Become a 2012 Member of the MSU Gardens!

2012 Garden memberships are now available and provide endless benefits, such as early plant sale admission and 10% off purchases, discounted class rates, free parking, and an invitation for two to our donor reception! You also receive entry into over 200 AHS Gardens throughout the nation. This benefit alone can more than pay for a membership if you are visiting participating Gardens! [http://www.hrt.msu.edu/assets/PagePDFs/garden-memberships/reciprocalgardens1.pdf](http://www.hrt.msu.edu/assets/PagePDFs/garden-memberships/reciprocalgardens1.pdf)

Our Gardens are largely self-funded and we are constantly striving to make advancements and valuable additions. Your membership donation helps us achieve our goals and inspire generations of gardeners!

To become a 2012 Garden member, click here: [http://www.hrt.msu.edu/garden-memberships/](http://www.hrt.msu.edu/garden-memberships/)

Contact Jennifer Sweet at 517-355-5191 x1339 for questions or additional information.

We thank you for your support and welcome your donation in any amount!

**Current Donor Opportunities**

**Apple espalier in the gardens**

The MSU Horticulture Gardens are installing an apple tree espalier in April of 2012. The espalier will serve as a learning tool for students and garden visitors. Apples are Michigan’s largest and most valuable fruit crop, and Michigan is the third largest apple-producing state. The art of espalier has been around for thousands of years, yet there are currently few examples on campus or in the Lansing area. The espalier will be located just west of the Plant and Soil Science building and greenhouses. The proposed structure will be an eight foot arbor, and the trees will be trained to grow on the arbor creating a screened tunnel for visitors to walk under. An appreciation plaque with inscribed donor names will be placed at the base of the arbor. If you are interested in donating to support this project, please contact Jennifer Sweet ([hgardens@msu.edu](mailto:hgardens@msu.edu)) or Dr Art Cameron ([cameron@msu.edu](mailto:cameron@msu.edu))

**MSU Horticulture Garden Plant Sale - NEW dates for 2012! Saturday, May 19, 2012**

Our 2012 Plant Sale will be held on the same weekend as the East Lansing Art Fair! Make this a family outing and enjoy two great campus events in one trip! Mark your calendars for the following Plant Sale dates:

- **Friday, May 18th, 2012 (5-7pm)** (members only, pre-sale)
- **Saturday, May 19th 2012 (7am-2pm)** (public sale)

Note that all 2012 Garden members have access to sales one day in advance and also receive a 10% discount on all purchases! As in past years, you will find great deals on perennials, grasses, herbs, annuals, cottage garden plants, vegetable seedlings, shrubs and more!

**Location:** The plant sale will take place in the headhouse of the Plant & Soil Sciences greenhouses, MSU campus.

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Curious Gardener Spring 2012 Workshops

Our Curious Gardener Program continues this year with 3 programs all scheduled in the month of April. You can register onsite or contact Jennifer Sweet at hgardens@msu.edu

Succulent Living Wreath April 3rd 6-8pm
Cost $40 Non-Member $35 Member
Start your garden season by creating a stunning succulent living wreath to hang on a door, fence or set on a table. Each participant will be provided with all materials needed to make a living wreath to take home. Presented by Jessica Wright Education coordinator Michigan 4-H Children’s Garden.

Build a Bamboo Trellis! April 10, 6-8 pm
Cost $20 Non-Member $15 Member
Take your garden vertical using bamboo trellises! Beautiful, easy to make, and extremely versatile in the garden, bamboo trellises are great for annual climbing vines and can be adapted to get tomatoes, beans and peas up off the ground. In this workshop, Garden Director Dr. Art Cameron will teach construction of simple and effective trellises. He’ll demonstrate a few variations so you will feel confident in creating your own trellises that will be the envy of your gardening friends! He will discuss how to select and purchase the bamboo. Materials are not included in the price, but will be available for purchase.

Whimsical Spring Container Gardens April 17th 6-8PM
Cost $35 Non-Member $30 Member
Spring is right around the corner! Start the season early by creating a whimsical spring container with cool-season flowers and veggies. The container will not be your every day container, but a piece of art. Plants and materials will be provided. Presented by Katie McCarver, Annual Trial Garden Manager, MSU Horticulture Gardens.

2012 Garden Day – Friday, August 3
Stephanie Cohen, the “Perennial Diva”, and our own mother-daughter team of Jessica Wright and Val Albright will be our keynote speakers this summer. Another exciting day of workshops and events is planned. Stay tuned – more details soon to follow.