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*It was a gang of sawflies – a flash mob was on my roses.  
I will not dance with them and I hate their music!*

- I. Unison

Time for hand-picking and a quick dispatch of these havoc-wreaking foes. In the soapy water you go!

Red-headed, white-headed, dusky or brown, larch munchers, ash eaters, pine samplers, too. Imported or native, over-wintered or not, the sawflies have arrived.

Yes, time to dig up the U of MN Extension's valuable piece on the cursed sawflies known to frequent these parts. Mid-May thru June is the usual time of their arrival and Master Gardeners across the state have definitely sighted them. Read up all about them: [Know Thy Enemy!](#)

Even if you are lucky enough to escape their damage, you KNOW you will be asked what to do about these cursed beasts. So read up. In the meantime, it is back to the garden to do battle!

**NEW: Anthracnose Alert!!!**

## **\*\*Monday June 6th Update Meeting\*\***

**Ice Cream Social  
Sharing the Knowledge Panel**

**Minnnetonka Community Center  
14600 Minnetonka Blvd, Minnetonka, MN  
55345**

**6:00 -7:00 p.m.: Ice Cream Social  
6:00-7:00: Mini-Session: Bacterial Canker with  
Michelle Grabowski, Extension Educator  
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.: Share the Knowledge Panel:  
Experienced Master Gardener Volunteers share  
their learning with us.**

**Featured Flavors: Featuring Golden Gopher Ice  
Cream! This year's flavors: Brick House, Chocolate  
Chocolate Chunk, Chocolate, French Vanilla, Mint  
Cookies, Raspberry Chocolate Truffle, Salty Caramel,  
White House; Yogurt flavors: Key Lime Pie,  
Strawberry and Wild berry.**

**(Next Update is September 12! Topic is  
*Overwintering Your Perennials*, with Jessica  
Heimer, Horticulturist & Assistant Manager,  
Mother Earth Gardens)**

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**June 24-25**

**Master Gardener Volunteer Statewide  
Conference** is quickly approaching, and your  
planning team has a terrific line-up ready for  
you.

**[Learn More and Register!!!](#)**

**August 27 - September 7  
Minnesota State Fair Fairgrounds, Saint Paul**

*Reminder: Let's welcome all of the new interns every time you see  
them and wear your nametag to every event or meeting!*

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## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### What's Happening with the Membership Education Committee

We are so excited. We are trying a “different” approach to our **Monday (June 6<sup>th</sup>)** Update meeting. I hope you will enjoy and benefit from it. This is our ice cream social and in the spirit of ‘social’ we will be featuring a panel of our very own HCMGs. Our panel will consist of master gardeners you may know, and some who may be hidden gems to you. All are willing to share their knowledge of specific or general interests and answer your questions.

This meeting is to help our members connect with others who ‘know stuff’. I hope that by sharing the Q&A we will learn different ways to pose questions, dig for the ‘real question’; and how to answer questions in addition to receiving the answers. Please bring your questions, no matter what they are, and we will do our best. Some of the knowledge you will have access to: herbs, container plants, Junior Master Gardening, hydroponics, woodland gardening, **NEW** bare root tree planting protocol, veggies, edible gardening, permaculture, fall yard and garden care, plant diseases, Speakers Bureau, public speaking etc. I thank the following MGs who bravely have consented to be a part of this new learning experience: Sarah Green Towes, Lynda Forbes, Grace Anderson, Larry Cipolla, Rhonda Converse, Chip Abernathy, Mollie Dean (and of course myself, Theresa Rooney, as instigator). I look forward to a very educational session.

*Reminder:* Our group does not have formal meetings in July and August, but we do feature a ‘tour’ for each month. Please make sure you keep an eye open for the sign-ups announcements for the tours. Terry will be sending these announcements. Our July tour will be to SEED SAVERS in Iowa on July 26<sup>th</sup>. The August tour will cover local St Paul gardens and special places. Don’t forget to sign up for the State conference being held at the Arboretum June 24-25. There will be lots of great learning opportunities there.

Our Learning Garden Tour is July 9<sup>th</sup>. Not only can you learn on this tour, you can volunteer and there will be other opportunities available. See [Sign-Up Genius](#). All of these are great ways to learn and continue to increase your confidence in answering the questions we encounter.

