



# May 2024 Newsletter

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## President's Report

### Susan Absher

Calling all members! This is our busiest time of year. We're not only tending to our own gardens but need to give some of our time to the various activities taking place within our club. Remember to sign up when you are able to help with the

maintenance at Arthur's Park and the Senior Center. Hopefully, some digs will be lined up to gather plants for our sale. Of course, there's the Plant Sale and Garden Walk in June.

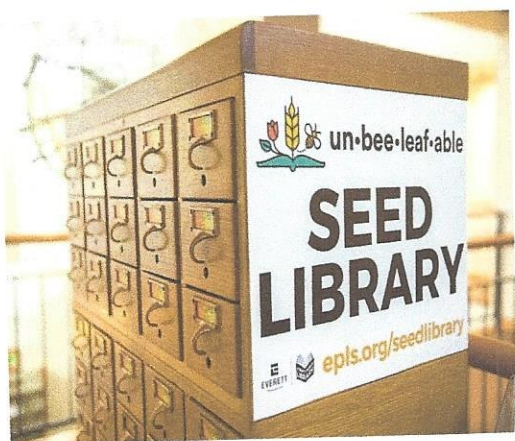
A special thank you goes out to Isabelle Davis for the two lovely centerpieces she made for tables at this year's Daffodil Days. Her work is stunning. You are truly gifted at flower arranging.

I received an estimate from Allegra to print a 4' x 6' banner with our logo to be displayed at the various events we will be hosting. The cost is approximately \$115. The banner will have 4 grommets on the top and 4 on the bottom for securing purposes. I don't want to wait until the next general meeting to vote. It will be cutting it close to our Plant Sale, especially this time of year, with printing orders for graduations, weddings, and the like. If you are opposed to this expenditure, please contact me by Monday, May 6. Otherwise, I will assume it meets with your approval.

It was brought to my attention after the Board Meeting that the MGC should consider replacing the street banner(s). Allegra cannot accommodate us on this project but Quicksilver Printing does have the machinery to produce such a banner. Inquires have to be made with Milford Village to learn of their specifications on size and fabric in order for this banner to be properly installed. Voting on the street banner(s) can take place at a meeting. It will most likely not be ready for the Plant Sale but with luck, one can be ready for the Garden Walk.

It was brought up at a Board Meeting that the MGC should consider providing programs for children at our library. Children's programs would serve two intentions. It would fulfill a Milford Branch Purpose that we clearly state in our yearbook: to create a greater interest in gardening... to provide horticultural education to our members and the community. This is a potential opportunity

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## May Meeting

**When:** Thursday May 9, @ 6:30 for social 1/2 hour, 7:00 pm meeting

**Where:** Milford Senior Center  
1050 Atlantic, Milford, MI

**Speaker:** Bevin Cohen

**Program:** Saving Seeds

**Milford Garden Club Established 1948**

**A member of the Michigan Division Woman's National Farm and Garden Association**

*Presidents Report continued*

to bring new and younger members to our branch. Perhaps if we create an interest in gardening to children of different ages, this enthusiasm we create in the children will be "cultivated" in their parents. I contacted Grace Bur who is Head of Youth & Teen Services at our library. She reached out to me the other day and was hoping we would collaborate with her and develop programs for the youth and/or teens in our community. I am hoping we can get some members to help her develop a program or two. This is a great opportunity for some of our members to be an active part of our branch when they can no longer contribute to the more physical aspect of the MGC such as our digs for the Plant Sale and garden maintenance for Arthur's Park and the Senior Center.

I truly hope we get some volunteers for this worthwhile project. Again, it is a collaboration with our library. You are not on your own. If you have an interest in participating in this collaboration, please contact me as soon as possible. Grace will be setting up the fall and winter programs for the youth and teens shortly.

Again, thank you for your help and assistance in making our garden club a wonderful organization.



