

The Tollgate Farm News

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**MSU Tollgate Garden Volunteers
(No General Meeting in August)**

Tollgate Garden Open House
Thursday, August 17, 2023
(Rescheduled from July)
6:00 – 8:30 PM

Please join us for the MSU Tollgate Garden Open House on Thursday, August 17, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. The event will feature tours of the grounds, garden docents, hay rides, and refreshments. Free admission. See flyer on Page 7.



TOLLGATE GARDEN VOLUNTEER IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

AUG	MEETINGS		SEP	MEETINGS	
1	TGAC Meeting – Zoom	7:00 pm	5	TGAC Meeting – Zoom	7:00 pm
17	NO TGV Mtg – see below	n/a	21	TGV General Mtg	7:00 pm
AUG	WORKDAY ACTIVITIES		SEP	WORKDAY ACTIVITIES	
5	Entrance/Office	9:00 am	2	Labor Day Weekend TBD	9:00 am
12	Pond	9:00 am	9	Demo	9:00 am
17	TGV Garden Open House	6-8:30 pm	16	Nursery Fall Plant Sale	9 am-Noon
19	Nursery/plant division	9:00 am	23	Xeriscape/Children's	9:00 am
26	PAR harvest	9:00 am	30	Farmhouse/Shade	9:00 am

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FROM THE TOLLGATE FARM MANAGER

GREETINGS

Roy Prentice

Summer Camp: Summer camp on the farm is in full swing. There are lots of kids on the grounds. Each week's camp has a different theme. Although many features remain the same from one week to the next, each camp's theme gives that camp a unique flavor. Last week the theme was "Animal Camp," highlighted by visits from Tollgate's large animal veterinarian.



There was also a day devoted to our dog friends. The Prentice Labrador, **Jack**, and a companion dog, **Trixie**, both performed for the

kids. There was lots of fetching (Jack) and lots of petting (Trixie).



Jack the Wonder Dog: At one point I wanted to teach the campers that dogs in general (and Jack in particular) work with their people to extend what people can do. Jack wowed the kids when I threw his toy high over the tall plants surrounding the pond. Although its landing

was invisible, Jack was unperturbed. When given the signal, he ran across the grass, crashed through the plants around the pond and jumped into the water.



After a minute (that seemed like ten), Jack came crashing back through the shrubbery with toy securely held in mouth. What a guy!

I could not have been prouder! Each camper got a "Jack the Wonder Dog" card to take home.

New Employee Update: Tollgate staff are busy hiring two positions for the farm. Operations support employee extraordinaire, Brett Dan, has left Tollgate for another job with MSU. Livestock Coordinator and 4H leader par excellence, Mary Hutka, will soon be leaving her position also. The search to fill both positions is well underway. Tollgate's livestock supports programming and are a critical part of Tollgate's 4H program. We are all very excited to be moving from a part-time livestock coordinator to a full-time position with enhanced teaching duties.

I have been covering the duties of the Farm Manager and Brett's Operations Support position this summer. I am looking forward to hiring someone for Brett's old position. I can't wait to fill his or her schedule with some of the activities that I have taken on since Brett left!

Our search for both positions has unearthed several promising candidates. We look forward to adding two new people to the Tollgate team!

Workday Thanks: Thank you to all who have been attending our regular Saturday workdays. Because of the many who have shown up to help, the gardens look great this year. I appreciate that people continue to return to the gardens after the past few years filled with so much uncertainty. If you have not been to the farm recently, please come and view the grounds. They are lovely.

Ginger Meyer Award: I am accepting nominations for the Ginger Meyer award. The recipient of this award is the Tollgate Volunteer that has done the most for Tollgate over the years. I would be happy to send a nomination form to anyone that would like one. You can also email me your nomination. Simply indicate who you feel has contributed the most to Tollgate over the years and why. This is your chance to help us recognize those in our midst that have really given of themselves to make Tollgate a better place.

Photos provided by Samantha Price

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**Notes from the President
Renee Cottrell**

"No occupation is so delightful to me as the culture of the earth, and no culture comparable to that of the garden." - Thomas Jefferson

GARDEN OPEN HOUSE RESCHEDULED- THURSDAY Aug. 17th 6pm to 8:30pm

Come out and enjoy the gardens! Your hard work has made a special place here at Tollgate. Consider inviting a friend for an evening in the gardens. Enjoy a self-guided stroll through the gardens or a guided tour, talks on garden topics or a wagon ride. We will be serving free cookies and donuts, cold refreshments as well. Hopefully we will not have dangerous storms or temperatures to defer our second effort to share the gardens with friends, family, and the public.

