



A Garden Of Friends Is Always In Bloom

Defiance County Master Gardeners



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Officers

September Information

The Master Gardeners met on Tuesday August 14, 2018 at Strait Gate Nursery. There were 16 present. Prior to the meeting, Kim from Strait Gate talked about their business. Jean Bremer called the meeting to order.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from July's meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: No new expenses. Turn in any receipts you may have for the fair.

Historian's Report: Doreen asked that we take pictures while working at the fair and send them to her. She has the Tri-fold all ready for the fair booth.

Communication: Deb has heard from Paulding County and they are interested in coming to the October meeting for the pot-luck/bulb and seed exchange. They will let us know how many will attend.

Defiance: The Promedica meetings will resume on September 19 at 4:30, which is the day after our next meeting.

Community Garden: Jean Bremer reported that of the 24 plots only 3 seem to be neglected. She has been weeding there and also mowing.

Sherwood: None

Hicksville: Donna Hitzeman reported that she took the Beautification Committee to visit Quilt gardens and then they went to lunch.

County Fair: There is a 3-ring binder of what to do to run the booth. Jean Bremer will bring a fun game for the kids. We will give out candy for kids who participate.

Old Business: The Bulb orders need to be turned in by the September meeting. Please write a check out to Defiance County Master Gardener's and Gwen will then send one check for all orders.

New Business: Marge Wilson suggested that we buy a bench for the 5th and Jefferson Park in Defiance. She showed pictures of a bench similar to others in Defiance at a cost of \$1000. After much discussion, we decided to look further into more affordable benches. It was also suggested that we may be able to get a local artist to make a bench for us. Marge also had the idea to create a loose-leaf book for each park as a reference guide for their care. The book could contain pictures, plot plans with dimensions, plantings, and history of the park, as well as a calendar describing tasks to be done. To make sure we have consistency, Marge and Jane Claussen will work on the model to be used.

The meeting was adjourned. Respectively submitted, Laurel Brehler



Planning Ahead

**MG Meeting
Extension Office
Sept 18 @ 6:30pm**

**Promedica
Resume Meeting
Sept 19 @ 4:30pm**

**MG State
Conference
Sept 28 & 29**

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9/7 Yvonne Blosser

9/20 Jeanette Tingle



A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust. — Gertrude Jekyll

September Newsletter Continued

Our next meeting will be at the Extension Office on September 18th at 6:30 pm.

After the meeting, Doreen DeLisle shared a horticultural moment. She told us about a free app for smart phones called “Picture This”. You can use it to identify plants by taking their picture. We enjoyed refreshments provided by Donna Hitzeman, also 3 breads were shared by Donna Hitzeman, Doreen DeLisle, and Judy McCalla. They were all delicious!

2018 State Master Gardener Volunteer Conference

Saturday, September 29, 2018, Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Road, Cincinnati, OH 45246
<https://hamilton.osu.edu/program-areas/master-gardener-volunteers/2018-state-master-gardener-volunteer-conference>

Keynote Speakers:

Jon Carloftis, Kentucky native, is a great American gardener. His more than 25- year career in gardening began far from home in New York City where he has become one of America’s pioneers in rooftop/small space gardening. As a 10th generation Kentuckian, Jon graduated from University of Kentucky and moved to New York City in 1988. What was supposed to be a summer spent in the city before starting his business at home in Lexington ended up being a 25 year career of designing and installing rooftop gardens all over Manhattan.

Claudia West is a leading voice in the emerging field of ecological planting design. Known for her passionate advocacy of plant-driven design, Claudia is a widely sought out speaker and consultant who applies the technologies of plant systems to bring essential natural functions back into our cities and towns. She has worked on all sides of the green industry—as a designer, a grower, installer, and land manager—grounding her innovative work in pragmatic solutions that address the realities of our urbanizing world. She is the co-author of the critically acclaimed book, *Planting in a Post-Wild World* (Timber Press, 2015).

Carol Reese is a Research Horticulture Specialist at the University of Tennessee’s West Tennessee Ag Research and Education Center. She is a nationally-known speaker, blending equal parts gardening knowledge, homespun wisdom and humor. Carol is the gardening and nature columnist for the Jackson Sun, as well as a contributor to Horticulture Magazine.

The Best Herbaceous Plants

Have you been thinking about renovating your flower garden? Trying to decide which perennial and annual flowers would grow best in your garden? Well, guess no longer! Come spend a day with Pam Bennett, OSU Extension Horticulture Educator, and find out for yourself. In Clark County, Pam and her volunteers specialize in herbaceous ornamental plant trials and evaluate more than 200 varieties of annuals and two genera of ornamental grasses yearly!

Pam will share her findings from this year’s plant trials with us and help you to choose the top performing perennial or annuals for your garden setting. This fun day at Secret Arboretum will be all about which annual and perennial plants were the TOP PERFORMERS in the side-by-side trials.

The class will be on Thursday, September 6, 2018 at the Secret Arboretum- Jack and Debbie Miller Pavilion, OARDC 1680 Madison Avenue Wooster, OH 44691. The cost for this day of talking about and discovering the latest and greatest herbaceous plants for Ohio, is a mere \$40.00, including lunch, snacks and FABULOUS INFORMATION! You can register by going to “go.osu.edu/chatfield” and click on the “TOP PERFORMING HERBACEOUS PLANTS FOR OHIO” link or contact Sarah Mays at 330-263-3831 or you can email Sarah at mays.201@osu.edu for more information.

