



**South Haven Garden Club
Petunia Patch Newsletter
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August 2018 Newsletter

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GARDENING IN AUGUST

August is an exciting time. After all, your flower beds are radiant and your vegetable garden is thriving! Although it may seem like watering and weeding are your only tasks this month, there's still a lot to do. Help your garden beat the heat and prep for fall at the same time.

Keep your garden beautiful during August:

Maintenance and Preparation

- Level low spots in your lawn.
- Remove weeds.
- Choose your autumn flower seeds and order in advance.
- Fertilize and fortify your lawn.
- Harvest produce regularly and hoe weekly to weaken weeds.
- Add compost and mulch to keep your garden cool and prepared for fall planting.
- Plant fall veggie starts or transplants.
- Remove fallen fruit from fruit trees to limit insect infestations.

[More complete list here](#)

Member Submissions

First a HUGE thank you to Sue McCabe for letting us use her wonderful garage and backyard for the Previews Party, it was the perfect venue.

My thanks also to my co-chair Albert Gibson. He generously donated the great cakes (loved the dirt cake with worms) ice and those great paper plates, he also provided the pretty plants and did the floral arrangements. . Thank you so much for your time and help with set up.

And our own Lily Pulitzer Sally Van Assche for the wonderful cutlery, napkins and plates as well as the iced tea,lemonaid and water. Thanks for running for me!

The magic of the evening was enhanced by Bob Hiddema and Patrick Brown. Thank you so much, your music is a gift.

Thank you all for a wonderful event!

Anita Upson

August Events



Club Meeting

August 13, 2018 - 12:30 pm

Program: Annual Picnic, Club Business Meeting with Club Officer Election.

Location: Blue Horizon Nursery
9721 59th St, Grand Junction, MI
(269) 998-8165

Hosts: Sally Van Assche & Meme Williamson

Our annual end of the club year picnic at this beautiful location is a club favorite. We meet to vote and swear in the new Club Officers, socialize, and enjoy the summer. Please join us.

Please remember to bring your own plates and eating utensils.

Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. To avoid having all desserts



Club Field Trip

Thursday Aug 23, 2018

10-12:00 pm

Carpooling from Church at 9:15 am
Cost: Free

“Hops Grower / Trial Farm Tour”

Great Lakes Hops
4135 80th Ave, Zeeland, MI 49464

Great Lakes Hops offers a collection of select, fully rooted hop plants and crowns (not rhizomes). What makes them special in our area is their variety of hybrids and the field testing trials they do. They test for vigor, yield, and growing suitability in our region. They are known for their improved hop varietal selection & breeding. We get to see and hear about their trial program with this farm tour. Lunch after?

www.greatlakeshops.com/

(which is not a bad thing in itself), we suggest the following plan:

[RSVP](#)

Last Names beginning with:

A-H - Dessert

I-O - Appetizer

P-Z - Salad or Entree

[Website](#)

After the picnic our hosts, Bill Snyder and Paul Surian will give us a tour of the Botanical Gardens including discussion of their unusual conifers.

[Visit BHN Website](#)

August Other Area Events

Thursday, August 16: [Morgan Soil Health Seminar](#) (Sears Michigan) - a chance for you to learn, meet others in the industry, enjoy lunch on us, and tour our compost site. Save your spot now!

Thursday, August 16: [Native Grass Identification \(Hickory Corners\)](#)
Sponsored by MSU Extension 6-8:30pm

Tuesday, August 21: [Chicago Botanic Gardens Bus Trip \(Grand Rapids\)](#)
Sponsored by MSUE Kent County 7am-10pm

Friday, August 24: [Advanced Diagnostics Workshop \(Grand Rapids\)](#)
Sponsored by MSU Extension 9:30am-4pm

Saturday August 25, 2018

Breakfast on the Farm

Hood Farms Family Diary, Paw Paw, MI

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m - with breakfast served from 9 a.m. to noon

This FREE event will feature breakfast, farm tour and tons of activities for the kids! Visit the [Breakfast on the Farm website](#) to download your free tickets https://www.canr.msu.edu/breakfast_on_the_farm/van-buren

Breakfast on the Farm offers consumers and farm neighbors a firsthand look at modern food production practices and introduces them to the farm families who work hard to produce a safe, wholesome food supply for Michigan communities and the world. The farm dates back to the 1890s and transitioned into dairy production in the late 40s. Hood Farms now milks around 500 cows and farms over 900 acres of corn, silage and alfalfa.

