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### *From the President's Desk*



Here it is, the last day of July 2010, and my letter is due on the editor's desk tomorrow. Upon reflection, this has been an exceptionally busy month with the garden tour and then the 4-H Fair set-up commencing just a week later. However, this year was better than the last few years where we finished the garden tour on Saturday and began setting up Ag Hall on Sunday.

In the past couple of weeks, Helen and I have had conversations with several non-master gardeners who attended our garden tour, and they spoke very highly of the gardens on the tour. Their comments indicated that they appreciated the people using their knowledge and skills to create wonderful flower and vegetable gardens in the space they had available. The visitors were also impressed with the fact that the home owners were familiar with their plants, where they came from, and other interesting facts about their gardens. I'm sure the new committee will find some more excellent gardens for next year's tour.

August 2<sup>nd</sup> will wrap up the 4-H Fair activities for this year. If we survive the next two days, it will have been a busy and interesting 16 day run. There was a small increase in the number of horticulture exhibits over last year but a few less exhibitors. The Master Gardeners did a very good job in getting the building set up and supervising Ag Hall during the open days of the Fair. In addition, we heard good comments about the seminars given daily by Master Gardeners. We had two new happenings this year; first the farmstead display had a working sprinkler system, which unfortunately worked too well sometimes and over sprayed the field onto the floor (time to pull the plug and get the mop). The second item was the new protective fence they installed around the display that seemed to secure it very well. This will be verified if there are no missing pieces when the farmstead is taken down.

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*From the President's Desk (con't.)*

As both the President of the Michiana Master Gardeners' Association and the Horticulture Department Committee Head, I would like to thank every Master Gardener who through their volunteer service contributed to the success of this year's Horticulture Exhibition at the 4-H Fair. Also, thank you to the Master Gardeners who put forth the effort to enter their homegrown items in the horticulture competition.

I am sure you would want to join me in thanking Phyllis Schortgen, Director of the Horticulture Committee, her committee members, and Kathleen Cripe, Coordinator of MG volunteers manning Ag Hall, for the many hours and effort they spent.

We hope everyone enjoyed a visit to our great Elkhart County 4-H Fair – next year's fair dates are July 22-30, 2011. As the new month begins, make plans to attend the Garden Tour Appreciation Dinner on August 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm. See you there!

*Jerry Martin*



## Pruning Basics for Trees & Shrubs Page 4

*By Ericka Soumare*

Pruning can be one of those topics that we feel we don't understand much about. When to prune, how to prune, and what to prune with are just some of the questions that may come to mind. Perhaps part of the reason is that actually cutting into a tree or shrub seems like a potentially harmful thing that may do more harm than good. But in actuality, pruning can be beneficial to trees and shrubs and with careful consideration it can be done successfully.

Pruning can be done for many reasons. If a part of a tree or shrub has a disease, pruning can help in the prevention of spreading. Just be sure to remove any cut parts of the tree so the disease cannot remain and possible spread again. Pruning can also help to stimulate more flower and fruit production by removing old or faded fruit and flowers. It can also be used as a safety precaution when limbs grow beyond a desired point and hang over homes, buildings, and driveways.

Timing of pruning is also something to consider. Most plants can be pruned most times throughout the year without risk of killing the tree. There are, however, better times for pruning for some types of plants. For example, if a tree or shrub flowers before the end of June, it will do best if pruned immediately after flowering. If it is pruned before flowering, then the buds will be removed too soon and will prevent flowering. This is because the current year's flowers actually developed the previous year and overwintered in the buds. Trees and shrubs that flower after the end of June should be pruned in winter or before new growth in early spring.

If you decide that you need to prune your tree or shrub, you can take some of the guesswork out of the process by visiting the web at <http://www.hort.purdue.edu/ext/HO-4.pdf>. Here you will find even more tips on pruning with diagrams and instructions. You can also contact your Elkhart County Extension office for more information.

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*Day Minder . . . Watch Us Grow!*



9	Mon.	Garden Tour Committee Meeting— Sage Bakery & Café Goshen	7:00 PM
16	Mon.	Board Meeting—Extension Confer- ence Room (Optional Lunch at noon)	12:30 PM
16	Mon..	Spring Celebration Planning Meeting	6:30 PM
31	Tues.	<b><i>Garden Tour Appreciation Dinner— Ag Hall (Reservations Required— Meal Provided)</i></b>	6:30 PM



13	Mon.	Garden Tour Committee Meeting— Location TBA	7:00 PM
20	Mon.	Board Meeting—Extension Confer- ence Room (Optional Lunch at noon)	12:30 PM
28	Tues.	Member Meeting—Ag Hall “Roses” by Ideko Widman	7:00 PM

## *Upcoming Meeting Dates*

- April 1 through October 1, 2010

**Michiana Master Gardener Hotline** advice available from 9 am to 1 pm daily. Call 574-533-0554. Extension Office—Goshen.

