



2016-2017 Gardening Programs Presented by Members of the Sunrise Side Master Gardener Association

SSMGA Mission Statement: Joining together as Master Gardeners, our mission is to share our enthusiasm and knowledge of gardening by a wide variety of educational and volunteer activities in the spirit of friendship and fun. In conjunction with Michigan State University Extension, we will continue to educate ourselves and provide community members with up-to-date consumer horticultural information using environmentally and scientifically sound practices.

Gardening Programs Presented by Master Gardeners

To fulfill our mission, these presentations are offered by SSMGA in conjunction with MSU Extension. The length of these presentations may be adjusted from a minimum of 30 minutes to 1 hour. Check out our 14 new offerings, marked with “**New**”.

There is no charge for a presentation, however, an honorarium (donated to SSMGA) is gratefully accepted.

The Sunrise Side Master Gardener Association is a member of the Michigan Master Gardener Association. Our members are all certified Master Gardeners.



Programs available: Speaker contact information is on page 9 & 10.

A Beginners Guide to Growing Orchids at Home

Linda Brown

Be careful of this class! Growing orchids in your own home, without needing a greenhouse, can become an obsession. We will discuss choosing the right orchid plant for you, care and feeding, how to re-pot an orchid, and anything the speaker has in bloom will be brought for show and tell.

Ancestral Use of Herbs

Karen Otwell

The daily uses of herbs by our ancestors are both interesting and humorous. Learn about the different herbs that are in the spotlight today.

Beneficial Insects

Linda Brown

Everyone knows bees are beneficial insects, but we know they are disappearing. Can this be stopped? What other insects benefit our flowers, fruit and vegetable gardens that might also be in jeopardy? This is an introduction to the wonderful world of common beneficial backyard insects.

Blueberry Culture

Sharon Czaika

General information on growing a backyard blueberry patch will be presented by our local blueberry farmer.

Bulbs

Louise Shoksnyder

Many plants grow from bulbs, corms, tubers and rhizomes. They are easy to grow and add color to the garden in every season. Learn when to plant, where to plant, and about various types of bulbs. Tricks and practices to ensure success will be discussed.

Invasive Plants in Michigan

New

Gloria Kershaw

What is an invasive species? How do they affect us and the local ecosystem? Learn about some of the most common and troubling invasive plants in our area and what strategies we can use to prevent their spread.

Smart Gardening

New

Gloria Kershaw or Louise Shoksnyder

Learn about the newest ideas in home gardening from MSU. We will cover how to build healthy soil, soil testing, turf management, vegetable gardening and much more. Get in the know with Smart Gardening!

Gardening for Wildlife

New

Louise Shoksnyder

This talk will cover what to plant to invite wildlife into your garden. We will cover butterfly and hummingbird favorites, as well as plants that are attractive to other birds. Establish a Monarch Waystation in your own backyard!

Composting

Linda Stemen

Anyone can compost. Composting reduces the amount of usable food scraps being put into landfills. Using a simple recipe of layered brown and green garden and plant materials helps to make compost. Adding water, air and time, your result will be the “black gold” that your soil craves. Building the different composter styles will also be explained and discussed.

Growing Herbs

Karen Otwell

Why buy what you can grow yourself? Learn the techniques for growing, harvesting and preserving herbs. Discover which herbs are perennial and which are annuals.



Perennial Gardening

Louise Shoksnyder

What is a perennial plant? Learn the basics of how to plan a perennial bed. A number of great plants will be reviewed and ideal combination plants will be discussed.

Lasagna Gardening

Jean Thomas

This is a gardening technique for creating a new garden plot that will have excellent soil and be relatively weed free. Without using chemicals or back breaking digging, sod is broken down and a bed is ready to plant. The members of Sunrise Side Master Gardener's Association used this technique to create the Heritage Garden at the Iosco Fairgrounds.

Passing on Our Heritage: Sharing Your Love of Gardening with Children

Linda Stemen

I will share tools and tips on how to garden with children. This session includes fun activities that will stimulate and help develop youngster interest in gardening.

'Kokedama' (Moss Ball) Workshop **New**

Gloria Kershaw

'Kokedama' is a ball of soil covered in moss on which an ornamental plant grows. Sometimes called String Gardens, they may be placed on a plate or wrapped in twine and hung. Learn the history and theory behind 'kokedama' and make a wonderful little garden to take home with you.

Houseplants

Louise Shoksnyder

Houseplants are a Michigan gardener's opportunity to have summer year round. You can get a daily dose of nature without having to brave the ice and snow! No luck with houseplants? Low light in your house? Don't give up! There are plants out there that will make it any environment!



Shade Gardening New

Louise Shoksnyder

Shade gardens need not be relegated to hosta and ferns. There is an array of plants that offer color, texture and interest to the shady areas of your yard. We will discuss the various perennials and annuals that will make your shade garden a stand out!

Landscaping with Native Plants

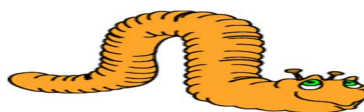
Gloria Kershaw

Using native plants, you can create beautiful gardens and landscapes that will attract a wide variety of beneficial insects. Learn how to incorporate native plants into your landscape to benefit the native ecosystem which avoiding some of the common problems.

