



A Garden Of Friends Is Always In Bloom

Defiance County Master Gardeners



October Information

The Master Gardeners met at the OSU Extension Office at 6:30 pm on September 18, 2018 with 9 members present. President Diane Clark called the meeting to order.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's Report for August 14, 2018 was approved with two corrections. Judy McCalla also helped with the refreshments. Also, it was Paulding County and not Williams County that had responded to Deb Walters about the October meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Gwen Anderson reported that there is still money for the community garden. A check was given to Laurel Brehler to reimburse her for gifts and also candy for the Fair, as approved at the last meeting. Please turn in any receipts that you may have from the Fair to Gwen Anderson.

Historian's Report: None

Communications: Deb has heard from Paulding about the October pot-luck and seed/bulb exchange to take place on Tuesday October 16, at 5:30 p.m. So far there are 6 from Paulding County. Also, please remember to log in all of your volunteer and education hours for this year by October 15th.

Committee Reports:

Defiance: If anyone needs more volunteer hours, the sign at Kingsbury Park needs to be weeded. Diehl Park has been mulched at Kid's Creation. Several of us are meeting at the Depot on Wednesday October 3rd at 10:00 a.m. to plant Daylilies and Iris. Anyone may join us (please).

Sherwood: None

Hicksville: The city has a new gator for watering with a 95 gallon tank.

Promedica: George Stuckey reported that the meetings might continue this fall, but he may change the time for earlier in the day since not many employees are attending. They will still meet on the Wednesday following our monthly meeting.

County Fair: Thank you to all who participated in the Defiance County Fair last month. We gave out all but a few of our hand-outs. Several names were collected from the drawing that indicated interest in next year's MG class.

Horticultural Moment: Marge shared how to manage Field-bind Weed which is a nuisance at many of our parks. Also everyone shared about their favorite perennials.

Old Business: Gwen Anderson collected all of the bulb orders at the meeting. The MGV Convention at the end of this month will be attended by Donna Hitzeman and Doreen DeLisle.

A garden requires patient labor and attention. Plants do not grow merely to satisfy ambitions or to fulfill good intentions. They thrive because someone expended effort on them. ~Liberty Hyde Bailey



Planning Ahead

**Volunteer Hours
Entry Deadline
Oct 15th**

**MG Meeting
Extension Office
Oct 16 @ 5:30pm**

**Recognition Potluck
Extension Office
Nov 27th @ 6:00pm**

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- 10/15 Mary Kasuga
- 10/18 Linda Maag
- 10/25 Bill Phelps
- 10/26 Aileen Meyer

October Newsletter Continued

New Business: Diane handed out a rough draft of the 2019 program schedule for our meetings. There are several spots open for presenting, hosting, etc., so get in touch with Diane to volunteer. Please come to our next meeting for a pot-luck/bulb and seed exchange with Master Gardeners from Paulding and Williams Counties. We will first meet at 5:30 at The Pollinator Sanctuary (located on Schick road, just NW of the extension office, off of Evansport Road) where Jamie Walters will show us his hives. Please wear light colored clothing, long pants, long sleeve shirt, socks and no open shoes. He has protection to take 10 people at a time into the apiary. We will then meet at the Extension Conference room at around 6:00 pm RSVP to Deb. Also remember that we will be nominating new officers to be voted on in November. Gwen will provide drinks, Marge and Laurel will decorate, tableware will be provided so just bring a dish to pass and any seeds or bulbs that you want to swap. Please remember to wear your name tag.

Meeting was adjourned. Respectively submitted, Laurel Brehler

Pollinator Sanctuary & Training Facility (Now Open)

The Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was Sept. 22nd. This is the 1st pollinator & honeybee training facility in Ohio. This is a 2.86 acre pollinator sanctuary with a 40' x 40' fenced training facility for working active honeybee colonies. We hope to help educate everyone about Ohio pollinators & honeybees with this facility. It has been used by Black Swamp Beekeepers, beginning & advanced internship classes.

Your always welcome to visit the sanctuary to view the hives through windows or contact BSBA to take a tour with an advanced intern beekeeper with proper hat & veil that we provide. If you would like to tour the inside of the apiary, please wear; light colored, long sleeve jacket, jeans or slacks, socks, closed shoes or boots. We can take groups of 10 or less into the apiary at a time.

There will be presentations on; honeybees, pollinators, Ohio native plants and trees at the facility from Spring to Fall of 2019. If you would be interested in a group tour or presentation, please contact Jamie Walters at 419.438.7335 or a Black Swamp Beekeepers Association Officer. Please follow us on Facebook for lists of events & activities.



Cool Weather Crops

Have you started your cool weather crops? If you live in northern climates you should begin your seeds now and get them in the garden as soon as you can. With row covers or hoop houses you can still have a crop growing after the frost sets in.

Arugula 30-40 days
Beet 50-65 days
Broccoli 60-70 days
Cabbage 50-65 days
Carrots 55-75 days
Cauliflower 65-75 days
Cilantro 60-75 days
Collards 55-60 days
Kale 45-60 days
Kohlrabi 55-65 days



Lettuce 45-60 days
Leek 85-105 ground all winter
Mustard 30-50 days
Green onion 55-60 days
Snap Peas 55-60 days
Radish 25-40 days
Spinach 37-50 days
Swiss Chard 50-60 days
Turnip 45-60 days

Recognition Potluck

Save the date for the 2018 Recognition Potluck on Nov. 27th, 6:00pm, at the Defiance Extension Office. Your welcome to RSVP with Deb Walters at 419.782.4771. Hope to see you there.