We have plenty to do in the remaining weeks of summer. If you need Extension Master Gardener hours or just want to get more involved in the gardens, please check out our Saturday Group work days or contact me for other possible individual assignments in the gardens or on other committees.

*****As always we are looking to create or add to existing garden teams! If you are a newer active member and would like to work in a chosen specific area, all of which are highlighted on the web site, contact me for details. rmcottrell4@att.net *****

NOMINATIONS FOR GINGER MEYER AWARD

The Ginger Meyer Award was initiated in 2003 by the family of Mrs. Meyer to annually recognize a Tollgate Volunteer who shares some of the treasured qualities of Ginger Meyer. As Tollgate Garden Volunteer members, you will have an opportunity to nominate candidates. A short list will be compiled for presentation to the Americana Foundation for final award selection. Your nomination will describe how the candidate of your choice shows a commitment to Tollgate, a love

and knowledge of gardening and a willingness to share that knowledge with others. Nomination forms are due **NO LATER THAN the Sept. 21st general members meeting**. This will allow sufficient time for TGAC and the Americana Foundation to select the winner and have the presentation ready by the Recognition Dinner in November. Get a form in this newsletter or by request from Roy or myself.

Please take some time to honor one or more of your fellow Tollgate volunteers to continue this tradition for our organization.

UPCOMING FALL PLANT SALE –Plan ahead!

This is a smaller event, with focus on the fall blooming plants for the garden, on Sept. 16th, 9:00am until Noon, in conjunction with the Nursery activity day. Come early for best selection. Also, plan ahead for your fall division donations to restock our nursery for the spring plant sale, a list of plants wanted will follow soon. I will be sending an email to active members to work the sale positions so be looking for that request!

SEPTEMBER NOMINATIONS FOR TGAC

Now is the time to be thinking ahead to nominations for our TGAC board. This is an opportunity for members to contribute to the organization in the planning and organizing aspects of our group. All positions are up for re-election every year, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. We nominate in September and vote in October to give all members plenty of opportunity to participate in our organization. Please consider nominating yourself or another willing member to run for any of the elected positions or offer your services for committee positions. This is a great way to stay active in volunteering when circumstances may not let you participate physically in the gardens. Submit your nominations to Roy now or at the September membership meeting.

Thank you for being Tollgate Garden Volunteers.

Renee Cottrell, Adv. MG,
TGV President

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August is when the Nursery begins the shift from the slow pace of summer maintenance - with a fairly empty nursery and little maintenance to do. This quiet time will soon be over, as we prepare to restock the nursery with great plants, and host a fall Sale on the 3rd Saturday in September. Then we are in the rush to get fall divisions potted and the Nursery prepared for winter. But we're not ready to think about all of that quite yet!

Saturday, August 19, the Nursery will open to accept donations! Please review and carefully follow the drop off directions provided with the Plants Wanted list – watering, labeling and safe placement of plant donations in the pop-up are critical for us to maintain healthy plants with accurate labeling.

FALL PLANTS WANTED information will be available shortly! This list is intended to help you determine which of the plants in your home gardens we need the most to restock the Nursery for the Fall Sale and prepare for next Spring. Please follow the directions provided to drop off your donations in the pop-up tent that will be adjacent to the Nursery structure. Please don't drop off plants without adequate soil around the roots and some identification. You may use the plant sticks (in the clear plastic container on the workbench) to provide the plant name and bloom color (include botanical name and cultivar if known).

Make sure your donations are well-watered and the pop-up structure securely "zipped up" so the plants will be protected until we are able to pot, log them into inventory and place them in the appropriate Nursery Row.

The FALL PLANT SALE takes place on Saturday September 16 during the normal Saturday workday hours (9 am – noon). This is a smaller event than our Spring Sale. It is intended to feature mid-summer - fall bloomers that aren't very interesting to see at the big Spring Sale, but all the plants in the Nursery will be available for sale. If you're anxious to start some fall planting in your garden, our sale is the place to be!



