.

The body hair is a deep golden shade, sometimes with greenish hues, and there are patches and tufts of black hair; it actually looks a lot like a large bumblebee, but its fast darting and hovering abilities makes it look like a small hummingbird. This species also feed on the nectar of many different flowers.



White-lined sphinx adult.  
Photo by Duke Elsner, MSU Extension.

A humming-  
bird sphinx  
caterpillar  
and adult.

Photos by Duke  
Elsner and  
Mark Long-  
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Extension.



White-lined sphinx caterpillar.  
Photo by Duke Elsner, MSU Extension.





# MONET GARDEN, MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN PAVER PROJECT

**Don't miss out—there are only a few bricks left for purchase and engraving.  
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Paver one


Paver two


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