

2015-2016 Annual Report



MGAWC PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION

The Master Gardener Association of Wayne County (MGAWC.org) is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to:

- Distributing current research-based gardening information
- Increasing environmental awareness
- Promoting gardening activities
- Supporting volunteerism

MGAWC seeks to reach increasing numbers of gardeners in Wayne County and southeast Michigan with quality activities at accessible locations and convenient times, offered free or at affordable rates.

THANKS, UM-D EIC for hosting our meetings throughout the year, as well as providing educational programs to our group and the public.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

MGAWC's fiscal year runs from October 1 to September 30

October 2015

Holly Vaughn, Wildlife Outreach Technician - Gardening for the birds

November 2015

Orin Gelderloos, PhD - Mysteries of Madagascar

December 2015

Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet

January 2016

Gail Morrell, Professional Gardener, - Garden Tools

February 2016

Pam Fiani, designs commercial and residential gardens and landscapes - Eight Months of Color

March 2016

Roy Prentice, MSU Tollgate Farm Manager - Maple Syrup Magic

April 2016

Dean Krauskopf, Ph D - Annual Spring Opener for Gardening

May 2016

Kyle Kandilian - Planting for Pollinators

June 2016

Gerry Wykes, Interpretive American and a Renaissance man - *A Beaver Tale: The Castors of Conners Creek*

Wholesale Shopping at Christensen's Plant Center

September 2016

Holly Vaughn Joswick, Wildlife Outreach Technician with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Migratory Bird Treaty

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BOARD MEMBERS

Valerie Maczko
President, Hospitality

Hans Neuroth
Vice President, Grants

Lynda Neuroth
Board Secretary

Tonja Nudi
Treasurer, *Let's Go*
Gardening, E-mail
Distribution Lists

Jackie Stengel
Monthly Programs,
Facebook Page

Hans Neuroth
Grants

LeRoy Wolff
Let's Go Gardening



THANKS, MGAWC VOLUNTEERS for donating valuable time, talent, energy, expertise, contacts and out-of-pocket expenses to various community projects this year.



GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Grants:

State of Michigan Non-Game Wildlife fund \$100

University of Michigan –EIC \$100

Henry Ford Estate \$500

Henry Ford Village \$300

Burnside Farm \$100



2015/2016 MEMBERSHIP

We finished the year with 84 members, including **twenty five** people from a MG training class.



MGAWC MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Members meet on the second Thursday evening of most months at the Environmental Interpretive Center (EIC) in the northwest corner of the University of Michigan-Dearborn (UM-D) campus.

- 7:00 to 7:30 p.m., Networking
- 7:30 to 8:00 p.m., Activity Announcements
- 8:00 to 9:00 p.m., Educational Program by Guest Speaker

Parking is permitted on the third tier (visitors parking) of the parking structure. There is a \$.50 fee per hour for parking before 7:00 p.m.



Our board members need your input in the coming year to help them develop activities and direct the future of MGAWC.

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MORE INFO ON VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

For information on the all-volunteer Master Gardener Association of Wayne County, MGAWC volunteer efforts in the community, or becoming a member:

ACTIVITY CHAIRS

Marion Harris
Scholarships,
Stewardship Saturdays,
*Growing with Master
Gardeners*
Conference Database

Master Gardener Association of Wayne County
22930 Nowlin, Dearborn, MI 48124

info@mgawc.org

Margot McCormack
Membership,
Garden Walk, Trips



Vacant
Hospitality

GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Elaine Weider
Historian

The endowment fund for long-term support of grants and scholarships, initially established with \$10,000, has grown to \$16,516. According to bylaws, the principal cannot be touched without membership approval. Interest generated from this fund will be used to subsidize future grants and scholarships.

Vacant
Speakers Bureau

Nancy Kaczynski
Grow.Info Newsletter
*Growing with Master
Gardeners*



Heidi Neuroth
Web Site, mgawc.org

COST CONTROL AND INDEPENDENCE

With no paid staff or office, MGAWC has minimal overhead. The all-volunteer non-profit group is financially self-sufficient. MGAWC benefits from sponsorship by the Environmental Interpretive Center

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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- *GrowInfo* newsletter
- On-line info and resources of interest to area gardeners at www.mgawc.org
- Seasonal plant sales at wholesale nurseries
- Educational speakers and handouts at meetings
- Opportunities for volunteering and networking
- Network to support community programs that promote gardening activities
- Volunteer recognition that supports and encourages excellence in community programming
- E-mail alerts of upcoming activities
- Trips to gardens, flower shows and places of interest
- Membership directory
- Food, Fun and Fellowship

MGAWC AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Publish a quarterly newsletter to keep volunteers informed about community activities
- Offer college scholarships for students studying environmental or gardening subjects
- Review grant requests and provide grants to groups for projects supporting the MGAWC mission
- Hold an annual holiday party and awards ceremony
- Support and recognize volunteer excellence throughout the year
- Visit gardens and flower shows
- Sell reference books, gardening gloves and tools
- Answer questions at farmers markets and nurseries
- Conduct annual fall conference to educate gardeners
- Distribute information to garden clubs through members
- Tend demonstration gardens throughout the county including historical, children's and enabling gardens
- Contribute to community gardening and landscaping projects
- Provide quality speakers to interested groups

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