**It's that time again** - Dues are \$30.00 for an individual or \$40.00 for a couple. Please make checks payable to Milford Garden Club. Dues are due May 31. You can pay your dues at the May meeting or mail them to \_\_\_\_\_



**We are so glad you have joined the Garden Club**

- Rekha & Mike Kostecke
- Judith Damm
- Amy Sonk



Jackie Swenson

### From the Editor

We need your help! To address your gardening needs and interests please send me any plant or garden topics or questions you would like to see covered in the newsletter. Thank you to everyone who sent news items and articles for this months newsletter. The deadline for the June newsletter is May 24. Please send your contributions to: \_\_\_\_\_

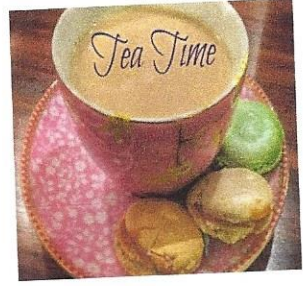
### Herbal Thyme

Welcome to the month of May!! This month is "All things Lemon". We will be discussing any lemon herb you can find and would like to learn about. Here are some ideas of lemon herb plants to discuss: Lemon verbena, Lemon mint, Lemon bergamot, Lemon basil, Lemon grass, Lemon thyme and we can also add back Lemon balm for those who weren't at our April meeting. If you have a recipe, craft or plant, seeds or would like to bring a yummy lemon herb food item to share please do. Bring your own drink. Food and drink are allowed in the community room at the Lilford Public Library where we meet. The date is Monday (second Monday), May 13, 2024 at 1 pm. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there. Herbally yours, Shelley Dale



### Tea Time

Isabelle Davis will be hosting Tea time in May. For information please contact \_\_\_\_\_



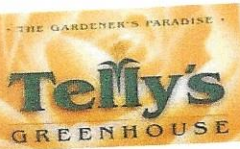
### Guy Time

We meet at the New Hudson Inn on Grand River just east of Milford Road, the fourth Wednesday of every month at noon. We cordially invite you to join us for a drink, a sandwich, and to help solve all the world's problems.



## Around Town and Beyond

100 Perennials no garden should be without May 2 \$10.00 For more Information Call Telly's 248-689-8735



Create a Pollinator Garden  
June 15 & 22 10am—11am  
Free All locations

Mothers Day Moss Basket May 4,  
10am-11am \$35.00



Urban Gardening May 18, 10am-11am  
\$35. For more details and to register

go to: [goldnerwalsh.com](http://goldnerwalsh.com)



## Native Plant Sale

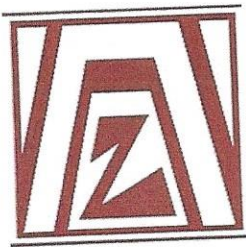
[BLUEHERONHEADWATERS.ORG](http://BLUEHERONHEADWATERS.ORG)

More than 100  
species for sale!

JUNE 1  
10 AM-4 PM

Neiman's Parking Lot  
7121 Dixie, Clarkston

Sale benefits the Blue  
Heron Headwaters  
Conservancy



The Zonta Club of Milford is holding a native plant sale at the Farmer's Market on Thursday, May 23 from 5-7. Michiganense Natives in Plymouth is providing the plants. They offer wildflower, grasses and sedges, shrubs,

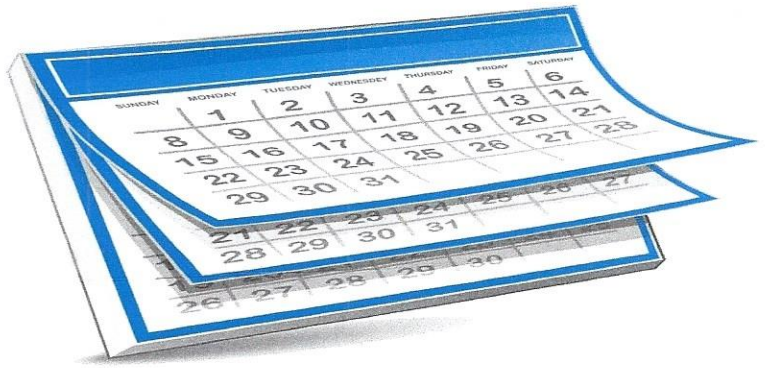
ferns, and aquatics. The website is

[www.mincigansenatives.com](http://www.mincigansenatives.com). You can see their affiliations and accreditations on their website. For more information contact Linda Smith.



Thursday May 16, 2024 from 8am to 2pm located at Meadowbrook Hall, 350 Estate Dr., Rochester MI. All perennials are donated and all proceeds benefit the gardens at Meadow Brook Hall. Cash or credit cards only. Open to all, just follow the signs.