**October 11th** - Garden Tour Committee Meeting

**October 18th** - Board Meeting

**October 26th** - Member Meeting featuring Mike Jansen from Jansen Landscaping speaking on Hardscapes 7:00 PM

**November 8th** - Garden Tour Committee Meeting

**November 15th** - Board Meeting

**November 16th** - Member Meeting- “Thanks-for-Giving Carry-In” and Board Member Elections 6:30 PM

**December 6th** - Board Meeting (Officer elections and Liaison Assignments)

No Member Meeting in December

**January 10th** - Garden Tour Committee Meeting

**January 17th** - Board Meeting

**January 25th** - Member Meeting

**February 14th** - Garden Tour Committee Meeting

**February 21st** - Board Meeting

**February 22nd** - Member Meeting

**March 12th** - Spring Celebration and Annual Dinner

**March 14th** - Garden Tour Committee Meeting

**March 21st** - Board Meeting

**April 11th** - Garden Tour Committee Meeting

**April 18th** - Board Meeting

**April 26th** - Member Meeting



*Elkhart County 4-H Fair Open Class Horticulture Results*



*Winning Master Gardeners shown: Second from left, Helen Martin, Fourth from left, Larry Drudge*

**Best of Show Winners:**

Section 1-Helen Martin, Wakarusa; Section 9-Mayrea Reusser, Elkhart; Section 11-Larry Drudge, Goshen.

**Overall Champions:**

Section 3 through 5 - Helen Martin, Wakarusa; Section 8, 9, 11 - Larry Drudge, Goshen

**Reserve Champions:**

Section 2 - Helen Martin, Wakarusa; Section 7-Helen Martin, Wakarusa

**Special Awards:**

Largest Cabbage - Larry Drudge  
Special Bean Award - Larry Drudge

**Section 1 - Potted Plants:**

Geraniums - first, Helen Martin, Wakarusa  
Impatiens (regular) - first, Helen Martin, Wakarusa  
Impatiens (double) - second, Helen Martin

**Section 2 - Potted Plants (Foliage):**

Coleus - first, Helen Martin  
Unclassified Potted Foliage Plants - first, Helen Martin

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**Section 3 - Cactus & Sand or Cactus Dish Garden:**

- Succulents - second, Helen Martin
- Hen & Chicks - first, Helen Martin

**Section 5 - Hanging Baskets**

- Wandering Jew - first, Helen Martin
- Spider Plant - second, Helen Martin
- Unclassified Flowering - first, Helen Martin

**Section 6 - Arrangement of Cut Flowers:**

- Arrangement of vegetables or fruit with flowers - first, Helen Martin
- Arrangement of Zinnias - third, Helen Martin
- Arrangement of Marigolds - first, Helen Martin
- Arrangement in Kitchen Container - third, Helen Martin
- Holiday Arrangement - second, Helen Martin

**Section 7 - Cut Flowers:**

- Large Marigolds - second, Helen Martin
- Small Marigolds - first, Helen Martin
- Daisy under 2" - second, Helen Martin
- Daisy over 2" - second, Helen Martin
- Lilies - second, Kathleen Cripe
- Dahlias, 6" and smaller bloom - second, Mayrea Reusser, Elkhart
- Unclassified Flowers 3"- 6" blooms - first, Helen Martin

**Section 8 - Grains & Hays:**

- Corn - first, Larry Drudge
- Soybeans - first, Larry Drudge
- Field Corn - second, Larry Drudge