Vermicomposting

Linda Stemen

Worm castings are an expensive item to buy! You can have this excellent soil enhancer by doing it yourself. Setting up a worm box and learning how to maintain it will be the center of this talk. It sounds icky, but there is no odor and it is very simple to maintain.



Easy Plant Propagation

Linda Brown

There are seven commonly used types of plant propagation. In today's economic times, it makes sense to propagate your favorite plant whether from your garden or from a friend's. You do not have to have a lot of experience propagating plants to learn these techniques. A love of gardening and a curious mind is all it takes.

Designing an Herb Garden

Karen Otwell

There are many interesting designs you can use for creating an herb garden. Have you ever smelled an herb garden after a rain? Flowers are not the only fragrance in a garden. Learn how to design a garden to fit your personal taste and budget.

Container Gardening

Louise Shoksnyder

Learn what's new in container gardening and make your containers really stunning! Learn techniques, such as how to minimize watering and make your containers the envy of the neighborhood! (Spring only)

Don't Think You Have a Green Thumb?

Linda Brown

Sometimes successful gardening is learning a new technique or reevaluating where a particular plant is situated. Did you know many perennials are short-lived? This is a general question and answer event similar to WKJC's "Stump the Chump"! Any general gardening questions whether flowers, or vegetables, that cannot be answered in this session will be researched, and emailed to your club representative in time for your next monthly meeting.

Rain Gardens **New**

Gloria Kershaw

Rain gardens help protect our nearby water bodies by filtering and soaking water back into the ground. Do you have a trouble spot in your yard where water collects or flows out into the street? A simple, low-maintenance rain garden can capture much of the runoff. Learn how you can mimic nature's effects and grow a beautiful garden at the same time.

East Tawas Community Garden

New

Kathleen Squires

Do you know about the Community Garden situated next to Christ Church (Episcopal)? On land owned by E. Tawas, the garden is open to all! Raised beds and beds designed for disabled individuals make the garden accessible to everyone. Traditional beds are roughly 10' x 10' and cost \$10 for the season. Participants are expected to help with general maintenance. Kathleen Squires, director, will tell you all about how to get involved.

Flowers of Great Britain

New

Linda Brown

Join Linda on a trip to England, Scotland and Ireland. In the spring of 2016, Linda made a trip to these spots and took marvelous photos. Let her take you on the trip too! She has great stories to go along with the photos.

Putting the Garden to Bed

Louise Shoksnyder

Although fall marks the end of the gardening season, there is plenty to do to protect and prepare the garden for winter. Planting, soil improvement, winter protection and lawn care are among the topics covered. Winter interest in the garden will be covered too.

Fairy Gardens and other Miniature Landscapes

New Gloria Kershaw

Learn the mystery and mystique of these miniature plantscapes. By using plants and accessories to scale, you can create a tiny world in a container or within your garden. This is a fun activity with children and adults alike!



Vines & Vertical Gardening

New

Linda Stemen

Vines and climbers are the soft furnishings of the garden. They contribute a luxuriant effect, adding both height and interest. Whatever the situation, a climber is available to meet all but the most impossible requirements. From roses, clematis, to honeysuckle, there's a vine for your garden. Learn about vertical living walls.

The Name Game for Plants

Sharon Czaika

Common name vs scientific, botanical or Latin name. We will explore the pros and cons.

Vegetable Gardening

Linda Brown

Traditional home vegetable gardening is a means to a healthy diet, exercise and satisfaction. This talk will discuss the how and when of vegetable planting either by seed or plants. Everything from soil prep to where to plant a garden will be covered. Pest control tips will also be given.

Natural Shorelines

New

Linda Stemen

Do you have shoreline property? Did you know that the loss of natural shoreline has affected the delicate Michigan lake ecosystems, water quality and tourism? Even our everyday gardening practices can have a profound effect on the lake. Learn how to improve your lake property with the use of native shoreline plants and shallow plants.

Tree ID and the Alabaster Bike Path Arboretum

New

Sharon Czaika

Would your group or class enjoy a local field trip? Sharon will give you a guided tour of the Alabaster Bike Path Arboretum. The trees and Bike Path are labeled and a field trip can be done at any time of year. Enjoy a fall color walk! Handicap accessible.

The Miniature World of Moss, Lichens and Liverworts

Gloria Kershaw

Learn about moss, lichen and liverworts. Do you know the difference? These plants can be used to add subtle beauty and variety to our gardens and landscapes. This talk will teach you how.

Deer Battles and other Four Legged Pests **New**

Louise Shoksnyder

Is garden visited by unwanted guests? Learn some strategies for keeping deer, rabbits, squirrels, raccoons, chipmunks and more at bay. There is no full proof method, but there are ways to keep the damage at a minimum.

Michigan Public Gardens **New**

Linda Stemen

Our state has a number of beautiful public gardens. Join Linda Stemen on a tour of some of most outstanding gardens that you can visit.

Woodland Garden Design

Gloria Kershaw

Ideas and tips for creating a woodland garden will be presented. If you have large trees or unused wooded areas, you can create a peaceful and low maintenance woodland garden.

To arrange for a speaker of a specific program, contact the speaker directly by email or by telephone. General questions should be directed to the chairperson. Phone numbers and emails are listed below. **Please give a speaker adequate time to prepare for their talk.**

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