Please call 248-364-6210 or email [MBGCmembers@gmail.com](mailto:MBGCmembers@gmail.com) for more information



## Dates to Remember

May 7, Clean up of Arthurs Park & Senior Center

May 8, Rain Day for Clean up

May 9, General Membership Meeting

May 13, Herbal Thyme, 1 pm @ Milford Public Library

May 16 - 19, WNFGA National Meeting, Hershey, PA

May 20, Board Meeting

May 22, Spring Council Meeting @ the Saginaw Art Museum

May 24, Deadline for June Newsletter

June 1, Annual Plant Sale

June 13, General Membership Meeting

June 17, Board Meeting

June 21 & 22, Annual Garden Walk

September 25, Fall Division Council Meeting

December 5, Holiday Party



**BOWERS**  
SCHOOL FARM  
BLOOMFIELD HILLS SCHOOLS

2024 Michigan Native Plant Sale

Join Bowers School

Farm and East Michigan Native Plants for their 2024 Michigan Native Plant Sale. They have a wide variety of grasses and wildflowers for purchase with some changes from last year.

Pre-order your plants today for pick-up in May. We are selling 2.5" junior sizes for \$5 each. The kits are a tray of 2.5" pot size with 32 plants and come with a design plan for \$99. Pick-up is on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 10am - 2pm during open barn. Visit Bowers Farm Website for more information. [www.schoolfarm.org](http://www.schoolfarm.org)

If you have seen anything in your garden or when wandering that you think would delight other gardeners please send pictures and description to me at: [Jacquelyn.swenson@gmail.com](mailto:Jacquelyn.swenson@gmail.com)

## 2023 - 2024 Committees

- Community Outreach: Sue Grifor
- Devine Raffle: Sheila Myers
- Email Distribution: Lisa Willard
- Facebook: Lisa Willard
- Field Trip Coordinator: Lisa Hill  
Linda Becker
- Garden Walk: Diane DeVincent & Karol LaHaie
- Garden Maintenance: Kathy Blackburn  
Janet Kinney
- Greeter: Barb Brennan
- Historian: Anna VanHyfte
- Holiday Party: Susan Absher & Nancy Nordin
- Hospitality Coordinator: Mike & Cindy Bauman
- Membership: Terri Hardick
- Mentoring: Diane Pearson
- Name Tags: Marion & Dale Benedict
- Newsletter: Jackie Swenson
- Plant Sale: Lisa Hill
- Scholarship: Linda Sturgeon
- Sunshine: Kathy Barker
- Tea Time Group: Mary McFarland
- Website: Sue Tompkins
- Yearbook: Brook Qualman
- WNF&GA (National): [www.wnfga.org](http://www.wnfga.org)
- WF&GA (Michigan Division): [www.michdivwhfga.org](http://www.michdivwhfga.org)



This is one of the two arrangements Isabelle Davis made for the Daffodil Days event on Belle Isle. Thank you Isabelle this is exquisite!



I was given these Bee Cups as a gift recently and look forward to using them in my gardens as watering stations for thirsty pollinators. They will collect a teaspoon of water for bees and each bee cup is handmade in small batches from colored porcelain and fired to 2000 degrees so that they are light safe and will never fade. For more information and fun Bee facts or to order visit [www.bee-cups.com](http://www.bee-cups.com)

Lisa Willard



## Spring Clean Up

Spring Clean up of Arthur's Park and Senior center May 7, 9 am. Rain date is May 8, 9 am. Thank you to everyone who signed up at the March meeting. We do need more volunteers. Please contact me if you can help.



Kathy Blackburn

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Thank you!

## Personal Notes

It has been suggested that we have a place to share special events/news with our gardening friends. If there is something going on in your life you would like to share let me know. \_\_\_\_\_



## Craft Club

The first meeting of the craft club will be in July after the Garden Walk. At this time I will just be writing down days and times from interested members to try to find a day that works for most who are interested. Please let me know if you are interested.



## NOT IN MY BACKYARD!!

My husband came to get me the other day asking me to identify a flowering plant he found growing in a part of the yard I hadn't worked in yet this spring. Oh my it was GARLIC MUSTARD!! In my yard!!

### Garlic Mustard: Invasive, Destructive, Edible

Garlic mustard was brought from Europe in the 1800's for herbal uses and erosion control. Garlic mustard has become a very troublesome invasive plant across the Northeast, Midwest and North-west of the United States. During the first



First year

year, garlic mustard leaves are rounder and take on a rosette formation at ground level. In their second year, the leaves grow up a flowering stem and become more triangular and heart-shaped with toothed edges. Small white four-petaled flowers emerge in the spring. Like many invasive species garlic mustard requires patience and persistence to get rid of.

