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The MSU Horticulture Gardens Presents

## It's All About Plants

May 3, 2014 • 8:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Plant and Soil Sciences Building  
1066 Bogue Street (MSU Campus)

*Join four of the top industry experts as they share top performers and best practices to enhance your garden with annuals, perennials, natives, shrubs and grasses.*



### NEW AND UNDERUSED ANNUALS

**George Papadelis**, Owner, Telly's Greenhouse

In this enthusiastic presentation, George will show us dozens of the new annuals available this spring and will remind us of the many wonderful underused annuals that can enhance our beds and containers.



### THE HUNT FOR NEW AND IMPROVED FLOWERING SHRUBS

**Tim Wood**, Product Development and Marketing Manager, Spring Meadow Nursery, Inc. Michigan

Join international plant hunter Tim Wood as he travels the world searching for new and useful plants for the American yard and garden. You will learn about his travels, the plant breeders he meets and the story behind the plants he finds.



### GROWING NATIVE PLANTS: AMERICA'S ROOTS IN YOUR GARDEN

**Steve Keto**, Natural Areas and Preserves Manager, Western Michigan University

Steve will help gardeners avoid pitfalls and capitalize on the potential of native plants in the garden. He will highlight how growing native plants brings rich history, pharmacology, aesthetics and wildlife value to your landscape.



### HARDY HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS AND GRACEFUL GRASSES

**Art Cameron**, director of the MSU Horticulture Gardens and "plant geek extraordinaire," will share some of his favorite herbaceous perennials and ornamental grasses. Take a virtual tour of the world and learn some great plants along the way! Art will also share a few design tricks for you and your garden.

There is still time to register online at: <http://www.hrt.msu.edu/spring-program/>

You can register on the day of the conference. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Sweet at [hgardens@msu.edu](mailto:hgardens@msu.edu) or 517-355-5191 ext 1339

## Plant Sale to Benefit MSU Horticulture Gardens!

**Friday May 16<sup>th</sup> 5 pm to 7 pm 2013 MSU Garden Members Only**  
**Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> 7 am to 2 pm Open to the Public**

The MSU Horticulture Gardens' annual plant sale will be open to the public on Saturday, May 17. MSU Garden Members can get in early to search for the special treats on Friday evening, May 16.

All proceeds are used to support the ongoing activities of the largely self-funded MSU Horticulture Gardens. Support our special gardens and fill your yard with plants!



### Plants Available for Purchase

- **Annuals** – a wide range of common and exotic, seed and vegetative, new and old.
- **Herbaceous perennials** – includes divisions from our perennial displays – an eclectic collection of common, select and rare plants. Renata (our Perennial Garden Manager) has done her best to enhance our selection this year.
- **Ornamental grasses** – a range of tender and hardy, short and tall, common and eclectic.
- **Vegetables** – heirlooms, hard-to-find cultivars of tomatoes and peppers, eggplant, squash & melons and many more.
- **Herbs** – a wide selection of common and rare herbs.
- **Trees and shrubs** – some elite new selections.

*Some plants may sell out more quickly than others.  
Come early for the best selection!*

### MSU Horticulture Gardens Members

Become a Garden Member and support our gardens, gain early shopping entrance, and receive a 10% discount on all plant purchases!

#### Not yet a member?

- Click here to join online or to download a paper membership form.
- You can also join onsite at our members-only sale on Friday evening or at our open public sale on Saturday. Ask for information upon arrival.

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### Location

Our popular plant sale will be located in the Plant and Soil Sciences Building (1066 Bogue, MSU Campus), adjacent to our MSU Horticulture Gardens. For maps – go to <http://www.hrt.msu.edu/visitor-and-tour-information/> Please remember that Bogue Road no longer connects Grand River and the Gardens You will need to find another route.

### Visit the Michigan State University Horticulture Gardens

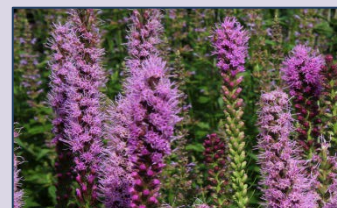
For more information go to our website <http://www.hrt.msu.edu/our-gardens/>

### Visit the East Lansing Art Festival

An added benefit for you, our Spring Sale this year is the same weekend as the East Lansing Art Festival, so it's a good excuse to combine a trip to both events and make a weekend of it ! For information, go to <http://elartfest.com/>



Our staff and volunteers work hard to make your shopping experience a happy one!



