

## What's Coming Up:

Janet Macunovich answers  
your growing concerns  
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### Sharp gardeners tend tools in winter

Janet, could you give a lesson on what tools are best for pruning and how to sharpen hand tools? I can't find any place that has something to sharpen hand tools or much direction on how to sharpen them. - Marilyn -

I'll do what I can, Marilyn -- check pages 2, 3 and 4 -- but in this regard a hands-on lesson may be best. Here are two possibilities for that in-person help.

One: Every winter Steven, friends and I host at least one tool cleaning class in the form of a party. (See page 12.) There, we demonstrate "how to" plus provide the essentials so everyone can set a spell and tend their tools. Each time, dozens of spades, shovels, secateurs (hand pruners), loppers and other tools are oiled, sharpened and readied for work. In addition, we all learn how our tools stack up by seeing and trying out others' tools.

People tell us as they depart, "I read about how to sharpen but wasn't sure; *now* I see!"

So it's been no surprise to me that each time I gather people for a *Garden by Janet* project (see page 13), someone will ask about tool care, I'll take out my sharpening kit, and everyone there will end up trying their hand.

Two: Check your local hardware store for honing stones, oil, files *and a demonstration*. Print out this page and take it with you to make it clear what you need and help with special ordering in case something isn't in stock. Then, after you've chosen a file and small stone, ask if someone there can show you their proper use. Sometimes, the answer is yes in which case you've found a gardener's choice hardware store. (See "Gardener's choice hardware stores" on page 4.)

## Sharpening basics

**Clean the blade** of your shovel, spade, pruners or hoe before you sharpen it. (See the sap stains on the blade being sharpened with a file on page 3? Its presence can reduce the effectiveness of a stone or file and interfere with sharpening.) In addition to a wire brush and steel wool, you'll probably need a rag and turpentine to remove sap from pruning blades. Lately, I've been replacing steel wool with Scotch-brite scouring pads.

Right: Tools for cleaning tools.



Most of my tools are sharp on only one side, as is the upper edge of the pruning blade below. Hone or file only that edge. Working the opposite side would remove metal there and eventually create a gap between the blades of bypass cutters -- those that cut like scissors.



Look close at the right side of this photo and you'll see burrs on this blade. Smooth out those tiny nicks so they won't reduce the blade's cutting ability and make you work harder to squeeze them closed.

**Choose a stone or file.**

Right: At the top of the group, a three-square or triangular fine file and a flat bastard file. Centered below them is red handle with two tiny, fine files at its business end. The blue pistol grip sharpener holds a honing stone notched to accept a double-edged pruning blade. The honing stone (in the Norton package) is small enough that I can use it to stroke a blade rather than the other way 'round.

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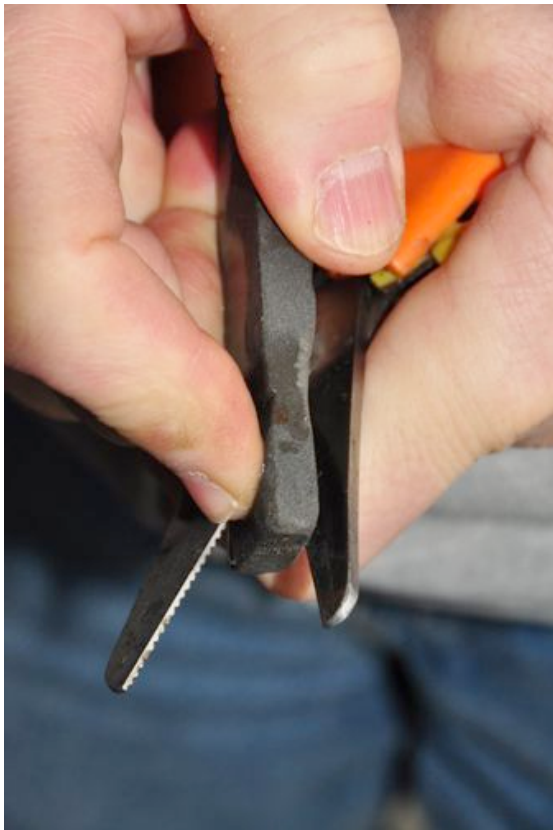
A 3/4" x 3" stone like that in the previous photo is what I carry in my standard kit (below) because hand pruners and loppers are the tools I sharpen most frequently. Their relatively small, fine blades wouldn't be well served by the heavier file I need for my spade.