Garlic mustard is a threat to the biodiversity of many ecosystems. This plant spreads its seeds in the wind and gains a foothold in fields and forests by emerging earlier in spring than many native plants. By the time native species are ready to



Second Year flowers

### Garlic Mustard Pesto

- 3 T garlic mustard roots
- 1 C garlic mustard leaves
- 3/4 C fresh parsley
- 1 c fresh basil
- 4 garlic cloves
- 1 1/2 C low sodium olives
- 2 C walnuts or pine nuts
- 1/2 C mellow miso
- 1 1/4 C olive oil or as needed



Finely chop the garlic mustard roots and garlic cloves in a food processor or by hand. Then add in finely chopped parsley, garlic mustard leaves and basil until you've created a course paste.

You may want to use less olive oil than what this recipe calls for—add in a little at a time until you have the consistency you like.

grow, garlic mustard has blocked their sunlight and out competed them for moisture and vital nutrients. Vigilance is key, as garlic mustard can sprout up even when you're sure that you've gotten rid of every last one.

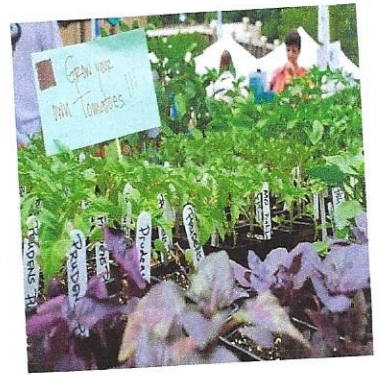
The best way to get rid of garlic mustard is manually:

- Try to pull the plants BEFORE they set seed, because the action of yanking the plant from the ground will spread the seed.
- A good time to pull garlic mustard is after it rains, when it's easier to get all or most of the long tap root.
- After you have pulled the plants, bag them up and throw them out with your garbage; DO NOT COMPOST!
- For more information, see THE USDA'S guide to the species.

This information came from an article published by The Nature Conservancy

# Calling all Garden Club Members!

## It's springtime and that means Plant Sale!!



I'm looking for members who need help thinning out their gardens, I'm also looking for friends, neighbors, local family members, church friends, etc. who have too many plants! We'll gladly take donations and/or we can schedule a dig at their house.

**If you or someone you know might be interested, please pass the info to:**

Lisa Hill (Garden Sale Chair)

We will be scheduling digs throughout May to prepare for the sale on June 1

Anyone needing pots can pick them up at my house, or that has post to donate can leave them at: 2385 Lerwick Lane, Milford they are next to the garage.

**Thank you!!**

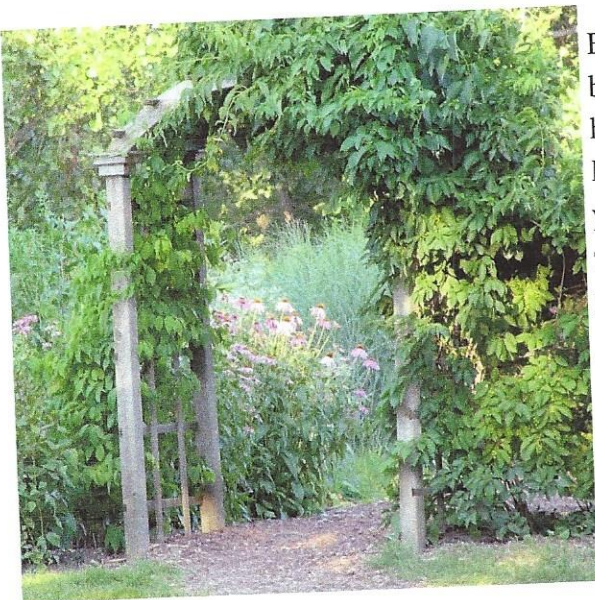
*Gardening involves the incredibly complicated alchemy of life, involving not just the plants and animals, but the entire cosmos and microcosm.*

Wolf D. Storl (1924- )

### Garden Walk June 21 & 23

Before you know it, the Garden Walk will be here. The committee has been busy getting all the details lined up for a successful walk. We have six beautiful yards lined up with a couple new twists for this year. New member Isabelle Davis will be showing her cut flower garden yard/business. In addition, Nancy Nordin is opening up her yard as a 7th stop showing a garden in process, along with a plant sale for the plants that are left over from the Plant Sale.