**Section 9 - Above Ground Vegetables:**

- Yellow Beans - first, Larry Drudge
- Purple Beans or Horticultural Beans - second, Larry Drudge
- Broccoli - second, Mary Hesser
- Cabbage, Round - first, Larry Drudge
- Cabbage, Flat - first, Larry Drudge
- Cabbage, red - first, Larry Drudge
- Corn, sweet - third, Larry Drudge
- Cucumber, Green for Slicing - second, Larry Drudge
- Okra - first, Jim Maddux, Goshen
- Hot Peppers, Hungarian - third, Jim Maddux
- Rhubarb - first, Larry Drudge; second, Jerry Martin, Wakarusa
- Zucchini - first, Mary Hesser, Goshen
- Tomatoes, cherry - first, Mayrea Reusser, Elkhart; third, Jerry Martin, Wakarusa
- Tomatoes, red, other than cherry - first, Mayrea Reusser; second, Jerry Martin; third, Mary Hesser
- Tomatoes, Italian - first, Larry Drudge
- Unclassified - third, Mayrea Reusser

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Horticulture Results***

**Section 10 - Below Ground Vegetables:**

- Beets - first, Larry Drudge
- Onions, white - first, Mayrea Reusser
- Onions, green - first, Mayrea Reusser
- Onions, yellow globe - third, Larry Drudge
- Potatoes, Kennebec - first, Jim Maddux
- Unclassified, below ground vegetable - second, Mary Hesser

**Section 11 - Miscellaneous:**

- Seed Craft Display - first, Linda Kimpel, Goshen
- Collection of Five Dried Herbs - first, Larry Drudge
- Birdhouse, gourd - first, Linda Kimpel
- Largest Gourd - second, Jim Maddux
- Largest Tomato - first, Larry Drudge; second, Mayrea Reusser; third, Jim Maddux
- Largest Head Cabbage- first, Larry Drudge
- Best display of 5 or more vegetables - first, Larry Drudge; second, Jim Maddux;

***Congrats to Helen, Larry, Mayrea,  
Kathleen, Mary, Jim, Jerry, and Linda!!***

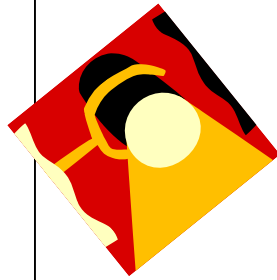
**Membership Message Via The M & M's.**

It feels like the year is very much on a downhill roll, just like that red M & M you dropped while sneaking a handful! It is time though for evaluation of our successes, especially the Garden Tour, the Spring Celebration and involvement in the Elkhart County Fair. It is also time to be thinking of what role you want to play in the MMGA as a contributing member! There certainly are opportunities! One is to be Co-Chair of the Membership Committee. If you have ideas for making our membership meetings fun & members want to attend, you can do one of two things: Volunteer to be Co-Chair for next year.... or let us know your thoughts and suggestions!

You can call us or see us at the monthly membership meeting:

1. If you are in need of transportation
2. If you know someone to whom we need to send a card
3. To volunteer for "Plant of the Month" or "Greeter"
4. To talk to us about being Membership Co-Chair

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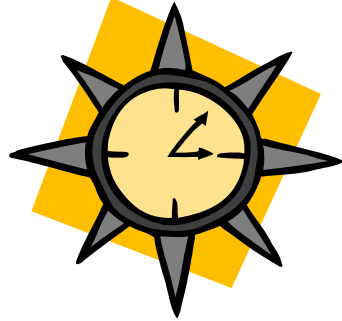
## Member Spotlight <sup>Page 10</sup>

*By Mary Davis*

### Pat Renaud

Pat Renaud went through Master Gardener training in 2004, but you might not recognize her—she had hip replacement surgery and both elderly parents (now deceased) necessitating many trips to Detroit, so although she maintained her membership, she kind of took a hiatus from Master Gardeners. But now she is back! She reminded me that before the break she and I babysat one of the ugliest gardens that was ever in Garden Tour (in Simonton Lake area)—long story, but really was true, it was basically awful. She lives in the Simonton area—had just moved there at the time of the tour and says she may now have the largest container garden, as she and husband, Doug, bought and planted an eight foot horse trough! She said it has housed various things, but this year is all flowers and they frequently have visitors stop and take pictures! She said they put upside down cartons in the bottom to take up space so it isn't all soil, and it has a spigot so it is great for drainage. Pat provided the darling miniature hosta that Jay Whitmer latched onto at the June meeting. She invites people to drive by (on North Shore Drive across street from lake).

