

The Rambling Rose February 2009 Edition

Saginaw Rose and Garden Society



Meeting
Monday February 23rd
6:30P.M. Sharp



Ben Jean
from Aquatic Gardens

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Clint's Clippings

Hello everyone!

I am glad to get back into the swing of things. I hope everyone had a good time at the planning session as well as eating all of the good soups there. We have a very busy schedule ahead of us for the next year! Thank you to everyone who came and shared their ideas for the planning session. We really appreciate all of the input!!

Does anyone have a Yucca plant in their yard that doesn't bloom but every few years? Unlike roses, the Yucca doesn't like nitrogen at all. If you have your Yucca by roses and use nitrogen that could be one of the reasons they don't bloom. You can also do what I did when mine just stopped blooming. I took a shovel, put it next to it and told it "if you don't bloom for me on a regular basis, I am going to shovel prune you right out of the garden", needless to say mine has bloomed every year and has gotten bigger every year. Who said plants can't understand what you are saying?

I found a plant that is coming out this year that I know I am going to have to find and buy. It's called the "Green Envy Purple Coneflower." It's got Jade-green leaves and a deep-green cone center. This is going to be a **one of a kind** flower for your yard. It's actually really very pretty. Doesn't sound like much, but it really is spectacular.

Budget-Saver! You have problems in the spring with little animals eating your fresh garden plants? You can use PVC Plant Protectors! You can buy a long tube of it at a local hardware store for a few dollars. Get about a 2" to 3" round pipe and cut them to the length you need them. Plant your plants in the ground where you want them, place the PVC protector over the little seedling. Cutworms, rabbits and other little critters will not be able to get to the seedlings to harm them.

When you are planting your gardens this year and want to start your plants early and need peat pots don't go out and buy special peat pots. Use **toilet paper rolls!** Cut them in half and place them on a tray with pebbles. Fill the tube with soil and plant the seed and put water in the tray with pebbles. When you transplant the seedlings into the garden the cardboard breaks down and helps to add fertilizer to the soil so you don't have to over fertilize them. Simple thing and doesn't cost anything extra!

I can't wait till this month's meeting! Ben Jean with Aquatic Gardens is going to come in and show us all the tips and tricks to making and maintaining your pond or water gardens. He has a lot of information and is willing to answer all of our questions. He will also have products for sale that he uses in his business and for his own pond. You'll be shocked at some of the things you'll learn from him. It's amazing.



See you all in February!

Happy Clippin



Happy Birthday to Joe Karlsen

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Bev's Buzz



Well, it's over for this month and I hope all had an interesting time. The pot luck was amazing! Thank you all.

We had a very nice turn out for the start of the New Year. A lot of discussions took place and a few questions. All in all it was fun, interesting and entertaining...

Each month I hope we have a good time.

We had a lot of things roll from last year that people asked us to put them into 09. It seemed to surprise our members, as well as us.

For next month we have Ben Jean from Aquatic Gardens coming in to give us heads up on ponds, water lilies, and snails. Yep right, snails. Also products for getting your ponds ready for another year. Ben will have products to sell that is for commercial use. A little goes a long way.

Benjamin M. Jean has been involved full time in the design, installation and maintenance of water features since 2000.

Ben got his start working at the largest design, build firm in the state of Colorado.

After relocating to Michigan in 2004 Ben quickly gained respect in the area as a talented water feature expert.

Ben continually attends tradeshow, seminars and continuing education classes to stay ahead of the pack on info. And trends for the industry

In May of 2008 Ben became the new owner of Aquatic Gardens 824 Tittabawassee Road in Saginaw.

Aquatic Gardens specializes in water feature design and build.

Aquatic Gardens also carries a wide selection of aquatic plants and also pond supplies for the do it your self crowd.

They are also well known for their selection of Koi and goldfish for ponds.

We may pay a little extra for the products but it's a one time purchase that will last.

So think of questions about anything connected to ponds, water-plants, waterfalls, fish write them down and come join us.

Hope to see you there.

Once again welcome to Janet Wolicki

Thank you again Madeleine for the offer of needle point wall hanging to be auctioned off at the Rose Show this year. Thank you so much. I know a lot of work and love goes into things like this. Once again. THANK YOU...

Also it looks pretty good for a bus trip. Could be a surprise there too. Never know.

We also have twenty-six members as of Jan. 26, 2009.

See you all next month. Bev

Beverly Bremer 

President - The Saginaw Rose & Garden Society (2009-2010)

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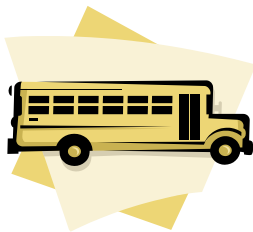
The Garden Guru
BETTY WATTERS

Winter Bones of Your Garden



Most of the time we think of this in terms of just Conifers or trees, or structures we have built. Now we should include large handsome Grasses and some large type Hydrangeas also. I think in these terms, because a few of the new ones in our garden will grow up to be big guys...someday. *Tardivia Paniculata* the largest of the genus, in fact grows 12 feet tall. The upright pointed panicles are about six to eight inches long. The winter interest should be beautiful. Another one that I planted from Begick's called *Quick Fire* is hardy in zones 4-8.; Full sun to partial shade .Late Spring blooms are gorgeous large white pyramidal shaped flower-heads, maturing pink to red. Six to eight feet at maturity. The *Acer Griseum* or Paper Bark Maples in our garden really are the most colorful tree in Winter, as the red peeling bark really looks great against the snow. (Plenty this year.) Where are my rose cones? As you shop for garden stuff this Spring think of buying more Winter bones for your garden. In Michigan we have so long to look at it..

See ya
Betty



Any one wanting to go on the bus trip to MSU be sure to bring a deposit of \$10.00 to the February meeting . The total cost of the trip is \$20.00.

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Minutes of The Planning Session

The meeting of the Saginaw Rose and Garden Society was called to order on Monday January 26, 2009 at 7:06 P. M. by President Beverly Bremer. There were 19 members and 0 guest in attendance.

Sunshine Report: none

Treasurer's Report: \$1344.85 We cashed in the CD making a new CD for \$1500.00 and placing \$852.00 in Checking.

Secretary's Report: none

Historian Report: none

Librarian Report: Nancy is going to start to bring in a few books in a box in case someone wants to check any out. We have decided to order a Roses 12 book for the society to have in the library. A motion to order the book was made and put to the floor, motion carried.

Hospitality Report: passed out a sign-up sheet for people to sign up for this year's events. Those names will be posted in the newsletter. Be sure to watch for it.

Publicity Report: none

Membership: We have just about all of our members paid. Welcome to the two new members Janet. Welcome!

CR Report: None

Old Business: none

New Business: Our calendar of events will be on the website:

www.saginawroseandgarden.org check it out. The COE will also be listed in the newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 P. M. Seconded by: Jon

Respectfully submitted,

Corresponding Secretary: Clint Bremer

CR report by Jean Bradley



**Host and Hostess for February
Bill LeVasseur and Jackie Steinert**