Minutes from May Meeting

The Defiance County Master Gardeners met in the greenhouse at Kircher’s in Defiance on June 11, 2019 with 10 members in attendance. Many came early to shop and to have refreshments provided by Kircher’s. Purchases were generously given at 50% off.

The meeting was called to order by Jean Bremer; Jamie Walters was unable to attend.

Secretary’s Report: The highlights of the May 2019 Minutes were read since most had not had a chance to read them. No vote was made to accept them.

Treasurer’s Report: Gwen Anderson reported the bank balance including the Community Garden funds. She reimbursed Jean Bremer for the supplies used for repairs at the garden. Mary Brubaker gave the money collected from the plot rentals to Gwen for deposit.

Historian’s Report: None

Communications: None

Committee Reports:
Defiance: None
Sherwood: None
Hicksville: None

Community Garden: Jean Bremer reported the last plot was adopted. Patrick Henry High School donated 3 flats of vegetables that were given to plot owners.

Plant Sale: None

County Fair: The fair this year is August 17th to 23rd. Set-up will be on Friday, August 16, 10:00am, and tear-down will be August 23rd at 3:00pm. The committee consists of Chair Jean Bremer, Donna Hitzmann, Doreen DeLisle, Mary Batt and Diane Clark. The theme will be “Be Pollinators”. We will have sign-up sheets at the next meeting.

Riverfest: It is on July 20th from 12:00pm to 8:00pm and has been moved to Kingsbury Park, since River road is closed. The committee consists of Chair Laurel Breher, Doreen DeLisle, Barb Westrick, and George Stuckey. We will use the Soil and Water display that we used last year. Laurel will pick up 2 tables, tent, banner, and the SW display from the Extension office. Doreen will get crayons and goodie bags. Bring your own chair.

Old Business: The garden jaunt to Schedel Garden for Saturday June 22 was cancelled due to lack of interest.

New Business: Diane Clark got commitments from people for the schedule for next year. Please let her know if you have any ideas as there are still some open dates. The May meeting next year will include decorating and planting a “Garden Chair” so be on the lookout for a chair to use. Many times you can pick up a chair on garbage day.

I've always felt that having a garden is like having a good and loyal friend. ~C. Z. Guest
Just a reminder that Jean Bremer shared 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 14th 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.

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

Respectfully submitted, Laurel Brehler

Julie Belau had 4 door prizes that were drawn at the end of our meeting. We should all thank her for such a lovely evening and please shop at Kircher’s for your gardening needs. We need to support our local businesses.

FYI: Diane Clark has sold her home in Hicksville and will be moving to Alabama in the coming months. Please keep her and her husband Scott in your thoughts and prayers for a smooth transition. We will miss her and her great organizational skills.

The most beautiful discovery true friends make is that they can grow separately without growing apart. ~Elisabeth Foley

The next meeting will be on Tuesday July 16th, at the Extension Office. The topic will be “Herbal Garden Therapy”. Please bring an herbal appetizer to share and 15 copies of your recipe, or e-mail your recipe to Deb and she can compile them.