The Defiance County Master Gardeners met at the Black Swamp Nature Center in Paulding where we shared a pot-luck/seed swap with the Paulding County Master Gardeners. There were 10 Defiance County members in attendance. Jamie Walters called the meeting to order.

**Secretary’s Report:** The September minutes were accepted.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Gwen Anderson was not able to attend, but reported that our bank balance was unchanged since last month.

**Historian’s Report:** None

**Communications:** The annual Reunion/Recognition Potluck will be on Wednesday November 20 at 6:00pm in the large conference room at the extension office. Please RSVP to Deb Walters if you plan to attend.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Defiance:** None
- **Sherwood:** None
- **Hicksville:** None
- **Community Garden:** None
- **Plant Sale:** Deb said that we can get a one day pass to have our plant sale at the Defiance Farmer’s Market in front of the mall. The date next year will be Saturday, May 16, 2020 at 8:00am.
- **County Fair:** Next year we will move back to the Agriculture Building. The Bee display will be in a tent by one of the entrances. Jamie plans to display a “Bee Beard”.
- **Education Day:** We decided to do a smaller Education Day in the 2020 schedule. We have picked a date, confirming with Extension Office. We will have it in the morning from 8:00am to 12:00pm with 2 speakers. There was discussion about what to charge. We will host it in the large conference room at the extension building. We may have food tables in the hallway so we can fit more people in the big room. Please think about what topics you think we should have as well as possible speakers.

**Old Business:** Jamie said that the schedule for next year is as reported in the September’s newsletter with the following additions:

- **Wednesday, May 6 at 3:00pm,** we will wrap the Lilacs at Laurel Brehler’s, 706 E. High Street, Defiance, (248-515-1244). We will order pizza & bring friends.
- **Penny Diehl will host the May 19 meeting at her house,** 10485 Haller Rd., Defiance, (419-438-0613).
- **Repotting of Herbs for the plant sale,** date to be determined by Mary Brubaker.

_In seed-time learn, in harvest teach, in winter enjoy. ~William Blake_
October Newsletter Continued

New Business: We talked about the slate of officers for next year. Jamie Walters will continue to do the newsletter, Laurel Brehler will continue as Secretary, and Gwen Anderson will continue as Treasurer. Jamie will check with Doreen about continuing as Historian. Mary Batt has agreed to be President Elect, and Anne Kohout-Chase is considering being President, since Marge Wilson has decided she cannot serve next year. Officers will be installed at the November meeting.

The meeting was adjourned, moved by Mary Batt, seconded by Donna Hitzmann
Respectfully submitted, Laurel Brehler

2019/2020 Master Gardener Officers
Thank you to the 2019 officers for volunteering their time for yet another great year that goes into the Historian’s history book. Please welcome the 2020 officers who will take over in January with a schedule full of fun events, education, and fellowship time with each other.

2019 Officers
President - Jamie Walters  
President Elect - Marjorie Wilson  
Secretary - Laurel Brehler  
Historian - Doreen DeLisle  
Treasurer - Gwen Anderson  
Newsletter - Jamie Walters

2020 Officers
President - Ann Kohout-Chase  
President Elect - Mary Batt  
Secretary - Laurel Brehler  
Historian - Doreen DeLisle  
Treasurer - Gwen Anderson  
Newsletter - Jamie Walters

Looking for walnuts?
The city has a few properties where walnuts will be collected and they are not allowed in the city compost site. Is there anyone interested in walnut for collection or seeds? Please contact Jennifer English 419.782.5687

Education Day - 2020
The Defiance Master Gardeners are in the planning stages to host a smaller education day at the Defiance Extension Office. Tentative; 3 hours of education with 2 speakers. Each presentation will last approx. 1 hr with 20 minutes Q&A with 10 minute break between speakers. We are asking for input for speakers & presentations. If you would like to be a part of this committee, let us know at the next meetings. Please send your thoughts to Jamie Walters 419.438.7335 or j.walters1054@yahoo.com. Once we have the schedule layout, we will post everything in the newsletter and Facebook: Defiance County Master Gardeners

Northwest Ohio Master Gardener Volunteer Seed Swap

Last Meeting - Wednesday, November 20th, 6:00pm
Defiance County Master Gardener’s Reunion Potluck
The annual reunion potluck will be on Wednesday, November 20 at 6:00pm in the large conference room at the Defiance Extension Office. Please make sure to RSVP with Deb Walters 419.782.4771 for a headcount.
MG Meeting, January 21, Defiance Extension Office, 6:30pm
Presentation by: Pam Bennett about “MGV Governance and Volunteering”
Special Event: Bring a gardening book or two to swap. Place on the swap table. Choose your "free" book(s) by birthdays as follows: December, November, October, September, August, July, June, May, April, March, February, and January.

MG Meeting, February 18, Defiance Extension Office, 6:30pm
Presentation by: George Stuckey about “Let’s talk Pruning”
Special Event: Bring their favorite appetizer/finger food and share their favorite gardening experiences. Bring the recipes with enough copies to share as well.

MG Meeting, March 17, Defiance Extension Office, 6:30pm
Presentation by: Amy Stone about “New Bugs in 2020”

MG Meeting, April 21, Defiance Extension Office, 6:30pm
Presentations by: Mary Batt about “container gardening”
Laurel Brehler about “how to make wood chair planter”

April 25, YMCA - Healthy Kids Day, 10:00am - 1:00pm
Located at Defiance YMCA - 1599 Palmer Drive, Defiance
Presentations by: volunteers for activities

May 6, Lilac Wrapping - Laurel Brehler, 3:00pm
Located at 706 E. High Street, Defiance, OH

May 12, Work Day - Marjorie Wilson’s, __:00
Located at 530 Wesley Ave., Bryan, OH
Presentation by: Margorie Wilson about “Dividing and propagating of plants for plant sale.”

May __, Work Day - Angie __________, __:00
Located at ________________ dividing & collecting herbs for plant sale, Mary Brubaker.

May 16, MG Plant Sale, 8:00am - 12:00noon
Located at Defiance Farmers Market in front of Northtowne Mall (change in location)

MG Meeting, May 19, Penny Diehl’s, 6:30pm
Located at 10485 Haller Rd., Defiance, OH
Presentation by: Penny Diehl about

MG Meeting, May _____, Defiance Extension Office, 9:00am
Education Day (large meeting room)
Presentations by: ______________ & __________________

MG Meeting, June 16, Donna Hitzeman’s, 6:30pm
Located at 09364 State Route 2, Hicksville, OH
Presentation by: Donna Hitzeman about “Making a Living Wall Planter” aka Vertical Gardening. Donna has grown several specimens you won't want to miss.”

MG Meeting, July 21, 7167 OH-109, Delta, OH, _______pm
Presentation by: NatureFresh Farms about “Greenhouse growing and pollination.”
Special Event: Garden Jaunt to Biblical Gardens, Warsaw, IN Hostess: Donna Hitzeman, 260 515-6929

MG Meeting, August 11(moved from 18th, due to Defiance County Fair), Defiance Extension Office, 6:30pm
Presentation by Bobbi Sinn about all aspects of garlic

MG Meeting, September 15, MG Community Gardens, 6:30pm
Presentation by: Mary Brubaker & Jean Bremer

MG Meeting, October 20, Defiance Extension Office, 6:30pm
Presentation by: Open speaker available

MG Meeting, November, Defiance Extension Office, 5:00pm
Recognition Potluck (large conference room)