



A Garden Of Friends Is Always In Bloom

Defiance County Master Gardeners



July MG Meeting

- ✿ The Defiance County Master Gardeners held the meeting at Hicksville Community Rotary Pavilion on July 18, 2017. President Jean Bremer called the meeting to order and 9 members and one intern were present.
- ✿ The secretaries' report for June was read by President elect Diane Clark. Corrections to the minutes included noting that Diane Clark has volunteered to take over the responsibility for the Fair Booth this year due to the illness of Penny Diehl. It was also noted that Linda Hoffman's name was omitted from the committee work on the Pro-Medica project completed in June. The secretaries' report was approved with the additions on a motion made by Diane and seconded by Tammy Bowers.

The treasurer's report was given by Linda Maag. She stated that there was no change from last month's report. She informed the group that the contribution by the commissioners for new garden soil for the Community Garden in Defiance will be spent on new soil at the end of this season after harvest of those gardens is complete. President Jean informed the group money is available to spend for certain tangible necessary items for the County Master Gardeners. This money is available through Pam Bennett at the State Master Gardeners level. Items the group could use were discussed. It was decided to inform all Master Gardener members of the funds availability and the possible purchases we could make. It will be opened to the membership to suggest possible items and at the next meeting we will discuss further how to spend these dollars. Three items suggested by those attending were a new sign for the annual plant sale since the old one has been damaged, a folding table to use at various Master Gardener events, and a canopy to erect at events such as the plant sale in case of bad weather. The deadline on these purchases is September 1st.

- ✿ Historian: No report given.
- ✿ Communications: Diane read a thank you card from Pro Medica and members signed a card for Penny Diehl.

Committee reports:

- ✿ Defiance Area: President Jean shared a note from Rob Cereghin regarding the Defiance Parks. After lots of discussion it was decided to inform Mr. Cereghin that we will be taking care of the Depot Park and remind him that we have volunteers who are working in various other parks on a volunteer basis. Diane volunteered to coordinate a park clean-up team on a regular basis to clean up the Depot Park area.
- ✿ Community Garden: See note about new soil above in the treasurers' report.
- ✿ Sherwood Area: No report.
- ✿ Hicksville Area: It was reported that the Water Wagon Committee has resolved their issues and are looking for a used golf cart to pull their tank as backing it with the current equipment is hard for some volunteers.



Planning Ahead

**MG Meeting
Community Garden
August 15 @ 6:30pm**

**MG Meeting
Hicksville School Land Lab
September 19 @ 6:30pm**

**MG State Conference
Columbus, Ohio
September 29 & 30**

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- 8/8 Mary Brubaker
- 8/11 Tammy Bowers
- 8/17 Orville Clark
- 8/18 Rosalie Rosebrock
- 8/20 Karen Short
- 8/27 Beverly Snyder

July MG Meeting Continued

- ✿ Education Day: No report.
- ✿ Garden tour: No Report.
- ✿ Plant Sale: No report.
- ✿ County Fair: A sign up sheet was passed around and will also be available at the next meeting for volunteers to work at the booth. Diane told the group that volunteers are also needed for set up at 10:00 on the Friday August 18th before the fair and for take down at 5:00 PM at the end of the Fair on Friday August 25th. Diane informed the group that the booth will be located in the Merchant's Building this year instead of the Ag Hall as in the past. Be aware of that.
- ✿ Old Business: None at this time.
- ✿ New Business:
 - ✿ 1. Diane informed the group that she has signed up for a class on July 25th at the Toledo Zoo on "Blooms for Bees and Butterflies" and shared with the group how to register.
 - ✿ 2. Jean talked about attending the State Master Gardener Conference this year in September. Diane, Penny and Rose Rosebrock said they would like to go. It was brought up that officers who wish to attend would receive financial support to do so from our organization as per our by-laws.
 - ✿ 3. Diane shared some programming information regarding next year's meetings. She has set up a program for our May next year's meeting to be at Kircher's in Defiance which would include a tour and could possibly include some special plant requests which members could purchase. She also described a workshop she and Rose Rosebrock are working on for a Saturday morning in April which would be all about getting roses ready for spring. Diane and Rose suggested you bring your tools and gloves.
 - ✿ 4. Tammy Bowers brought some old donated books that were not needed by the Master Gardener Library at the OSU Extension Office. Members took what they wanted.
 - ✿ 5. Members were reminded that the next meeting will be August 15 at the Community Garden in Defiance at 6:30 PM. Norm Tadsen will host. If the weather is bad we will meet in the garage located next to the gardens. Remember to bring your favorite zucchini bread and 20 copies of your recipe for "Show and Tell". We plan to invite the community gardeners and have them be the "Judges" for the best zucchini bread contest.
 - ✿ 6. Diane introduced Judy McCalla of Hicksville who later in the evening presented our Horticultural moment "Yoga for Gardeners". Diane showed the group the Memorial Garden near the Rotary Pavilion dedicated to Judy's son Pete, which Judy and her husband planted in Pete's memory.
 - ✿ 7. Donna Hitzeman won the door prize, a beautiful colander filled with succulents.
- ✿ Adjournment: A motion made by Linda and seconded by Donna concluded the meeting.
- ✿ Judy McCalla, a former yoga instructor, gave tips to members about caring for your body as you garden. She demonstrated various ways to protect your back and muscles so gardening is easier and safer. She recommended ways to move bones and muscles which would allow you to garden more efficiently and safely.
- ✿ Diane Clark then gave a talk on recycling and how you can use various items in your gardening. She also included an audience participation segment where each member was able to share useful ideas to reuse, and recycle various items like newspapers, Styrofoam, old panty hose, old and leaky garden hose and even egg cartons. Many ideas were new to members and members shared some ideas they had used in the past.
- ✿ Diane and Donna provided the refreshments. Respectfully Submitted by Tammy Bowers for Laurel Brehler.



Fund-raise Information

Diane Clark proposed a bulb selling fund-raiser through Flower Power where we earn 50% for our treasury. All in attendance took catalogs and info to take orders or buy personally. Orders and payment must be submitted no later than our September meeting or submit in August, too. Bulb catalog materials will also be available at the August meeting or by contacting Diane Clark anytime. Shipments will be to individual buyers the first week of October.

Community Garden Meeting

