

Michigan
Botanical Club
Southeastern Chapter
Newsletter



APRIL 2010

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APRIL PROGRAM

Sunday, April 11, 2:00 pm
Heritage Park Visitor's Center
Farmington Hills

Please join us for our final indoor program of the season:

"Garlic Mustard and Other Plant Invaders: Understanding and Responding to Plant Invasions" by David Susko. Dr. Susko is an Associate Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of Michigan Dearborn campus. He is also the new Director of the Environmental Interpretive Center on the campus.

His presentation will focus on the biological nature of plant invasions, how they impact biodiversity and ecosystems, and he will discuss potential control methods. He will emphasize and use some local invaders, such as garlic mustard, as case studies.

We will meet at **Heritage Park in Farmington Hills**. Heritage Park is located at on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile Roads. We will meet at the Vagnozzi Visitors Center. There is plenty of free parking just outside the door. Join us and bring a friend. Refreshments will be provided. Come early or stay late and visit the nature center or hike the paved trails in the park.

SPRING FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Participate in one of our trips and don't miss out on our lovely spring wildflowers

Belle Isle Spring Wildflowers
Sunday May 2, 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm
Belle Isle - meet at the bike trail across from the Athletic Shelter.

It's spring, and the woods are mud-luscious and puddle-wonderful! Join Suzan Campbell for a wildflower walk in Belle Isle's forest preserve, where thousands of white trout lilies bloom each year. The Michigan Botanical Club and the Friends of Belle Isle are co-sponsoring this event with the Stewardship Network, so we'll have lots of great (and knowledgeable) company. Don't forget your rubber boots!

**"Weekday Wildflowers"
and Garlic Mustard Pull**
Monday, May 3, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
at the Henry Ford Estate
and UM-Dearborn Natural Area
4901 Evergreen Rd.
Dearborn

Meet at the Henry Ford Estate Tour Ticket Office. The Garlic Mustard Pull will be from 9-11 and the wildflower walk from 11-noon. We'll join the Henry Ford Estate Garden Volunteers and the Stewardship Network in removing invasive Garlic Mustard from the historic grounds of the Henry Ford Estate. Mike Perrin of the Environmental Interpretive Center and Laurel Malvitz of the Stewardship Network will lead the wildflower walk. Wear gloves, long pants and closed-toed shoes. Not tools required. Please register online at www.stewardshipnetwork.org under "Lakeplain Cluster" or call 734-996-3190. For more information go to www.henryfordestate.org

Holliday Nature Preserve Spring Activities

Earth Day Celebration Saturday, April 24

10 am Preserve Sign Dedication and Installation
at the Ellsworth entrance

1 pm-3 pm Spring Wildflower Walk at Koppernick

3 pm-5 pm Invasive Plant Pull at Koppernick

Saturday, May 8

11 am Wildflower Walk at the Central City entrance
(Warren and Central City Parkway)

Saturday, June 5

8 am-noon Rouge Rescue at Newburgh entrance
(Newburgh Rd north of Warren)

For more information check the Holliday Nature
Preserve website at www.hnpa.org

DUES RENEWAL & MEMBERSHIP

Please check to see if you have paid your MBC dues
for 2010. Dues (\$25 regular membership of
individual or family at same address, \$35 benefactor
membership) may be paid to:

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If you wish to receive e-mail reminders of programs
and field trips and items of related botanical interest,
please include your e-mail address.

If you wish to receive the Spring *Arisaema* (our state-
wide newsletter) with the registration information for
the 2010 Spring Foray, you must pay your dues
immediately. Registration for foray field trips is first
come first served, with priority given to MBC
members before non-members (or lapsed members).
If you are unsure of your 2010 membership status,
contact Richard.

2010 SPRING FORAY

The SEC has been hard at work planning the 2010
Spring Foray to the greater Toledo area and the home
of the Oak Openings Region. The dates will be over
Memorial Day weekend, May 28-31. We will have the
Holiday Inn-French Quarter in Perrysburg, OH as our
Foray headquarters. All the information about field
trips, programs, and hotel reservations is up on the
MBC website www.michbotclub.org and the Spring
Arisaema should be in the mail in the next few weeks.
We would love to see many of our members
participating (and helping) in this foray.

UPCOMING PLANT SALES

CRANBROOK SPRING PLANT SALE

Tuesday, May 11, 10 am-7 pm

Wednesday, May 12, 10 am-2 pm

Volunteers have pulled together a wide variety of
plants, flowers, wild flowers, and herbs perfect for
your garden or a window box. Gardening items
including pots and tools also will be for sale. Parking
for the plant sale will be at Christ Church Cranbrook,
located across the street for Cranbrook House. A
Shuttle Service will be provided for free. 380 Lone
Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills. For more information,
please call (248) 645-3147 or
www.cranbrook.edu/housegardens/events/detail.asp?newsid=241277

HENRY FORD ESTATE

GARDEN MARKET AND PLANT SALE

Friday, May 14 10 am-3 pm

Saturday, May 15, 9 am-1 pm

Unique perennials, wildflowers, shade-loving plants,
culinary herbs, annuals, hanging baskets, water garden
plants, stepping stones, garden art and birdhouses.
4901 Evergreen Rd., Dearborn. For more information
please call (313) 593-5590 or
www.henryfordestate.org