



A Garden Of Friends Is Always In Bloom

Defiance County Master Gardeners



July Information

The June meeting was held at the Extension office on June 19, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Those who were helping with the Riverfest booth met before the regular meeting so we shared a potluck dinner at 6:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Diane Clark. There were 10 members in attendance.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's Report for May 17, 2018 was approved with no corrections, moved by Tammy and seconded by Marge.

Treasurer's Report: Gwen Anderson reported the earnings from the plant sale, and also that we still have money in the account for the community garden.

Historian's Report: Doreen DeLisle would like pictures of the plant sale. Please e-mail them dori303@hotmail.com. She plans to create a picture tri-fold to be used at the fair which is August 18-25.

Committee Reports:

Defiance: We discussed the care of the parks. We decided to concentrate on the Depot since that was initially our project. We will meet at the Depot Park on Tuesday June 26th at 10:00 am and Jean Bremer will coordinate. We need to plant some color there. Also we will get Diehl Park in shape before the 4th of July. We will meet at Diehl Park on Monday July 2nd at 10:00 am in the back at Kid's Creation and Diane Clark will coordinate. No round-up can be used at Kid's Creation, so we will use boiling water to kill weeds. Remember that you can call Rob Cereghin at 419-576-6016 if you need mulch or for him to pick up piles of trimmings, etc.

Sherwood: No report

Hicksville: The plant sale was good considering the weather. The Head Start garden plans fell through.

Promedica: George reported that the meetings are on the Wednesday following our Tuesday meeting at 4:30 in the courtyard near Emergency.

County Fair: Diane Clark and Donna Hitzeman will co-chair the committee this year. Anyone able to help should come to a planning meeting right before our next regular meeting at 4:00pm on July 17, and bring your own brown bag dinner and drink. The proposed topic this year is "Gardening with and without animals (wildlife?)". The fair is August 18th to the 25th and we will set up on the 17th.

Old Business: The meeting at Kircher's counts as 1 hour of continuing education and 1 hour of community service. We should try to thank Kircher's by shopping there, as they were very generous to us. Julie Belau said that she would be happy to host us again, maybe in the fall.

My green thumb came only as a result of the mistakes I made while learning to see things from the plant's point of view. ~H. Fred Dale



Planning Ahead

**Fair Planning Meeting
Extension Office
July 17 @ 4:00pm**

**MG Meeting
Extension Office
July 17 @ 6:30pm**

**Defiance Co. Fair
Booth Setup
Aug 17**

**Defiance Co. Fair
Aug 18 - 25**

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- 7/9 Rusty DeTray
- 7/10 Lenore Doctor
- 7/22 Bennette Singer
- 7/28 Barb Westrick
- 7/28 Anne Kohout-Chase
- 7/28 George Stuckey

July Newsletter Continued

New Business: Diane Clark has been contacted by Josh at Miller Contracting about caring for the Water Garden located at Diehl Park. This is a paid position that lasts for June, July, August, September and October. There was discussion about whether we could get paid for our services. Diane will check with Bruce, but maybe someone we know would be interested in the job. Diane has the brochures for bulb orders. We can choose to sell bulbs so we can earn a little money without much effort. The orders are due by the September meeting.

Gwen made a motion to adjourn and Dale seconded.

Respectively submitted, Laurel Brehler, Secretary.

Our next meeting will be at the Extension Office on July 17th. Please bring an empty pint jar with a lid and a pint of either red or white vinegar. Doreen will help us make herbal vinegars. She will bring a simple salad for us to sample. Rosalee will do the horticultural moment.



AVOID mosquitoes and mosquito bites

Use insect repellents when you go outdoors or wear clothing treated with permethrin or another EPA-registered repellent for extra protection. Take care during peak mosquito biting hours, perhaps avoiding outdoor activity and wearing appropriate clothing.

PLAN ahead for mosquitoes while traveling

Check travel notices for mosquito-borne and other disease transmission updates. Visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s Travelers' Health website to search for the latest health notices for the country you're traveling to. Speak to your healthcare provider about your travel plans and measures you can take to reduce your risk of mosquito-borne diseases. Pack appropriately to protect yourself from mosquitoes by bringing insect repellents, appropriate clothing and mosquito netting if sleeping outdoors or in unscreened structures.

STOP mosquitoes from breeding in and around your home

Reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home by discarding and emptying water-holding containers and using products containing *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti), available at many garden and home improvement stores, to control mosquito larvae in containers that are too large to empty. Keep mosquitoes outside by installing or repairing screens on windows and doors.

Check out the website for Ohio Mosquito-borne Disease Surveillance <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/arboupdate>



Organic Weed Killer Recipe:

1 gal cider vinegar

1 cup salt

3 Tbls. Dawn dish soap