If you are interested in learning about perennials, including the challenges of growing them in a pot, consider joining the Nursery team! It provides a great opportunity to learn about lots of different varieties of plants, as well how to maintain healthy perennials in a pot, while working to benefit all the Tollgate Gardens. If you are interested in more information about the options to join the Nursery Team, email me at:

palmermargaretanne@gmail.com

Photo provided by Renee Cottrell (2022)

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This year, we decided to harvest a variety of vegetables each week, to make a more diverse offering for those in need.



We already donated just under 500 lbs. of cabbage, cucumbers, hot peppers, green beans, turnips, and kohlrabi to Forgotten Harvest! This would not be possible without the amazing efforts of an extremely dedicated group of volunteers, who keep coming back and making it enjoyable, as we cultivate not only the garden but friendship and camaraderie in a shared passion. The beautiful pictures shared here are taken by one of the volunteers and help us highlight the beauty of the garden, and well as the fruits of our labor.



July was very busy with harvesting a variety of vegetables, including garlic and shallots, the former which is curing hanging in bundles in the shed (and boy does it smell good), and the latter which is curing in the pathway next to the beds. We need to wait for each of these to dry completely to the head/bulb.

We will donate all the shallots and most of the garlic. We always retain a portion of the garlic heads for planting the crop for the following year. Since we vacated two beds of garlic, we have succession planted turnips in those beds. We also harvested all the kohlrabi and used that bed to succession plant radishes. We are doing our best to make good use of the real estate in the garden to increase the yield for the year.



The companion planting of borage with the squash, shallots with the beets, onions with the turnips, and leeks with cabbage as well as using up additional space in beds for extra onions and cabbage has not only provided the mitigation of weeds and pests, but it is stunning.



We have encountered a few challenges this year, with one cultivar of cabbage that is producing "headless" cabbage with enormous leaves, cabbage that bolted, a sparse beet yield, and varying degrees of yield with the four cultivars of pole beans that we

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planted. Some of this can be explained by the hotter than normal weather conditions and periods of intense rain.



The beet and pole bean yields may be due to faulty row seeder and/or old seed. However, we view these as opportunities to learn and

incorporate new practices in next year's plan.

On the flip side, most of the cabbage is magnificent and the cabbage moth damage has been significantly minimized due to organic pesticide applications thanks to a very diligent Roy. We have a bumper crop of onions, the cucumber and hot pepper trellis has worked extremely well, the summer and winter squash are thriving with an abundance of pollinator bees swarming due to the beautiful borage flowers and so far, (fingers crossed) no pest tasting.



In addition, the turnips are quite large, and we have only a small population of potato beetles easily handled manually.

The potato plants have never looked so good, and we are attributing it to planting later in the season and the organic pesticide

applications (again, thanks Roy!). The carrots got off to a slow start but have made up for the loss and are looking quite striking.



We will start harvesting the large onions and setting them in the pathways to cure this month. We will continue to weed, manage pests, remove all damaged or spent vegetable plants such as cucumbers, cabbage, and squash, as well as harvest and prep for storage/consumption a

variety of fresh vegetables including leeks this month.

If all goes well, we will get much needed help weeding and mulching the pathways. The Novi High School Robotics Team has once again reached out to help us maintain our garden, and their support is most appreciated.

All volunteers, whether Extension Master Gardeners, avid gardeners, or individuals interested in gardening and community service, regardless of experience level, are welcome to join the team once cleared through the MSU Volunteer Selection Process. We have an enthusiastic, fun, hard-working team, and plenty of rewarding opportunities to help those in need. Come check us out.

If you would like to learn more about volunteering at MSU Tollgate Farm, please contact Roy Prentice (prentic1@msu.edu, 248-347-3860 x251) or Carmen Hamilton (hamil466@msu.edu, 248-347-3860 x239) for more information.

Happy gardening,
Kathryn Fitzpatrick

Top left two photos and bottom right two photos on Page 5 and all photos on Page 6 provided by Kathryn Fitzpatrick
Bottom left four photos and top right two photos on Page 5 provided by Lynette Leroux

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MSU Tollgate Garden Volunteers
Presents

2023 Garden Open House

Thursday August 17, 2023

6pm-8:30pm

FREE ADMISSION

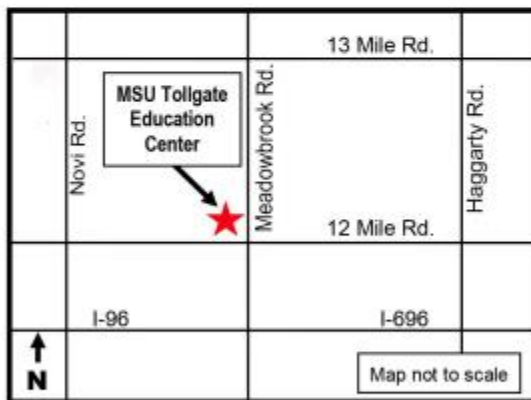
Enjoy a summer evening as you stroll and get to know the MSU Tollgate Gardens

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BEAUTIFUL PHOTOGENIC GARDENS

Complementary cold beverages and dessert snacks available.

