Yarn Bombing!
Lynn Troldahl-Hershberger Hefferan has been busy coordinating fiber artists to create a yarn bombing event in the MSU Horticulture Gardens. What is “Yarn Bombing”? It’s when any outdoor object is covered (sometimes during the night) with an artful cape of fiber. The photo on the right was taken at the Morton Arboretum in 2011. Lynn has worked with 100s of artists and has collected more than an armload of pennants and trunk scarfs. Amazing! You can visit her web site at http://colorjoy.com/weblog/

Assembly – October 26
The artists will gather this Friday from 9 am until 4 pm to assemble the pieces and attach them to the trees. The location of the event will be in the MSU Horticulture Gardens. Park in the Garden Parking Lot (1066 Bogue Street, campus). The designated trees are to the right of the Children’s Garden near our dragon! From the parking lot – walk to the left (south) and you should find us.

Party/Reception/Happening! October 27
There will be a reception from 2-4 pm on Saturday, October 27, rain or shine! Come with kids and friends, congratulate the artists, and enjoy the spectacle of a fiber covered tree! It should be great time!

A quote from Lynn:
“HUGS to everyone involved. Fiber arts are all about community. This project makes that element visible to outsiders. I appreciate every single stitch! “
Thanks Lynn!
Cultivating the Indoor Garden  
**October 25th 6-8 PM  $25 member $30 non-member**  
Even when it's cold outside, you can grow many wonderful plants indoors! No matter how bright or how cold, we can find a cool plant that will grow in your home. You will learn why some plants thrive while others do not! We will cover some basic houseplants, but will also include some exciting new succulents and even learn a few herbs to start from seeds indoors. You will go home with a smile and a few cool plants. Presented by Dr. Art Cameron, Director of the MSU Horticulture Gardens.

Putting your Tools to Bed  
**November 6th 6-8 PM  $15 member $20 non-member**  
Gardening can be hard work and having the right hand tools can help make tasks easier. This class will show you how to choose the best tools for different jobs and how to care for them and protect your investment. Fall is a great time to clean, oil and sharpen your shovels, loppers and pruners so that they are ready when spring arrives. Bring your pruners and we will sharpen them together. Presented by Renata Reibitz, MSU Perennial Gardens Manager.

Three-Season Holiday Wreaths  
**December 5th 6-8 PM  $35 member $40 non-member**  
Create an inviting entrance to your home by attending our Three-Season Holiday Wreath workshop. After this workshop, you will be filled with the holiday spirit and have a festive wreath you can use for three holidays: Christmas, New Year's Eve/Day, and Valentine's Day. You will learn how to assemble a wreath made with evergreens, and will be provided ribbons and other accessories that you can change with the winter holidays. Presented by Katie McCarver, MSU Trial Gardens Manager.
Still time to plant garlic and spring-flowering bulbs

There is still time to plant your favorite edible and spring flowering bulbs in October into early November! To obtain useful garlic varieties adapted to your local area, we suggest that you go to your local Farmer’s Market and purchase from your local growers. Store-bought garlic is usually a variety more adapted to California where much of the garlic is grown. Locally, many cultivars do great including Music, Spanish Roja, Inchelium Red and even softneck varieties. If you plant garlic cloves soon about 5” apart in a soft soil enriched with compost, they will be up in April and ready to harvest in July.

It’s also a great time of year to hunt for close –out bargains on spring flowering bulbs. There is still plenty of time to get them in the ground. Here on campus we are once again planting thousands of tulips and daffodils largely thanks to the generosity of Chris Green, an MSU Horticulture alumnus who owns a bulb importing company EuroBlooms LLC. Thanks Chris!
Consider Sponsoring a Brick or a Bench in the Garden

A $250 donation to the Gardens will sponsor a 4” by 8” brick, a $1,000 donation to the Gardens will sponsor a 8” by 8” brick, and a $10,000 donation to the Gardens will sponsor a garden bench. The inscription can honor special persons or occasions in your life. Benches can be placed in many locations throughout the gardens. Other sponsorships including fountains, student internships, and garden features are available. Contact Art Cameron (cameron@msu.edu) or Amy Britton (517/353-4749 or mobile 517/898-1044).