I carry oil to whet my stone. Oil is not essential but does help to carry away miniscule metal bits called swarf which might otherwise make my stone more abrasive than is good for fine blades. Here I have bona fide honing stone oil but I can use 3-in-1, WD-40, or even vegetable oil.

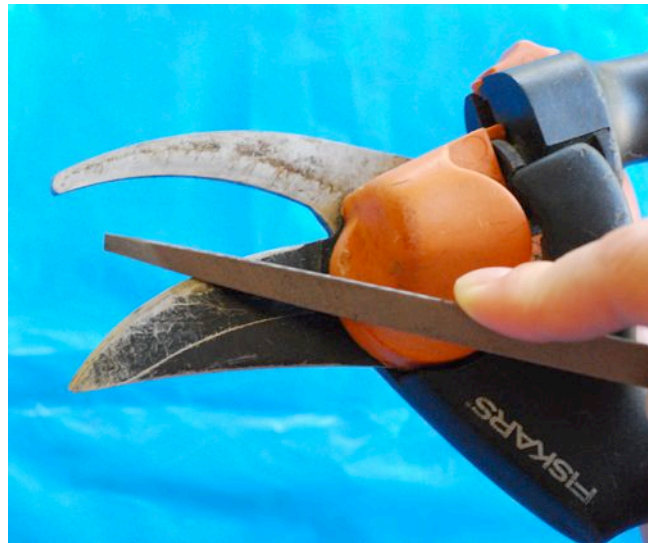
The file in my kit is essential for sharpening spades, shovels and large hoes. The major nicks and burrs they acquire would take hours to smooth with a honing stone. In order to carry just one file in my kit yet address a variety of issues, I use a flat bastard file (meaning it's not rounded or triangular, and its teeth are intermediate in size). It's the 6" file sharing a slot with my yellow plastic scraper.

The pouch that holds my sharpening stuff came from... somewhere!

**Stroke the blade.** Whether filing or honing, stroke only in one direction -- toward the edge -- in a long stroke all along the blade toward its tip. The file sharpening the Fiskars pruners is not from my carry-kit. It's a tiny, flat, fine-toothed file we keep at home.



The file at right is featured because it's a perfectly acceptable stand-in that takes a better "how to" photo for than my honing stone can (left). Given the grip I use and my stone's size in relation to pruning blades, either the stone, the blade I'm working on, or both tend to be hidden by my hand. Notice the wear on my stone. I use it a great deal.



The Fiskars, above, need cleaning - that's sap on the opposing blade!

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### **A good pruning saw has dozens of teeth...**

...sharpened on one or both sides at a specific angle. You'd need a tiny, just-right file (probably something triangular in cross section) and a ton of patience to sharpen all those blades. I prefer to keep my saw clean of sap that would reduce its cutting ability, then replace it when it's dull.

### **Pruning tools**

I can keep every tree and shrub in the garden clipped with these in my kit:

- Fiskars power gear hand pruners
- Felco bypass loppers
- ARS hedge shears
- Folding pruning saw such as made by Felco or Corona
- Fiskars power gear pole pruner (throw away its saw, use only the nipper)

Many retailers carry one or more of these items; I don't know any one place to get all of them. Check your hardware store, garden center, home supply department store or Gardener's Supply ([gardeners.com](http://gardeners.com)), A.M. Leonard tools ([amleo.com](http://amleo.com)), Lee Valley tools ([leevalley.com](http://leevalley.com)) Gempler's tools ([gemplers.com](http://gemplers.com)) places.

### **Gardener's choice hardware stores\***

One thing my favorite hardware stores have in common is staff who love what they do as I do gardening. I've found such people all over, including in tool departments of home stores. However, I've found it simpler to make and maintain such relationships in local, hardware-specialty stores which have fewer employees, overall.

**At home**, I like these stores so much I make reasons to go there:

De Ronne True Value Hardware,  
Eastpointe, MI  
Duke's Hardware, Dearborn Heights, MI  
Jean's Hardware, Farmington Hills, MI  
McNab's Hardware, Waterford, MI  
Tractor Supply, Howell, MI

**On the road**, I've found or been pointed to the likes of:

Hart's Ace Hardware, Wakefield, MA  
Edgewood Hardware & Rental,  
Cedar Rapids, IA  
R Four Supply, Reno, NV  
Sweet Grass Hardware, Mt. Pleasant, SC

\*This is not an exhaustive list, just "for instances" to make a point. However, if you'd like to give a nod to a favorite hardware store, tell me who to add and I'll re-issue this list!