Although she lived in Michiana area most of her life, she did spend fifteen years in the Lancaster, Pennsylvania area where husband worked for Case New Holland—tractor manufacturers, and she worked as a field director for adult volunteers for the Girl Scouts. The both like the area so moved back here after retirement. They have three children—Laurie in Midland, Michigan, Sue in Marshall, Michigan and Thad in Richmond, Indiana and six grandchildren. Still at home is Pudge the dog, who has a shepherd head and golden retriever body and tips the scales at 85 pounds! In addition to gardening, Pat enjoys reading, travel and golf. Pat came to Master Gardeners because she enjoyed working with volunteer agencies and loved gardening and thought the training was excellent. She indicated Jeff made learning fun and she learned a lot. She enjoys continuing to expand her knowledge through attending meetings and enjoys volunteering—working with Carla Pontius on water gardening seminars and working at garden tour.



## **Splinters From the Board** **July 2010**

Actions taken at the July 19 MMGA Board meeting included the following:  
Annual Meeting/Spring Celebration: The budget presented by the Spring Celebration Committee was approved. Regarding vendors, it was decided that “The Spring Celebration is an educational event”.

A Lexmark printer which will copy, print, scan and FAX, and can be wireless or hard wired, was APPROVED for purchase for the Master Gardener office.

A request to pay the Master Gardener Class enrollment fee for a person whose spouse is unemployed and who has had other financial setbacks was received, discussed and not approved. As a follow-up, it was suggested that the membership be asked for volunteers to form a committee to investigate the possibility of a MG class scholarship and come with guidelines for administration.

A job description for “Treasurer, Position Duties” was APPROVED. The Board APPROVED publishing a list of Web Master qualifications in *The Broadcaster* and also emailing the list to members.

Submitted by Jim Bare, Secretary  
August 3, 2010

*Message from Gwen  
Chair of the 2010 Garden Tour*

I just want to thank everyone who donated their time, crafts, plants and support to the 2010 Garden Tour. Thanks to all of you, it was a great success. I've heard many positive comments.

The weather couldn't have been more perfect. I've been involved with Garden Tour for 10 years. I can only remember one year that we had rain. Then it was only for a very short time. Aren't we blessed?

This year we had the Hospitality Center at Goshen College. Even without air conditioning, the location was perfect. It was large enough to have over 20 educators. I stopped and talked with each one. They were very happy to be there and wanted to come back next year!

The gardens were exceptional. All done by the home owners. Many had veggies mixed with their perennials and annuals. What a great idea! I'm sure many of our guests went home with ideas for their own gardens. A special thanks to Len and Loanne Harms for sharing their beautiful garden with us. Wow! I hope everyone saw the article about Len in Senior Living from The Paper. It was a great article. I was very fortunate to do a TV spot at Beth White's garden. It's amazing! What fun we had..... Thanks, Beth. Your garden is wonderful.

I took a friend with me on Sunday to visit the gardens. It's actually the first time I've ever done the tour on Sunday. I'm usually too tired. But, Christie worked for me at Sautter's so I thought it was only fair that she get to see the gardens. She's hooked and taking the MG course this year. You'll love her.

Next year the tour will be in the Northwest corner of Elkhart County. If you know of any gardens we should check out, please let next years chair, Leah Lichtenberger or Len Harms know. They are looking now for gardens for 2011.

Once again, thanks to all of you for making this happen. I'm very lucky to be friends with such a great group. I hope to see all of you at the homeowners appreciation dinner on August 31st at AG Hall.

Thanks from the bottom of my heart,  
Gwen Ferland AMG 2000

## **Recipes from Member MG's**

### **Zucchini Appetizers**

Preheat oven to 375°F.

3 cups thinly sliced or shredded zucchini

1 cup Bisquick

1/2 cup chopped onion

1/2 cup Parmesan cheese

2 T chopped parsley

1/2 t. salt

1/2 t. pepper

1/2 t. oregano

1 clove minced garlic

1/2 cup vegetable oil

4 eggs, beaten

Mix all, pour into 9" X 13" greased pan. Bake 20 minutes until golden brown. Cut into squares. Freezes well.

### **Italian Zucchini Casserole**

*Another reason to rejoice over a bountiful zucchini crop.*

2-1/2 pounds zucchini, sliced thinly

1/2 cup chopped onion

1/2 cup chopped green pepper

4 T. butter

1 3-oz. can sliced mushrooms

1 pkg. dry spaghetti sauce mix

1 cup water

1 6-oz. can tomato paste

1 4-oz. pkg. shredded mozzarella cheese

2 T. grated Parmesan cheese

Cook zucchini in boiling salted water for 4-5 minutes. Drain. Sauté onion and green pepper in butter until tender. Remove vegetables from heat and add all remaining ingredients except Parmesan cheese. Gently stir in sliced zucchini. Transfer to greased 7" X 11" baking and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake at 350°F for 30-35 minutes. Serves 8.