Soon our in-service group will be meeting to plan next year’s update sessions. We decide on speakers and the months for those speakers. We also work on where our tools will be. If you have ideas for speakers or tours or comments about our choice of speakers, tour selection or ideas about how you would like to LEARN, please feel free to contact me- Theresa Rooney.

*PS: If you see me at a meeting and have comments that is fine, but please, if possible, have your suggestions/comments/notes written, too, and hand them to me. I don’t want to forget something you suggest on the ‘fly’ but may if you just toss it to me on the run. I value your input on how we can best share the learning with everyone in our group. Happy learning and happy gardening!*

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### **What's Happening with the Plant Sale Committee?**

The 2016 Plant Sale was a huge success. As a community we raised over \$37,000 to support our programming efforts. In addition to the money we raised, we had the opportunity to educate hundreds of new and seasoned gardeners about plants, gardening practices, pollinators, weeds, what a 'vigorous grower' really means, and lots and lots of other gardening related topics.

**Thank you** to all the Master Gardeners who gave hours and hours of time to support the plant sale. Mark your plants now for next year's plant sale, so you can identify type, color, and variety.

### **What's Happening with the Garden Tour Committee?**

Six more weeks to go until the **9th annual HCMG Learning Garden Tour on July 9th!!!!** The hosts are planting and weeding, the education station presenters are honing their presentations, the construction team is putting together the live demo areas (elevated garden beds, hydroponics and composting), the garden shed folks are busy crafting, the "Book Nook" director is busy picking reading selections, the printers are printing, the advertisers are sending us their ad copy for the booklet, the gift bag stuffers are putting together goodies for the gift bags, the publicity team is ramping up for the last big push...well, you get the picture. Whew!

This year's tour is looking spectacular. Each of the six beautiful gardens will feature not only popular educational material, live demos, and hands on/interactive pollinator assessment activities, but they will each feature a tough site and how they each dealt with it (clay soil, hungry deer, steep slopes, sudden loss of shade to sun conditions and boulevard gardens). We will be welcoming Habitat for Humanity, the MN State Horticultural Society, and the ever popular visit of raptors from the U of M raptor center.

Tickets are available now on our website. [Sign-Up Genius](#) just went live for tour day volunteers. Get in on the fun!!! **SAVE THE DATE** and bring your friends!!!

### **What's Happening with the Community Programs?**

It's our busy time of the year being available to counsel and getting the community and giving gardens in. There is hardly time to write an article much less for you to read it, so I'll keep this short.

Thanks to Mike Slinkard for stepping up to lead the Hennepin County Public Health Department's communities of faith gardens. They have three sites live and another four in the planning phase. Sharon Decker and Amy Sitze report that great things are going on at Waite House's new 12<sup>th</sup> Ave Community Garden which has a strong Latino presence. The American Indian Teaching Garden is going in on 14<sup>th</sup> Ave in the Phillips neighborhood. Julie Dahl is working with First Nations Kitchen to design a huge new garden in Corcoran. And people and organizations are calling right and left to donate leftover plants to the community gardens we support. Great work is breaking out and we are being recognized for being leaders in the gardening movement.

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We are seeking a lead to support this month's featured item, a new project supporting the Brian Coyle Community Garden next to the [Aeon Buri Manor](#) residence in South Minneapolis. Click [HERE](#) for details. This is a great opportunity for those of you who have worked with an Aeon site to expand the existing relationship we have with them.

Congrats to the Plant Sale team for yet another extremely successful event! We are looking forward to a great Learning Garden Tour in July.

*Dahlia Del*

## What's Happening in Adult Education?

Adult education presentation season is in full bloom. In the first 5 months of 2016, **69 presentations** were done by **43 presenters**. This includes presentations done by Speaker's Bureau members as well as Vegetable Growing Basics classes in 5 locations. In addition to the presenters for VGB, an additional 78 Master Gardeners served as garden designers--helping students plot out their actual garden spaces which helps ensure success when it comes to harvest time. I've left off various tech helpers and VGB hosts and I'm sure others--it really *DOES* take a village of master gardeners to pull all of this off!

