



# A Garden Of Friends Is Always In Bloom

*Defiance County Master Gardeners*



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## P. Allen Smith Workshop



Van Wert Blooms  
Saturday, April 16th  
8am till 4pm



## Planning Ahead

Putnam County  
Spring Into  
Gardening Fair  
April 9th

Toledo Seagate  
Convention Center  
Home & Garden  
April 15th

Van Wert  
P. Allen Smith  
April 16th

MG Meeting  
April 19th @ 6:30pm  
Gwen Anderson's Home

## March Meeting Minutes

Defiance County Master Gardener's March 16, 2016 meeting was held at the Defiance County Extension Office with 16 members present. The meeting was called to order by President Jamie Walters. The minutes from the February meeting were reviewed. Linda Maag gave an updated Treasurer's report including each fund balance. No updates from historian. There being no changes, the reports were approved as presented.

### **Communications:**

President Walters reported on the changes that Ohio State is making to the MGV program. They have reversed their decision to fingerprint every four years. Jamie has reached out our members who dropped out because of this feature. He also reviewed requirements if we work with youth under 18 and the needs that need to be taken.

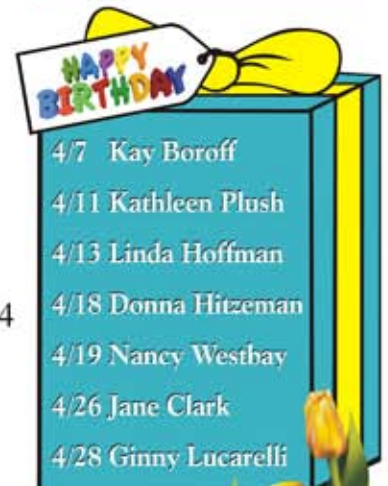
### **Reports:**

Community Garden: No report  
Sherwood and Hicksville: No reports.  
Education Day: instead of education day this year, members are attending the program in Van Wert on April 16,  
Fair: No report.  
Plant Sale: May 14.  
Lilac Festival: No update.

### **New Business:**

The Soil & Water has openings for booths at their annual Woodlands and Wildlife Day on May 21, 2016 if anyone is interested.

Tammy Bowers reported that she and Gwen Anderson will be meeting on March 24 at 10 a.m. to make a final review of the Master Gardener Handbook.



- 4/7 Kay Boroff
- 4/11 Kathleen Plush
- 4/13 Linda Hoffman
- 4/18 Donna Hitzeman
- 4/19 Nancy Westbay
- 4/26 Jane Clark
- 4/28 Ginny Lucarelli





## March Meeting Minutes Continued

Jamie introduced the new requirement by OSU that are required to be a vendor to receive grants. We may need to file for a 501(3C) status. It was agreed to table this decision. A motion was made Tammy Bowers, seconded by Gwen Anderson to submit a request for \$250 as usual for education funding which will not require the above filing. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be held on April 19 at Gwen Anderson's home at 1912 Edgewood Dr., Defiance. Come ready to have fun. She will show the rain garden project she is working on with Demuth Nursery. We will be making a hands on project like the picture. We hope to sell these at the plant sale. We need donations of succulents to plant on the baskets. Do you have hens and checks or other plants that you can donate? Email: andgwen@roadrunner.com or call (419)-576-2100. If so, you can bring them to the meeting or Gwen will make arrangements to pick up. Dress for the working with potting mix and plants.

A motion to adjourn was made by Linda Maag and second by Tammy Bowers.

### Education Presentation:

The meeting was followed by a presentation by Jamie Walters on Bee Keeping. The presentation included the life cycle of bees, the bee keeping process, and harvesting of honey. Great job Jamie! A good time was had by all in attendance.  
Respectfully Submitted, Gwen Anderson



With the beginning of warmer weather, nature's pollinators will begin to appear. One select group is honey bees; they are specifically beneficial for crop/garden pollination, honey, wax and pollen. Within the next few weeks honey bees will begin swarming, which is an instinctive part of the colony to propagate. Spring approaching makes overcrowding and congestion in the hive cause factors which predispose colonies to swarm. The swarm will contain several hundred to several thousand worker bees, a few drones and one queen. Honey bee swarms are not highly dangerous as the cluster is engorged on honey and takes brief breaks on tree limbs, posts or other convenient sites while the scouts are looking for a new home. They are only defensive in the vicinity of their nest in protecting the hive and their young. If you see a swarm or cluster of honey bees do not come in direct contact without protective gear, but you can safely watch them from a distance. You can contact me at 419.438.7335 Please help us preserve nature's pollinators.

Master Gardener, Jamie Walters



## A Beautiful Garden is a Work of the Heart.

**Next Meeting - April 19th, 6:30p.m., 1912 Edgewood Dr., Defiance.**

**Gwen Anderson - Succulent Sphere**



**Directions: Head out St. Rt. 15th, make a left onto Ayersville Ave., turn left at Edgewood Drive, turn right at the top of the hill.**