TOLLGATE VOLUNTEER GUIDES TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AND ASSIST WITH PHOTOS



We suggest you pre-plan your best route
during construction season!

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Please-NO pets, NO alcohol

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Meet Jared Hanna

Tollgate recently hired a new Sustainable Agriculture Instructor and CSA coordinator, Jared Hanna. Tollgate has been seeking to hire a new Sustainable Ag. instructor ever since former CSA managers, Darby Anderson and Gwen Schaller left the farm for other opportunities. It took a round of interviews, a re-opening of the position, and then a second search to locate a great candidate, but we did it!

Jared comes to MSU after a long career working for Oakland University and offering his services as a private consultant. He has a wealth of growing, education, and marketing knowledge that he is happy to share with others. He's talented, smart and a great guy too! We all look forward to seeing how the sustainable ag program develops under Jared's supervision.



Photos provided by Roy Prentice

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Box Tree Moth Arrives at Tollgate Boxwoods

In early August, the Tollgate boxwoods were found to have been infested with the Box Tree Moth. Recent pruning on the shrubs helped to reveal the inner leaves on the shrubs and, unfortunately, the infestation. The first spray treatment has already occurred and will be repeated this year and possibly as a preventative in the future. This is a new invasive pest that is spreading rapidly in Michigan.

We encourage all gardeners who have boxwoods to look carefully at the interior of your bushes to see if they may also be infected and help communicate this new invasive pest risk. Recently the State of Michigan has increased the quarantine area for boxwood plants to include all Southeast Michigan.

The photos below show the impact of the pest on the Tollgate boxwoods. Key things to look for are the webbing, the eggs, the larva, and the actual moth. Links to additional images for identification are listed at the end of the article as well as treatment or prevention.

Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 1 - View of Boxwood infested with Box Tree Moth showing defoliation and webbing

Figure 2 - Detailed view of Box Tree Infestation showing webbing and eggs after spraying.

For more information, please use the following links:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/tag/box-tree-moth>

https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/mdard-establishes-box-tree-moth-quarantine-in-four-southeast-michigan-counties?utm_source=cc&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=extensiondigests

<https://www.michigan.gov/invasives/id-report/insects/box-tree-moth#:~:text=%2D%20green%20and%20yellow%20caterpillars%20with,shaped%20mark%20on%20each%20forewing.>

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NOTE: No member spotlighted in August due to travel & early publication

Welcome New Tollgate Garden Volunteer Members

We are glad you are with us! Please feel free to contact Renee Cottrell with any questions on our planned activities and schedules for 2023. You may email your questions about the gardens and volunteering at rmcottrell4@att.net. This is a wonderful place, full of educational opportunities, with personal satisfaction and social connections as reward for volunteering. Our membership holds a large amount of collective knowledge and expertise that is willingly shared with a strong team approach to make every effort to direct new members to areas of most interest on the site. We want to guide you to a great experience with the Tollgate Garden Volunteers. Check out these links to start exploring your garden opportunities:

Garden Orientation PDF

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/tollgate/uploads/files/Tollgate%20Garden%20Volunteer%20orientation%20draft2.pdf>

Tollgate web pages for the Gardens

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/tollgate/gardens/>

2023 Tollgate Garden Volunteer Activity Calendar

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/tollgate/uploads/2023%20Tollgate%20Garden%20volunteer%20Activity%20calendar.pdf>

Other volunteer info at Tollgate

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/tollgate/volunteering/>



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Michigan State University
Tollgate Garden Volunteers

