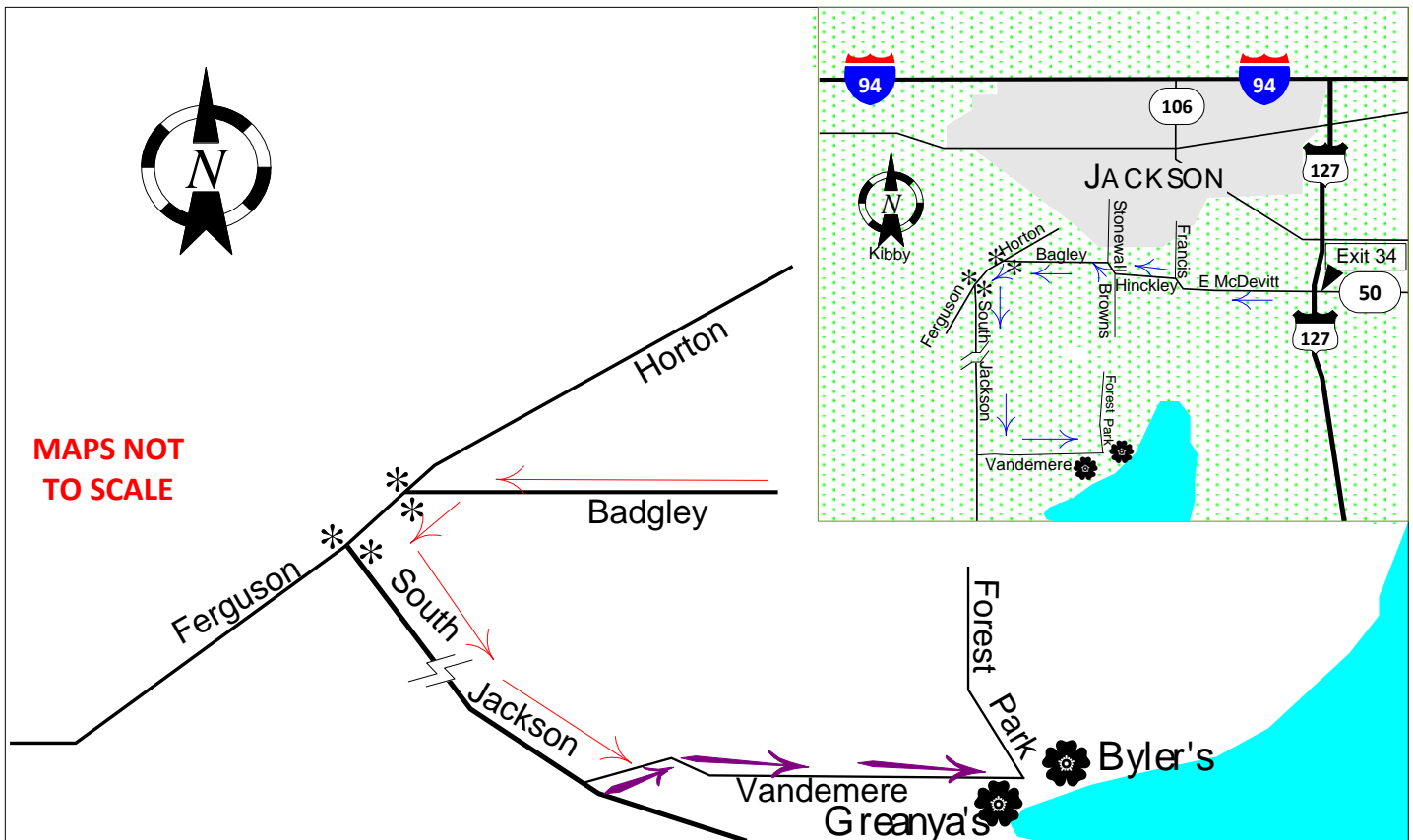


May 5, 2018 Spring meeting: Plant sale at Pat Byler's and garden tours at Pat's and Michael & Libby Greanya's



Directions to:

Pat Byler	Michael & Libby Greanya (517-787-9451)
2202 Forest Park	2204 Vandemere Dr.
Jackson, MI 49201	Jackson, MI 49201

****Please Park along Vandemere, on the left side of the road as you are driving in. It will require that you turn around to do this, but if you continue to Forest Park, it is easy to make a U-turn.**

