Minutes from April Meeting

The Defiance County Master Gardeners met at the Extension office in the small Conference Room on April 16, 2019 with 11 members in attendance and 2 guests. The meeting was called to order by President Jamie Walters.

Secretary’s Report: The March 2019 minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer’s Report: Gwen Anderson had nothing new to report.

Historian’s Report: Doreen DeLisle says to keep sending any articles you see in the paper, as well as any pictures you may have taken.

Communications: The new MG class has started in Paulding County. We can earn education hours by attending any of the classes. The classes will be on Wednesdays from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Paulding Fairgrounds in the Junior Building.

Committee Reports:

- Defiance: We will clean up the Depot Park on Sunday May 5th at 1:30pm. Bring tools and gloves.
- Sherwood: It was mentioned that Sherwood is having a Spring Fling but is not having a plant sale this year.
- Hicksville: Their plant sale is May 10th and 11th with proceeds going to the Beautification Committee.
- Community Garden: Jean Bremer reported that there are 7 plots still available. Mary Brubaker has reached out to people who had plots last year.
- Plant Sale: The plant sale will be on Saturday May 18, 2019 beginning at 8:30am in the parking lot of Eric’s on North Clinton. Deb has taken care of plant sale license. We made several grapevine wreaths for the sale. We will dig raspberries from George Stuckey’s yard on Thursday May 16th at 2:00pm. His address is 112 Washington Street in Wauseon. Please mark your plants with the name of the plant and a price in dollar increments with nothing less than $1.
- County Fair: The committee members are Jean Bremer, Donna Hitzeman, Tammy Bowers, and Doreen DeLisle. They will have sign-up sheets at our next meeting. The Fair set-up will be on Friday August 16th at 10:00am and tear down will be Friday, August 23rd at 3:00pm. We will have plants as door prizes.
- Old Business: Diane Clark sent out fliers to many of us about the Fort Wayne Herb Gardeners Bus Tour/Day Trip on Wednesday May 15, 2019. Departure is at 6:00am and estimated return is 8:30pm. Cost is $85 or $95 if you want wine tasting. If there are enough of us going, we may have a Defiance pick-up.

Too old to plant trees for my own gratification, I shall do it for my posterity. ~Thomas Jefferson
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Old Business: Gwen Anderson had us make newspaper pots for the YMCA Kids day that is on Saturday April 27th from 9:00am to 1:00 pm in the youth center gymnasium. The craft will be making ants out of plastic spoons and pipe cleaners. For older kids we will have supplies to make Bug Hotels. Barb Westrick, Anne Kohout-Chase and Linda Maag will help Gwen.

New Business: George Stuckey reported that the Lilacs in the 5th and Jefferson Park were pruned. Still need to prune the Yews and Boxwood.

Jean Bremer reported that the Henry County Historical Society is having a Home and Garden tour on Saturday, July 13th from 10:00am to 4:00pm and Sunday July 14 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm. Buy tickets at the Dr. John Bloomfield House (the tour starts there) on the corner of Webster and Clinton in Napoleon. Tickets are $12 or $10 for members. They are looking for volunteers to help.

Another reminder for the Lilac wrapping that will take place on Wednesday May 8, 2019. Please meet at Laurel Brehler’s house at 706 E. High Street, Defiance at 3:00pm. We have permission to park across the street at 705 E. High Street where there is a small parking lot. There is no parking in the street since there is construction in progress. You may also park in Laurel’s drive. It takes around 3 hours to wrap 500, so bring a friend. We may decide to order Pizza.

The meeting was adjourned, moved by Doreen and seconded by George.

Respectively submitted, Laurel Brehler

PLANT SALE

Be sure to tell everyone about the Defiance MG Plant Sale on May 18, 8:30am at Eric’s Icecream on North Clinton Street.

YMCA Healthy Kids Day

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the healthy kids day event. They enjoyed making ladybugs, flowers, planting vegetables and visiting with the honeybees.

Lilac Wrapping

Laurel Brehler
706 E. High Street
Defiance, OH
May 8, 2019
Starting at 3:00pm

Raspberry Dig

George Stuckey
112 Washington St
Wauseon, OH
May 16, 2019
Starting at 2:00pm

May Meeting

Strait Gate
2298 Arrowsmith Rd
Hicksville, OH
May 21, 2019
Starting at 6:30pm

The next meeting will be on Tuesday May 21 at Strait Gate Greenhouse. Meeting will start at 6:30 but come early to shop. Jamie Walters will bring refreshment as it is his birthday.