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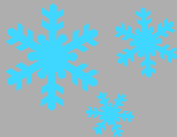
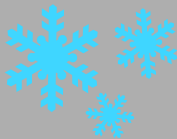
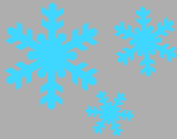
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Thank You But Not Good Bye Cindy Fischer, Program Coordinator



I would like to say “**Thank You**” from the bottom of my heart to all of you for making my time working with the Master Gardener Program such a wonderful experience. I truly have enjoyed all the wonderful cards, messages and gifts you have given me. I have truly been blessed to have been able to work with all of you over the past seven years.

When I was informed that my job was changing and I was becoming the Master Gardener Program Coordinator my first thought was PANIC—how can I do that—I don’t know much about gardening except what my parents and grandparents had taught me, I took the challenge and the first thing I did was request to take the class. I thought if I do not know what Master Gardeners are learning how can I ever work with them. That was the start to building a wonderful family for me.

I have learned so much from all of you. I would go home all excited and share what I learned with my family. Sometimes I would hear my boys asking each other, “Do you think Mom is ok because she’s so excited.” My husband and kids got use to my enthusiasm about gardening and now even run after supplies for me.

I would also like to say thank you for all the assistance I have received with 4-H requests. I would never have survived wrapping all those tree seedlings myself over the years. Still fresh in my mind is one year that I had 30 volunteers lined up to help wrap the trees, and the trees didn’t show up until the next day. I ended up with about 3 volunteers to assist me over 3 days of wrapping 2500 trees seedlings and I remember one Master Gardener in particular who on the last day kept the countdown going from 1000, to 800, to 500 trees until they were all wrapped. Wow what a job. Also, a huge thank you for all your assistance as judges at the 4-H Youth Show, helping with Cloverbud 4-H Camp, and all those numerous 4-H workshops.

I can’t express how much you all mean to me. I have been truly blessed to have had the opportunity to get to know each of you on both a professional and a personal basis. This isn’t “Good Bye” as I plan to stay active with the Master Gardener Alumni Association as a volunteer.

I wish all of you a very Blessed Holiday Season.

Thank You

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Basic Certificate

Barbara Ballas
Scarlett Bennett
Janice Burnham
Karen Caldwell
John Erdevig
Christine Ethier-Turner
Theodore Fischer
Linda Freeborn
Elizabeth Halliday
Reuel Kenyon
Janice Leach
Nancy Lindemann
Suzanne Lindemann
Laurel Livingston
Carol Loveland-Cherry
Karen Lunsford
Anne Mann
Regina Mason
Norma McCuiston
Mia Moyad
Pauline Neville
Teresa Reynhout
Coral Richardson
Allana Richmond
Kathy Samples
Gloria Santelle
Julie Shook
Janice Smith
Mary Caye Spieth
Jacqueline Stickney

Basic continued

Virginia Weingate
Debra Wheeler
Anita Wilson
Shelly Worden
Dorothy Yenni

Advanced Certificate

Lilly Ferguson
Susan H. Hamady
Erich Jensen
Thomas Kenny
Karen Land
Sharon Mason
Karen Moore
Pauline Neville
Jesse Raudenbush
Victoria Roberts
Graciela Rubalcava
Marianne Rzepka
Barbara Saxton
Colette Szabo
Virginia Weingate

100 Hours

Janice Burnham
Kathy Buttermore
Marlene Chockley
Theodore Fischer
Susan Hamady
Karen Land

100 Hours continued

Sharon Mason
Mary McClinton
Nancy Murphy
Pauline Neville
Patricia Patail
Jesse Raudenbush
Barbara Saxton
Colette Szabo
Anne Taylor
Virginia Weingate

State Awards

Sally DeRoo—250
Mary Duff-Silverman—250
Anne Fischer—250
Kathie Gourlay—250
Janet McCarthy-Henkel—250
Carol Mousigian—250
Denise Neely—250
Lynda Norton—250
Marion Spencer—250
Colette Szabo—250
Carol Figarra—500
Richard Mendel—500
Monica Milla—500
Anita Sandretto—500
Mary Lu Stone—500
Pete Wilcox—500
Aunita Erskine—1500

Basic Certification



L to R front row: Kathy Samples, John Erdevig, Virginia Weingate, Debra Wheeler and Carol Loveland-Cherry. Back Row: Anita Wilson, Karen Lunsford, Janice Leach, Suzanne Lindemann, Pauline Neville, Scarlett Bennett, Linda Freeborn, Coral Richardson, Janice Burnham, Anne Mann, Norma McCuiston, Karen Caldwell, Regina Mason, Gloria Santelle, Dorothy Yenni, Nancy Lindemann, Janice Smith and Teresa Reynhout

Advance Certification



Sharon Mason, Jesse Raudenbush, Virginia Weingate, Marianne Rzepka, Colette Szabo, Pauline Neville, Graciela Rubalcava, Erich Jensen and Lilly Ferguson.

100 Hour Award



Reaching 100 hours of volunteer time in the Master Gardener Program for 2011 were: Colette Szabo, Virginia Weingate, Patricia Patail, Sharon Mason, Mary McClinton, Janice Burnham, Marlene Chockley, Pauline Neville, Jesse Raudenbush and Anne Taylor

250 Hour Award



Recognized for 250 hours of volunteer time were: Colette Szabo, Kathie Gourlay, Denise Neely, Sally DeRoo and Janet McCarthy-Henkel

500 Hour Award



Recognized for 500 hours of volunteer time were: Monica Milla, Mary Lu Stone, Anita Sandretto, Richard Mendel and Pete Wilcox

1500 Hour Award



Giving over 1500 hours of volunteer time to Washtenaw County is (left) Aunita Erskine pictured with Cindy Fischer, Program Coordinator.

Distinguished Volunteer Service Awards

Distinguished Volunteer Service Award was presented to Ron Carpinella, Richard Mendel and Dennis Purcell. This award is given for exceptional volunteer service to the community working through MSU Extension.



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