***Tools of many kinds and well chosen, are one of the joys of a garden.***

***- L.H. Bailey -***

### **Can you go too far on a landscape design?**

Whoa, Janet! I couldn't believe it when I looked at the last issue. You really went all-out on that landscape design. Even before I turned to the second I page I thought, "Janet's going to go for it, she's going to give this person a whole design." I'm jealous! - S.M. -

It wasn't my intention to favor one member of the *What's Coming Up* network over another, S.M. I'd rather hoped for reactions such as this one from J.R.,

"The design info you've given in #75 would have cost that lady hundreds if not thousands!!!!!! You're the best."

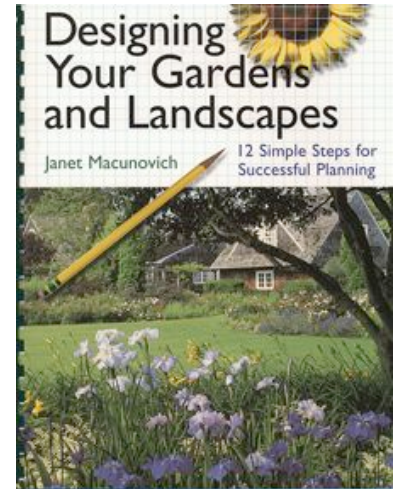
Or from M.K. who called to say,

"I never looked at design that way. It made me see some things I can change in my yard."

So, to clarify: You're right that it is a lot of work to draw a design -- even when it's only the first steps, as in issue 75. It takes even more effort to do it in a way that explains "how to." I know I'm fortunate to be able to do that, but even luckier to have had a reader provide me with a perfect opportunity to do both just at the time I'd planned to feature winter as the prime time to design. I wanted to give people the nudge to make the most of winter and be happier with their landscape next summer.

I also hoped some who read it would want to see more on that topic, and so join me at the January 23 Detroit Garden Center seminar series (see page 11) or another design class. Or maybe a few would buy my book, *Designing Your Gardens and Landscape*.

My book's available at many bookstores and websites. Autographed copies available from me by mail for \$25.44 -- send a check to the address as to buy my CD page 14 -- or for \$20 wherever you see me in person.



Many thanks for letting me know how you feel about what I write here. Be assured that I'm not giving away anything that doesn't come back to me in one way or another, and that all of it simply helps keep this network working.

### No cinch to winter hyacinth

Hi Janet,

I have a small (plastic pond) in my yard. I purchased water hyacinth from the nursery this summer. They did well and bloomed in my pond. I brought them into the house in the Fall and placed them in a crock. They are in a cool basement and get light from the windows. They have turned to mush. I was wondering if I can save the roots (that is all that is left), and put them back in the pond in the Spring? Are they dead, do I need to just throw them away and start with fresh plants in the summer?

I really enjoy reading the weekly news. Love the pictures, too.

Thanks,

Ellen Kennedy

I'm glad you like the newsletter, Ellen. Steven and I sure enjoy putting them together.



You may not be so fond of my answer about water hyacinth (*Eichornia* spp.), because I think overwintering them is a lost cause. They require too much light, and don't revive from roots alone. I'd advise starting new each spring.

Scott Bates of Grass Roots Nursery in New Boston, Michigan ([grassrootsnursery.com](http://grassrootsnursery.com)) has a history and enthusiasm equal to mine, and far more experience than I do with water garden plants -- he's grown them for sale all his life, in the greenhouse and outdoors in display ponds. He sums up the likelihood of overwintering water hyacinth as, "You might just spend a bunch of time and money and end up with mush."



Scott Bates, owner of Grass Roots Nursery, is so knowledgeable and helpful I've been asked, "Is he for real?!" Yes, he is. And you can invite him to your event if your group would like to learn about water gardens and other topics. See *Invite Janet or Steven or their expert friends...* on Page 14.

