'THE COMMPOST' NEWSLETTER

CLINTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS

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Next *COMMPOST*
Deadline: Feb 16, 2022

Please submit items in MS Word Format to Nicole Alexander at:
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MARK YOU CALENDAR:

Master Gardener Program OSU Extension Mission:

The Ohio State University Extension Master Gardener Program provides knowledge to and develops the leadership abilities of volunteers who, in turn, enable others to improve the quality of their lives by enhancing their home and community environments through horticultural education and activities.

How tall is the world's biggest snowman?

38.04 meters.

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Tony Nye, OSU AG Extension Educator

Greetings to each of you.

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas Holiday and are looking forward to a better New Year!!
It looks like COVID doesn't want to go away, but with that said there are lots of things to be cheerful about such as: Spring is less than 65 days away, we all have flowers and gardens we are planning for, we have had a mild winter so far and hopes it will continue, and we are looking forward to so many other things related to plants and the great outdoors.

In trying to get you all entered into the new State Master Gardener program it looks like I may need you to get into the system through your emails with me so I can get into the system as an active Master Gardener for 2022. Your hours have been entered for 2021. **Stay tuned** as I may need to schedule time with each of you to stop by the office and get this accomplished.

I have begun discussion with Stockslagers about getting plants for this year's Plant Sale and we have filed paper work with Ohio State MG to get our nursery license in order to legally have our plant sale this spring.

We can discuss more about this at our next meeting.

Until then, enjoy life, be safe and stay healthy.

Sincerely,
Tony

Judy Grosvenor, MGV Coordinator

The Clinton County Master Gardeners ended the 2021 year with a Christmas dinner at the General Denver in Wilmington. We celebrated our yearly programs and acknowledged our MG members. Lovely amaryllis bulbs were the gifts this year.

It has been a tough year with the Covid pandemic, but we are determined to share our gardening knowledge with the community. We are looking forward to a great new year.

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New OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Training

Do you like to garden and want to improve your skills? Do you enjoy sharing your knowledge with others?

Apply today to become an OSU Extension Clinton/Greene County Master Gardener Volunteer!

Location: OSU Extension Greene County,100 Fairground Road, Xenia, Ohio Or OSU Extension Clinton County, 111 S. Ave., Wilmington, Ohio

This program is a hybrid of online learning, Zoom, and face to face discussion with handson activities

Dates: February 3 through April 28, 2022

Time: Thursday's 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Cost: $ 175 payable to OSU Extension, Send application and fee to Clinton County Extension, 111 S. Nelson Ave., Suite 2, Wilmington Ohio

Application Deadline: November 20 Contact information:

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Presented by the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky Honda Dealers

HONDA

FEBRUARY 26-27 &
MARCH 3-6, 2022
DUKE ENERGY
CONVENTION CENTER

FOR MORE INFO GO TO:

FEBRUARY GARDENING CHECKLIST

petittigardencenter.com

There are plenty of gardening projects and tasks to stay busy indoors and outside from nurturing houseplants and feathered friends to shaping up shrubs and starting seeds.

BIRDING

- It is National Bird Feeding month! Send some love to your feathered friends by keeping feeders full.
- Clean bird feeders about every two weeks with a 10% bleach solution. Refill after they have dried thoroughly.
- Providing suet and seed cakes for the birds this month is a beneficial and welcome treat.
- Black oil sunflower is a favorite of many winter songbirds, and it is full of energy to help them stay warm.
- If seed hulls are creating a mess around your feeders, try using peanut pieces or sunflower chips.
- Attract finches and pine siskins with a thistle seed feeder or a thistle sock/sack.

HOUSEPLANTS

- Rotate houseplants every two weeks to promote even growth.
- Continue to keep houseplants on the drier side of watering during winter. Overwatering “kills with kindness”.
- Houseplants are still resting/dormant. Refrain from fertilizing them until next month.
- Avoid transplanting houseplants until they start to perk-up and actively grow, usually next month.
- Mist houseplants regularly to raise humidity or place them on a humidity tray.
- Bring home some cyclamen & primrose for a burst of cheerful color indoors. Their garden guide is on our website, here.