## What's Happening in Youth Education?

Summer is just around the corner, and there are still plenty of openings in our Summer Youth Ed programs. The Gopher Adventure's program is now posted on Sign Up Genius under Youth Education, and our urban youth ed programs at Franklin Co-op Housing, Heritage Park, Mashkiikii Gitigan and Martin Luther King Park are all posted under Summer Youth Programs. Under this same heading you'll soon find our youth education program for this summer at the Camden Emerge program. It would be wonderful if you could sign up for more than one session at the same location, so the kids get to know you...but it's also helpful if you can only assist with one session. You will t h e n see how much fun it is!

If you can't make it on weekdays during the summer, there are two Farmers Markets that offer youth activities one weekend per month. They are the markets at Bloomington and Richfield, and you'll find these postings under "Little Growers" under Youth Education. Brief but fun educational activities are all worked out...you just get to come and share them with kids and their families. If you're new to youth education, this is a great way of getting introduced to our offerings. Try it...you'll like it!

A huge THANKS to all the HCMGs who volunteered to help with our Junior Master Gardener program at Champlin Brooklyn Park Academy this past school year! We had approximately 145 students become certified as Junior Master Gardeners on May 27, a feat that would not have been possible without your help. I especially would like to thank those of you who took lead teaching roles, volunteered for multiple sessions, and/or worked to get students caught up on their JMG lessons over their recess times. It was wonderful to see



*Michaeleen Kruger addresses 2016 JMG Graduates as Mary Cichon, Youth Education Chair, looks on.*

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the proud faces of those students who likely would not have become certified as Junior Master Gardeners without your help!

PS: *The Youth Ed committee wants to congratulate in particular HCMG Christiana Goldschmidt on her recent wedding. "May you and your new husband continue to grow together!"*

### What's Happening in Communications?

We will always need articles, social media, and general gardening writings. If you have interest in any of these facets, please contact [Melinda Mattox](#) for details.

*HELP! What kinds of questions are people in the community asking you? Please contact [Kathy Frederickson, Editor](#) so we can find answers and post them on Facebook or herein!! Photos Welcome!!! Bugs, Birds and Bees Welcome!! Any new critters sighted?*

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### Newsletter Article Due Date Schedule in 2016

For your convenience, here are the estimated hard deadlines for newsletter articles for the next three months:

Newsletter	Articles due to Kathy Frederickson
July	Thursday, June 23rd
August	Thursday, July 21st
September	Thursday, August 25th

## JUNE CULTURAL OBSERVANCES

As we interact with Hennepin County's diverse audiences through our volunteering, we learn more about each other. Understanding the holidays and events of a culture provides one opportunity for insight. We would like to share several cultural observances and encourage Master Gardeners to check out additional ones at:

(Source: <http://www.adl.org/assets/pdf/education-outreach/CALENDAR-OF-OBSERVANCES-2016.pdf>)

- June Full Month      **LGBT PRIDE MONTH**  
Commemorates the anniversary of the June 28, 1969 Stonewall riot in New York City, the incident that initiated the modern gay rights movement in the United States. LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) Pride Day is the last Sunday in June.
- June 6–July 5      **RAMADAN • Islamic**  
A month of strict fasting from dawn until dusk in honor of the first revelations of the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammad.
- June 12      **ANNE FRANK DAY**  
Birthday of young Jewish girl whose diary describes her family's experiences hiding from the Nazis through assistance of gentile friends.

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- June 12            **LOVING DAY**  
Observes the anniversary of the 1967 United States Supreme Court decision Loving v. Virginia which struck down the miscegenation laws remaining in 16 states barring interracial marriage.
- June 12            **RACE UNITY DAY • Bahá'í**  
Observance promoting racial harmony and understanding and the essential unity of humanity.
- June 12–13        **SHAVUOT • Jewish**  
The “Feast of Weeks” celebrates the covenant established at Sinai between God and Israel, and the revelation of the Ten Commandments.
- June 14            **FLAG DAY**  
Anniversary of the adoption of the United States flag by Congress in 1777.
- June 19            **FATHER’S DAY**  
Children of all ages show appreciation for their fathers.
- June 19            **JUNETEENTH**  
Originally commemorating the announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas in 1865, it is now celebrated throughout the U.S. to honor African-American freedom and achievement.
- June 20            **WORLD REFUGEE DAY**  
Raises awareness about the plight of refugees and displaced persons.
- June 20            **SUMMER SOLSTICE**  
In the northern hemisphere, the longest day of the year. It marks the first day of the season of summer.
- June 26            **ALL SAINTS DAY • Eastern Christian**  
In Orthodox churches observed on the first Sunday after Pentecost, it commemorates all known and unknown Christian saints.