Fall Plant Sale

Saturday September 16th, 2023

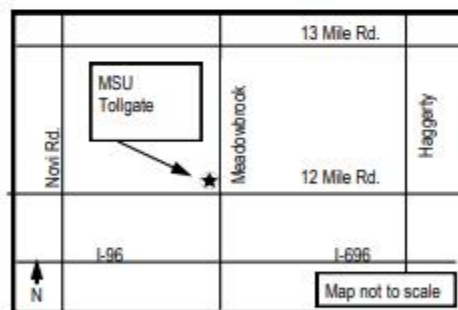
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Reasonably priced, Michigan hardy perennials for sun and shade, including Michigan natives that attract hummingbirds, butterflies and pollinators

Featuring late summer and fall blooming varieties

Payment accepted with Cash, Check, MasterCard or Visa

MSU Master Gardeners will be there to answer questions and assist in your selections



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Ginger Meyer Recipients

2003 Gabe Tiberio
2004 Renee Cottrell
2005 Elizabeth Novak
2006 Donna Mrozek
2007 Nancy Rogers
2008 Cherry Lee Baker
2009 Clay Ottoni
2010 Priscilla Needle
2011 Sue Janczarek
2012 Darretta Ferasin
2013 John Woodrich
2014 David Komraus
2015 Jackie Stengel
2016 Peg Palmer
2017 Joe Pyden
2018 Deb Kearney
2019 John R. MacInnis
2020 (Covid year)
2021 Kathryn Fitzpatrick
2022 Mary Bohner



Mary Bohner, 2022 Ginger Meyer Award recipient, working in the Nursery.

Photo provided by Amy Deeds

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Ginger Meyer Award Nomination Form

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The Tollgate Garden Volunteer members nominate candidates, with the selection of the award recipient made by the Americana Foundation. Please use this form to make the nomination or submit a short paragraph describing the qualities of the nominee.

Return form to Roy Prentice, 28115 Meadowbrook, Novi, MI, 48377-3128, or scan and send to prentic1@msu.edu

Name of Nominee:

1. This member has shown a commitment to the Tollgate Garden Volunteers by:

2. This member has demonstrated a love and knowledge of gardening by:

3. This member has demonstrated a willingness to share gardening knowledge with others by:

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Road Construction Update

Tollgate is still only accessible from 12 Mile Road. You cannot get to Tollgate from 13 Mile Road.



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AROUND THE FARMHOUSE



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FIELDS AND BARNES



Photos provided by Jim Betz

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ENTRANCE GARDEN WORKDAY



Top row and bottom left photos provided by Kathy Johnson
Bottom right photo by Renee Cottrell

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THE CHILDREN'S GARDEN



Bottom row right photo provided by Renee Cottrell
All other photos by Karen Harris

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OFFICE, RAIN, SHADE, & THE POND



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PAR GARDEN 8/7 WORKDAY



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BEAUTIFUL BLOOMS

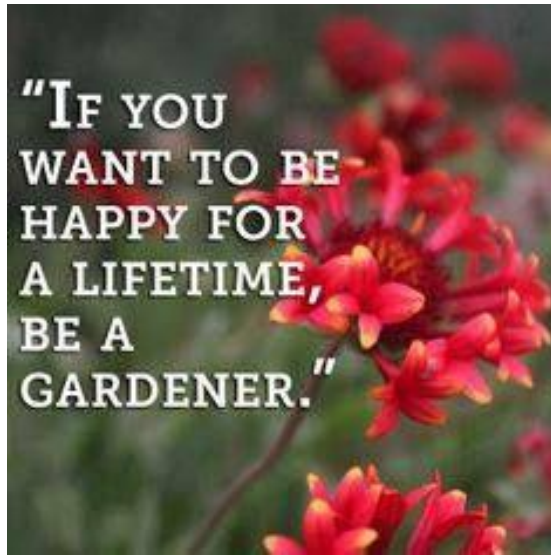


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"There are no gardening
mistakes, only experiments."

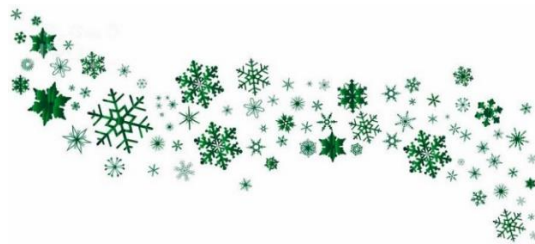
- Janet Kilburn Phillips



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"Summertime is always
the best of what might be."