"They need at a minimum all the light a Michigan day can provide. What comes through a basement window just isn't going to cut it. You'd need to have them close under a bona fide grow light for at least 12 hours a day -- and that's a sunlight-equivalent light, the ones you need to order from a growers supply, not any old 'plant bulb.' Plus they need water that's at least 65°F, preferably 75-80°F. Otherwise they just stop growing. And they're not a plant that goes dormant well. They either grow or stop, and die when they stop."



Water hyacinth are at the right on bottom edge of the kiddie wading pool in this on-hold collection of water garden plants. The plant's most distinctive feature is its styrofoam-like floatation pod, which often remains intact long after the plant has died. Their most endearing feature is a blue flower -- unless you live in a region with mild winters, in which case you may not even care about bloom once you know it's that terribly invasive plant clogging local waterways and displacing natives. Photos ©2010 Steven Nikkila

### Overheard:

"I only buy cheap tools because I just have to replace them all the time anyway."

**No comment!**



## Scrabbling in the garden: To appreciate a fine brume and comfortable snath

We gardeners earn admiring murmurs when we display our garden's produce in vases and on plates. Why not stir up more of the same with nifty technical terms learned while tending our gardens? Such as:

**whet:** verb; to sharpen a blade

**swarf:** noun; The material removed from a blade as it is sharpened; filings, chippings, shavings

**brume:** noun; mist, fog or vapor

Right: Brume hangs lightly above this pretty scene.

**brume rake:** a tool similar to that used to sweep fallen leaves, but with short, stiff tines which might be made of rubber. Its stubby, blunt tines do not injure a lawns' shallow roots as they raise grass blades for mowing or brush off dew so blades will dry and resist fungus infections.

Below: A brume rake's built to be gentle enough to remove the mist or dew that clings to grass blades as to this spider web, without damaging the grass.



**scythe:**

noun; tool to mow down grass, grains, crops; has a long, curving blade connected at an angle to a long handle.

**snath:** noun; the handle of a scythe

Below: Scythe with well worn wooden snath.

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**sickle:** noun; a tool with a hooked blade fixed to a handle and used to mow down vegetation, especially good for places where space limits the use of a scythe

**tang:** noun; a piece that forms an extension from the blade (or analogous part of another tool or instrument) that connects to the handle.

In the photo of files and honing stone on page 2, notice that the two files at the top of the group have long, tapering stubs on their left ends -- tangs.

**haw:** noun; 1. a piece of enclosed ground; a yard; 2. a hawthorn berry or hawthorn tree/shrub; 3. a fruit of various *Viburnums*



Left, top: As this hawthorn's haws mellow in late winter, they will draw crowds of birds.

Below: A viburnum's fruit is also called a haw. And look! These haws have been touched by brume. Photos ©2010 Steven Nikkila

### This week in Janet's garden

**Grow with me! I will:**

Rummage around in the freezer, find and be glad for the fresh fruits and vegetables we saved during summer. As I eat a frozen blueberry now -- no reason to thaw them; I froze them after naught but a good wash so I can pluck them now, one at a time from the container -- the taste takes me right back to the day we brought them home from the farm market and wanted to eat them all, right then. I'm so glad to have them now, along with frozen tomatoes and peaches, every one still so much better than store-bought!





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Order plants and seeds. I love this time of year when everything is perfect in the gardens I plan!

Times are tough but is there a bright side? Are we being given the chance to rise above adversity and earn a reputation more worthy of the children of "The Greatest Generation"? As I looked through seed catalogs I recalled a similar theme in a vintage catalog. This page from 1941 reads, "The Strength of the Nation, the Vegetable Gardens of America.... It is patriotic -- it is wise -- to make a vegetable garden this year." Photo ©2010 Steven Nikkila



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Poke around outside to notice what the busy-ness of other seasons may have prevented me from noticing: How big our tricolor beech has become, how fragrant sage is, even in winter...

***Watching something grow is good for morale. It helps us believe in life.***

- Myron S. Kaufman -

***Gardening is in large measure a phenomenon of attention.***

- Allen Lacy -

***The most serious gardening I do would seem very strange to an onlooker, for it involves hours of walking round in circles, apparently doing nothing.***

- Helen Dillon -

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Engage my home air freshener: Rattle the rosemary. As it sheds needles its perfume fills the room and drifts around the house. (It gives up lower and inner foliage all winter because there isn't enough light indoors to support the density it developed while in the garden.) Since we

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have tile floors I can leave the needles on the floor until tomorrow's dust-mopping. They're strewing herbs -- fragrant when pressed underfoot.

