

Sandie Parrott

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My goal is to write informational, common sense and amusing articles, columns or books in the fields of travel, gardening and features concerning the lives and imperfections of humanity. My writing will reflect the continuously gathered knowledge and application of the joys and frustrations of nature and culture through the constant struggle through everyday life and the pursuit of a better and easier way.

Writing and Gardening Experience:

- Ongoing writer for **GO** (AirTran in-flight magazine)
- Contributor to the **Herbarist**, Herb Society of America publication, 2007 & 2008
- Contributor to **FREE OC – The Ultimate Free Fun Guide to the California Riviera**
- Contributor to **FREE NYC – The Ultimate Free Fun Guide to the Big Apple**
- Ongoing Contributor to **Michigan Gardener Magazine** – gardener profiles and ask a MG
- Ongoing Special Writer for **The Oakland Press Newspaper** – Travel, features and reviews
- Ongoing Writer for **The Flint Journal** – Features, pets and advertorials
- Ongoing writer for **themulch.com**
- Ongoing writer for **treemoving.com**
- Assisted in writing policy and procedures for Lapeer Family Literacy Pro Literacy Accreditation
- Contributed to e-column **Growing Concerns** for Practical Gardening Institute
- Contributed to **Natural Awakenings Magazine**
- Contributed to **The Observer and Eccentric Newspaper** – Travel and features
- Contributed to **Grandiflora Magazine**
- Contributed landscape articles to **urbanideas.com**
- Plan/lead annual garden trips for the Master Gardener Society of Oakland County since 2001
- Volunteered 2000+ hours in community garden related activities through MSU
- Organized, wrote and executed a contract for asphalt road paving for Thendara Park Subdivision, 2000

Travel Experience

- Garden Tour Co-Leader Great Gardens of England and the Chelsea Garden Show, 2005
- Garden Tour Director for the Master Gardener Society of Oakland County (2001 to present)
- Traveled to England, Scotland, Wales, France, Italy, Greece, Spain, Turkey, Mexico, Caribbean, US and Canada
- Types of travel include independent (villas), hostel, guided tour (package and Alumni College), several cruises, automobile (local and domestic, camping or driving tours)

Garden/Writing Education:

- Organic Vegetable Gardening, MSU Extension, March 2002
- Entry Gardens, Janet Macunovich, Michigan School of Gardening, June 2001
- Landscape Tips, Janet Macunovich, Michigan School of Gardening, April 2001
- “An Evening with Paul James”, Goldner Walsh Nursery and MSU Extension, April 2000
- Water Gardening by Helen Nash, MSU Extension, March 2000
- Step-by-Step Landscape Design, Janet Macunovich, Michigan School of Gardening, February-March 2000
- Master Gardening Program – MSU Extension – Oakland County, August-December 1999
- Writing for a Children’s Book Market, November 1999

Formal Education

- Masters of Science of Mfg. Mgt., 1988, GMI Eng. and Mgt. Institute, Flint, MI (Now Kettering University)
- Bachelor of Industrial Administration, 1980, GMI Engineering and Management Institute, Flint, Michigan

Awards:

- Volunteer Hall of Fame - Family Literacy (Tutor of English as a Second Language)
- Lapeer - November 11, 2003
- 2,000 Master Gardener volunteer hours 2009, 1500 hours 2007, 1000 hours 2005
- Advanced Master Gardener – Certified Status achieved July 12, 2000
- Master Gardener - Certified Status achieved June 5, 2000

Clubs and Organizations:

- Family Literacy Tutor - English as a Second Language (ESL) - Lapeer. Michigan - 2001 – Present
- Board of Directors, Master Gardener Society of Oakland County - Garden Tour Director - 2001 to Present
- Travelwriters.com
- Garden Writers Association and Garden Writer's List (online)
- American Horticultural Society
- Michigan Horticultural Society
- St. John Vianney Reunion committee, 2003 and 2009

Hobbies and other:

Travel, gardening, jewelry design, decorative painting, remodeling, crafts, reading, art shows, flea markets and unique restaurants