



Alpine Master Gardeners Association Newsletter



Spring 2011

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Gaylord, Michigan

Newsletter Notes

This is the latest attempt at providing everyone with a periodic newsletter. This is the introductory copy that brings everyone up to speed. We intend to publish the official spring issue after the banquet. We want to make this newsletter informative, as well as pleasurable to read, so that you will look forward to the next issue. If you have any tidbits or information you feel is newsworthy, please send them to us via email or regular post office fare. Email to rgoddard50@hotmail.com or through the Post Office to:

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Dairy Doo

Dairy Doo is now available at Ellsworth Farmers Exchange on S. Otsego Ave. in Gaylord.

Note From Rachel Koleda – Otsego Conservation District

The Otsego Conservation District would like to invite you to a **Fruit Tree Workshop** on **Saturday, April 16** from 9:00 to 11:30 am, at Echo Ranch in Johannesburg. Join guest speaker Stephen B. Fouch, the Benzie County Extension Director, as he talks about selecting fruit tree varieties to suit your garden, proper planting tips, pruning techniques, control of insects and diseases (traditionally and organically) and much more. Registration is \$20.00 and includes a guidebook on recognizing and treating common fruit tree diseases. Please register for this event by calling the Otsego Conservation District at 989-732-4021 or emailing us at rkoleda@otsegocountymi.gov



Signs That Spring Is Here

Finally!! Spring has arrived. The last vestiges of snow are releasing their wintry grip on the landscape. Now our thoughts turn to spring and its glorious splendor. Our senses are awakened by the smell of freshly turned soil...the tranquility of a gentle spring rain...the sounds of the birds as they carol their gentle love songs ... the buzz of the bees as they begin their annual quest....is all welcome music to our ears.

2011 Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>When</u>
April 27	MSUE/MGVP/AMGA Annual Banquet; Cost \$20 per person; Reserve by 4/19	Michaywe Inn The Woods	6:00PM
May 03	May Gardening Series - Betty Steinhoff on "Cooking with Herbs"; Free to All	Trinity Lutheran Church	6:30PM
May 10	May Gardening Series – Stacy Jo Schiller on "Growing Organically from A – Z"; Free to All	Otsego County Library	6:30PM
May 17	May Gardening Series - Gloria Torello on "Local and Organic Cooking"; Free to All	Trinity Lutheran Church	6:30PM
May 24	May Gardening Series - Diane Webber on "Preserving Garden Bounty"; Free to All	Otsego County Library	6:30PM
May 25	AMGA Meeting - Jennifer Mulandor speaks on identifying and eradicating invasive plants	United Way Building	6:45PM
June 09	Compost Workshop w/ Master Composters Kathy & Steve Young; Free to All	Demo Garden Greenhouse	6:00PM
June 22	AMGA Meeting – Work-bee optional anytime 4 - 8PM - Short meeting at 8:00PM	Demo Garden	Noted
July 11	Garden Tour @ AMGA Member Jeanne Freymuth's - Opt. Potluck with tour after	3700 Townline Rd.	6:00PM
July 27	AMGA Meeting – Work-bee optional anytime 4 - 8PM – Short meeting at 8:00PM	Demo Garden	Noted
Aug 24	AMGA Meeting – Work-bee optional anytime 4 - 8PM – Short meeting at 8:00PM	Demo Garden	Noted
Sept 24	Fall Gardening Extravaganza – Janet Macunovich – 8:30AM – 4:00PM - \$45 per person – Register by 9/9 - Call Dee Burau @ 989-732-2527	Otsego Club	Noted
Sept 28	AMGA Meeting – Presentation to be determined	United Way Building	6:45PM
Oct 26	AMGA Meeting – Jason & Julie Sitzema on Pilly Wiggins Garden	United Way Building	6:45PM
Nov 30	Annual Elections/Christmas Party – Details to follow		

2011 AMGA Officers

President	Karen Blewett	989-786-7449
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Cathy Brandenburg	989-731-3222
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2011 Goals

- Increase membership and retain current members
- Provide members with educational and volunteer opportunity hours
- Distinguish the Master Gardener Program by following our mission
- Raise community awareness of the MGVP program
- Assist MSU Extension with naming an MGVP Coordinator
- To JUST get to know each other better and have FUN!