



SE Michigan Light Displays

If you need a break from the hectic nature of the holiday season to take in the scenery, be sure to visit one of these eight great Michigan light displays and create a new family tradition!

Holiday Nights in Greenfield Village – Dearborn

Step into a living Christmas card — the glowing candlelit windows, the scent of roasting chestnuts, and the sounds of carolers and sleigh bells — when you enter Holiday Nights in Greenfield Village. The Henry Ford has added nights to keep up with demand, so book tickets quickly before the most popular nights sell out! A great event for the whole family at one of the nation's true hidden gem locations.

Wayne County Lightfest – Westland

The Wayne County Lightfest in Westland is the largest and longest drive-through holiday light show in the Midwest as it features more than 47 giant animated holiday-themed displays. Visitors enter Lightfest at Hines Drive and Merriman Road in Westland and exit onto Warren Avenue near Telegraph Road in Dearborn Heights. When you've reached the end, don't forget to stop for a visit to Santa's Workshop, at Warrendale Park.

Christmas at Crossroads Holiday Magic – Flint

Bundle up and come visit during this special time when thousands of lights sparkle like tiny stars throughout the Crossroads Village. You'll find villagers making vintage crafts, shops full of great gifts and the beloved Huckleberry Railroad waiting to take you on a festive nighttime ride. Hurry and buy your tickets now as some times are already sold out. Your whole family will love this holiday celebration.

Big Bright Light Show in Rochester Michigan

Brighten your holidays in downtown Rochester with The Big, Bright Light

Show. The buildings in downtown Rochester will be covered with more than 1.5 million points of glimmering holiday light. It will be lit every evening from November 19 - January 6. As a bonus, the lights will be aglow every weekend in January through the Fire & Ice Festival. Be sure to check out the wonderful Rochester businesses while you gaze at the city's lit-up beauty.

Nite Lites – Jackson

One of Michigan's largest Christmas light displays, this animated drive-through display is over three miles long! The popular holiday display has a new home at Michigan International Speedway. Millions of dancing lights will make up 65 different themes, a 250-foot lighted tunnel, and a forest of mega trees. Tell Santa Claus your Christmas wishes and take a ride on the holiday train. Real live reindeer will be stopping by for a special visit on three nights only so plan your visit now.

Wild Lights – Royal Oak

This list wouldn't be complete without the Wild Lights at the Detroit Zoo! Experience the magic of the Detroit Zoo in winter as you take in the lights and the sights and enjoy holiday entertainment and activities for guests of all ages. More than five million LED lights will illuminate trees, buildings and more than 100 animal sculptures throughout the front of the Zoo until December 31st. Advance ticket purchase is advised as many nights might sell out.

Board Meeting December —DATE TBD

Watch for the virtual meeting link and agenda to be emailed to you the week of December 7.

NOTE: A sergeant from the Ann Arbor Police Department will be attending to discuss the Neighborhood Watch program + provide us with general security tips.



Courtesy Reminders...

City of Ann Arbor

Pet Waste Clean-up Penalties

If a dog (except for leader dogs for the blind) discharges it's feces on property other than that of its owner, and the owner does not immediately remove such feces, a ticket can be issued. Please pick up after your dog (s)!

Feeding Wildlife

Spreading food of any kind in common areas is prohibited.

Spreading feed attracts nuisance critters.

As the holidays collide with COVID-19, expect a surge in package theft

AARP provides all kinds of statistics about how many Americans have had boxes and items taken from their doorsteps! Keep your eyes open for yours and your neighbors, too!

Shared by Robalee Chapin, PV resident

Paws & Tails Pet Care

I'm located right here in Pittsfield Village!

Have peace of mind while you're away with quality care and affordable rates for your furry family member!

I provide daily dog walking for people who have long, busy, work hours, new puppies who need potty breaks and socialization, or for those that want their dog to have a fun break in their day!

I also provide house visits for dogs, cats, and small animals for those gone on vacations and business trips. Boarding is also available for pups in my home for 24/7 care!

Email to book a meet and greet with me and to receive more information. Irenehayes03@yahoo.com

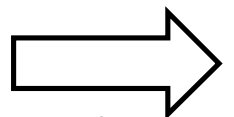
What's New?



Two new mini meadows were planted in the Village by 20 or so volunteers on Saturday November 14th! We took advantage of the spaces freed up near the playgrounds in backyard areas when the dilapidated picnic tables were removed. Rather than turn it back into grass, a few of us thought that this would be a great opportunity to try out planting meadows.

Meadows provide food for songbirds and wildlife, habitat for pollinators, increased water filtration as well as reduced emissions and gas and energy use. Meadows also, help to sequester carbon because of their deeper roots. We also wanted to be able to get some of the benefits we get when we walk in nature preserves, in our own backyards.

Meadows are long-term projects. It will take between 3-5 years for the meadow to become mature and at its most beautiful. In the meantime, while in its awkward adolescent stages, we will dress it up a bit by interspersing annual flowers that work well with the meadow plants. Volunteers will add those seed to the ones already planted in very early Spring.



For now, we will be doing one of the hardest parts of any planting – waiting for the plants to emerge in the spring!

We hope you will enjoy the meadows as they grow and become a part of the group of volunteers who make it possible. If you want to be kept in the loop about opportunities to volunteer, please contact Su Hansen at su@suhanzen.com.



If you have
the power to
make someone
happy, do it.
The world
needs more
of that.

