



# Family Programs Spring & Summer 2018



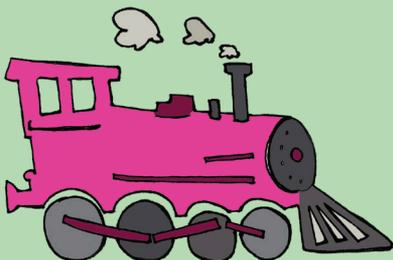
Experience the wonder and beauty of "Butterflies in the Garden!" Watch and marvel as butterflies flutter and fly about in the Indoor 4-H Children's Garden. Visitors are invited to enjoy the garden and butterflies Monday-Friday from 2-4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. NOTE: Butterflies will be closed Easter Sunday, April 1. Visit <http://4hgarden.msu.edu> for more information. **FREE\***

Schedule a "Butterflies in the Garden" tour by calling (517) 353-0452. **\$2 per visitor.\***

**SPECIAL SPRING BREAK HOURS**  
April 2-6, M-F: Open to the public from 1 to 4 p.m. each day. There will be special activities for visitors that week.

## Train schedule

Members of the Capital Area Railway Society will run the model train in the garden on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 7 to August 30, 2018 (weather permitting).



## Garden Discovery Days

### Butterfly Day

**April 28 from 10 a.m.-noon**

Join us in celebrating another exciting season of "Butterflies in the Garden." Come and explore the secret life of butterflies in the Indoor 4-H Children's Garden. We will discover the amazing butterfly life cycle, create butterfly gardens to take home and much more. **\$5 per child.**

### Garden Geocache Event

**June 9 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Cache veterans and new enthusiasts are welcome at this geocaching adventure. Bring your picnic lunch and enjoy a day of caching in the gardens. We will be finding new caches, trading travel bugs, exploring the gardens and much more. *If you have a GPS unit please bring it to this event. If you do not have one, we will provide them.* **FREE.**

### Superhero Tea Party

**June 19 from 10 a.m.-noon**

Come dressed as your favorite superhero and celebrate with a tea party in the garden. Participants will have a chance to share tea and treats with friends and then journey into the garden for a variety of fun make-and-take activities. **Registration required. \$5 per child.\***

### Digger Day

**June 28 from 10 a.m.-noon**

Come to the garden and explore the world of diggers. Front-end loaders, dump trucks and back hoes - all of these tools help with projects both big and small in our communities. MSU Infrastructure Planning and Facilities will bring some of MSU's biggest and best equipment to the garden for us to explore. We will also have activities and crafts so come ready to dig and get dirty at this event! **\$5 per child.\***

### Garden 25th Birthday Bash

**July 14 from 10 a.m.-noon**

We will celebrate the gardens silver birthday with activities throughout all the gardens, including container gardens, tours, and of course cake and ice cream. **FREE.**

## Plant sale

**May 19 from 7 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Our plant sale features hanging baskets, perennials, annuals, grasses, herbs, vegetable seedlings, shrubs and more.



\*Event cost does not include parking.

# Curiosity Camps

## Garden Writers Workshop

**July 10-12 from 10 a.m.–noon**

Young writers will learn about the wonderful world of writing in the garden. Using the garden as their inspiration, campers will connect writing to nature by creating poems, stories, plays and much more. Ages 7 and up. (Limited to 20 participants). **Registration required. \$30 for all three days.\***

## Camp Monet

**August 7-9 from 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

Young artists will love spending three days in the gardens creating marvelous projects. Campers will use inspiration from the garden to make projects that involve sketching, painting, sculpting, dying, weaving and much more! Lunch will not be provided, so please bring a lunch each day. We will eat together in the garden. Ages 7 and up. (Limited to 20 participants). **Registration required. \$70 for all three days.\***

## Garden Chefs from Garden to Table

**August 14 from 10 a.m.–1 p.m.**

Join us in the garden and learn all about interesting edibles and how to make delicious, easy creations for friends and family. Participants will harvest from the garden and create yummy snacks and a tasty lunch. Ages 7 and up. This is a drop-off program.