***Herbes... comfort the wearied  
braine with fragrant smells which  
yielde a certaine kind of  
nourishment.***

- William Coles -

***We were right that they'd like to  
smell the ginger root, and even the  
onions. You should've seen them,  
they wanted to taste everything.***

Steven Nikkila,  
reporting on the behavior of 5th graders  
studying fresh roots and stems

**Green thumbs up** to going outdoors every chance you can, even in the Snow Belt. When Steven needed roots to use in working with the Cedarcrest Academy fifth grade science class, out we went. We not only didn't need the pickaxe, we learned that the snow has been keeping our gardens in fine shape. Look, it was perfectly diggable on January 15, with just the barest touch of ice at the surface.

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Nikkila

**Green thumbs down** to feeling that our garden isn't right or worthy because it doesn't look like a magazine picture. The best gardens are real gardens, and that's what I always try to use here. I say "Amen!" to gardener-philosopher, Allen Lacy, who wrote, "The gardens I love best are those that



are still affectionately tended by the people who own them and who made them -- who planned and planted and replanned and replanted them, who dug in the dirt and moved hoses and watched the gardens change with the cycle of the seasons and over the passage of years."

***Be pleased with your real garden, don't pursue the perfection of a picture.  
What you see in a photo lasted only as long as the shutter snap.***

- Janet -



## Who's Janet?

A professional gardener and educator since 1984, Janet Macunovich has been operating for twice that many years as "**Practical Patty**," a title bestowed by her Aunt Melrose. She's helped a great many people improve their gardens and their lives by sharing her experience and knowledge in understandable terms and practical tactics. When not writing this newsletter she's designing, planting and tending gardens through her business, Perennial Favorites.

"Suspenders!" people have observed. "Cute! How long have you been wearing them?" However, it's just a practical thing with me and, judging from this photo my sister sent to me, I've been wearing them forever. Photos ©2010 Steven Nikkila



### Where to catch Janet and friends\* in-person:

\*See January 30, February 6, February 11 and "Invite Janet or Steven" on page 14.

**Registration is closed for: Wednesdays, January 20, January 27 and February 3,**

**6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Do it! Easy, beautiful landscape design.** There will be a righteous, enthusiastic full house at this three-part series at the Chesterfield township library. Janet provides directions for creating the landscape of your dreams, one with four seasons of interest, that increases your home's value and decreases your yardwork.

**Saturdays, January 23, January 30 and February 6, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

A design seminar in three-parts:

***Garden Design, New Plants, and Janet & Steve's 50 Favorite Before-Afters.***

These sessions featuring Janet Macunovich, Steven Nikkila and Cheryl Bennerup (more about Cheryl on page 14) are sponsored by The Detroit Garden Center as part of its 19th annual winter seminar series. They also feature great company, coffee and refreshments. Classes are held in the auditorium at Historic Trinity Church, 1345 Gratiot in Detroit. Parking is in a fenced, guarded lot. This is a stone's throw from the always-bustling Detroit Eastern Market where you can go for a pleasant lunch and continued discussion after the meeting. Register by calling The Detroit Garden Center at 313-259-6363, emailing [detroitgardenctr@yahoo.com](mailto:detroitgardenctr@yahoo.com) or printing the mail-in registration form at [www.detroitgardencenter.org](http://www.detroitgardencenter.org).

**Coming from afar? Ask about car pooling** when you contact the Detroit Garden Center. One of the nicest things about attending this long-standing event is a registrar who's come to know many of the attendees and who has often been able to connect people to share rides.

**Tuesday, February 2, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. *The Collector's Garden.*** Janet describes how to bring harmony to beautiful diversity. At the monthly meeting of the **South Lyon Garden Club**, at the South Lyon high school. Contact John Keast at [KeastSouthLyon@aol.com](mailto:KeastSouthLyon@aol.com) for more information

**Thursday, February 4, 10:00 a.m. - noon, *Garden and Landscape Renovation.*** For gardening professionals. Janet explains her approach for remaking a garden or landscape. At **Ray Wiegand's Nursery Wholesale Office, Macomb, Michigan**. Contact Wiegand's wholesale office at 586-286-3658 for more information.

