2011 Garden Day! Friday, August 5
Visit our world-famous gardens and join us for an entertaining and educational gardening experience! Our 2011 Keynote Speakers will be Allan Armitage, "Gardening from A-Z" and Rufus Isaacs, "Gardening for Bees". As Allan likes to say; "Gardeners are a wee bit crazy...but don’t we love it!" Writer, TV personality and University researcher, Allan is an entertaining and knowledgeable hoot. Rufus Isaacs, a local expert on Michigan native pollinators, will discuss how to enhance beneficial insects in and around your home by building bee hotels and planting suitable plants.
You can also sign up for two workshops including Native Plants, Dividing Perennials, Garden Photography, Annual and Perennial Garden Walks, Pruning, Vegetable Gardening, Rose Culture, Herbal rubs for grilling, Orchids and Garden Design Elements.
For more information and to Register On-Line Today, click here.

Check out What’s Blooming in the Gardens
We are constantly adding new photos of noteworthy plants and gardens on our website. For instance, our “Nearly Native Bed” planted in 2010 featuring Michigan native plants has been a show stopper this summer. Check it out by clicking here.
See Katie’s favorite annuals at http://trialgardens.hrt.msu.edu/2011-early-favorites/

Plant Trials Open House. Tuesday August 9
Plants and more plants! Who can ever learn them all. Landscapers, garden center operators, nurserymen, and plant enthusiasts are invited to come learn about new plants on trial in the MSU Horticulture Gardens. Trials Gardens include annuals, perennials, native plants and vegetables. Presentations by Industry reps, Dr. Art Cameron (MSU Horticulture Garden Director) and Katie McCarver (MSU Trials Manager) who will speak about their favorite top-performing plants. For more information and to register on-line, click here.