Of course, to make this a successful event we need VOLUNTEERS! Many have already stepped up in various capacities and we are very thankful for that, but many more are needed. Nancy Kay is handling the volunteer schedule for the event. Please consider giving us a few hours of your time. And as a perk for helping out you get an invitation to the Preview Party, where you get to visit all of the gardens and then



enjoy a meal back at Nancy's home.

Feel free to contact myself, \_\_\_\_\_  
help.

\_\_\_\_\_ if you would like to



Looking for  
Garden Related  
Donations  
For the  
Garden Market as  
part of our annual  
Plant Sale

If you would like to donate to the Garden Market we would LOVE to have your garden related donations.

- All items must be clean and in good repair
- No books please.

Because the market takes place in such a short period of time we would like to have all items inventoried and priced PRIOR TO SALES DAY. It is much too chaotic to price on the day of the sale. Therefore, we would like to view and price items at your house and have you deliver your donations to the site between 8 & 9:30 am the day of the sale. We can arrange to come and view/price at a mutually agreed time. Call or Text:

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# MINUTES

General Membership Meeting Milford Garden Club Date: April 11, 2024.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

President Absher Introduced new members and guests: Guests included Becky Franchock, Karen Bates and Linda Brown. New Members are Rick Koller, Debbie and Hal Johnson, and Isabelle Davis.

President Absher thanked Greeters and Hospitality hosts. Shelly Dale and Barb Amey and others who brought refreshments.

The General Membership Meeting Minutes dated March 14, 2024, were amended to correct that Nancy Nordin is not going to Hershey PA. Otherwise, the minutes were approved. President's report:

- There is now a clipboard with sign-up sheets for various events.
- Members are invited to the Saginaw Spring Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 22. Docents will describe the gardens. If people want to attend and ride share let Susan know.
- Five people so far are attending Daffodil Days held on Belle Isle on April 19.
- The holiday party date has been set for Thursday, December 5, 2024 at the Senior Center. The Sirens band will play once again.
- Anna is digitizing important documents so if you have any hard copies or ones you have digitized, give them to her.
- Susan attended a President's Meeting and learned that Bloomfield Hills members pay \$100 membership dues - and they don't plant. Meeting attendees liked our logo symbolism, welcome packet and brochure.
- Our club is no longer obligated to provide the speaker for the Highland garden club and we will discontinue the Highland/Milford Library speaker exchange. Highland can now support its own activities. But everyone from our club is welcome to come there if they schedule an interesting speaker.

Vice President of Publicity: Gail Cooper. Nothing to report.

Vice President of Meetings & Programs: Nancy Nordin.

- The upcoming speaker at the May general meeting will be Bevin Cohen about saving seeds and seed libraries. In June, Erin Hamilton from the Mushroom Conservancy will talk about growing mushrooms.
- Nancy has been meeting with business owners about advertising for the Garden Walk. To thank them for advertising, she used the cards that we designed along with Quicksilver. People have said that they like our design. People will begin to recognize us through it.
- Nancy proposes a budget increase for guest speakers. Good speakers attract members to attend meetings. She welcomes speaker ideas for next year. Shoot her an email if you have a topic in mind. Topics may include nature, waterways, not poisoning our creatures etc.

Treasurer: Diane DeVincent

- Financial Report shows a balance of \$12,380.22.

Other Business:

Herbal Thyme: Shelley Dale reports that the next meeting will be on May 13 at 1:00pm in the Milford Public Library. The topic is lemon balm. It is a self-learning group. There will be another meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> with the topic to be decided.

Garden Maintenance: Kathy Blackburn reported on maintenance plans for Arthur's Park and Senior Center gardens. On May 7<sup>th</sup> cleanup of both gardens begins at 9:00. Volunteers need to bring tools. The rain date is May 8<sup>th</sup>. We will put up a new snow fence. We need rocks for the Arthur's Park borders. 4-6 inches, round or jagged. Janet Ken-



ny has rocks to dig up and donate. Kathy noted that people from the village compliment the garden Toward the end of May we will meet again to plant annuals.

Field Trips: Lisa Hill sent out a memo about the Bogie Lake Greenhouse planting event, on Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. RSVP by the 24<sup>th</sup>. Linda Becker is coordinating. Bring own planter and the greenhouse provides the plants, soil and hosts your pot in the greenhouse until May.

