



# A Garden Of Friends Is Always In Bloom

*Defiance County Master Gardeners*



## February Information

### Defiance County Master Gardener's Meeting minutes from January 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Jamie Walters. There were 13 in attendance.

**Secretary's Report:** The previous minutes were approved as written. They were written by Deb & Jamie.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gwen Anderson tried to give her signature to First Federal, but they require a document with the Secretary's signature. Laurel Brehler will provide her with a signed copy of our minutes.

**Historian's Report:** Doreen DeLisle will look at the past scrapbooks to see what she needs to include in the new scrapbook. She does not currently receive the Crescent News, so she asked that we all cut out and save any articles and give them to her.

**Communications:** Deb needs our \$10.00 yearly dues by February 17, 2018. Many at the meeting submitted their money to Jamie and he will turn it into Deb. Also, we need to do our re-certification. There has been a glitch and some say they could not re-certify. Try again in a few days. Call Deb if you have any trouble, 419-782-4771.

### Committee Reports:

**Defiance:** Diane Clark got some prices for banners from Going Postal. See Plant Sale below for more on this.

**Community Garden:** Jean Bremer said that Mary Brubaker (not in attendance) would like to take over management of the Community Garden. She has had a plot there for several years.

**Sherwood:** None

**Hicksville:** None

**Education Day:** We all agreed that it is too late to plan an Education Day. We now have Education at each meeting. If we do want to do an Education Day next year we need to start planning in September. Doreen DeLisle would like to help. Also, there are online classes available through OSU. If you see something you want to share, let Deb, Jamie or Mike Nix know and they will get the word out.

**Plant Sale:** This year's date is Saturday May 19 from 8:00 am until we sell out. We talked about the new banner. Decided on the size of 24"x48". We will need to order in April as it will take a few weeks to make. We will discuss what will be on the sign at our next meeting, so please be thinking about this. We need to use the sandwich boards.

**County Fair:** None

**Old Business:** Linda Hoffman said there are 4 blank tri-folds for our use for the Fair and River Fest, they are in the Extension office.



## Planning Ahead

**MG Meeting  
Extension Office  
Feb 20 @ 6:30pm**

**Ft. Wayne  
Home & Garden  
Mar 1 - 4**

**Art of  
Gardening  
Lima, Ohio  
March 17**

**MG Meeting  
Extension Office  
Mar 20 @ 6:30pm**

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**2/1 Gerald Short**

**2/1 Virginia Mackling**

**2/12 Mike Nix**

**2/18 Norma English**

**2/27 Gwen Haller**

# February Newsletter Continued

**New Business:** Gwen Anderson made a motion to pay for a sign for Jamie's Bees. They cost \$250.00 per panel and 1 panels are available, so a total of \$250.00. Tammy seconded, motion passed. Linda Hoffman wondered why we rarely have articles in the Crescent News. Jamie said he would request their policy in writing of what can be in a picture, as Tammy said they seemed to have changed them recently.

**Our next meeting is on February 20 at the Extension office.** Laurel Brehler said that she will not be able to attend, so could someone please act as secretary? Doreen moved to adjourn, George seconded. Respectfully submitted, Laurel Brehler, Secretary.

Jamie Walters did a presentation about  
Honeybees & Pollinators



## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY



Master Gardener Stage Schedule  
2018 Fort Wayne Home and Garden Show,  
March 1-4 <https://home-gardenshow.com/>

Thursday – March 1st

- Noon – 12:45 pm – Bethany Beebe – Tomato Time: Basics for growing good tomatoes.
- 1:00p – 1:45 pm – Heather Shively – Urban container gardening.
- 2:00 pm – 2:45 pm – Pam Snyder – Pollinators – What's the big deal?
- 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm – Bill Dietrich – For the love of trees.
- 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm – Penny Alles – FBI – Flowers, Bugs, Insects: Be your own detective.

Friday – March 2nd

- Noon – 12:45 pm – Martha Ferguson – Native Plants for Beauty and Biodiversity.
- 1:00 – 1:45 pm – Judith Nastally – Exploring Historical Uses of Native Plants.
- 2:00 pm – 2:45 pm – Penny Alles – As we fall into Spring, we need to Spring into Summer.
- 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm – Pam Snyder – Composting and other garden goodies.
- 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm – Mary Jane Slayton – Rain Gardens – Beautiful, Functional, Native.

Saturday – March 3rd

- 11:00 am – 11:45 am – Nancy Smith – Bees and pollinators 101.
- Noon – 12:45pm – Stephanie Bailey – Making peaceful garden spaces.
- 1:00 – 1:45 pm – Dan Wire – Riparian Environment: What Is It – Why Does It Matter?
- 2:00 pm – 2:45 pm – Martha Ferguson – Native Plants for Beauty and Biodiversity.
- 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm – Bill Oliver – Planting for winter interest.
- 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm – Betsy Yankowiak – Build Biodiversity in your back yard.