



# A Garden Of Friends Is Always In Bloom

*Defiance County Master Gardeners*



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## Planning Ahead

**Cleveland Home & Garden Show**  
Feb 3rd - 12th

**Columbus Home & Garden Show**  
Feb 18th - 26th

**MG Meeting Extension Office**  
Feb 21st @ 6:30

**Lake County MG Grow It Yourself**  
March 11th

**Allen County MG Art of Gardening**  
March 18th

## January MG Meeting

The Master Gardeners met at the OSU Conference Room at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday January 17, 2017. 14 members were present. President Jean Bremer called the meeting to order.

**Secretary's Report:** The secretary's report from October 18, 2016 was approved as read in the Newsletter. There were no reports for November or December since there were no meetings.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda Maag gave the report and also said we now have a new bank account at First Federal. She also reminded us to get approval at a meeting before spending any money to be reimbursed. She will also need all receipts. It was stated that the Historian is approved to spend up to \$100.00 for supplies for record keeping, etc.

**Historian's Report:** Linda Hoffman had no new report, but asked about how records should be kept? Mary Kasuga said she would help with the transition and would turn over all materials to her.

**Communications:** Deb at the Extension office asked that you pay your \$10.00 fee for 2017 by February 17<sup>th</sup>. Please make checks out to OSU Extension. Also, it is time to re-certify to be an OSU Master Gardener Volunteer. Please go to and take a few minutes to complete all 3 sections.

The new MGCV class will have an orientation on Wednesday February 22 from 10:00-11:30am. The classes will begin on Thursday March 2, from 9:00am-4:00pm and will last for 9 weeks. Current MG's are welcome to attend, but please let Deb know so she can make enough hand-outs. There are 14 people signed up for the class.

### Committee Reports

**Defiance Community Garden:** The garden sign-up will be around April 22, 2017. The gate has not yet been installed.

**Sherwood:** Dale Bennett said they are looking for more volunteers to help with their Clean-up Day on April 29, as well as more volunteers to take care of the parks. The Spring Fling Sale will take place on May 18 and 19, 2017 at the Sherwood Memorial Park. Left over plants will be donated for our plant sale.

**Hicksville:** No Report.

**Old Business:** None

### New Business

**Education Day:** There was discussion and it was decided it was too late in the year to get an Education Day organized this year. Lima is having an event on March 18, if anyone needs to get education hours. It was also mentioned that coming to the MGCV classes also count toward your education hours. Again, just let Deb know.



2/1 Virginia Mackling

2/1 Gerald Short

2/12 Mike Nix

2/18 Norma English

2/27 Gwen Haller



**Garden Tour:** The Henry County Historical Society is having a garden tour on July 8, 10:00am to July 9, to 4:00 pm. We will plan a Garden Tour for 2018.

**Plant Sale:** The date is TBD but we are shooting for May 20, 2017. Jamie Walters volunteered to head it up and to get the Permit. It was decided that at our March meeting we would plant seeds in gallon milk jugs, as demonstrated by our speaker at this meeting. Then we will replant the seedlings at a later date. They should be a good size by our sale in May. Please save your gallon milk and water jugs. Also save 12 ounce paper coffee cups for the replanting.

Dwyn Lichty made the motion to adjourn and Mary Kasuga seconded. Motion passed.

We thank Susan Mack for providing the refreshments. Also thank you to Judy McCalla for her presentation on *Milk Jug Gardening*.

*Our next meeting is Tuesday February 21 at 6:30pm at the Extension office.*

*Respectfully submitted, Laurel Brehler*



## Confirmed 2017 MG Class Schedule

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>** (from 10:00am – 11:30am)

**LOCATION:** Defiance County Extension Office

**AM ONLY** Orientation to Extension & The Master Gardener Program

Bruce Clevenger, OSU Extension Educator, Defiance County

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>** **LOCATION:** Defiance County Extension Office

**AM** **Basic Botany (Chapter 1: Botany)**

Dr Gerald Short, Professor St Francis College confirmed

**PM** **Soils & Composting for Master Gardeners (Chapter 2)**

Bruce Clevenger, OSU Extension Educator, Defiance County

**March 9<sup>th</sup>** **LOCATION:** Toledo Zoo

**AM** **Plant Pathology (Chapter 4: Plant Pathology, 4-1 thru 4-15)**

Amy Stone, OSU Extension Educator, Lucas County

**PM** **Foliage Plants & Plant Propagation (Chapters 5 & 6)**

Nancy Bucher, Director of Horticulture/Maintenance, Toledo Zoo

**March 16<sup>th</sup>** **LOCATION:** Defiance County Extension Office

**AM** **Identification of Common Insects (Chapter 3, Only 3-1 thru 3-20)**

Dr Curtis Young, OSU Educator, VanWert County

**PM (1:00pm-2:15pm)** **ID of Common Insects** *continued*

**PM (2:30pm-4pm)** **Herbs: Growing and Culinary Uses (Chapter 11)**

Doreen DeLisle, Master Gardener, Defiance County



Deb would like to know if anyone needs a name badge. There is a minimum order amount, if you do, please contact Deb Walters 419.782.4771



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