



# A Garden Of Friends Is Always In Bloom

*Defiance County Master Gardeners*



## Minutes from March Meeting

The Defiance County Master Gardeners met at the Extension office in the small Conference Room on March 19, 2019 with 14 members in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President Jamie Walters.

Secretary's Report: The February 2019 Minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Gwen Anderson had nothing new to report.

Historian's Report: Doreen DeLisle says to keep sending any articles you see in the paper, as well as any pictures you may have taken.

Communications: The new MG class is starting in Paulding County. The number of people signed up to take the class is around 12. We can earn education hours by attending any of the classes. The classes will be on Wednesdays from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

We will be helping with YMCA Kids Day again this year. It is on April 27 from 10:00am-2:00pm, with set-up at 9:00am. We will finalize the craft activity at our April meeting. One idea is to make wire and Christmas bulb bugs. We would need to find the old-fashioned Christmas bulbs, so if you have any, let Gwen Anderson know. She will get vegetable plants from Kirchers, and we will make our own pots out of newspaper. Jamie Walters will be there with a observation bee display.

### Committee Reports

Defiance: Marge Wilson set the pruning date for Saturday, March 30th at 10:00am. Meet at the 5th and Jefferson Park and bring your tools, gloves, etc. We may go out to lunch afterward.

Sherwood: It was mentioned that Sherwood is not having a plant sale this year.

Hicksville: None

Community Garden: Mary Brubaker reported that she fixed the sign. Most of the mulch has washed away, so it needs to be replaced. Jamie mentioned that Werlors will donate 1/3 of the cost. Someone suggested contacting the Juvenile Probation Officer about getting people who need Community Service hours to help spread the mulch. Jean Bremer said they would like the people who adopt the plots to help more with the work that needs to be done. Mary also said that 2 of the 2x6x12 boards are rotten and need to be replaced. She will need pole barn spikes as well. The 18 plots will be adopted at a meeting on April 11, 9:30-noon & 6:30-8:00pm at the District East Garage.



## Planning Ahead

**Community Gardens Meeting & Sign-Up**  
**April 11, 2019**

**MG Meeting**  
**Extension Office**  
**April 16 @ 6:30pm**  
**Small Conf. Room**

**YMCA Kids Day**  
**April 27 @ 10:00am**  
**Palmer Drive**

**Lilac Wrapping**  
**Laurel's Home**  
**May 8, 2019**

**14th Annual**  
**Lilac Festival**  
**May 11, 2019**

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- 3/5 Joan Lasek
- 3/8 Tim DeTray
- 3/8 Carolyn Flory
- 3/9 Dale Bennett
- 3/13 Jean Bremer
- 3/18 David Uetterling
- 3/18 Kay Winnie
- 3/27 Marilyn Meek



We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses - Abraham Lincoln



# March Newsletter Continued

**Plant Sale:** The plant sale will be on Saturday May 18, 2019 beginning at 8:30am in the parking lot of Eric's on North Clinton. Deb has taken care of Insurance. George Stuckey will bring grape vine to our next meeting and we will make wreaths for the sale. At tonight's meeting we prepared 30+ milk jugs for the sale. We will dig raspberries from George Stuckey's yard closer to the sale. It was moved by Tammy Bowers that we purchase bags for the raspberries, with a 2nd from Jean Bremer.

**County Fair:** The County Fair this year is August 17th to the 23rd, with set-up on August 16th and tear-down on the 23rd. We will discuss our plans closer to that date.

**Old Business:** Diane Clark sent out fliers to many of us about the Fort Wayne Herb Gardeners Bus Tour/Day Trip on Wednesday May 15, 2019. Departure is at 6:00am and estimated return is 8:30pm. Cost is \$85 or \$95 if you want wine tasting. If there are enough of us going, we may have a Defiance pick-up.

**New Business:** The Clean-Up the Parks Day is Saturday April 6 from 9:30- 11:30am. Lunch and a t-shirt are provided at Diehl Park afterward. Please bring your own rakes, shovels, gloves, etc.

We discussed Riverfest which will take place on Saturday July 20, 2019. Several of us are willing to run a booth and we will work out details closer to that date. Marge shared that she went to a Landscape Workshop by Janet Macunovich and said it was excellent. Check out this website: [www.gardenAtoZ.com](http://www.gardenAtoZ.com)

It was decided to reinstate refreshments at our meetings. Sheila Stuckey, a MG friend of Doreen who has joined our group, will bring them for next month's meeting which is April 16, 2019 at the small Extension Conference Room.

Another reminder for the Lilac wrapping that will take place on Wednesday May 8, 2019. Please meet at Laurel Brehler's, 706 E. High Street, Defiance at 3:00pm. It takes around 3 hours to wrap 500, so bring a friend. We may decide to order Pizza.

The meeting was adjourned, moved by Doreen and seconded by Marge.

Respectively submitted, Laurel Brehler

Rob Cereghin was our speaker. He gave a detailed talk about the care of our Parks and other areas that his department maintains. We are grateful for all the work he does for our beautiful Defiance Parks.



## 5th & Jefferson Park



The Master Gardeners went to 5th & Jefferson park on Sunday, March 31 to do some dormant pruning and cleaning up the park. This is the first part of cleaning up the area to bring the invasive weeds under control, revitalize the landscaping, and use this as a test area for putting together a handbook. The goal is to use this as a template for all of the other parks throughout Defiance and other organizations to follow. Photos: Bob Lawson, George Stuckey, Linda Lauber, and Marjorie Wilson.



## Lilac Wrapping

Laurel Brehler  
706 E. High Street  
Defiance, OH  
May 8, 2019  
Starting at 3:00pm