IN THE GARDEN

By Lisa Joseph, Community Horticulturist

Welcome December! As you hibernate or stay home to stay well, how about a crafty creative and fun project? Create a winter display in a weather-resistant planter or in your window box! Use greens (faux or real), bright red berries, maybe dried hydrangea blooms, and pinecones. Try painting some white “snow” on the pinecones. Add some bright ornaments, sparkly painted silver twigs, and a festive ribbon for the holidays!

A FASCINATING TALE FROM THE WORLD OF NATURE!



Featuring the Eastern Comma Butterfly

The Comma Butterfly is bright orange and black with angular notches on the edges of the wings.

The reverse side of the wing is marbled with brown, so that when the wings are folded, this butterfly looks exactly like a dead leaf! It gets its name from the comma mark on the underside of each hind wing. The Comma hibernates in the woodland where it is perfectly camouflaged as a leaf in the forest floor litter. They may awaken on warm winter days, as did the one in the photo that dropped by my van on a nice day in November. Adults don't often visit flowers for nectar but prefer sugar from fruit or tree sap.



The larval form is another example of incredible camouflage for protection. The spiny larvae are brown and white and look exactly like bird droppings! Mother Nature is ingenious....

LISA'S PERENNIAL RECOMMENDATION-

AMSONIA HUBRICHTII- NARROW-LEAF BLUE STAR

Mature size: 3' tall and wide. Amsonia is a larger plant for the back of the border.

Blue Star features clusters of sky blue flowers in late spring, deep green feathery foliage with a delicate texture in summer, and rich bright yellow fall color. It is a great early nectar source for pollinators, and butterflies are frequent visitors. This native perennial tolerates drought and clay soil and isn't bothered by deer, pest insects or disease issues. Blue Star requires a spot that receives full



sun. It will get leggy and flop

in too much shade. Prune it back by 1/3 after flowering.

Amsonia hubrichtii was the Perennial Plant of the Year in 2011!



TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

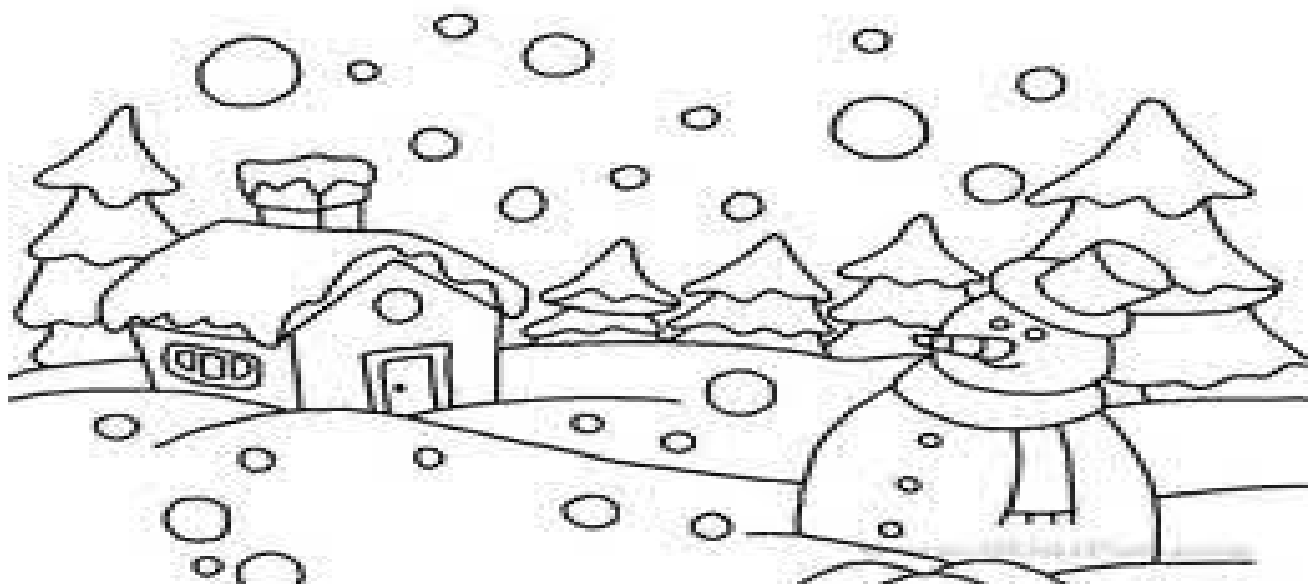
I don't usually write about our current pandemic situation because I want you to be able to focus on something positive here and forget for awhile all the negative we are bombarded with on a daily basis. The isolation we are enduring becomes almost impossible to cope with sometimes. I've been talking to the ladybugs who have

found their way inside my house to hunker down for winter. I put out a smear of strawberry preserves that they feed on! I'm a nut, I know. I feed the birds, a cat who comes to visit from the neighbor's gets some tuna, and a little mouse in my shed feasts on peanuts I leave for him in a drawer of an old cabinet where he has made a bed for himself. I delight in their company.

Take comfort in a quiet cup of tea. Try to get outside to walk or sit in a favorite spot. Stay in contact with people you enjoy. Luxuriate in a hot bath with lavender bath salts. I take joy in looking through gardening catalogs and magazines, taking notes for next season.

We are all in this together. Stay safe.

Kid's Coloring Corner



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December Meeting Links

M & M Meeting

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/345220525>

Landscape Meeting


<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/143446829>

BOD Meeting

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Happy
Holidays!

DECEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 M&M meeting 6pm virtually	2	3	4	5
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