**Registration required. \$25 per person.\***



## Train Day

**July 19 from 10 a.m.–noon**

All aboard! Join us in celebrating our love for locomotives with the Capital Area Railway Society. Watch trains of all shapes and sizes, help us construct a train village in the garden, discover what happens on the tracks and much more! **\$5 per child.\***

## Water Day

**July 26 from 10 a.m.–noon**

Come cool off from the summer heat and have fun in the garden with water. We will play water games, do water art and explore all things fun about water. Come ready to get wet! **\$5 per child.\***

## Bug Day

**July 31 from 10 a.m.–noon**

We cannot get enough of these amazing six-legged friends! Join us for what has become an annual tribute to insects in the gardens. We will be collecting bugs, observing bugs, making bugs and even writing poetry about bugs! Our friends from the MSU Bug House will be back this year with their amazing collections of insects from all over the world! **\$5 per child.\***

## Bubble Day

**August 16 from 10 a.m.–noon**

Come celebrate the end of summer vacation at the garden with bubbles! As we explore the wonderful world of bubbles we will paint, eat, and even make music with bubbles. Don't forget to invite your friends and family to come to this bubblelicious bash! **\$5 per child.\***

## Holiday Open House

**December 7 from 5–7 p.m.**

Enjoy our displays of poinsettias and 16' poinsettia tree under evening lights. Bring your camera and the kids. Santa will arrive in his sleigh at 5:30 p.m. MSU poinsettias, centerpieces and wreaths will be for sale. Enjoy some holiday refreshments. **FREE.**



## Parking

Parking costs are not included in any event costs. Parking fees only apply to events before 6 p.m. on weekdays. The MSU Horticulture Garden parking meters are a cash/credit system. Parking can be paid for at the meters and the machines accept both credit and U.S. coins. The charge for parking is \$0.25 for eight minutes. There is a \$1.80 minimum for credit card charges.

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# splendid stories

## stories in the Garden

June 19 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m.\*

July 11 from 7-8:30 p.m.

August 22 from 10–11:30 a.m.

Teens will be reading stories to younger children—a magical time of fun and learning. Great for kids 0 to 100! **FREE.**

Stories in the Garden is a partnership between the East Lansing Public Library and Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens. Interested teen readers should contact the East Lansing Public Library directly at [elpd.org](http://elpd.org) or by phone 517-351-2420. Sign up to be a reader soon!

## stories for sprouts & seedlings

Third Wednesday of each month from 10–11 a.m.

This program is designed especially for young children, ages 0-4, to experience the wonders of gardening through stories and hands-on projects. This program meets on the third Wednesday of every month and each session will feature a different book with an accompanying nature activity. **FREE.\***

May 16 — *Butterfly Park* by Etly MacKay

June 20 — *Where do Diggers Sleep at Night?* by Brianna Caplan Sayres

July 18 — *Good Trick Walking Stick* by Sheri M. Bestor

August 15 — *Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter

September 19 — *Surprise in the Meadow* by Anna Vojtech

October 17 — *Little Boo* by Stephen Wunderli

Be sure to register early!

Register at <http://4hgarden.msu.edu> or call (517) 353-0452.



# CG Tours & Trips

Call us at (517) 353-0452 to discuss your specific needs and together we can create experiences that will impact your kids for years to come. Here are two great opportunities:

## the 4-H Children's Gardens Tours

Arrange a special tour of the 4-H Children's Gardens with one of our knowledgeable docents to lead the way. Listen to stories about different plants growing in the gardens, learn about how plants are important in our daily lives and explore the gardens with all of your senses through taste test challenges, smelly explorations and more! You can also request an optional scavenger hunt that provides an opportunity for focused exploration of the gardens individually or in small groups. **\$2 per garden visitor.\***

## Discovery Field Trips

Schedule a class or group Discovery Field Trip. Discovery Field Trips combine experiential exploration of the garden with a focused hands-on thematic lesson. Begin your garden discovery with a short tour and scavenger hunt. Then discover more through one of our interactive discovery topics designed to meet the needs and interests of children. Discoveries include: Important Plants, Plant Evaluation, Salad Bowl Experiment and Plant Problems. Discoveries occur in the gardens, using their unique resources while incorporating sketching, journaling, technology and group conversation. Your visit can last from two hours to the entire day or even multiple days. We work with the teacher/leader to create discoveries that fit your student's interests and needs as well as address your curriculum and interests. **\$3 per student.\***