**Sunday, February 7, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. *Janet & Steven's annual Tool Cleaning party.*** Bring your tools and learn how to clean and sharpen them. Then set a spell and do just that. Bring a snack to share -- all that honing and oiling burns the calories. We're co-hosting this year with our professional gardener, arborist buddy **Deb Hall in Milford, Michigan**. Free. Space is very limited so don't wait to email [JMaxGarden@aol.com](mailto:JMaxGarden@aol.com) or call 248-681-7850 to reserve a spot and learn the address.

**Tuesday, February 9, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., *The Challenging Garden.*** Janet's design, planting and maintenance answers for tough places. At **Olbrich Botanical Gardens in Madison, Wisconsin**. \$44 (\$35 for OBG members). For more information, contact the gardens' office at 608-246-4550 or copy this URL to your browser bar to read about classes and download a registration form [www.olbrich.org/education/classes.cfm#workshops](http://www.olbrich.org/education/classes.cfm#workshops)

This is the first of three topics Janet will address at Olbrich this season.

Watch here and on the gardens' website for

*Saving Time and Money in the Garden* (March 23) and

*Getting the Garden Ready for Spring* (April 13).

**Thursday, February 11, noon - 1:00 p.m. *Spring Start-up for Your Garden.*** Janet describes what to do when, from late winter through spring to make this year your garden's best ever. At the monthly meeting of the **Brighton Garden Club**, at the **Brighton, Michigan** Community Center, 555 Brighton Street. Contact Sandy Markham at [sanji@isp.com](mailto:sanji@isp.com) for more information

**Thursday, February 11, 10:00 a.m. - noon, *The Gardener's Eye for Wildlife.*** For gardening professionals. Steven Nikkila takes you on a virtual tour of great gardens that attract wildlife, to explain how to design or manage such a garden. At **Ray Wiegand's Nursery Wholesale Office, Macomb, Michigan**. Contact Wiegand's wholesale office at 586-286-3658 for more information.

**Friday, February 26, noon - 4:00 p.m. *Garden by Janet - Bring your gloves and tools!***

We'll be **pruning to shape and improve** a full sized hawthorn tree to clear the walkways and increase the air circulation within the canopy as a disease control measure. This is the season when orchardists' work toward the classic goal: That a robin should be able to fly through my apple tree. **Livonia, Michigan**. Want to come learn? Email or call me ([JMaxGarden@aol.com](mailto:JMaxGarden@aol.com) or 248-681-7850) to reserve a spot and learn the location. Include your phone number so I can call you when we set that date. This is a limited-space workshop.

### **Other dates coming up**

Here's a summary of what's scheduled through the end of March. Watch here for details or email me for more information in advance:

**February 20 in Detroit, Michigan** at the Wayne County Extension office: 9:00 a.m. to noon, Master Gardener training: *Flowers* class



**March 1, March 8 and March 22 in Rochester Hills, Michigan:** *Do it! Easy Beautiful Landscape Design*, a three-part series at the main library, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

**March 3 in Port Huron, Michigan,** at the St. Clair County Extension office: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Master Gardener training: *Flowers* class

**March 4 in Wayne, Michigan,** at the Western Wayne County Master Gardeners' Association meeting, 7:00 p.m., *Weeds*

**March 6 at Chicago Botanic Gardens,** *Estimating Garden and Landscape Work* and *Water Gardens*

**March 11 in Owosso, Michigan,** at the Owosso Garden Club meeting, *Spring Groundwork*, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**March 13 near Jackson, Michigan,** a conference hosted by the Jackson Master Gardeners, Steven Nikkila and Janet Macunovich present *Great Plants and Combinations*, *Eco-conscious Controls for Garden Pests and Disease*, and *Perennials for the Collector*.

**March 15, March 29, April 12 and April 26 in Dayton, Ohio at the Cox Arboretum,** 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. programs by Janet on *Garden and Landscape Renovation*, *Cutting Back the Rambunctious Garden*, *Making a Four-season Landscape*, and *Shade Gardens*.

**March 16 in Dewitt, Michigan** 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Millennium Garden Club meeting, *Continuous, Crafty Color*

**March 17 in Northville, Michigan** at the Northville Library, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., *Saving Time and Money in Your Garden*.