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## Garden Day: Saturday August 3, 2014

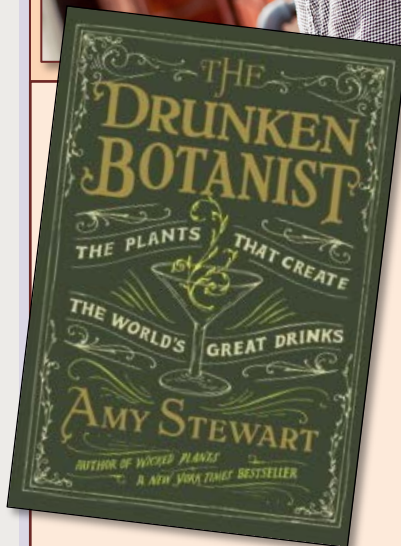
We are excited to host **Amy Stewart** as our featured speaker for 2014 Garden Day! Amy is the award-winning author of six books on the perils and pleasures of the natural world, including four *New York Times* bestsellers: *The Drunken Botanist*, *Wicked Bugs*, *Wicked Plants*, and *Flower Confidential*.



Customize your **Garden Day** by selecting from a variety of hands-on and engaging workshops, such as Creative Containers, Pruning Basics, Herbal House-cleaning, Garden Design, Selection of Herbaceous Perennials and Dividing Perennials. During breaks and lunch, shop our Green Garden Marketplace for great deals on plants, garden accessories and more! The day includes two keynote presentations, two workshops of your choice, parking, lunch and dessert from Grand Traverse Pie, materials and access to the Green Garden Marketplace.

**Registration is now open!** For further information  
<http://www.hrt.msu.edu/garden-day-2014/>

Questions? Contact Jennifer Sweet,  
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### 'Drunken Botanist' Reception

After Garden Day has officially ended, register to meet with Amy in the MSU Gardens conservatory and be escorted to our "Drunken Botanist Garden". Amy will tell plant stories and provide you with growing tips to create your very own cocktail garden! Afterwards enjoy hors d'oeuvres and further conversation with Amy and other enthusiasts on the topics of the day.

Register now at <http://hrt.msu.edu/register/gardenday.php>

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## Authorization to Plan for Horticulture Garden Welcome Center Approved by MSU Board of Trustees

We are excited to announce that on April 22, 2014, the MSU Board of Trustees granted "Authorization to Plan" for a proposed MSU Horticulture Gardens Welcome Center. We hope to create a Welcome Center that will inspire and educate our visitors, while providing convenient comfort facilities.



Our current "Welcome Center" is a small temporary building that we are anxious to replace, and those of you who visit our gardens frequently know that our restrooms are located deep in the Plant and Soil Science Building and were never designed to handle the large number of children and garden visitors.

We hope to develop a welcoming "front door" for the hundreds of thousands of garden visitors each year, including more than 12,000 children arriving by the busload to study **Butterflies in the Garden**, **Seeds of Science** and **Discovery Field Trips** each year. We also hope we can improve services for those attending our educational programs, plant shows, and numerous weddings and events hosted each year in the gardens.

We are currently working to develop site plans and a funding scheme that will make this new Welcome Center possible. Stay tuned for further information.



Petunia 'Kermit Piggy' was an eye-catching entry in our 2013 Annual Trials introduced by the German Plant Breeders Westhoff. Each year we test hundreds of new entries - see more of our favorites at <http://trialgardens.hrt.msu.edu/2013-top-performers/>

# MSU Horticulture Garden News

e-News from Michigan State University Horticulture Gardens

<http://www.hrt.msu.edu/our-gardens/>

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## Become a Garden Member Now and Come Early to our Plant Sale

Garden members support our programs and gardens and the fee for the membership is nearly entirely offset by the value returned to you. You will gain free admission to AHS Reciprocal Gardens, VIP earl-bird admission to our Plant Sale, 10% discount on all purchases and discounts on our MSU Horticulture Garden Programs. Those who join at the family level and above are invited to our ever popular VIP Wine and Chocolate reception in December!

To join, go to <http://www.hrt.msu.edu/2014-garden-memberships/> where you can join online, or print out a paper copy.

Your continued support of our gardens helps support garden staff, student interns and new garden development! Help keep us growing!



## Support the Gardens - Sponsor a Brick or a Bench

Our endowment supports a good portion of our on-going salaries and maintenance costs in the gardens. Our endowment grows yearly from direct gifts and donations or one of the many donor opportunities in the MSU Horticulture Gardens. A \$250 donation to the Gardens will sponsor a 4" by 8" brick, a \$1,000 donation to the Gardens will sponsor a 8" by 8" brick, and a \$10,000 donation to the Gardens will sponsor a garden bench. Larger donations can sponsor individual garden beds or completely new gardens. Inscriptions can honor special person(s) or occasion(s) in your life. Benches can be placed in many locations throughout the gardens.

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