DeBuck's Farm Tulip Festival is on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Click the link to RSVP. The fee is \$17.20 payable to Lisa Hill.

Lisa Hill will coordinate the Saginaw Counsel trip on May 22.

The Plant Sale and Garden Market needs plants - 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in May. Some people are grateful for us to take plants so don't be afraid to ask for donations.

Garden Walk 2024: Karol LaHaie. Will be held on June 21, 22. Need members to act as hostess at table to greet and sell tickets. Friday 4-8 Sat 9:30-1 and then 1-4. Sign up.

#### Unfinished Business

- Diane DeVincent proposed a vote to amend our Bylaws concerning dues to simplify payment if a member joins in the middle of the fiscal year. Lee Doyle seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### New Business

- Nominations for Slate of Officers for 2024-2025: Linda Smith, chair.
- Vote on the proposed slate at the next meeting in May. The proposed slate includes:
- Secretary Lee Doyle
- VP Programs Nancy Nordin
- VP Publicity Gail Cooper
- Treasurer Diane DeVincent
- President Susan Absher

Linda Sturgeon – Scholarships of \$2,000 will be awarded to two people. Milford has Honors night May 21 at 7:00 If you want to attend call Linda. Tat the meeting we share our history and how we earn the money given. We invite all to come to sales and garden walk. We give the students recipients a plant. They come with parents to June meeting.

DeVine Raffle: Sheila Myers

Business meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER:**

Emily Duthinh, with Blue Heron Headwaters Conservancy, has a bachelor's degree in Geology and a Masters of Environmental Science. She is on the Faculty of University of Detroit on Invasive Species. Blue Heron protects lands at the headlands of 4 rivers, recharging drinking water and supporting wildlife. She can provide a future program on building a nature preserve in your home.

Land conservancies protect more than 56 million acres – twice the acreage of national parks. Blue Heron protects more than 1500 acres, providing stormwater management. They get no money from government and exist entirely through donations.

The Oakland County Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) is the oldest CISMA. A lot of stewardship for older preserved areas is needed. Since people come from all over the world, they bring global and local problems with invasive plants.

70% of these problems come from gardeners. For example, the Bradford Pear. A Cleveland Pear with small fruits cross pollinated and now pears are everywhere. There is no fruit for birds to eat in these trees, but they do eat the seeds and spread the trees.

Other problems:

**Biennials** - Garlic mustard. Edible with white flowers. Lives two years. Hundreds of seeds from each plant. To rid it, pull it up this time of year. Do not compost, don't put in paper bags. Put in plastic bags for the landfill.

**Perennials:**

Phragmites -tall plant native to Eurasia. Crowds out cattails. Barriers on waterfront homes. Dry seedheads this time of year creates a fire hazard. You can pull roots, or cut the stem underwater which drowns the plant.

Japanese Knotweed – breaks through brick. One of worst in world. Damages infrastructure. Banks won't grant a mortgage if you have it. In the UK people plant it as a foundation planting. Edible. Grows 8 – 10 feet tall. Grows in drainage ditches. Hollow stems look like bamboo. Deep and lateral roots.

Swallowwort vines- moving into Oakland Co. In Milkweed family. Called "dog strangling vine". Twines around trees and blankets everything. Monarchs lay eggs, but its toxic to them. Toxic to horses and cattle. Can dig roots but only when young and be sure to get the root crowns.

**Woody Plants:**

Buckthorn – thorny plant from Eurasia. Forms thickets. Berries make birds sick.

Autumn Olive – thorny thickets too. Red berries are edible. Pointed leaves. Spreads persistently. Has shiny leaves that are shiny silver on their back.

Asian Bittersweet – Vine strangles and squeezes trees. Blankets tree on top and blocks light. Its heavy weight can break the tree. Called the kudzu of the north. If you have it, focus on saving the tree by cutting the vines around tree. They also are easy to pull up by the roots.

Invasive Honeysuckles - have hollow tube in middle.

Bittersweet Vines- Can pull up orange roots.

Japanese Barberry - is a habitat for mice. Mice are a habitat for ticks which lead to Lyme Disease. Cut and treat this in August – October

Use glyphosate 53.8% herbicide with no surfactants. Dilute half and half. Put dye in so can see it.

