

Ann Arbor Garden Club

March 2009 Newsletter

From Bonnie Ion, AAGC President:

Our next regularly scheduled meeting is **Wednesday, March 11th** starting at 7:30 pm at Matthaei: Jack Richardson will be speaking on "Trees and Pruning". Please call Joanne if you can bring refreshments.

I received 18 survey responses from our membership of about 60 people. While this is disappointing, we will go forward with the information we have from the membership. I did a second USPS survey mailing to members last week in the hopes that a few more members will fill out the survey. Thanks again to those who have responded.

The AAGC Board will be meeting this coming Monday, March 9th at 2 pm at my house (1456 Kensington Drive in Ann Arbor) to discuss plans and changes for next year. Nancy Hart has offered to take on the task of the Presidency once again (thanks, Nancy!). With the change in Board members, we are also reviewing bylaw changes in the number of AAGC meetings from 8 to 4: the four meetings would include our most popular events, the flower show in September, the Greens Workshop in December, the Annual Potluck and one other meeting during the year. These changes are needed to sustain the club since we are experiencing low levels of participation in club meetings as well as a general lack of availability "worker bees" to share the load. After the bylaws review on the March 9th, we will mail out the proposed/changed bylaws and there will be a formal vote of the membership at the dinner May 1st to accept the changes. Should you have any comments, please contact me or any other Board members. We would be happy to hear from you!

NEED HOSTESSES – Call Joanne Warner-Handelsman at 734-995-5894 to help with refreshments for upcoming events. Thanks!!

**REMAINING
AAGC SCHEDULE 2008-2009**

April 8 – 7:30 PM Matthaei: Joanne Wysocki, Herbalist, will present a program on "**Herbal Cleaning**."

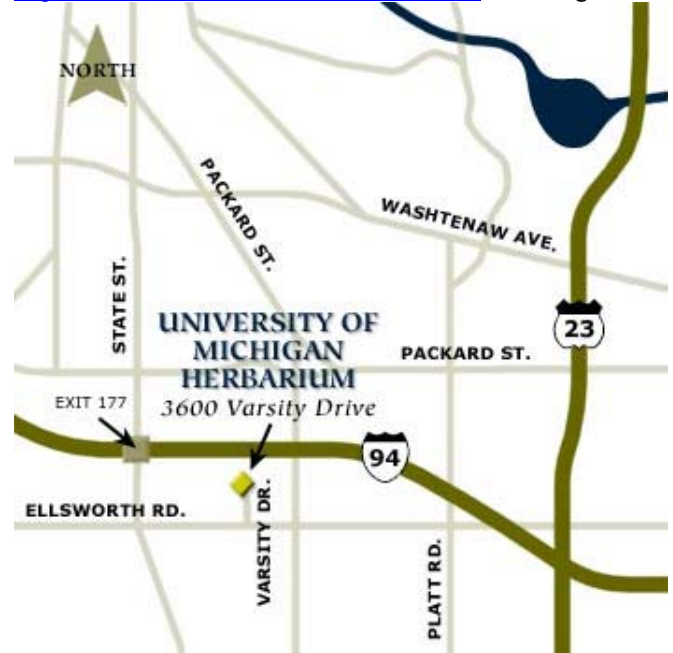
May 1st (NOTE NEW DATE) 6 – 9 PM Matthaei: **Annual Potluck** with Speaker Jim Fuester "Gardens and Persian Rugs." Free and open to the public. Please bring a dish to pass. Short AAGC business meeting to start about 7 pm and Jim's presentation will start about 7:30 pm.

NEWS & NOTES

Tony Reznicek's October presentation is now available on the AAGC website under "Tony's Presentation" (see <http://www.annarborgardenclub.org/>). It is a large

Powerpoint file so it will take a while to download to your computer (a couple minutes even with high speed internet so be warned!). Thanks, Tony!! And thanks to webmaster Robert Carter.

Herbarium Tour on Saturday, 11 am on March 21st. IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND, PLEASE CONTACT Alesia Lapinsky from the Wild Ones (alapinsky@comcast.net and home phone 734-663-4796; Bonnie will be in Texas that weekend). Tony Reznicek has agreed to lead a tour at the UM Herbarium again. The Herbarium is located south of the intersection of State Street and I-94 (exit 177, State Street); it is in the east end of the Varsity Drive Building (formerly housed University Stores). Go south on State Street; shortly after crossing I-94 turn left on Ellsworth Road, then turn left on Varsity Drive at traffic light. See the Herbarium website <http://www.lsa.umich.edu/herb/index2.html> for background.



Susan Beecher would love to share her bounty of horse manure with Garden Club members (for free). Contact Susan at s_beecher@sbcglobal.net or 433-1798.

RAIN BARRELS available from:

Matthaei Botanical Gardens. "We make and sell our own rain barrels here at MBGNA. The cost is \$80 to non-members and \$72 to members. We also sell them at our annual Spring Plant Sale." Stop by the Main Desk at Matthaei or call 647-7600 for more information.

AND/OR

George Nowisch is a MI small businessman making rain barrels. Email him geobuildit@yahoo.com, call 231-690-0036 or check out his information on Craig's List at <http://annarbor.craigslist.org/grd/1038546010.html>.

UPCOMING MGC Events:

May 11-12 TriRefresher held at Matthaei Botanical Garden. Organized by Bonnie Ion, Pam Dewey and Marilyn Hartley-Kik for the MGC. Contact Bonnie.

May 12-13 Environmental Studies School IV. Last ESS school to be held in Ann Arbor and the focus topic will be water. Should be great fun. Again contact Bonnie.