## NEWS TO KNOW AND THINGS TO DO

### \*Hat Tip of the Month\*

*First one goes to Linda from Anoka!*

*“If you would like a list of good garden apps from reputable sources, with links to download them, including the Tree Doctor one, see:*

<http://www.anokamastergardeners.org/blog/2016/4/17/gardening-theres-an-app-for-that>

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*If you would like a 20 minute talk about them, see:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TPnIHWNHxOg> “

*The second HAT TIP goes to Larry Cipolla for giving us the 411 on Hydroponics 101 seen below!!!!*

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## Hydroponic Gardening 101

Larry Cipolla, HCMG

[cci1@visi.com](mailto:cci1@visi.com)

Don't like digging in the dirt? Not too excited about all of those bug critters? Hydroponic gardening may be for you. When you grow plants hydroponically, you use specialized, soil-free nutrient solutions rather than soil. People have been practicing hydroponic gardening for thousands of years, dating back to the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

Modern-day American gardeners began to get serious about hydroponic gardening in the 1950s. It has really taken off in recent years, given its benefits and lower maintenance. You can build or buy hydroponic systems of varying sizes. Growing hydroponically is easy.

Some of the benefits of hydroponics include ....

- Plant growth rate can be 30 to 50 percent faster than planting in soil
- Higher per-plant yield
- Fewer problems with fungus and disease
- Reduced water usage
- No worries about soil type
- No nibbling by critters
- No need to till, plow, weed or dig
- No need for tools or hauling of heavy materials
- No spring preparation and no fall cleanup
- Year-round gardening opportunities

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### Some basics of hydroponic gardening:

All plants need **Nutrients** to grow and hydroponic fertilizers contain the essential elements plants need to thrive and prosper. You cannot use regular fertilizers, but only those specifically identified for hydroponic-aqua-gardening. **pH** is important. Most plants will grow effectively within a pH range of 5.8 to 6.8. **Hydroponic Systems** are labeled either active or passive systems. Active systems move the nutrient solution with pumps and aerators, while passive systems rely on the capillary action of the growing medium, such as peat or coir (which is typically mixed with perlite). Indoor gardening requires a **Light Source**. Consider fluorescent (warm and cool) bulbs, grow lights, or LED lights. Do you want to garden outside? Consider the sun.

What about taste and nutrition? The taste will be comparable. And if you slather your veggies with a dressing you will not be able to tell the difference. Your veggies will be more tender and delicate, almost buttery. Scientists have shown that veggies can have up to 50% more Vitamin A, all the B-complex vitamins, C and E.

What can you grow?? Almost anything! I have grown a wide variety of veggies and herbs, including a wide range of lettuces, chards, dandelion, escarole, radicchio, kohlrabi, beets, turnips, Kai-Lan, mustard greens, broccoli raab, arugula, basil, rosemary, and sage.

### Getting Started:

A variety of systems and options can be found online and at local retailers. If you search the Internet for “hydroponic systems,” you may find the more complex and expensive units that are more suited for commercial or larger-scale projects. Instead, search for “hydroponic kits,” which are better suited for home gardening. Want something less expensive? Your set-up can be as simple as using a 5-gallon pail or 10-gallon totes.

Hydroponic gardening is the future for many gardeners. It is great for seniors. It is great for folks who do not have access to “dirt gardening.” Hydroponic gardening allows you to garden all year-around, indoors and outdoors. It can put the WOW factor in your gardening efforts. You will dazzle and amaze your friends with your expertise growing fresh veggies and herbs in water, in the dead of winter. It is as close to automated gardening as you can get. Set it and forget it (almost).

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### General References:

[Garden Center Sign Ups!!](#)

[Info Booths at Community Events!!](#)

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**Register for the Lunchtime Webinar Series: Wednesdays at noon**

[Sign up now](#) to receive weekly email reminders for the 2016 Master Gardener Lunchtime Webinars! The webinar series runs through September (Wednesdays, noon to 12:30 p.m.). The webinars feature UMN

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Extension Educators sharing new research-based horticulture and environmental practices information.