Federal funding for the Great Lakes Initiative created Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas. (CISMAs)  
CISMA Priorities:

- Treat invasive species (just getting started.)
- Clearing ditches to prevent flooding, treating right so invaders don't spread. Road Commission is a partner.

Every township is assigned a CISMA contractor in Oakland County. If you want the contractor to remove Phragmites and Buckthorn from your property they will, for a fee.

There will be Native Plant Sales on June 1st and Sept 14th from 10:00 – 2:00 in the Nieman's Family Market lot in Clarkston.

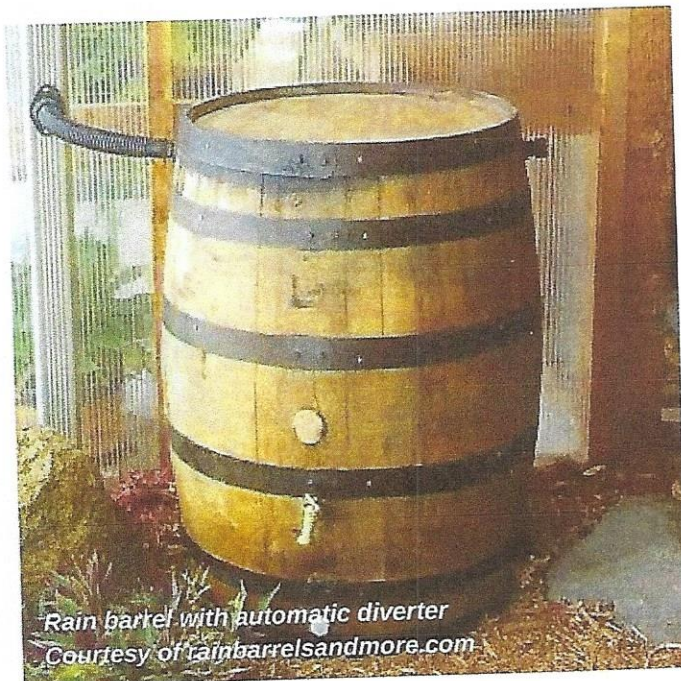
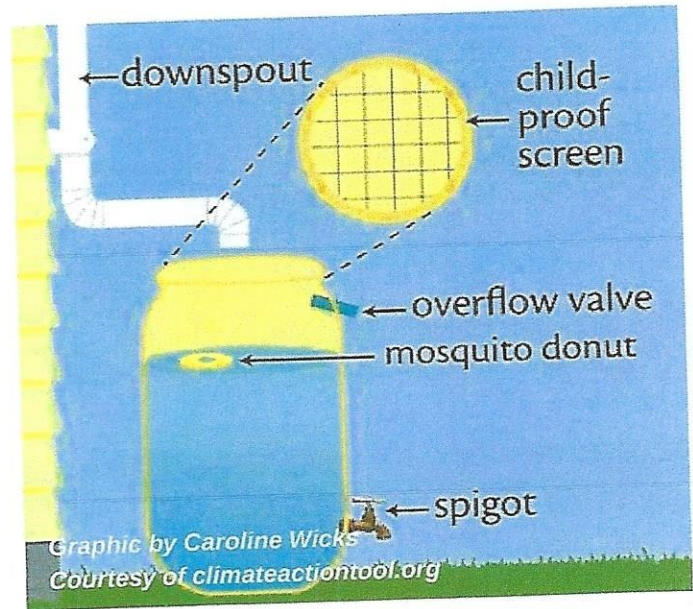
# Rain barrels

## What is a rain barrel?

A rain barrel collects and stores rainwater from your rooftop to use later for things like lawn and garden watering. Water collected in a rain barrel would normally flow through your downspout, onto a paved surface, and eventually into a storm drain.

## Why use a rain barrel?

Rain barrels help lower water costs by storing approximately 1,300 gallons of water during peak summer months for use on your garden or lawn. This way, rooftop runoff that would have gone into the storm drain instead helps recharge groundwater naturally. Rain barrels also reduce water pollution by limiting stormwater runoff, which can contain sediment, oil, grease, bacteria, and nutrients. Rain barrels are inexpensive and easy to install.



Rain barrel information courtesy of the Washtenaw County Conservation District. More information available at [washtenawccd.org](http://washtenawccd.org).

