

2009 Volunteer Opportunities

You may need to contact MSU Extension - Bay County for detailed descriptions of volunteer opportunities. All Master Gardeners and trainees are welcome to participate.

MSU Extension Required Hours

Place	Opportunity	Contact
MSU Extension - Bay County Bay County Building 515 Center Avenue, Suite 301 Bay City, MI 48708-5124	Master Gardeners answer home horticulture questions and assist with assorted office projects pertaining to the Master Gardener program.	Jan Rise, Master Gardener Volunteer Program Coordinator risej@baycounty.net MSU Extension: (989) 895-4026 Helpline: (989) 895-2031
MSU Gardens East Lansing, Michigan	Docent (tour guide) for any of the five campus gardens. Assist with plant sales, school programs or work in the gardens.	Ann Hancock MSU Gardens Volunteer Coordinator (517) 355-5191 hancock@msu.edu
Bay City Garden Walk Various locations throughout Bay County This one-day project will be held on Thurs. June 18, 2009. Project hours are 10:30-7:00	Docent (tour guide) for any of the locations on the 2009 garden walk. Two shifts to be scheduled. You can also work a double shift or any part.	Jan Rise, Master Gardener Volunteer Program Coordinator risej@baycounty.net MSU Extension: (989) 895-4026 Helpline: (989) 895-2031
Master Gardener Volunteer Program Information Booth Various locations	Staff MSU Extension sponsored information booth when needed. Not limited to, but such as: Sage Library, Bay City, Downtown Bay City Farmers Market.	Jan Rise, Master Gardener Volunteer Program Coordinator risej@baycounty.net MSU Extension: (989) 895-4026 Helpline: (989) 895-2031
M-Dot Linwood I-75 N Bound Rest Area Location: between Linwood and Pinconning on Northbound I-75	The 2009 spring project will involve a total remodel of the "car side" garden beds. A state contractor will be moving plants, revamping the beds. Master Gardeners will be replacing some of the perennials after construction is completed. Work dates will be scheduled before May 22 (M-Dot completion date).	Jan Rise, Master Gardener Volunteer Program Coordinator risej@baycounty.net MSU Extension: (989) 895-4026 Helpline: (989) 895-2031
Bay County Library System Various locations: Central Library, downtown Bay City	Staff information booth at various times of the year at the different library locations. Answer consumer questions regarding horticulture issues.	Jan Rise, Master Gardener Volunteer Program Coordinator MSU Extension (989) 895-4026 risej@baycounty.net

MSU Extension Approved Hours – Personal Choice

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Bay City Railtrail/Riverwalk Bay City Area May - November 2009	BCMGA has adopted the large pocket park at Livingston and Center. Maintain pocket park . Label plants for public.	Diane Wolfe Advanced Master Gardener (989) 684-4187 email: luv2garden44@yahoo.com
Plant the Bay County Building The parking lot on Fifth Street side (back) and other Bay County building locations. Contact Judy or Marge for planting dates for 2009, typically Thursday evening before Memorial Day	Plant and maintain flower beds and large pots at the Bay County Building, Veteran's Memorial, and Bay County Health Department, Court Facility, and Law Enforcement Center. Label plants and produce a brochure explaining plants and/or design.	Judy Delestowicz Advanced Master Gardener (989) 895-4026 or e-mail at delestowiczj@baycounty.net Marge Marchlewicz Advanced Master Gardener (989) 895-4208 work, or e-mail Marchm@concentric.net
Riverwalk Beautification Across from Bay County Community Center, westside Bay City April thru October 2009	Plant and maintain flower bed along the Riverwalk, within the Kantzler Arboretum, to showcase the Master Gardener Program to the public. Also, create a brochure to explain this garden's concept.	Gene Cianek Master Gardener (989) 686-3803
Bay County Women's Shelter and Bay Area Women's Historic Park Midland Road, Bay City Project active April -Nov. 1, 2009	Maintain planting of new trees around the Women's Shelter. This involves watering and monitoring for problems. Help plant and design a nature garden at the rear of the Women's Shelter. Promote home horticulture awareness.	Ruth Blumenstein Advanced Master Gardener (989) 893-0650 blumenruth@charter.net
St. Joseph Church Rose Garden 1005 Third St. Bay City, MI 48708 April - November 2009	Mentor and assist with maintenance of church garden. Anyone welcome. Need not be a church member.	June Weiler Advanced Master Gardener (989)894-2016 Contact June Weiler for regular work dates and time.
Marquette Railtrail Pocket Park near Marquette and Truman Parkway Bay City Spring - Fall 2009	Assist members of the Northwest Citizens District Council with maintaining this pocket park dedicated to one of it's former Council members.	Judy Brunner Advanced Master Gardener (989)686-4974 judybrunner@yahoo.com
Bay Regional Medical Center 3 rd Floor Roof Top Garden Start date still pending	Completely rebuild garden area on 3 rd floor roof top. Replace soil and plants including perennials, grasses, and annuals. Project will not begin until Bay Med's Buildings & Grounds Dept. rebuilds raised bed garden areas.	Mary Heinz Master Gardener (989) 686-4962 theinz1829@yahoo.com
Gardens at Riverside Senior Center Bay County Community Center JFK Drive, Bay City, MI 48706 April - October 2009	Develop and maintain gardens around the patio at the senior center and the signage at parking lot entrance . Work with senior citizen participants of the Riverside Senior Center. Label plants and develop brochure outlining gardens.	Debbie Keyes, Advanced Master Gardener (989) 893-5834
Auburn Park Auburn, MI May thru October 2009 Work dates to be announced	There is a small memorial bed in the park. The city has several other beds that are in need of maintenance.	Jan Zurvalec Master Gardener (989) 662-6549

<p>Churches - Various May thru October 2009 Work dates to be announced</p>	<p>Mentor congregation members regarding horticulture practices used in church gardens and landscaping while maintaining and planting.</p>	<p>This is a "personal choice" project for individuals who assist with their churches gardens</p>
<p>Veterans Memorial Park Monuments/Veterans Park West side of Saginaw River between Midland Street and M-25, Bay City, MI April - November 2009 Including: Veterans Memorial - Freedom Walk</p>	<p>Maintain planting around the Veterans Memorial Monument. Work along side the local veterans organizations and the Bay City Garden Club to enhance the memorial.</p>	<p>Judy Brunner Advanced Master Gardener (989) 686-4974 judybrunner@yahoo.com</p>
<p>YWCA of Bay County 3405 E. Midland Road, Bay City 48706 This project has now been removed from the projects list as of 5/20/09.</p>	<p>Planting and maintaining the landscaped area in the front of the building. Assisting members with maintaining the landscape round the building. This may be short term project as the building is up for sale.</p>	<p>Garry Summerix, Advanced Master Gardener (989) 895-9656</p>
<p>Heritage House Museum Pine Road in front of Garber High School, Essexville April thru November 2009</p>	<p>Maintain herb garden and planting beds. Assist members of the Heritage House Museum Society to continue the upkeep of this historical treasurer of Hampton Twp. Museum is open to the public certain date of the year.</p>	<p>Jim Hill, Advanced Master Gardener (989) 892-6315</p>
<p>Good Samaritan Rescue Mission 713 Ninth Street, Bay City April thru fall 2009 Work dates to be announced</p>	<p>This shelter for men, women, and children has gardens located in the enclosed play yard. Families with children can enjoy the outdoor play area. These beds are a memorial to a teenage auto accident victim. General maintenance is needed throughout the summer.</p>	<p>Cathy Ososki, Master Gardener (989) 667-4376 Dove4@chartermi.net</p>

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