A calendar with a complete listing is linked from the Continuing Education page on the state website. Make sure you don't miss these useful webinars - sign up to receive a weekly reminder! We've also linked to the calendar from our Hennepin County Education page.

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The Carver-Scott Extension Master Gardeners invite you to our Summer Garden Festival, Tuesday, June 14th, 6:30 - 8:30. Rain or Shine in our Teaching Garden at the Scott County Fairgrounds, 7151 190th St. W., Jordan, MN 55352. Free of charge; no registration required.

Presentations include Mushroom Foraging, Food Preservation and Getting in Shape to Garden. For more information and other summer offerings, see Evenings in the Garden under Programming at [www.carverscottmastergardeners.org](http://www.carverscottmastergardeners.org). 952-492-5379

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Here's a great project for Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists across the state.

The goal is to find 250 volunteers to plant pollinator-friendly native plantings, educate others about pollinators, and then to collect the seeds from milkweed, prairie clover, and blazing star which will be submitted to the Arb to establish a seed library. Materials and online training will be provided.

Sign up by July 1, 2016. Contact Jackie Froemming, Ext. Educator, at [froem022@umn.edu](mailto:froem022@umn.edu)

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MCAD\* Continuing Education is offering a three session series on Permaculture this summer! The series may be signed up for individually, but if students register for all three workshops, they will receive a discount. These workshops will appeal to those interested in sustainability, gardening, food production, systems thinking, ethical practices, etc. Permaculture is a designed process based on whole systems thinking and reflective patterns found in nature. Join us for an intensive introduction to permaculture principles, ethics, lifestyle, and sustainable practices. Students in this class will dig deep and discuss the needs, goals, and design options of an ecologically sustainable lifestyle. See actual working models of permaculture while defining your own adaptations for future resiliency. Presentations and discussions will show the skills that make for sustainable food production and resource independence. Philosophical issues, group dynamics, and economic, community, and personal transition will be among the challenging and engaging topics discussed.

The sessions are broken up as follows:

**Tuesday, June 7, 2016 / 6:30-9:30 p.m.**

**Permaculture Workshop Series: An Introduction to Permaculture Principles, Ethics, and Future Proofing**

<http://mcad.edu/continuing-education/permaculture-workshop-series-introduction-permaculture-principles-ethics-and>

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**Tuesday, June 14, 2016 / 6:30-9:30 p.m.**

**Permaculture Workshop Series: Lifestyle Independence using Natural Systems Design and Plants in our Cold**

<http://mcad.edu/continuing-education/permaculture-workshop-series-lifestyle-independence-using-natural-systems>

**Tuesday, June 21, 2016 / 6:30-9:30 p.m.**

**Permaculture Workshop Series: Designing and Building a Sustainable Lifestyle-Hands on Practice and Exercises**

<http://mcad.edu/continuing-education/permaculture-workshop-series-designing-and-building-sustainable-lifestyle-hands>

**Contact Information:**

MCAD\* Continuing Education

[612.874.3765](tel:612.874.3765)

[continuing\\_education@mcad.edu](mailto:continuing_education@mcad.edu)

\*Minnesota College of Art and Design (MCAD)

[Hennepin County calendar under Admin section of our website.](#)

**Core course access and reference manual**

All Master Gardener volunteers can access the online Core Course (view [instructions](#)) free of charge.

[View Core Course instructions](#)

[Purchase reference manual](#)

**Classes at the Arboretum**

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### [Minnehaha Creek Watershed Water Garden Grants taking applications:](#)

#### **About the grants**

No matter where you live, you have waterfront property. When rain falls on your property, it washes off into a nearby storm drain and ends up in a nearby lake, stream or wetland. On the way it picks up all kinds of pollutants and debris. This “storm water runoff” is the #1 source of water pollution in Minnesota.

The best way to prevent this pollution is by keeping water where it lands, letting it soak into the ground and be naturally filtered by the earth. The MCWD can help pay for up to 75% of projects that catch runoff and educate the community on the importance of storm water management.

