



# A Garden Of Friends Is Always In Bloom

*Defiance County Master Gardeners*

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## Minutes from September Meeting

The Defiance County Master Gardeners met at the Extension office on September 16, 2019 with 11 members in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President Jamie Walters.

**Secretary's Report:** The August minutes were accepted with 2 corrections. Doreen DeLisle took the meeting minutes for August, not Laurel Brehler. Also, Tammy Bowers' name should have been listed on the Fair Committee.

**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.

**Historian's Report:** Doreen got several pictures of the fair. Please continue to send articles you see in the papers to her.

**Communications:** The annual Recognition Dinner/Potluck will be on Wednesday November 20 at 6:00pm in the large conference room at the extension office.

### Committee Reports:

**Defiance:** None

**Sherwood:** None

**Hicksville:** None



**Community Garden:** Jean Bremer reported that she would like bee boxes placed at the garden next year. Also she would like more help with weeding. It was suggested that she use a vinegar spray for the weeds.

**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. Jean Bremer shared that Mary Brubaker knows someone who has herbs to donate for potting in the Spring.

**County Fair:** Jamie Walters said that 243 honey bears were given out. Carol Sines was not happy that we broke down our booth at 3:00pm since the fair was open until 9:00pm. Next year Jamie will see if we can move back to the agriculture building since it will be a better location and not near the vendors.

**Education Day:** We decided to do a smaller Education Day in the 2021 schedule. We will have it in the morning from 8:00am to 12:00pm with 2 speakers. We feel that we are getting too small to take on anything larger. Start thinking about what topics we may want to have presented.



## Planning Ahead

**MG Meeting & Paulding County Seed Swap**  
Paulding, OH  
Oct 17 @ 6:00pm

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**  
Oct 31

**Reunion Potluck**  
Extension Office  
Nov 20 @ 6:00pm

**HAPPY Thanksgiving**  
Nov 28



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**Yvonne Blosser**



**"Love the trees until their leaves fall off, then encourage them to try again next year."**

# September Newsletter Continued

**Old Business:** George and Mary have been manning the hot-line for Fulton County. Dwayne said that Rob Cereghin has asked him to do weeding at several parks. We have decided as a group to weed and care for The Depot and the Community Garden. If you need volunteer hours please care for those parks first. Gwen Anderson still has a rain barrel for sale \$25.00 please call 419.782.0578, if interested.

**New Business:** The schedule for next year is complete and is included with this newsletter. The May meeting next year will include decorating and planting a "Garden Chair" so be on the lookout for a chair. Many times you can pick up a chair on garbage day.

**Garden Jaunt:** On Saturday September 28th meet at 8:00am at the Extension office for a trip to Malabar Farms. We will eat lunch at the Blueberry Patch restaurant first. The Farm tour is \$3.00 and the House tour is \$5.00 Please let Donna Hitzman know, if you are going at 260-515-6929.

Thank you Doreen DeLisle for a PowerPoint presentation on "Preparing Your Garden for Winter" and George Stuckey in teaching everyone how to sharpen specific tools and preparing them for Winter storage.

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

Respectfully submitted, Laurel Brehler

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## Nominations & Elections



We will be asking for nominations for new officer positions; President Elect, Secretary, Historian, & Treasurer at the NW Ohio Master Gardener Seed Swap on Thursday, October 17.

If you nominate anyone, please make sure they are aware of the position, no blind nominations. Let the current board members know of any nominations before this meeting. We will have a brief meeting to hear all nominations and taking a vote for those open positions. The new officers will be acknowledged at the November Reunion Potluck dinner to start in 2020.



## Fall Preparation

There are a bunch of preparations you should make for your compost and soil so that is ready to go after the last frost.

- ✦ Test and amend your soil: Test your soil's pH. Amendments can be slow acting and adding them late fall will make the soil ready for the spring.
- ✦ Prepare your planting beds: Add compost and manure in the late fall so it is ready for planting in early spring. The freezing and thawing will work it into the soil for you.
- ✦ Till the soil: Moving the soil around exposes insects that are trying to burrow in for the winter. You will disturb their dormancy and put them in view of the hungry birds.
- ✦ Start a compost pile: You have got all the stuff you have pulled out of the beds, start with that.
- ✦ Shred or mulch your leaves: The leaves are free fertilizer, so do not send them to the landfill. They practically compost themselves and the result, leaf mold, will be the most beautiful soil.
- ✦ Consider mulch: Mulching will give you fewer weeds in the spring and better soil. Mulch suppresses weed seed germination in the spring. Before you mulch, make sure you weed first.

## Next Meeting - Thursday, October 17th, 6:00pm

### Northwest Ohio Master Gardener Volunteer Seed Swap

Thursday, October 17th, 6:00PM Potluck, 6:45PM Seed and Bulb Swap. Master Gardeners from Fulton, Putnam, Henry, Van Wert, Defiance and Williams County are ask to attend. Bring your seeds/bulbs in containers marked to share. Door prizes and one hour of education credits available. We look forward to seeing everyone at this event! Please RSVP Deb Walters, 419.782.4771 by Tuesday, October 1st for final count. Location: Black Swamp Nature Center, 753 Fairground Drive, Paulding, OH 45879 Details: potluck dinner, bring a dish to share, drinks provided by the Paulding MGVs. To car pool, meet at the Clinton Eric's at 5:00pm.

# MG Programs - 2020 tentative dates, speakers, and times

## **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, March 28, Defiance Extension Office, 9:00am**

Education Day - (large meeting room)

Presentations by:

## **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"

## **May 12, Work Day - Marjorie Wilson's, 9:00**

Located at 530 Wesley Ave., Bryan, OH

Presentation by: Margorie Wilson about "Dividing and propagating of plants for plant sale."

## **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, Defiance Extension Office, 6:30pm**

Presentation by: Open speaker available

## **May 25, YMCA - Healthy Kids Day, 10:00am - 1:00pm**

Located at Defiance YMCA - 1599 Palmer Drive, Defiance

Presentations by: volunteers for activities

## **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, 6:30pm**

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), 6:30pm**

Presentation by Bobbi Sinn about \_\_\_\_\_.

## **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)