MG Education Day

On Saturday, March 21st, 8:15am, at the St. John United Church of Christ we will have Kylee Baumle, Hal Mann, and Eric Hite presenting. Registration open at 8:15am and runs until 1:00pm. Please check out page 2 for more information and to get registered by March 16th.

Master Gardener - February 18th Meeting

Prior to our regular meeting we had an Education Day meeting. The regular meeting was held at the OSU Extension office in the small conference room with 9 members in attendance. Doreen DeLisle provided snacks. Pam Bennett our speaker was unable to attend. President Anne Kohout-Chase was unable to attend so Tammy Bowers stepped in to run the meeting.

Secretary’s Report: There were no meeting minutes sent out for January, so no minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Gwen Anderson reported that there were no expenses for January. She did ask that we approve $25.00 to pay for our tax returns of 2019 and 2020. Doreen DeLisle moved, Marge Wilson seconded, motion carried.

Historian’s Report: Doreen DeLisle had no report.

Communication: Deb at the Extension Office needs everyone to pay their $10.00 annual fee if you haven’t already. Also make sure to complete your recertification. We only had 22 active members last year.

Committee Reports

Defiance: None

Sherwood: Tammy Bowers said that they will have the Spring Fling sale on May 15th and will give us any leftovers to sell in our plant sale on May 16th.

Hicksville: None

Fulton County: George is taking a pest applicator class. Marge wants to know if anyone is interested in volunteering at Sauder Village.

Education Day: Planning for our Education Day is going well. Here are the plans so far: The date is Saturday, March 21st from 8:15am to 1:00pm, but we come at 7:30 am. The place is St. John United Church of Christ, 950 Webster, Defiance. Set-up will be on Friday, March 20th at 3:00 at the church. (maybe for 1 hour?) We will use white plastic table runners on the tables. Plants to decorate. Colored paper and pens will be put at each place for note taking. Tammy and Mary Batt will handle check-in at 8:15. Jamie will make name tags. Doreen DeLisle will purchase breakfast items from Costco based on numbers. Gwen will report the number in attendance to Doreen. Laurel will make the coffee, both regular and de-caf, and have cream, sugars, etc. Mary Batt will bring a water dispenser for ice water. (continued on page 2)
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We will use real coffee cups, glasses, plates and silver. Laurel runs dishwasher. Jamie will provide any AV equipment needed. There is a large screen in the room. Bobbi Sinn will coordinate with the 8 vendors. They will have colored table cloths. Jamie will do welcome and introduce Kylee; Bobbi will introduce Hal; and Doreen will introduce Eric. Jamie will have evaluations sheets. We will have our own MG table at the side of the large room with info, pop-up sign, etc. Extra clean-up time will count toward our hours.

   Garden Tour: None
   Lilac Festival: We will wrap the Lilacs on Wednesday, May 6th at 3:00pm. Meet at Laurel Brehler’s home at 706 E. High Street, Defiance. We will order pizza.
   Plant Sale: The plant sale will be held on Saturday, May 16th, at the Defiance Farmer’s Market in front of the Northtowne Mall.
   County Fair: We will talk about the Fair at our April meeting.
   Old Business: Gwen is not sure if they will have the YMCA event this year. It would be on Saturday April 25th if they do. She has some ideas for the craft. George Stuckey reported that the Promedica gardening group has ended.
   New Business: It was moved by Tammy that we give $200.00 total to the Extension Office for supplies, etc. for both 2019 and 2020. Mary Batt seconded, motion carried.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 17th at the Extension Office. The Education committee will meet at 6:30pm and the regular meeting will start at 7:00pm.

Further Education

Your Master Gardener Reference Library located at the OSU Extension office has received quite a few new resources donated by Master Gardeners. We will feature some of these additions each month in your newsletter. Hope you find some of these useful. Most of you may know Diane Clark, class of 2005, was also a member of the Fort Wayne Herb Society so of course she has donated two interesting herbals.

   Herb Gardening For The Midwest by Debra Knapke and Laura Peters, published in 2008 by Lone Pine Publishing, contains information on types of herbs, herb garden design, propagation, planting and caring for herbs, and details about pests and diseases. The majority of the text includes information and illustrations of individual herbs, their habits and uses.

   New Book of Herbs, Garden, Kitchen, Home and Health by Jekka McVicar is a Dorling Kindersley publication with lavish illustrations and easy to understand text. “Top” 100 herbs are detailed, but there are only a few recipes to entice you to cook. This is a great book to sit with on a snowy January day and let your gardening imagination run away with you. Both books can be found at Dewey Decimal Number 635.7 on the shelf located in the Master Gardener workroom where you probably did your Hot Line work. The collection of reference materials there are on the shelf by subject. In other words all the tree books are together and all the insect books are together, etc. Enjoy.
Join us for the 25th Annual Neighborhood “Clean Up Your Park Day”

9:30am to 11:30am

Saturday, April 4th, 2020

Just show up at a Park nearest you:
BRONSON, KINGSBURY, LATTY’ GROVE, RIVERSIDE, DIEHL,
PONTIAC PARK, FORT GROUNDS AND THE RESERVOIR

~Bring along rakes, shovels, brooms, gloves and boots for helping

IN THE CLEANUP. DON’ FORGET TO BRING A FRIEND!

Lunch at Diehl Park @ 11:30am PLUS get a FREE T-shirt!

Contact Person:
Parks Division –Jackie (419) 782-2240 *Please call if you have any questions regarding this event!