#### **What you need to know**

- Grants are open to any person or organization. The project must be in the MCWD. Check if you are in the District [here](#).
- Homeowners are eligible for up to \$2,500 for projects in their yard and up to \$5,000 for native shorelines.
- Grants can reimburse costs of design, materials and labor.
- MCWD requires a design before issuing a grant. A list of design professionals is available at [www.bluethumb.org/partners](http://www.bluethumb.org/partners). The District does not design projects.

#### **2016 Deadlines:**

**Homeowner projects:** Apply by June 17

**Non-homeowner projects:** Apply by September 26

**[Read More](#)**

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Contact Terry Straub, Program Coordinator, at 612-596-2130 or [straub097@umn.edu](mailto:straub097@umn.edu) to sign-up for volunteer opportunities unless otherwise noted.**

**Hennepin County Volunteer Opportunities** are posted in Sign-up Genius. Just sign into your account at [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) and look in “Items I’ve Been Invited To.”

If you’re interested in gaining an in-depth understanding of your urban forest and are committed to volunteerism the Core Course dates are set for 2016. Look at what it takes to become a Tree Care Advisor at [www.mntca.org/become-tca/Landscape Arboretum](http://www.mntca.org/become-tca/Landscape Arboretum).

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The University of MN Landscape Arboretum has many volunteer opportunities. Learn how to help at [http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/volunteer\\_opportunities.aspx](http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/volunteer_opportunities.aspx). There are ways to work with both youth and adults! Training is required for most opportunities – check them out today!

### **Volunteering for the Yard & Garden Desk and Hotline**

Please help staff the Hennepin County slots at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum's Yard & Garden Desk on Saturdays. The hotline needs staffing, too. It's a good way for interns to complete their required 15 researched calls. Visit the State Master Gardener website at [www.mg.umn.edu](http://www.mg.umn.edu) and click on "For Volunteers."

**Answering the Yard and Garden Line Info ACCESS HAS CHANGED!!! From the December Yard and Garden Newsletter: New PHONE NUMBER IS:**

**612-626-0001**

**You will then need to press the ' \* ' and use the ' # ' signs. Mailbox ID is 17590 and PW=427336**

**Updates to the training will be available soon on the web.**

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/garden/master-gardener/> ) in the 'For volunteer' section under 'Yard and Garden Line' under 'Training'.

Visit [www.mg.umn.edu](http://www.mg.umn.edu) to sign-up for a shift. Thanks!

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**Be sure to review the Hennepin County web site for educational opportunities at <http://hennepinmastergardeners.org/educational-opportunities/>**

### **Opportunities Coming Up at the MN Landscape Arboretum**

The landscape arboretum is proceeding apace with their 2016 schedule. Classes and registration information may be found online at <http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/gardeningclasses.aspx>.

### **Coming Up from the Minnesota State Horticultural Society**

Held at various locations. Enrollment is limited, and pre-registration is required. You can find a list of classes on their web site at <http://www.northerngardener.org/classes/mshs-classes>. Click on the class title to register. If you have any difficulties with registering online, please call their office at 651-643-3601 or 800-676-6747.

## **RESOURCES FOR MASTER GARDENERS**

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Our own State University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener Volunteer web site has a very extensive list on the page “**Find gardening answers online.**” Sign into the site as a volunteer to access the page. To find it:

- Sign in as you normally would to report your hours.
- You will come to the “For volunteers” page.
- The page has a number of resources for master gardeners. Here is where you will find the gardening answers on line section.

## HCMG LEADERSHIP TEAM 2016

**Mary Cichon** (Youth Education)

**Del Hampton** (Community Programs)

**Tina Falkner** (Fundraising)

**Carol Garner** (Chair)

**Darren Lochner** (Membership)

**Melinda Mattox** (Communications & Marketing)

**Kate Netwal** (Chair Emeritus)

**Sue Ponsford** (Adult Education)

**Theresa Rooney** (Member Education Chair)

**Stephanie Steel** (Secretary / Treasurer)

*See the HCMG Directory for contact information.*

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**EXTENSION**

MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

Hennepin County

479 Prairie Center Drive  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344-5378

**Summer Hours:**

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Friday

Program Coordinator: Terry Straub  
612-596-2130 and [straub097@umn.edu](mailto:straub097@umn.edu)

Phone: 612-596-2130  
Fax: 952-828-7280  
HCMG Hotline: 612-596-2118

HCMG website: <http://hennepinmastergardeners.org/>