- Charles Bowden, author



Garden quotes submitted by Kathryn Currier

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Take a Tollgate Picture

Next time you are volunteering at Tollgate, consider taking some pictures for the Tollgate Calendar. The preferred format is jpeg, landscape files. **It is important to send high-resolution photo files at full or actual size.** Send photo files in separate emails, if necessary, to Judy Warren, Tollgate Calendar Editor at TGFarmPhotos@gmail.com.

Photos are also appreciated for the monthly Farm News. Photo files can be “small-sized” and sent to napowell77@gmail.com.

Every season is magical at Tollgate. Think about capturing that magic in a photo for the Tollgate Calendar or Farm News.



Top left photo provided by Dave Komraus
Bottom left, top and bottom right photos by Roy Prentice
Middle right photo by Norm Powell

Tollgate Volunteer Information

Activity Days: January - October

- Activity Day hours are 9:00 am – Noon, unless otherwise noted on the Activities section of the first page of the newsletter and the full year calendar (next page).
- Lunch will be provided on scheduled workdays.
- Active members will continue to get email reminders of these activities.

We strongly recommend you bring your own tools for your garden activities. All tools borrowed from the toolshed must be sanitized with the wipes provided, prior to returning the items to the toolshed after use.

TIP: If you aren't getting
The Tollgate Farm News email,
check your SPAM folder

**Volunteer Activity Day and
Meeting information
will be communicated by email**

Garden Tools Available for Use at Tollgate

Spades	Leaf Rakes
Garden Rakes	Garden Hoe
Brooms	Long-Handled Garden Forks
Wheelbarrows	Weed Buckets

Suggested Gardening Implements to Bring from Home as Needed

Trowel	Plant Division Forks
Pruners	Shrub Rake
Loppers	Sun Screen/Insect Repellent
Garden Scissors	Garden Gloves
Hand Saw	Knee Pads
Weeding Implement	

Tollgate Garden Advisory Committee (TGAC)

Farm Manager – Roy Prentice

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Hospitality..... Teresa LaRosa

Farm News Editor Nancy Powell

- The TGAC meets monthly virtually on Zoom (until further notice) on **the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM.** All Tollgate Garden Volunteer members are welcome to attend and should contact Roy Prentice for meeting link.
- Contact information for individual TGAC members and Area Garden Leaders (AGL) are available by contacting Roy Prentice to have message or contact forwarded for response. Contact info can also be found in the Garden Binders in the Volunteer Communication Center.
- Tollgate Volunteer Membership is renewed annually. The 2023 Tollgate Garden Volunteer membership is valid from **January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.**

For membership questions or to update your current membership information, email
tollgatemembers@gmail.com

For general information and questions, contact
Roy Prentice or see Website:
<http://tollgate.msu.edu/volunteering/>

