



A Garden Of Friends Is Always In Bloom

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Extension Office Update

The Defiance County Extension Office will be closed to further notice. You can still leave a message for Deb Walters or Bruce Clevenger and they will return your call, as soon as possible. If you have questions, please call the Extension Office at 419.782.4771

MG's Update & Further Education

As everyone knows, the Covid-19 has everyone on the "stay at home" directive from the Ohio Governor till May 1st. Hopes & prayers that things will go back to "somewhat" normal lives afterwards.

Ohio State Master Gardener Volunteers are hosting a series of Zoom webinars - MG's Horticulture Lunch and Learn and Happy Hour Information Registration at <https://mastergardener.osu.edu/home> Please click the link to be taken to the scheduled line-up of dates, times, and speakers. Registration is required for each class. This does count for 1-hour of further education towards your hours.

Horticulture Lunch and Learn Tuesday, April 14, 2020, Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Topic: Hydrangeas for Ohio Gardens

Speaker: Eric Barrett, Mahoning County ANR Educator, Ohio State University Extension

Description: Learn more about the five types of hydrangeas commonly grown in Ohio, along with care tips and special notes about the pink/blue ones that are more difficult to grow.

Horticulture Happy Hour Wednesday, April 15, 2020, 4:00 — 5:00 p.m.

Topic: Cut Flowers for Beginners

Speaker: Sabrina Schirtzinger, OSUE Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator, Knox County

Description: Cut flower gardens are simpler to have than you may realize. Learn the basic supplies and techniques needed to begin a small cut flower in your backyard.

Horticulture Lunch and Learn Thursday, April 16, 2020, Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Topic: Spring Lawn Care

Speaker: John Orick, Purdue Extension Master Gardener State Coordinator, Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture

Description: John will discuss the basics of spring lawn care. His topics will include general lawn management considerations, spring seeding cool-season turfgrasses, and best practices for spring weed control.



Planning Ahead

Community Garden Sign-Up - Contact Mary Brubaker 419.310.8648

Mother's Day May 10th



4/7 Kay Boroff

4/13 Linda Hoffman

4/18 Donna Hitzeman

4/26 Jane Clark

4/28 Ginny Lucarelli





Further Education

Your Master Gardener Reference Library located at the OSU Extension office has received quite a few new resources donated by Master Gardeners. We will feature some of these additions each month in your newsletter.

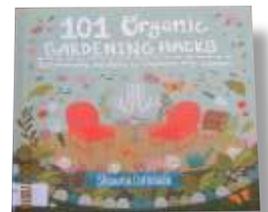
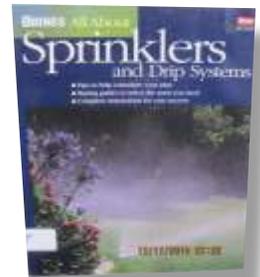
Hope you find some of these useful. Most of you may know Diane Clark, class of 2005, was also a member of the Fort Wayne Herb Society so of course she has donated two interesting herbals.

It is not too early to plan a new garden project. How about designing and setting up a new watering system for your garden. You know you have been thinking about it; something to make gardening easier. Take a look at two books added from Master Gardener Chris Hammersmith who was in the class of 1995.

Check out Ortho's All About Sprinklers and Drip Systems. The Basics of Home Irrigation, Micro Irrigation, Using and Repairing Irrigation Systems and Watering Systems For Lawn and Garden, A Do-It-Yourself Guide, by Dodge Woodson. Both can be found on the shelf at 635.0487 (that is the Dewey Decimal designation for these types of books). Each contains detailed diagrams, color illustrations, helpful indexes and equipment descriptions with lists. The second book contains information about soaker hoses, pump types, drip systems, gravity distribution systems and overhead systems. Both will give you all you need to get started planning and executing a water feature for your garden.

If that New Year's Resolution has fizzled by now maybe these two books by Shawna Coronado will tickle your fancy. They were donated by Tammy Bowers, class of 2005. She had an opportunity to see the author speak in 2018 near Marion, Ohio at a Delaware County Master Gardener sponsored workshop. The author suffered from a serious health issue and credits lifesaving change from her style of gardening. If you ever get a chance to hear her, do it!

The first book is titled: The Wellness Garden. Grow, Eat, and Walk Your Way To Better Health and the second is 101 Organic Gardening Hacks. Eco-Friendly Solutions To Improve Any Garden. Both books are autographed and include colorful illustrations and are indexed. This author planted an edible garden on the city right-of-way next to her fence and is engaged in an ongoing battle with city fathers to use all the available space to sustain her personal wellbeing. Read these books to see if she is winning her battle. They are located at 635.0484 on the shelf.



Master Gardener Conference Call - Tuesday, April 21, 6:30pm

(605) 313-4118 access code: 181122



"A garden requires patient labor and attention. Plants do not grow merely to satisfy ambitions or to fulfill good intentions. They thrive because someone expended effort on them."

~Liberty Hyde Bailey

