TOLLGATE GARDEN VOLUNTEER IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

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MSU Tollgate Gardens Volunteer General Meeting in the Activity Center
Thursday, January 15, 7:00 PM

Maple Syrup Magic

Ever wondered about how maple syrup gets from the tree to your table? Come listen to Tollgate Farm Manager, Roy Prentice, as he describes maple syrup making at Tollgate and throughout the industry. The syruping season is right around the corner. Come see how this little miracle of nature happens every spring.
Greetings All,

After a slow start, winter is finally here! Frigid weather, gusting winds and winning football teams, what an exciting time!

Visions of Sunshine: The gray days of January getting you down? Longing for the rejuvenation of the growing season? Spring will be here before you know it! Now is a great time to consider getting more involved in Tollgate in 2015. Many of our volunteers have decided to take on the stewardship of one of the gardens on the farm by becoming an Area Garden Leader. Having each of the gardens on the farm cared for by an AGL keeps our gardens looking their best throughout the season. Being an AGL is easy and makes a real difference for the farm. Please contact Renee or myself if you are ready to take on a bit more commitment. Our goal for the gardens is to have an Area Garden Leader for each garden on the farm.

Plant Labels: I am looking for plant lists for labels that need to be made. If you would like to have some of our snazzy labels made for the plants in your Tollgate garden, send me a list. Labels make our gardens much more accessible and user friendly for our visitors. Act now – it’s so easy, and fun too!

Maple Syrup News: The maple syrup making project is starting to get in gear for 2015. Our big tapping day is set for the last Saturday in February, the 28th, beginning at 10:00 AM. Collecting and boiling sap once the tapping complete is very weather dependent. If you are interested in being “in the know” about maple syrup happenings, let me know. I will make sure that you are added to our maple syrup e-mail information list. Being involved in the maple syrup project is a fun way to get out of the house and enjoy the farm early in the season.

Spring will be here before you know it. Think green!

Roy

Live, Laugh and Eat Dessert First... before every meeting

Have too many cookies, cakes, other desserts and you want to share? Bring them to our monthly Thursday evening meeting. Want to bake but don’t have a crowd to share your goodies with? Bring your bake goodies to our meeting this month. Need recipe or idea? E-mail me (Yvonne) at mainwoods@gmail.com.
**Remembering Herb Gartner**

Herb Gartner was a long time gardener and Friend of Tollgate. His good humor and personal warmth added greatly to the farm. He never failed to greet everyone that he met with joy and interest. He was a good-natured ambassador for Tollgate. I always enjoyed the time that I spent with Herb. He was a special guy. His presence and good humor will be greatly missed.

Roy

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**A Special Thanks!**

To all of you who made a donation to help the Tollgate Gardeners make Tollgate a more beautiful place. Your donation is greatly appreciated! The support that you have provided will continue to help our program prosper and grow. Thanks again and Happy Gardening!

Marilyn Alimpich  
Cherry Lee Baker  
Don Boufford  
Susan Cooper  
Joe Costa  
Rose Mary Curatolo  
Laura Derosier  
Jan Elvekrog  
John Erich  
Rhonda Fackert  
Linda Galante  
Sue Grifor  
Heather Hamlin  
Vera Hurchik  
Roy Hybl  
Kathy James  
Don Kasanic  
Kerry Kelly  
David Komraus  
Vickie Krause  
Teresa LaRosa  
Cathy Lichman  
Becky Makanoff  
Janice McNulty  
Liz and Don Millington  
Sue Millington  
Paul and Priscilla Needle  
Karen Ng  
Julie and Clay Ottoni  
Robert Penkala  
Judy Poole  
Lucy and Russell Propst  
Joe Pyden  
Bob Savageau  
David Sharpe  
Diane Smith  
Barb Solterman  
Phyllis Stengel  
Jackie Stengel  
Nancy Strodl  
Andrea Stromer  
Pam Stopper  
Jackie Swenson  
Nancy Taylor  
Suanne Thomas  
Denise Toth-Reinelt  
Suzanne Traskos  
John Turchin  
Mary Jane Valenty  
Martha Watson  
Wayne Watson  
Wanda Whalen  
Debbie Yuhas
Happy New Year and welcome back to another gardening season here at Tollgate. Already this year planning is in progress with the activity calendar for 2015, speakers for the 2015 meetings and garden teams.