## Where can I get a rain barrel?

You can buy a rain barrel and accessories online from the Washtenaw County Conservation District for pickup at one of their distribution events. WCCD barrels:

- Have a screw-on top and aluminum screen to keep out leaves, debris, and mosquitoes.
- Are repurposed, food grade, and BPA free.
- Have a spigot that can connect to a hose or fill a watering can.
- Are designed to leave outside year-round, but should be emptied during winter months.

## Rain barrel accessories

These accessories and more are available through the Washtenaw County Conservation District.

**Pedestals:** It is recommended to place barrels 12" up using a pedestal, cement blocks, or something similar.

**Automatic diverters:** These connect a downspout to a rain barrel. When it rains, water is diverted through a hose to the barrel. When the barrel is full, water bypasses the diverter and continues down the downspout.

## Garden Club Events in Our District

(A good way to show our support of other Garden Clubs)

- May 11, Saturday, Waterford Garden Club Spring Plant Sale** from 9 am - 2pm at the Waterford Senior Center, 3621 Pontiac Lake Rd., Waterford.
- May 16-19, National Meeting of the WNF& GA**
- May 18, Saturday, Perennial Plant Exchange, Warren Garden Club**, 10 am - Noon, RAIN OR SHINE, First United Methodist Church, 5005 Chicago Road, Warren, 48092 (between Ryan and Mound Roads)
- May 18, Saturday, Perennial Plant Exchange, Troy Garden Club** from 10 am – noon, at City of Troy Aquatic Center parking lot.
- May 22, Wednesday, Spring Council Meeting**, at the Saginaw Art Museum, hosted by Saginaw Garden Club.
- May 30, Thursday, Mrs. Tebben's Tea** hosted by **Lapeer Wildflowers** at The Huntsman Hunt Club, 3166 Havens Road, Dryden, MI. Tickets available by phone beginning at 9:00 am on Monday, April 1, 2024, Call Cecelia Montgomery at (810) 664-6733.
- June 1, Saturday, Milford Garden Club Plant Sale** will be held at the United Methodist Church 1200 Atlantic Street, Milford, from 10 a.m. – noon.
- June 1, Saturday, Clarkston Garden Club Perennial Plant Exchange** at 8:30 a.m. at the parking lot in downtown Clarkston.
- June 19, Wednesday, Franklin Garden Walk and Artisan Market**, 10am - 4pm & 6pm - 9pm. Artisan Market: 9am - 5pm. Location: Franklin Community Park & Gazebo. Tickets: \$12-Adv./\$15-6/19
- June 20, Thursday Rochester Garden Walk** begins at Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm. Includes a native plant sale, "fleatique" resale, talk on pollinators, and tours of lovely area gardens. From 10 am to 5 pm. Visit [www.RochesterGardenClub.com](http://www.RochesterGardenClub.com) for details.
- June 21 & 22, Friday and Saturday, Milford Garden Walk.** June 21 from 4-8 pm and June 22 from 10 am – 4 pm. See the website for details. [www.themilfordgardenclub.com](http://www.themilfordgardenclub.com).
- June 21 & 22, Friday and Saturday, Grosse Pointe Garden Center Garden Tour.** 10-4 pm both days (Rain or Shine) Tickets \$15 pre tour, \$20 tour days See website for details and where to purchase tickets at [WWW.gpgardencenter.org](http://WWW.gpgardencenter.org)
- June 25, Tuesday, "Flowers Are Forever" Garden Walk and Plant Sale** hosted by **Trailwood Garden Club**, Plymouth Area, from 11 am – 7 pm. Tickets \$12 in advance and \$15 day of walk. [TrailwoodGardenClub.com](http://TrailwoodGardenClub.com)  
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- July 10, Wednesday, 49<sup>th</sup> Troy Garden Walk "Garden Stories";** 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM – 8:30 PM Rain or Shine. Location: Troy – View 6 private gardens + bonus venue. Garden Walk Activities at Troy Historic Village: Midsummer Arts & Crafts Boutique and Plant Sale from 9 AM – 6 PM. FREE Admission on July 10<sup>th</sup>
- July 10, Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Walk, Country Garden Club of Northville.** From 9 am - 4 pm Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 the day of the event. Tickets are available through Eventbrite one month prior at <http://cgenv.org>
- July 17, Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Clarkston Garden Walk starts** 11 am - 7 pm Tickets are \$15, available online at <https://clarkstongardenclub.org/> beginning May 1. Six gorgeous gardens with water feature, unique plantings, and garden art. The tour starts at the Clarkston Independence District Library.