*Evelyn Shaw, Pilgrim Congregational Church, New Haven, CT*

## Seven-Minute Zucchini

*A rapidly made and out-of-the ordinary zucchini dish.*

6 cups zucchini, peeled and coarsely grated (about 2 pounds)  
1 t. salt  
1/2 lb. sliced mushrooms, or 4-oz. can, drained  
1/4 cup butter  
1/4 cup chopped onion  
1 minced garlic clove  
1/2 cup sour cream  
1 T. minced fresh basil, or 1 t. dry basil

Combine grated zucchini and salt in strainer and let stand. Heat mushrooms in skillet, shaking over high heat until liquid evaporates. Add butter, onions, and garlic to mushrooms and sauté. Squeeze excess liquid from zucchini, add to mushroom mixture, stir, and heat 5 minutes. Stir in sour cream and basil, heat through, but do not boil. Serves 6.

*Virginia Ritter Mesics, the United Church of Jaffrey, Jaffrey, NH*

*By now everyone is over-loaded with zucchini, and I would like to pass on a few good recipes using zucchini for the Broadcaster. The appetizers are really tasty—warm, like a tasty piece of quiche. The casserole is great for a crowd, and I add more mozzarella cheese than mentioned. I also have a chocolate zucchini cake recipe that I will give to you later. Enjoy!*

*~Cathy Fortin*



## INSIDE THE EXTENSION OFFICE



**by Kate Rink**

Our calls this month have been a mixed bag. Some having to do with the wet, humid weather we have had as well as calls associated with the really hot summer we have been experiencing. Unlike our cool summer that we had last summer, this year's summer has been hotter than usual and brought us intermittent rains as well. The gardens on the garden tour were in tip top shape and didn't seem to show stress from the heat. Ample rain and next to perfect growing conditions made for perfectly beautiful gardens. Add that to a perfectly gorgeous day and it could be said that we had another successful garden tour!

Our fair is now a sweet memory. I heard comments about the Master Gardener "talk of the day". They were all positive. Our MG interns did a good job. They have that fair commitment completed now and a few more hours under their belt toward their certification requirement. Congratulations interns, we appreciate your hard work.

Getting to our calls this month, there were more calls about bugs than anything. Its summer, its simple, there are lots of bugs! Bugs can be tolerable most of the time. It's just when they enter the home we find them intolerable. Most of us just don't like sharing space with them! A client called and said she had termites. Purdue policy does not allow us to recommend a commercial business to take care of her problem. Purdue does offer two publications that address termites. Bulletin E-4-W deals with control methods and bulletin E-2-W gives guidance in selecting a firm to apply control. Having termites choose our home as a smorgasbord would not be a good thing. We hope this information will get her started on her way for proper decision making with a serious problem.

Another client brought us a sample bag of little black bugs. She had found most of these bugs around her wastebasket in the kitchen. This had gone on for a few days. She had never seen them in her house ever before. She just swept them up and disposed of them. But when she was reading the paper on the couch and two of them crawled up

her leg, she thought it was time to act. Again, invading her space! The MG identified the bug as the Minute Brown Scavenger Beetle. Their color can range from a pale yellow-brown to nearly black. The adults and larvae feed on fungi developing on stored food and seeds in damp locations. These beetles often occur in new buildings that have been plastered and remain damp for a period of time. Other environments include damp cellars, areas around leaky windows, under moldy wallpaper. Outside they occur under stones, bark of trees and sometimes in nests of ants and termites.

Control methods include using a fan or dehumidifier to reduce the humidity and potential mold growth indoors. Ensuring that food products are properly stored and disposed of would be, in her case, the most likely option. Perhaps her wastebasket was the goody basket for these little scavengers. Spot treating non-food areas with a general household insecticide should easily take care of her problem.

The next discontented client was dealing with a nest of insects that she thought were yellow jackets. Upon further study, through the University of Kentucky website, a determination was made that they were, in fact, hornets. Our MG rendered a plan. First of all, he told her to wait until evening when the air is somewhat cooler and the hornets are less active. Then, the next step he said would be to don protective clothing including gloves and a hat/cap. Ankles, neck and wrists should be fastened tightly so that when the attack occurs, a hornet wouldn't be able to fly into loose openings in the clothing and sting. Any control spray that lists hornets on the label was advised for sabotage and destruction.