We look forward to renewing friendships, making new ones and sharing the fun and knowledge of gardening together. Your feedback is always welcome as we work towards strengthening our organization and implementing our mission statement.

If you missed the opportunity to meet with Area Garden Teams/Leaders and have an interest in a particular garden or assigned area please see me after the membership meetings, call or e-mail me for more information. We have a power point presentation on the garden highlights to help new members decide on their areas of interest. All interested members are invited to be more involved in a specific garden as we continue to form teams to help manage the garden areas.

Please take the time to renew your membership and complete the membership form for 2015. This helps keep communication information up to date and to identify individual area of interest so we may guide members towards fulfilling experiences here at Tollgate.

Thank you for being a Tollgate Garden Volunteer.

Renee Cottrell, President
rmcottrell4@att.net
248-398-2562
Activity Days

Activity day hours are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM unless otherwise noted on the Tollgate Garden Volunteer Important Dates and Events listed on the first page of the Tollgate Farm News or by the Area Garden Leader (AGL).

Lunch will be provided - veggie alternatives are available upon request.

This schedule does not exclude you from working independently on the site. However, on non-scheduled days, your efforts will need to be self-directed with guidance from the garden area clipboards located in the Volunteer Communication Center.

Garden Tools Available for Use at Tollgate
- Spades
- Garden Rakes
- Brooms
- Wheel Barrels
- Weed Buckets
- Leaf Rakes
- Garden Hoe
- Long Handled Garden Forks
- Trowel
- Hand Pruners
- Loppers
- Garden Scissors
- Your Favorite Weeding Implement
- Hand Saw
- Plant Division Forks
- Shrub Rake
- Sun Screen
- Gloves
- Knee Pads
- Insect Repellant

List of Suggested Gardening Implements to Bring from Home as Needed
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Tollgate Garden Advisory Council

Farm Manager
Roy Prentice - 248 347-3860 ext. 251
e-mail - prentic1@msu.edu

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Farm News Editor ........... Darretta Ferasin

For membership questions or to update your current membership information send e-mail to: tollgatemembership@gmail.com

The Tollgate Gardens Advisory Council next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Tollgate Office Building. All Tollgate Gardens Volunteer members are welcome to attend.

Listings to contact individual Council Members and Area Garden Leaders are available at all general meetings and in the Volunteer Communication Center.

Tollgate Volunteer Membership is renewed annually. The 2014 Tollgate Garden Volunteers membership is from December 1, 2014 to November 30, 2015.

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Tollgate Gardens Volunteer Office
28115 Meadowbrook
Novi, MI, 48377-3128
www.tollgate.msu.edu
Name:______________________________________________
Address____________________________________________
City:___________________________________________, MI.
Zip:______________ - __________

Name you would like on badge.

Date Submitted: _________________________
Telephone number:
Day _____ - _____________________________
Evening _____ - _________________________

Email:_______________________________________

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Were you a Tollgate volunteer member last year? Yes ( ) No ( )
If yes, do you need a new Tollgate Garden Volunteer badge? Yes ( ) No ( )

Are you interested in: Serving on a committee or garden project? Yes ( ) No ( )
If yes, please note below if you have a particular area of interest, e.g., rose garden,
children’s garden, hospitality, public relations, computer skills, etc

__________________ ________________________________________

Are you a MSU Master Gardener? ( ) certified ( ) candidate County _________
(It is not necessary that you be a MSU Master Gardener to volunteer with Tollgate Garden Volunteers. An interest in gardening is all that is required.)

A donation in support of the Tollgate Volunteer organization would be greatly appreciated ($20. suggested). If you would like the newsletter mailed to you rather than receiving a notice of its availability online, please include an additional $10.00 to cover postage costs
Make checks payable to Michigan State University. Thank you.

Return to: Tollgate Gardens Volunteer Office
28115 Meadowbrook,
Novi, MI. 48377-3128
Phone: 248-347-3860 ext. 212

Note: Membership is renewed annually.

In the event of an emergency please notify:
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Name        Phone