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1-28-23 for 2023

**MSU Tollgate Garden Volunteers
Activity Calendar-2023**

January	February	March
3-TGAC via Zoom 7:00 PM 14-AGL Planning Meeting 10:00AM 19-TGV General Meeting 7:00PM via Zoom 	7-TGAC Meeting via Zoom 7:00 PM 16-TGV General Meeting 7:00 PM via Zoom 	7-TGAC Meeting via Zoom 7:00 PM 16-TGV General Meeting 7:00 PM via Zoom <u>Activity Days</u> 4-Pruning 9:00AM 11/12-Maplefest no work day 18-Grass Cut Back-all 9:00AM 25-Pathway/demo mulching 9:00AM
April	May	June
4-TGAC Meeting 7:00 PM 20-TGV General Meeting 7:00 PM  <u>Activity Days</u> 1-12 Mile/Pond 9:00AM 8-Easter weekend Demo 9:00AM 15-Office/Entrance/Rain 9:00AM 22-Rose/Heritage 9:00AM 29-Children's/Xeriscape 9:00AM New volunteer orientation 9:00AM Pancake Brunch 12:00PM	2-TGAC Meeting 7:00 PM 18-TGV General Meeting 7:00 PM  <u>Activity Days</u> 6-Nursery/plant division 9:00AM 13-Farmhouse 9:00AM 20- Shade/Hosta 9:00AM 27-Memorial Weekend Rockledge/planting 9:00AM	6-TGAC Meeting 7:00 PM 15-TGV General Meeting 7:00 PM  <u>Activity Days</u> 3-Spring Plant Sale 9am-2pm 10-Rose/Heritage 9:00AM 17-Office/Entrance/ Rain 9:00AM 24-Pond/12Mile 9:00AM
July	August	September
11-TGAC Meeting 7:00 PM  <u>Activity Days</u> 1- Demo garden 9:00AM 8-Children's/Xeriscape 9:00AM 15-Hosta 9:00AM 20-TGV Garden Open House 6-8:30PM (Thursday-no membership mtg) 22-Heritage/Rain 9:00AM 29-Rose/Rockledge 9:00AM	1-TGAC Meeting 7:00 PM 17-TGV General Meeting 7:00 PM  <u>Activity Days</u> 5-Entrance/Office 9:00AM 12-Pond 9:00AM 19-Nursery/plant division 9:00AM 26-PAR harvest 9:00AM	5-TGAC Meeting 7:00 PM 21-TGV General Meeting 7:00 PM  <u>Activity Days</u> 2-Labor Day Weekend TBD 9- Demo 9:00AM 16-Nursery Fall Plant Sale 9:00-12:00 23-Xeriscape/Children's 9:00AM 30-Farmhouse/Shade 9:00AM
October	November	December
3-TGAC Meeting 7:00 PM 19-TGV General Meeting 7:00 PM <u>Activity Days</u> 7/8-Pumpkinfest  14-Plant Division & potting 9:00AM 21-Pond Clean Up 9:00AM 28-Fall Clean up 9:00AM	4-Recognition Dinner 4:00PM 7-TGAC Meeting 7:00PM Activity Day 11-Rose winterizing 10:00AM 23-Thanksgiving 	5-TGAC Meeting 7:00 PM 7-Hanukkah, 25-Christmas, 26-Kwanza   

****All activity days, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, begin at 9 am and are subject to change. Please consult the newsletter or call 248 347-3860 ext 251 or look for e-mails for updated information.**

Visit on web: www.tollgate.msu.edu

MSU TOLLGATE

VOLUNTEER SIGN IN

LOGGING YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS HELPS US TELL TOLLGATE'S STORY TO THE MSU COMMUNITY

- USING THE CAMERA ON YOUR SMART PHONE, HOVER OVER THE QR CODE
- A LINK WILL APPEAR
- IF NO LINK APPEARS, YOU WILL HAVE TO DOWNLOAD A QR READER APP
- CLICK ON THE LINK TO THE GOOGLE SIGN IN PAGE
- COMPLETE WITH YOUR INFORMATION
- THIS SIGN-IN PROCEDURE DOES **NOT** LOG YOUR HOURS WITH MSU EXTENSION



NOTE: If you prefer to complete your sign-in on your computer, this link will take you to the site:
[Tollgate Volunteer Sign In 2023](#)

MSU Tollgate gets a lot of credit for all the wonderful volunteers that tend the gardens, make maple syrup, and support programming. The farm would not be the unique place that it is without the support of many willing hands. Traditionally, Tollgate has relied on a sign-in sheet in the volunteer center to capture the hours of volunteer service. Many of our volunteers who work in the maple project or distant gardens may not visit the volunteer center when they are on the farm. To capture all of our volunteer hours, we are trying a new recording system. By following the instructions below and scanning the QR code, you can record your Tollgate hours online from anywhere. After you have scanned the code, you can even bookmark the link so that you can access the hours reporting form without the code.

Thank you for making Tollgate such a wonderful place! Roy



MSU Tollgate Garden Volunteers Membership Form

Please legibly print all entries. Thank you.

2023

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ MI

Zip _____ - _____

Name you would like on badge, if needed

Date Submitted _____

Telephone Number

Day _____ - _____

Evening _____ - _____

Email _____

Choose **one only**:

☐ **Supporting member:** I wish to support the volunteers and participate in monthly meetings but will **not** be participating *as a volunteer* in garden activities, projects, or other events on the site.

☐ **Active member:** I plan to participate *as a volunteer* in meetings, garden activities and/or other events or projects on the site and have or will complete the required Volunteer Selection Process.

Were you a Tollgate volunteer member last year? 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 or skills to share.

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 emailed, please include an additional \$10 to cover postage.

Check here to have the newsletter mailed to you. _____

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Questions: **Phone: 248-347-3860 Ext. 251**

Email: tollgatemembers@gmail.com

2023 Membership is valid from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Please read this Privacy Policy:

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In the event of an emergency please notify:

Name _____

Phone _____