A client called in wanting to know how tall to build a grape arbor. To me it seemed obvious, you build it to suit your own picking ability according to how tall you are and how high you want to reach to pick the grapes. The beauty of the internet actually offers advice on how to build a grape vine trellis. It recommends eight feet of trellis for one vine. It must be very sturdy and be able to withstand high winds and inclement weather as well as a full crop of grapes.

## **Inside the Extension Office (con't.)**

If you have ever been through Paw Paw, Michigan you will see mile after mile of grape trellis. It's amazing to see them on both sides of the road for as far as you can see! Great care has been given to the building of a stout, strong, fence to sustain the vigor of these hardy grape vines. A commercial grower as well as a backyard grower would seemingly do it right the first time. The website, offering the "how-to" skills for building a grape trellis, was given to the homeowner.

It seems that tomatoes and blight often go hand in hand. Especially if you have heirloom tomatoes that have not been bred to be disease resistant. Late blight is a condition tomatoes get when weather is often cool and wet. We haven't really had the cool but the wet could apply. It is extremely destructive and quickly kills foliage and stems and rots tomatoes.

Classic symptoms are large (at least nickel sized) olive green to brown spots on leaves with slightly fuzzy, white fungal growth on the underside when the conditions have been humid. Firm, brown spots develop on the tomato fruit. There are many look-alike diseases on tomato leaves. Often, clear identification requires a microscope examination.

A recommendation was made to apply a fungicide early and often which can reduce the spread of Late Blight. These products are only effective if used before the disease appears and should be reapplied every 5-7 days. That's the clincher. It's the prevention part that people forget to do. They have these gorgeous tomato plants that are looking perfect and then all of a sudden they start dying. By then it's too late to fix the problem. I guess we all live and learn.

These are a few of the calls we've had this month. We'll see what our August brings next. Our summer is half over already, boo-hoo. Being a summeraholic, I'll try not to think about that statement too long. Enjoy the warm weather while we can!

*~Kate Rink*



**REMINDER:**

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Orders for a DVD of the Garden Tour Slide Show will be taken at the August membership meeting. The cost is \$5.00 for each and will need to accompany the order. The DVD's will be delivered at the September membership meeting unless other arrangements are made for pickup. If you can not attend the meeting and wish to order, you may send a check payable to MMGA for \$5.00 to me and I will see that you get one.



Send to:  
Vickie Estep  
67325 Tharp Lake Road  
Cassopolis MI 49031

**MMGA Webmaster Needed**

*After many years of dedicated service, our webmaster, Dara Revelli, has expressed an interest in passing the torch on to someone else. We would like to have someone trained and ready to take over this position by November. I have listed below the skills that a candidate would need to possess to succeed in this position.*

***Must own a computer and have working email access at all times.***

***Must own Microsoft Front Page software and possess a working knowledge of how to use it.***

***Should be proficient in MS Office – Word, Excel and Windows Explorer.***

***Own Adobe Acrobat software and have a working knowledge of Adobe PDF formatting.***

***Should be creative and willing to enhance the site to make it attractive and user friendly.***

***Quick learner with knowledge of current technologies.***

***Be willing to dedicate 3-5 hours per month to keep the site current. It would be expected that more hours would be required in the beginning to learn and make needed improvements.***

***Be willing to teach a replacement prior to stepping down from this position.***

***If you feel you have the qualifications and desire to fill this position please contact Vickie Estep – website liaison at [spiritdncr@gmail.com](mailto:spiritdncr@gmail.com).***

*Note: Please submit articles for the Broadcaster to Sherrie Zou at [sherrie.zou@gmail.com](mailto:sherrie.zou@gmail.com) by the end of each month so we can get the publication mailed to you before our monthly Membership meetings the following month. Thanks to everyone for keeping the articles, photos, and recipes coming in.*

**THANK YOU**

MICHIANA MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION  
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*Mission Statement*



The Michiana Master Gardeners Association is a not-for-profit educational organization dedicated to the improvement of the community. Members of the Association have completed the requirements of the Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program, working in affiliation with the Purdue Extension Service of Elkhart County. Its specific aim is to improve the quality of life in the community by providing information and technical assistance in the area of home horticulture through the use of trained and certified volunteers.

*“Whilst August yet wears her golden crown,  
Ripening fields lush-bright with promise;  
Summer waxes long, then wanes, quietly passing  
Her fading green glory on to riotous Autumn.”  
~Michelle L. Thieme, August’s Crown*

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