

The Grapevine

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REMINDER

2008 Master Gardener Dues
\$8.00 per year



SPRING PLANT SWAP

MAY 10, 2008

10-11 am is for Master Gardeners only and 11 am-2 pm the general public. It will take place in the parking lot of the SCC Admin. Building at 200 Grand River Ave.

If you would like to volunteer or have questions call—Connie Rutkofske at

(810) 327-6183

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THOUGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Evelyn Carl

Greetings Master Gardeners:

Happy New Year to All!! If your Holidays were as busy as mine I'm sure your are all ready to take a breather and concentrate on all those new garden catalogues that are popping up in your mailboxes! What new plants will you try to grow this year?

The cookbook has gone to press! Thank you to Jan Shue, Ellen Burns, Charlene Kidd and Cassandra Hackstock for their concentrated efforts to wrap up a very big project. We probably won't have it in time for the Spring Seminar, but it will be available for sale at other projects.

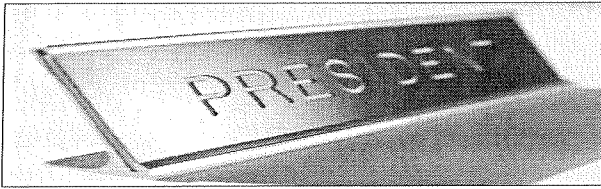
Speaking of other projects, a special Thank You to Linda Howard and Janice Messmer for their chairing of the School Grant Committee. Linda has informed me that she will step down this year as chairman, so if you were thinking of joining in on a project, one you can easily accomplish from home, please give me or the office a call.

Time sure flies when you are having fun!. Coming very soon is our Spring Seminar, Saturday, March 15th, featuring Tracey Di Sabato-Aust, Designing with Great Plants. Many of you picked up the flyers...now is the time to send in your registration. Tracey is nationally known and many of her articles appear in magazines such as Horticulture.

This is close to a home Educational hour opportunity.

This replaces our lecture series. Questions can be directed to Barb Haman at 810-367-6667 or

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What a way to spend a Saturday. gearing up for the coming season, and having lunch with your best gardening buddies, and shopping!

Please remember to fill out your annual membership renewal form and mail in your dues if you have not already done so. Forms will be available at the next meeting, Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the county building. Many of our projects depend on your membership dues. At only \$8.00 a year, membership keeps you connected to all the projects and opportunities that come through the MG office. Fulfilling your obligation for 15 volunteer hours is very easy when you stay connected. Remember, coming to MG meetings now counts toward your volunteer hour commitments!

Also, do you have a passion for a specific area in the garden...would you like to share your passion with us? We are looking for MG's to expand our horizons, so consider sharing a talk with us at a meeting. All the time you spend researching and compiling your information can be used for your MG hours as well. If I can go on TV and promote the Garden Tour...you can get up in front of a group of your friends and share your ideas. Who knows...maybe we will someday design a seminar around you.

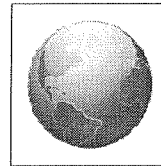
Evelyn Carl

Presidents, SCCMMGA

MG NEWSLETTER

Please contact Julie Wallace with your articles, gardening tips, information about your favorite plants, or anything you think may be of interest to your fellow Master Gardeners.

jwallace@stclaircounty.org



EARTH FAIR

Master Gardener's Earth Fair Booth

This year's Earth Fair dates are April 18-19, Friday hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Projects will be the same as in the past—Beanie Baby necklaces, an Basil plant give away with growing instruction.

Volunteer Opportunities for the following times:

Four volunteers are needed for each session.

Friday, April 18th 11 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

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Saturday, April 19th 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 19th 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m....

(the last hour is for site clean-up and packing cars).

To sign up please call Laurie Dennis at

(810) 385-3289, or e-mail Lolo52@aol.com

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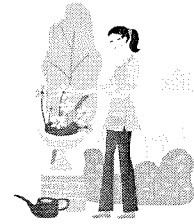


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SPRING EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

March 15, 2008



The Seminar will replace the Winter Lecture Series and will from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the **Cornerstone Church at 4025 North Road, Clyde, MI.**

Advanced tickets are \$70.00 After March 1st the cost will be \$80.00 at the door.

Reserve your box lunch on the registration form or leave to eat at a local restaurant.

Registrar: Barb Haman Phone: (810) 367-6667 E-mail: barbhaman@comcast.net

SPEAKERS

Tracy DiSabato-Aust will be the keynote speaker.

The Well Designed Mixed Garden

Sue Grubba: Senior Instructor—Michigan School of Gardening

Adding Vines to the Garden Palette

Steve Nikkila, Senior Instructor—Michigan School of Gardening

Michigan Natives in the Landscape

Rick Lazzell, Instructor—Michigan School of Gardening

Incorporating Hardscapes Harmoniously

Into Your Landscape

On the day of the "Gardening Workshop" (March 15th) we will be having a "Market Place", any MG's who would like to donate items for the booth such as a craft that you specialize in or some fun garden object that you have, (this is not going to be a used item table) but sometimes we get gifts or buy extra things and have them laying around, if you would like to donate an item please let me know, also we will be looking for volunteers to run that table between lectures. We will be setting up the night before between 5:00 and 7:00 pm., so you could bring the items then. Thank you so much, we will be having other vendors at this event so I need to know how much room we will need for our stuff. Thank you please contact me at 329-3722 or bloomin@4wbi.com

Lisa Sharrow