

2016-2017 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 2016

Kim Roth - Buyer at Christensen's Plant Center – Right Plant, Right Place

November 2016

Mary Spencer, Chef -Cooking with Flavored Vinegars

December 2016

Annual Volunteer Banquet

January 2017

Dean Krauskopf, Ph.D., on Questions Gardeners Should Ask

February 2017

John Hartig, Ph.D. – Bringing Conservation to Cities

March 2017

Orin Gelderloos, Ph.D. - Bird Migration & Navigation: The How & Why

April 2017

Gail Morrell, Professional Gardener – Learning from Past Gardening Experiences

May 2017

Drew Lathin, General Manager of Creating Sustainable Landscapes, LLC - The Beauty of Native Plants: Their Function in Supporting Wildlife in Urban and Suburban Landscapes

June 2017

Robert E. Grese, Director of UofM Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum
Wholesale Shopping at Christensen's Plant Center

July 2017

Dennis and Carole Groh - Visit Private Groh Gardens

September 2017

Dorothy McLeer, EIC Program Coordinator and Interpretive Naturalist - Fall Raptor Migration: A River of Raptors

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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



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:

University of Michigan –EIC (\$100)

Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum (\$100)



2016/2017 MEMBERSHIP

We finished the year with 62 members, including 32 Tollgate free members and 19 free members from the Belleville 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.

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



ACTIVITY CHAIRS

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

Margot McCormack
Membership,
Garden Walk, Trips

Vacant
Hospitality

Elaine Weider
Historian

Vacant
Speakers Bureau

Nancy Kaczynski
Grow Info Newsletter
Growing with Master Gardeners

Heidi Neuroth
Web Site, mgawc.org



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:

info@mgawc.org



GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The endowment fund for long-term support of grants and scholarships, initially established with \$10,000, has grown to **\$16,610**. 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.



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