**March 27 in Champaign, Illinois** at the Master Gardeners' Conference, Steven Nikkila and Janet Macunovich present *50 Favorite Before-Afters*

**More,** throughout spring and summer. They'll be posted here!

### About attending Gardens by Janet sessions:

We gardeners are let-me-see, hands-on people and that's how we learn best. In these sessions, I offer you that kind of chance to grow. You can visit me where I'm working and either watch or work with me. Of course, I hope you'll join in so you realize the most value for the time.

At the **gardens I tend through my business, Perennial Favorites:** My clients understand my enthusiasm for teaching. Some open their gardens to small groups who want to see and practice "how to." When the work I'm scheduled to do may be of interest to you, I invite you in.

In the **Detroit Zoo Adopt-A-Garden** program: I'm a 21-year veteran of this great program. Many people have worked with me there, some for a day and others for years. We have fun, we learn, we accomplish much. The official program requires an orientation process but you can come as my student on an temporary pass for a day or two. **To join me at the Zoo,** email [mstgarden@yahoo.com](mailto:mstgarden@yahoo.com). Make the subject line of your email "I'll help at the zoo with Janet." That email will connect you to my friend Deb Tosch who'll send you upcoming work dates and directions for finding our group on your chosen date.

## Invite Janet or Steven or their expert friends to your club or community.

We go where we're invited! That's taken us all over the country and then some over the past 20 years. We address many topics, drawing from our list of **100+ talks**. We also continue **to meet groups' needs** and expand our horizons by developing new material or "hybridizing" from what we already have.

So, whether it's...

- a **how-to lesson for a garden club**,
  - a **hands-on, on-site workshop**, or
  - a **multi-part class** for a group,
- ...we're game!

We can also connect you to one or a whole line-up of other experts who know how to explain how-to. So

give us a **call or send an email** to make a date, request our list of classes and talks or get a referral. **JMaxGarden@aol.com or 248-681-7850**. Our calendars fill six months to a year in advance, so give us some lead time. Then we can meet you in *your* garden.



Steven Nikkila and Janet Macunovich have been digging, shooting and teaching how-to for 22 years. They began producing conferences in the early '90s and then ran a gardening school for 12 years, featuring instructors who knew their stuff in the garden as well as knowing how to get their messages across in front of a group. That line-up includes people like Cheryl Bennerup (above, right), who joins Janet and Steven for the January 30 session described on page 11. Cheryl and Janet began their relationship 20 years ago when Cheryl grew perennials for Janet's business at her Milford, Michigan greenhouse. It continues today as Janet taps into Cheryl's know-how as chief of propagation and troubleshooting for one of the country's largest perennial growers, Sunny Border Nursery in Connecticut. Janet and Steve are glad to help you themselves or refer you to others like Cheryl to meet your group's need. Contact them at JMaxGarden@aol.com or 248-681-7850 when you want to set up a talk, workshop or class. Photos ©2010 Sonja Nikkila and Steven Nikkila

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## Time to garden your walls...

Steven's decorated our walls with beautiful images from gardens and Nature. He can help you do the same.

Any of Steven's images, such as those in *What's Coming Up* can be made to hang on your wall. Email us at JMaxGarden@aol.com for details and to place an order.

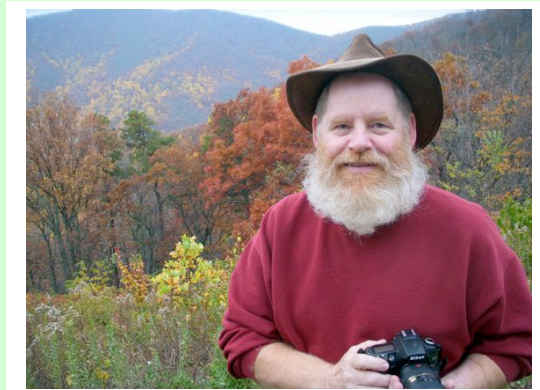
Prices depend on your choices in format and size.

For example:

Framed, matted, image 8" x 10", frame 11" x 14-1/2", \$48

Cloth tapestry\*, 3' x 4' (photo-quality print, museum-grade cloth) \$215

\*My favorite; I can change our display by simply rolling up one and unrolling another.



## ... and your computer screen!

Coming next week, your chance to own the complete set of 2009 *What's Coming Up* plus a library of high quality photos for your screen saver that includes Steven's page 1 dancer, this egret, a golden forest and dozens of other gorgeous images. Stay tuned!



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