Contact the MSU Extension Office at 269-657-8213 for more information.

September Events



Club Meeting

September 10, 2018 - 12:30 pm

Program: "Putting Your Garden to Bed in the Fall So That It Wakes Up in the Spring"

Speaker: Linda Whitlock MSU Extension Educator, MA from MU, BA from Hope College, AS from MSU

Location: 1st Congregational Church

Hosts: TBA



Club Field Trip

Friday Sept 21 10-12:00 pm

Farm Tour Only

Location: *Event Begins and Ends at the:*
Bailey Museum
903 S Bailey Ave,
South Haven, MI 49090

Carpooling from Bailey at 9:45 am

Cost: *See more details below.*

12 - 5 pm - Farm Tour

This self-guided tour will take you to 6 different local farms that have partnered with the museum to provide an enjoyable and educational event. Each location was selected to demonstrate the current spirit of the Bailey agricultural philosophy that is alive and well in today's agricultural and farming world. All of our stops will have either demonstrations, fun activities and/or tastings.

Register

Bailey Conference and Farm Tour September 21 & 22

Conference Focus

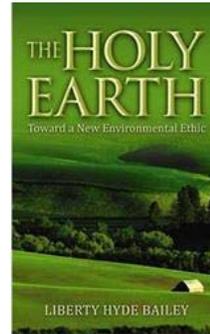
To celebrate Bailey's life, work, philosophy, and legacy.

The foundational work created by Liberty Hyde Bailey in the late 19th and early 20th century has evolved into a vibrant focus of action today. From agriculture to art, horticulture to native plants, and soil-plant science to nature study, Bailey's vocation and avocation resonate in how we interact with the planet. Bailey's vision for the 21st century is the focus of our conference speakers. His influence and scope of reach are the seeds of

hope and inspiration that are being planted on September 21-22, 2018." A Quote by: Keynote Speaker, Dr. Douglas Tallamy.



Friday
September 21, 2018
Farm Tour



Saturday
September 22, 2018
Conference

Friday Sept 21 Farm Tour Event (pre conference)

Pre Conference Event

September 21, 2018 / Friday 12 - 7pm

Location: Event Begins and Ends at the:
Bailey Museum
903 S Bailey Ave,
South Haven, MI 49090

12 - 5 pm - Tour

Agri-Farms Tour & Photo Scavenger Hunt

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Plus (just for added fun) a scavenger hunt. Collect 6 photos - one from each farm, bring them back to the Museum, and you will be entered in the Raffle.

5:00 pm - Evening Event

- Cocktail Party
- Live Music
- Bailey Garden Tour

We will meet at the Museum for music, socializing, and refreshment of appetizers with local beer and wine. This is the opportunity to relax while enjoying the Museum's lovely gardens.

6:00 pm - Raffle Results

Enjoy the results of the Photo Scavenger Hunt. Winners announced with awarding of prizes.

Cost \$20 per person

[Register Online](#)

Saturday Sept 22 Conference



The Bailey Conference will be held on September 22, 2018 at the newly renovated South Haven High School. The Conference Brochure link is below with all the information about speakers, schedule and registration form for both the Pre-conference Farm Tour event on Friday September 21 and the Conference on Saturday September 22.

Information on the event can be accessed as follows:

[Online - Event Information and Registration](#)

[Printable Version of Conference Brochure](#)

Question or Suggestion of the Month ...

A club member suggested the "Smarty Plants" podcast. Thank you for the great newsletter submission!

<http://www.wnycstudios.org/story/smarty-plants/>

I agree. I love WNYC's RadioLab. The hosts are great, the topics are compelling, and the production of the show is just great. I really like the way they use sound and incorporate off-script words and phrases throughout the show and credits.

Besides the Smarty Plants RadioLab show, here are two other you might enjoy. All about plants doing unexpected things (communicating, learning, sharing, etc).

- [Plants Talk, Plants Listen](#) [Plants Talk, Plants Listen](#)

- [From Tree to Shining Tree](#) [From Trees to Shining Trees](#)

[MSU Turf Weeds Website](#)

[Ask a Question?](#)

Submissions Requested! Please provide content for YOUR newsletter. Especially needed is information about club members, activities, pictures or anything educational. Submit by the 25th of the Month.

[Newsletter Submissions](#)

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