Jane Taylor, Gardens Grow Communities!

Founding curator of the 4-H Children’s Garden, Jane will take a look back to the beginning and to the long-term impact the MSU Gardens have had on gardening across the country. Our gardens provide visual beauty, food for our bodies and feasts for our souls! In the 21st century technological world, gardens also provide a place of sanctuary and promote a sense of community. Jane Taylor was first recipient of the Jane L. Taylor Great American Gardeners Award in 2000, an annual award from the American Horticulture Society.

Felder Rushing, Slow Gardening!

Slow Gardening is neither lazy nor laid back. It is highly personal and stress-free gardening that focuses on knowing what you are doing and why. Slow Gardening techniques help us focus on finding and following our garden bliss – whatever that may be – savoring every bit and sharing it with others. Felder is a popular motivational garden teacher, syndicated newspaper columnist and TV personality, and has written numerous books.

Good news... it’s not too late to register for Garden Day!!
Online at http://www.hrt.msu.edu/garden-day-2013/
or at the door on Friday, August 2

Garden Day Workshops

2. Herbaceous Perennial Garden Tour. Art Cameron, Director of the MSU Horticulture Gardens and Renata Reibitz, MSU Perennial Garden Manager
3. Growing Small Fruits for the Home Garden. Brad Rowe, Professor of Horticulture
4. Organic Pest Control for the Backyard Vegetable Garden. Adam Montri, Student Organic Farm
5. The Flower Fairy Garden. Beulah Hargrove, Grand Oak Herb Farm, Owner/Operator for 33 years
7. Medicinal Plants. Peter Carrington, Assistant Curator, W. J. Beal Botanical Garden at Michigan State University
8. Rediscovering the Sweet Herbs. Jessica Wright, Education Coordinator, 4H Children’s Garden and Val Albright, Program Assistant, MSU Extension
9. Tom’s Top Ten Trees and Shrubs. Dr. Tom Fernandez, Associate Professor, Department of Horticulture
11. Growing Grapes in Michigan: from Planting to Squeezing the Fruit! Paolo Sabbatini, Assistant Professor of Horticulture, Michigan State University
12. Wedding Flowers with a Garden Flair. Tim Latimer, Certified Florist
Goodbye Katie and Hello Daedre

Most of our staff and summer student employees were on hand to wish Katie McCarver (3rd from left in front row) good-bye last week. We will miss her, but wish her the best as she pursues her MS degree at New Mexico State University. We are happy to welcome Daedre Craig (far right) as she begins her new role as Annual Trial Garden Director. Welcome Daedre! Daedre received her Master of Science degree from our Horticulture Department here at Michigan State University. We are all looking forward to working with her.

Also in this photograph are most of our staff and summer student employees. In the back row, from left to right, are Dan Bulkowski (Garden Manager who came in on his day off!), Tyler Jimenez, Michael McCallum, Art Cameron (Garden Director), Ian Quam, Laura Ness, Dan Pickard, Robert Zanini and Daedre Craig. In the front row, from left to right, are Renata Reibitz (Perennial Garden Manager), Kyle Detavernier, Katie McCarver, Erin Zerwas, Tiffany Shay, Shelby Shay, and Jennifer Chapin.

We have had a wonderful group this summer and the gardens look great as we approach our busiest visitor season. The Michigan Garden Tour starts Monday July 29 (http://planttour.hrt.msu.edu/), our Garden Gala is August 1, and Garden Day is August 2. On August 6, we host professionals and advanced amateurs to our Annual Plant Trials Open House, another information-packed program (http://trialgardens.hrt.msu.edu/).

Plan a visit to the gardens to take part in one of our programs or simply to see our gardens looking their best!
Summer activities in the Michigan 4-H Children’s Garden

July 30    Bug Day (10am - noon)
We cannot get enough of these amazing six-legged friends! Join us for what has become an annual tribute to insects in the garden. We will be collecting bugs, observing bugs, eating bugs, making bugs and even writing poetry about bugs! Our friends from the MSU Bug House will be back this year with their amazing collections of insects from all over the world!
Cost per child: $5
Parking: $3 for 1.5 hours or $5 for 3 hours.

August 6-8  Camp Monet (10am - 2pm)
Young artists will love spending three days in the garden creating marvelous projects. Campers will use inspiration from the garden to make projects that involve sketching, painting, sculpting, dying, weaving and much more! Lunch will not be provided, so please bring a lunch each day. We will eat together in the garden. Ages 7 and up. (Limited to 20 participants.)
Cost per child: $60 for all three days.
Parking: $3 for 1.5 hours or $5 for 3 hours.

August 8    Stories in the Garden (7pm - 8:30pm)
Teens will be reading stories to younger children - a magical time of fun and learning. Great for kids 0 to 100!
Cost per child: Free
Parking: Free

August 9    An Evening in the Garden (8pm - 10pm)
Bring your flashlights and friends to this garden event. Join us as we check out what happens in the garden when the sun goes down. We will play flashlight hide and seek, observe insects and animals that come out after dark, view night blooming plants and much more.
Cost per child: $5
Parking: Free

These are just a few of the upcoming programs!
If you have questions please contact:
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or
Dr. Norm Lownds, Curator
at (517) 355-5191 ext. 1-349

For more information on programs or to register online, visit http://4hgarden.cowplex.com/Calendar/Information
**Become a Member of the MSU Horticulture Gardens**

The MSU Horticulture Gardens are largely self-funded and depend on generous contributions from interested garden enthusiasts and supporters like you! Please consider joining as an MSU Horticulture Garden Member and support these beautiful gardens. Members of the MSU Horticulture Gardens enjoy many special benefits, such as discounts to all our special events and programs. They also gain early entry to our members-only 'VIP' Plant Sale. Members also receive a 10% discount on all purchased plants and items.

All MSU Horticulture Garden members gain special admission privileges to over 200 American Horticultural Society reciprocal gardens, providing cost savings that can more than make up for your MSU Gardens membership fee! If you travel and visit other gardens, even in Michigan, you can quickly recoup the Membership fee and more. To learn more about the AHS Reciprocal Admissions Program, visit [www.ahs.org/events/reciprocal_events.htm](http://www.ahs.org/events/reciprocal_events.htm)

To join online or to download a printable membership application, please visit our website at: [http://www.hrt.msu.edu/2013-garden-memberships/](http://www.hrt.msu.edu/2013-garden-memberships/)

**Support the Gardens - Sponsor a Brick or a Bench**

Our endowment supports a good portion of our on-going salaries and maintenance costs in the gardens. Our endowment grows yearly from direct gifts and donations or one of the many donor opportunities in the MSU Horticulture Gardens. 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. Larger donations can sponsor individual garden beds or completely new gardens. Inscriptions can honor special person(s) or occasion(s) in your life. Benches can be placed in many locations throughout the gardens.

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