From US-127 South from I-94 and Ann Arbor: Take exit 142 on I-94 onto US-127 South toward Hudson and continue 5.6 miles. Take exit 34 to McDevitt Road and turn left from the exit ramp going west. Continue on McDevitt Ave about 1.5 miles past the SUBWAY® Restaurants and curve right onto Francis St. In one block, turn left onto Hinckley Blvd. Continue west on Hinckley approximately 1 mile and as the road begins to curve right, turn left onto Badgley (be very careful of oncoming traffic as this intersection is somewhat blind to oncoming traffic). Continue on Badgley for approximately 1 mile where the road dead ends at a light. You will turn left onto Horton Road and follow it as it curves left for 0.1 miles to a light. As Horton Road curves to the left, the road name changes to South Jackson Road at the light where the crossroad is call Ferguson Rd. Continue south on South Jackson Road for 1 mile and watch for the Vandemere Rd. sign where you will turn left onto Vandemere and drive down toward the lake. When you see the cedar A frame with all the gardens, go past it, turn around and park on the opposite side of the road.

From the west, you can also exit at exit 138 south to West Ave, though this goes through downtown Jackson. Go on West Avenue 3 miles (11 stop lights). You will be close to your next turn when you pass High Street and see the Wendy's on your Right. You will turn Right at the next traffic light which is Kibby (the road is called Griswold to the Left). Stay on Kibby until the stop light in 1.7 miles (the Kibby/Weatherwax intersection). Turn left on Weatherwax to dead end on Horton; then turn right and pick up the map above.

Both Pat Byler and Michael and Libby's gardens are spacious, diverse, and beautifully designed, with many rich woodland plantings full of Trilliums, Hostas, and many other woodland delicacies, rock gardens, tufa beds, and beautiful trees and shrubs. They will be in full bloom in May and should be spectacular!

PLANT SALE PREPARATIONS for May 5th, 2018:

If you are a newcomer to our group, you will be surprised at the diversity, number of rarities, and size of our two yearly plant sales. They are one of the best things about being a chapter member, and offer the opportunity to get wonderful and unusual plants at very reasonable prices. Also, the sale is very important to the chapter, as it raises the funds for our excellent speaker program. But because of the size of the sale, we do need to have people try to follow certain guidelines to make the sale run smoothly and quickly.

The first thing is to start now thinking about what you will propagate and get ready for the sale. Then:

At home:

- 1). Please try to pot or repot plants at least ten days before the sale. Otherwise, the plants may look ragged.
- 2). Please select appropriate plants for the sale. Interesting and unusual alpiners, woodland plants, and small woody plants are ideal. No large, common woody plants, annuals, common perennials, and tropicals, please.
- 3). Before you bring the plants, label each pot, with the name of the plant [scientific name, if known, and cultivar or variety, if known]. On the back of the label put your name and the year. This allows people both at the sale or later to ask you about the plant. It also helps us when setting up the sale to talk to you if, for example, you have missed putting a price on the plant.
- 4). We ask people to price their own plants, and you can price your plants at home, if you like, but please use a separate price label. The price labels are pulled out of the pots by the cashier to expedite adding up the total.

At the sale:

- 1) If you have not priced your plants at home, please use the chapter price labels provided to price each pot. Prices range from \$2 to \$6, but mostly are within the \$2 to \$4 range. Set your plants as close together as possible on the selling tables. You should try to get your plants to the sale a half-hour or so before the sale starts to get them set up and priced, if necessary. The officers will be glad to advise on appropriate pricing.
- 2) Please tell the people running the auction how many plants you brought. For every 10 plants you bring, you earn one Red Label. Each Red Label entitles you to one "First Pick." This means that those who did not bring plants must stand back and wait for those with Red Labels to make their First Picks. The time for First Pickers to make their choices is limited to 3-5 minutes depending upon the number of First Pick labels given out. Keep in mind that you still have to pay for the plants.
- 3) Please let us know if you think you might have brought a plant or plants that you think might be of "Auction Quality." These are normally a) exceptionally rare and desirable plants not available commercially, b) plants available only at a very high cost, or c) large, well-grown specimens of highly desirable plants. We try our best to keep the auctions highly selective, and if you have plants selected by the people running the auction to be auctioned, you will get an additional Red Label for each plant.