



A Garden Of Friends Is Always In Bloom

Defiance County Master Gardeners



September Meeting Minutes

The Master Gardeners met at Dwyn Liechty's home at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 with 11 members present. President Elect Jean Bremer brought the meeting to order.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary's Report for June 21 and July 19, 2016 were approved as read in the Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

In the absence of the treasurer no report was given.

Historian Report:

Mary reported she has received a few pictures. Please give any you may have taken to her.

Communications:

Deb at the Extension Office asked that you turn in the weight of your fresh food donations you have given to worthy organizations for the contest that OSU is having between counties.

Committee Reports:

Defiance Area:

The Depot and parks need to be cleaned once again. If you need extra hours, they are also asking for help with Kids Creation. After fair might be a good time to work at the parks.

Defiance Community Garden:

The new fence for the Community Garden is completed. We are currently waiting for an estimate to build a gate that will keep the rabbits out.

Hicksville Area: No report.

Sherwood Area: No report.

Defiance County Fair:

Penny has everything ready for the fair booth. It is titled "Hearty Succulents - Plants that can be ignored." A signup sheet was passed around for members to set at the booth. Previously we have offered a drawing for two \$50 gifts for part of the fee for a Master Gardener training class. Rose Tadsen made the motion to make the drawing for one \$100 free Master Gardener training class. Norm Tadsen seconded. Motion was approved.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Doreen DeLile is looking for someone to ride with to the Master Gardener Conference on September 16 and 17th at the Sheridan in Cuyahoga Falls, OH. She is staying Thursday and Friday night and looking for someone to share travel and hotel costs.

Upcoming Meetings:

On September 9, 2016 an Edible Landscape meeting is scheduled with Jami Napoleski at Sauder Village Café and Village grounds from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Six people are necessary for the class to run. Registration 419.446.2541 Cost is \$25.



Planning Ahead

Edible Landscapes
Sept 9th @ 6:00pm
Sauder Village Cafe'

Paulding County
Potluck & Plant Exchange
Sept 12th @ 6:00pm
Youth Leadership Building

MG Meeting
Sept 20th @ 6:30pm
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*Flowers are restful
 to look at.*

*They have neither
 emotions nor conflicts.*

~ Sigmund Freud

We have been invited by the Paulding Master Gardeners for a potluck/plant exchange on September 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the Youth Leadership Building.

Our next meeting will be on September 20, 2016 at the Extension Office at 6:30 p.m. Diane Clark will host. It was suggested we bring a guest or a Master Gardener that has not been attending.



Gwen Anderson made the motion to adjourn, Tom Keller seconded. Motion was approved.

Diane Clark gave a special presentation on Bees and Butterflies and making a waterer to help hydrate our pollinators. She also talked about a recipe to make a green tomato mincemeat pie. It is attached below.



Delicious refreshments were served by Dwyn Liechty and her firepit and outside area were enjoyed by all.



Respectfully submitted,
Rosalie Rosebrock

A use for Green Tomatoes: Green Tomato Mincemeat, makes wonderful pie.

3 quarts finely chopped green tomatoes	¾ cup apple cider vinegar
3 quarts peeled and finely chopped apples	½ cup fresh lemon juice
1 cup vegetable oil or butter (a substitute for suet)	½ cup water
1 pound raisins	1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
2 tablespoons grated orange rind	¼ teaspoon ground cloves
2 tablespoons grated lemon rind	¼ teaspoon ground allspice
5 cups well packed brown sugar	2 teaspoon salt

Combine all ingredients in a large kettle, and bring to boiling, stirring frequently. Reduce heat and simmer until dark and thick – about 2 ½ hours. Stir occasionally. Pour boiling hot into pint jars, allowing ½ inch headroom, seal promptly and process in a boiling water bath for 25 minutes. Store in a cool dry place. To freeze, pack cold mincemeat into freezer jars or containers, leaving about an inch headroom for expansion. Seal and freeze promptly. Yield: 8 pints.

BYGL - Oak Wilt in NW Ohio

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This summer, there have been several phone calls to the Extension office in Lucas County from concerned residents describing red oak trees declining quickly. Many described their tree(s) exhibiting symptoms that one could suspect that oak wilt (*Ceratocystis fagacearum*) might be the cause. The symptoms described included: flagging of branches in the tree's canopy; withering of leaves that turn brown and ultimately drop before normal seasonal leaf drop; and rapid decline of the overall canopy - some describe it as happening "overnight". Additionally, sapwood streaking and fungal mats may be present, but sometimes are not always obvious or evident. Because of this, conclusive diagnosis can only be made in specialized laboratories, such as The Ohio State University C. Wayne Ellett Plant & Pest Diagnostic Clinic (ppdc.osu.edu).

If you suspect oak wilt, the quality of sample that you submit to the lab for confirmation is key. Selected branches should be partially wilted or in-transition, with symptomatic leaves progressing from the tip of branches inward to the trunk. Branches that are totally wilted, dry, or dead should be avoided as they will not be viable and could give a false negative. Ideally, the branch samples should be at least 1" in diameter and cut into 6" - 8" lengths. Smaller diameter branch samples can be acceptable but only if the sapwood is very moist, and samples have been kept cool until they arrive at the lab. Samples should be overnighed early or mid-week, or hand delivered to the lab as soon as samples are collected in the field. It is important that collected samples don't ride around in a vehicle, especially when it is warm, allowing them to dry out quickly. The collection of samples from a mature suspect tree usually require the assistance of an arborist who can either climb the tree or utilize a bucket truck to gain access to the perfect samples to be submitted to the lab. Additional details on collecting field samples are described in this USDA Forest Service publication, *How to Collect Field Samples and Identify the Oak Wilt in the Laboratory*. The publication is available online at: https://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/pubs/howtos/ht_oaklab/toc.htm

If the tree tests positive for oak wilt, management of this disease should include prevention of further overland and underground spread to nearby oaks, proper disposal of infected tree(s), and possible proactive protection of highly valuable trees in the immediate area with a label fungicide. Additional information about oak wilt can be found in the Oak Wilt in Ohio Factsheet authored by Pierluigi (Enrico) Bonello, with OSU's Department of Plant Pathology. The FactSheet is available online at <http://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/plpath-tree-02>