



Connecting a Community of Gardeners Through Learning

August 1st, 2017

General Membership Meeting and Program

The Master Gardener Association of Northwest Michigan gathered at Boardman River Nature Center at 6 PM for a potluck dinner followed by a business meeting and an educational program.

Business Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm by President Michele Worden.

Attendance: 27 members and guests

President's Report: Michele

- The Master Gardener Association of Northwest Michigan
 - provides education for Master Gardeners and the Community
 - promotes the MSUE Smart Gardening practices
 - contributes to the beautification of the community through volunteer work at various sites
- Volunteer Hours
 - Can be earned for attending meetings
 - Board Meetings are open to all members
 - VMS Approved Projects are listed on the website
 - Weekly updates are sent out from MSUE with volunteer projects
- The affiliation with the Michigan Master Gardener Association is in progress
- Master Gardener College
 - Six local Members attended
- General Membership and Board of Directors Meeting Minutes are posted on our website
- Recognition Luncheon
 - Sunday, November 5th at Gilbert Lodge
 - Volunteer hours can be gained by participating in the planning for this meeting. Please sign up. There is a meeting on Thursday, August 10th at 6:30 pm in Horizon Books on the lower level.
- Michele introduced Dr. Nate Walton, Consumer Horticulture Program Instructor, Michigan State University Extension-Leelanau County and our new Master Gardener Coordinator

MSUE MG Coordinator's Report: Nate Walton

- Nate gave a little of his experiences prior to joining MSUE
- Nate spoke about a new program beginning with Saving Birds Through Habitat for a homeowner's certification as Bird Habitat

Green Roof Update: Whitney Miller

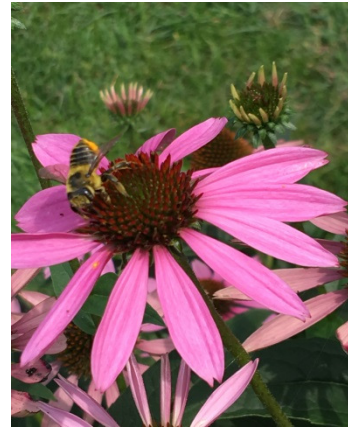
- After all the work last year to find and repair the leak, the roof is thriving.
- Volunteers are still needed for staining the siding and trim on the shed.

Business meeting Adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Reich, Secretary

Smart Plants for Pollinators



Michele introduced Rebecca Finneran, Senior Extension Horticultural Educator, Horticulture & Master Gardener Administrator from the Kent County MSU Extension

Highlights:

- Diversity of color, shape, fragrance and height
- Colors that are most appealing: Blue, violet, mauve, pink, yellow and orange. Red-not so much.
- Shape: Composite blooms, Pea family, Nepeta (catmints), Lavender

References:

- www.msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/home_gardening/tip_sheets
 - various videos, and “downloadable” tip sheets
- MSU Extension Bulletin E3314 Protecting and Enhancing Pollinators in Urban Landscapes (this is a 30 page pdf file. It can be read online or downloaded)
- MSU Extension Bulletin E3282 Bees of the Great Lakes Region & Wildflowers to Support Them (this can be purchased from the MSU Extension Bookstore for \$10.00 www.shop.msu.edu)

N.B.: There were 3 different Bees on my plants today. I had to share them. jlr