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#### ABOUT THE

#### MICHIGAN 4-H CHILDREN'S GARDENS

The Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens consist of three educational gardens – the outdoor Michigan 4-H Children's Garden, the Indoor 4-H Children's Garden and the Pete and Sally Smith Schoolyard Demonstration Garden. The outdoor garden season is Apr. 1 through Oct. 31. The indoor garden is open year round. The gardens, part of the MSU Horticulture Gardens, are located at the corner of Bogue St. and Service Rd. on the campus of Michigan State University.

#### TO REGISTER FOR EVENTS

Register online at <http://4hgarden.msu.edu> or call the 4-H Children's Gardens at (517) 353-0542.

**Registration is required for all events.**

#### GARDEN EVENT E-LIST

Sign up for our e-list to receive information on garden events by email. Sign up at the 4-H Children's Gardens or by sending an email to [garden4h@msu.edu](mailto:garden4h@msu.edu).

#### VISIT THE GARDEN ONLINE

Find out more about the 4-H Children's Gardens and take a virtual tour at: <http://4hgarden.msu.edu>.

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## Celebrating 25 years!

The Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens is celebrating our 25th anniversary in 2018! For 25 years our mission has been:

- To promote an understanding of plants and the role they play in our daily lives,
- To nurture the wonder in a child's imagination and curiosity,
- To provide a place of enrichment and delight for children of all ages.

Over the past 25 years hundreds of thousands of children and families have imagined and wondered in the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens. We have been a model for lots of other children's gardens and we have hosted two National Children and Youth Garden Symposia.

Each year our programs continue to expand and improve. Over 14,000 students participate in our programs annually. From Butterflies in the Garden to Seeds of Science and Collaborating Classrooms, students, teachers and parents interact with, and connect to, the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens. In the words of a second grader, "Look at all this (the gardens), and it's all just for us!"

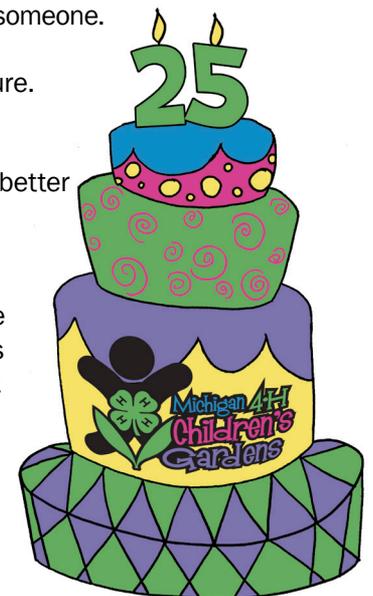
We hope you will come and celebrate 25 years with us this summer. When you come, be sure that you take time to:

- Touch and smell the flowers and leaves.
- Touch the leaves of Sensitive Plant and Lamb's Ears.
- Find a flower that is your favorite color and show it to someone.
- Take lots of pictures.
- Sit on the sheep and have someone take your picture.
- See if you can find a butterfly in the garden.

We know these plant experiences will make your day better and will stick with you for a long time.

And as we look ahead to our next 25 years, we hope that you will continue to be part of the gardens. Come and visit often. Enjoy the plants, dance on the chimes and rest up in the Tree House. Say "hi" to our student workers, and to Jessica and Norm. Create your own garden stories.

Thanks for your support for the past 25 years and we look forward to your support for the next 25 years!



## Help us Grow!

The Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens and its programs are made possible by private donations to the Michigan 4-H Foundation and Michigan State University.

The Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens need your continued support. Think about how you might support the gardens to insure their beauty and to provide fun learning experiences for kids that encourage them to let their imaginations grow. Please consider making a donation, buying a brick, sponsoring a theme garden or program, or becoming a volunteer.

If you have questions or would like more information on giving to the gardens, please contact the curator, Dr. Norm Lownds at (517) 353-0349 or the Michigan 4-H Foundation at (517) 353-6692.