



A Garden Of Friends Is Always In Bloom

Defiance County Master Gardeners



September Meeting Minutes

The Master Gardeners met at the Extension Office at 6:30PM on September 20, 2016 with 7 members present. President Elect Jean Bremer brought the meeting to order.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The previous month's minutes were reviewed. Diane Clark pointed out that the theme for the fair booth was titled "Hearty Succulents" in the minutes. It should have read simply "Succulents". Apparently there might have been some confusion with the October meeting educational session which will be "Hardy Succulents". Also it should be noted that the August minutes was incorrectly labeled "September Meeting Minutes".

TREASURER'S REPORT: Linda Maag gave a report on the finances, which included the following:

- Check book balance.
- There is \$49.50 remaining in the fund to be used for the parks.
- The group now has a new tax ID number. Officers need to sign new articles of incorporation.
- The cost for a gate for the community garden is still not available.

Mary Batt motioned that the Treasurer's report be approved. Laurell Brehler seconded. Report was approved

HISTORIAN REPORT: There was no report since Historian was not present.

COMMUNICATIONS: There was a reminder to make sure to report the weight of garden produce given to food pantries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DEFIANCE AREA: There was a discussion of the upkeep of the city parks. Tom Keller reported that he had done some weeding at the park at 5th and Jefferson. Most felt it had been too hot to weed. Mary Batt and Diane Clark offered to weed beds at the Extension Office.

HICKSVILLE: Diane Clark reported that she had volunteered to water the hanging baskets along the main street in Hicksville on Saturday mornings. The baskets there are watered daily and fertilized as needed.

SHERWOOD: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: Diane Clark reported that she went to the Edible Landscape seminar at Sauder Village on September 9. The class identified various edible roots and leaves and made various teas. Tammy Spillis of Henry County Master Gardeners was one of the instructors. Diane reported it was a bit like Little House on the Prairie.



Planning Ahead

Volunteer Hours Entered Deadline
Oct 15th @ midnight

MG Meeting
Oct 18th @ 6:30pm
Extension Office

Recognition Potluck
Nov 22nd @ 6:00pm
Extension Office
JFS Conference Room

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NEW BUSINESS: It was proposed and discussed to consider having the President Elect take on the role of Program Coordinator.

There was discussion about new officers for 2017. Linda Maag stated she would be willing to remain as Treasurer. Diane Clark is willing to consider being President Elect. Linda Hoffman is willing to be Historian. Laurel Brehler would consider being Secretary.

Concern was expressed about low attendance at recent meetings. It was suggested that members be contacted and encouraged to attend. It was also proposed that reminders of meetings be sent via email.

Ways of getting to know each other better were discussed. It was recommended that name tags be worn to each meeting. Also suggested that we return to the practice of introducing ourselves at the beginning of each meeting.

Linda Hoffman informed the group that Holy Cross School has a gardening program structured around OSU's Junior Master Gardener Program.

Diane Clark asked if anyone would be interested in a gardening based trip to Ecuador in February. The cost for airfare and room and board is \$2500.

It was suggested to try to bring a friend to the next meeting and/or invite those who signed up on an interest sheet at the fair.

UPCOMING MEETING: The next meeting will be at the Extension Office on October 18 at 6:30 PM. Refreshments will be by the Hicksville group. Educational session topic will be "Hardy Succulents".

Linda Maag motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Mary Batt seconded. Motion was approved.



REMINDERS:

- **Your hours need to be entered into the ohio.volunteersystem.org by Oct 15th @ midnight.**
- **If you have donated any additional garden produce, please turn the weights into Deb by Oct 31st.**
- **If your attending the Recognition Potluck on Nov 22nd, 6pm at the Extension Office, please RSVP Deb Walters by email: walters.269@osu.edu / phone: 419.782.4771**
- **The Recognition Potluck will not be at the EMA Building this year, it will be held in the JFS Conference Room at 6pm at the Extension Office.**



For the October meeting, we would ask you to wear your name badge and to bring a friend(s) that is interested in gardening. There will be a 2017 Master Gardener Class held, if there is enough people interested. Please spread the word through conversation, social media, and local clubs.
Thank you

The Process of Leaf Color Change

Leaves change color during the autumn because the amounts of pigments change as the leaves prepare to fall from the trees. All leaves gradually lose chlorophyll during the growing season, and this loss accelerates before leaf fall. Under optimal conditions this process of chlorophyll loss is very orderly and allows the plants to resorb much of the nitrogen in the structure of the pigment molecule. Carotenoid pigments are also lost from the plastids during aging, but some of them are retained in the plastids after the chlorophyll is removed; this produces autumn leaves with yellow colors. In unusual cases, sometimes in winterberry holly, a fair amount of chlorophyll is left in the leaves when they fall. Such leaves are a pale green in color, or perhaps yellow-green from the mixture of chlorophyll and carotenoids.