



A Garden Of Friends Is Always In Bloom

Defiance County Master Gardeners



June MG Meeting

The meeting was held at the OSU Extension office, 16 members were in attendance.

Before the meeting was called to order, we had an educational program given by Ethan Friend, a 2017 graduate from Hicksville who shared his knowledge of Entomology. He spoke about the difference between beneficial and harmful insects. He also brought several cases of specimens he has collected and mounted.

President elect Diane Clark called the meeting to order after light refreshment. Approval of May's MG minutes. The minutes were approved with the following correction: For the August meeting please bring your favorite zucchini bread and recipe, not banana bread.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Maag reimbursed Jean Bremer, received a check from the Commissioner to pay for soil for the community garden, sent a check for the picnic table for the Hicksville Land Lab, and sent a memorial gift to the Sherwood Methodist church for Richard English. She deposited the proceeds from the plant sale.

Historian's Report: Linda Hoffman took photos of the Promedica courtyard project.

Communications: We received thank you notes from Norma English and the Sherwood Methodist Church.

Committee Reports

Defiance: None

Sherwood: Had a great plant sale. It was a lot of fun.

Hicksville: Need someone to do maintenance on the water wagon. Also, Hicksville Beautification is looking for old chairs to use as planters.

Education Day: None

Garden Tour: The Henry County Home and Garden Tour will be on Saturday July 8 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, rain or shine. Tickets are \$12.00 and can be purchased at the Bloomfield Home Museum or at any of the 6 houses on the tour.

Plant Sale: It was a successful sale although we made less than last year. We need to replace the sign for the sale because the one we have ripped in the wind. We will put this on the January agenda. We should look into getting a 2 sided sign.

County Fair: The fair is August 19-26, 2017. We set up on the 18th and tear down on the 25th. The theme this year is "Bees and Pollinators". Penny needs assistance. So far Rosalee Rosebrock, Donna Hitzeman, George Stuckey, and Anne Kohout-Chase have said they will help. Jamie Walters will bring a bee hive and info. We need to find info on birds and butterflies. Penny will have Deb Walters print up fliers. Bruce will get tables. The draping for tables is at the extension office. Diane Clark will get 2 door prizes to give out. Donna will make the door prize slips. We will have a sign-up sheet at the July meeting. There may not be room for us to set up in Ag. Hall. We may be in Merchants Hall.



Planning Ahead

**MG Meeting
Rotary Club Pavilion
Hicksville, OH
July 18 @ 6:30pm**

**MG Meeting
Extension Office
August 15 @ 6:30pm**

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7/9 Rusty DeTray
7/10 Lenore Doctor
7/22 Bennette Singer
7/28 Barbara Westrick

June MG Meeting Continued

Old Business: None

New Business: Diane Clark shared about the trip to Ecuador next February 9-17, 2018. Gina Sheffel from Promedica was at our meeting to thank Diane Clark, Linda Hoffman and George Stucky for their help with the courtyard project. Plants were purchased from Kircher's at wholesale prices and planted in both the Serenity and Butterfly courtyards. Anyone is welcome to visit the gardens.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday July 18 at the Rotary Pavillion in Hicksville. Please be thinking about topics for next year's calendar and give any ideas to Diane Clark.

Respectively submitted, Laurel Brehler

Promedica Project



2017 Master Gardener State Conference

September 29th & 30th, hosted by Franklin County Master Gardeners
2201 Fred Taylor Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43210 Registration is open now!

Joseph Tychonievich is a frequent guest on National Public Radio's food show, The Splendid Table, and has recently been named by Organic Gardening Magazine as one of "...six young horticulturalists who are helping to shape how America gardens". Melinda Myers hosts Melinda's Garden Moment, a program that airs on TV and radio stations throughout the country. She has authored a number of books on regional gardening, selecting perennials, and small space gardening.

Agenda for July MG Meeting

Host/Location: Diane Clark, Rotary Park Pavilion, Hicksville

Directions: Coming from St. Rt. 18, turn left at the Marathon Station, then turn right at the Shell Station on W. High Street, just past Hicksville Pool. Presenter: Diane Clark, Gardening with Recyclables, Learn how to re-use leaky hoses, pantyhose, DIY seed packet décor, creative containers, etc.

