

Ann Arbor Garden Club Spring 2019

DID YOU KNOW?

Every year a new Perennial Plant of the Year is chosen by the Perennial Plant Association. The winner for 2019 is *Stachys monieri* 'Hummelo,' a cousin to the Lamb's Ear. It prefers full sun to part shade and well-drained soil. It is hardy to Zone 4.

If you're looking for easy-care plants that tolerate low light, check out the ZZ Plant - Latin name, *Zamioculcas zamiifolia*.

ZZplants have dark, shiny ovate leathery leaves in an upright position on straight stems and resemble the look of an outdoor shrub.

Most plants that grow in low light require less water. Allow the soil to dry a bit before watering.

Info. provided by the Detroit News Gardening section.

Spring Events

"GROW & SHARE: Plant America"
Wednesday, March 6, 2019 7p.m.

Carol Brodbeck, President of the Michigan Garden Clubs will speak on the gardening efforts of the Michigan & National Garden Clubs, including the project "Michigan Pollinator Gardens." Matthaei Botanical Gardens Rm. 125

Remember:

The Michigan Garden Clubs provide programs throughout the year in the following areas:

Flower Show School
Gardening Study School
Landscape Design School
Environmental Study School

For details on these programs, visit the website at michigangardenclubs.org.

Want to get more involved in leadership with Michigan Garden Clubs? There are many opportunities, such as becoming a Board member or contributing your talents on a committee like Communications, Civic Affairs, or Gardening Conservation. Talk to Carol at the March meeting if interested.

"PLANT PROPAGATION"
Wednesday, April 3, 2019 7p.m.

Don LaFond, Vice-President of The North American Rock Garden Society will speak on propagating plants by seed, cuttings, and dividing. Matthaei Botanical Gardens Rm. 125

"ANNUAL POTLUCK AND END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION"
Wednesday, May 1, 2019 7p.m.

This evening includes the annual business meeting and election of officers. Entrée and beverage provided. Bring a dessert or light salad to pass and some clippings from your garden. Matthaei Botanical Gardens Rm. 125

NEED HELP IN YOUR GARDEN OVER THE SUMMER?

Brian Sylvest – 734.358.4096
He will do odd jobs, small landscaping projects, cleaning & organizing. His motto: "I'll Do The Dirty Work."
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Save The Date



2019 MGC 88th Conference

"Beauty & Balance, Earth & Water"
June 5 & 6,
Great Wolfe Lodge, Traverse City, MI.

Speakers, Workshops, Tours, Exhibits,
Vendors, Leadership Development, Food,
"Grow & Share." \$99 Guest Rooms
Hosted by District V
More Info @michigangardenclubs.org

OLD NEWS

In the fall of 2018, AAGC members Bonnie Ion, Kathy Stroud, Candie Sorensen, Hsai-Lien Lin, and Chin-Yo Chen attended the Michigan Garden Clubs District II Fall Meeting. The meeting was hosted by the Saline Stone & Thistle Club and the Sunshine Arrangers Guild. Dr. David Mitchener, a recognized expert on peonies, was the keynote speaker. A Fall Festival Flower Show was also organized for the event and Mary Pulick shared her flower show knowledge with those who attended. According to Club President, Kathy Stroud, “Dr. David Mitchener gave a great talk and it was the best flower show in years.”

In the coming weeks, we say goodbye to winter, but not without thanking all those who helped with our annual Greens Workshop last December. Thank you to event coordinator Nancy Hart. Many helped out, including Kathy Stroud, Candie Sorensen, & Robert Carter.

Finally, the fourth Piet Oudolf garden in the United States will be planted on Belle Isle in Detroit. Oudolf is the most famous public garden designer in the world today. The Garden Club of Michigan, one of MGC’s member clubs, spearheaded the effort to encourage him to create his next garden in Detroit. For more information on how you may volunteer with the project contact michigangardenclubs.org.

Enjoy the remainder of the winter, but **THINK SPRING!**