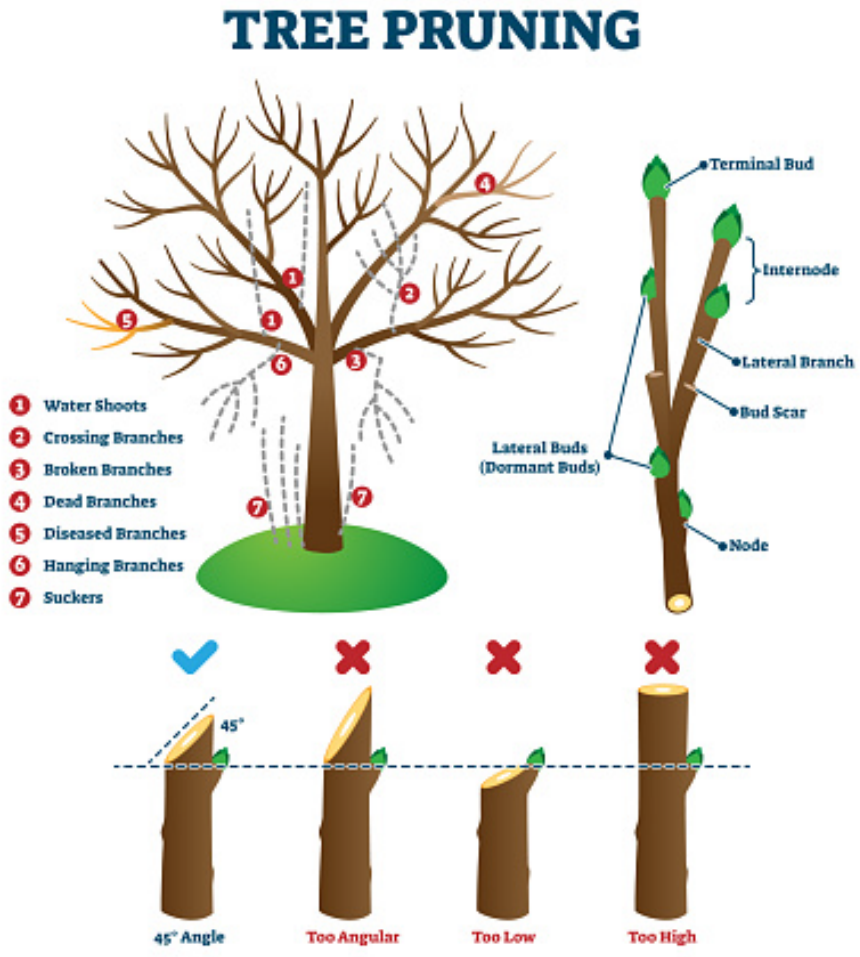
- Inspect houseplants regularly for unusual spots, webbing or scale. Look on both tops and bottoms of their leaves.
- Grow some air purifying houseplants such as snake plants, moth orchids, philodendron and spider plants.
- Celebrate Valentine's Day with winter flowering houseplants such as gerbera daisies, calla lilies & flamingo flower.

SEED STARTING

- Start your garden wish list and purchase seeds. Now gather seed starting materials: seed starter soilless mix, sanitized pots/flats, tags, spray mister, plastic domes or wrap and seeds.
- Start cold crop seeds indoors mid-month! This includes lettuce, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, kale and onions.
- If interested in growing more herbs, start chives, cilantro, dill, fennel, sage and thyme from seed later in the month.

PRUNING

- Clean, sharpen and sanitize pruning tools now, (pruners, loppers, saws, etc.), so they are ready to use this month.
- Remove winter damaged, diseased or dead tree and shrub branches.
- Prune to shape the plant, produce better growth, and to develop a stronger structure. Remove weak, suckering, crossing growth including vertical growing water sprouts.
- Avoid pruning spring blooming shrubs until after they are finished blooming such as azaleas, rhododendrons, magnolias, lilacs, etc., unless they are damaged, diseased or dead.



- While pruning, cut some Forsythia branches to force into bloom indoors. Place them in a water filled vase in a cool room away from direct sunlight and heater vents. They will flower within two weeks!

GARDEN

- While the soil is frozen, clean up the spent plants, dead foliage, branches, and debris in the garden beds and landscape. Toss them in the compost pile.
- Replant frost heaved perennials or place additional mulch around them to protect them from drying out.
- Ensure winter protection materials, (burlap and mulch), are still in place for hydrangeas and roses, restore if not.
- Inspect stored bulbs; throw away any that are rotting, mushy or dried up.

Clinton County MG 2022 Meeting Dates:

Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of the month. All regular meetings begin at 6:30 pm.

Minutes: *Clinton County Master Gardeners Association*
November 11, 2021

In Attendance: Nicole Alexander, Judy Grosvenor, Tony Nye

No minutes due to low attendance.

Hours Needed for Interns: 50 Hours total 1st year
Hours needed for established MGV: 20 Volunteer Hours per year
Continuing Education Hours: 10 Continuing Education Hours per year

Clinton County 2022 MG Projects:

Backyard Food Demo Garden @ Denver Park, by walk path.

- ✓ This project has been retired. We had many years work on this great project and thank everyone who worked with it.

WIC garden at extension office. Contact Jeff

- ✓ Work with the WIC office program
- ✓ Education of growing food for families

Master Gardener booth Contact Judy

- ✓ Once or twice a month table at the Farmers Market, to meet public/answer questions.
- ✓ Project to make public aware of MG

Chad Mason's Youth Summer Program and Gardens:

- ✓ Chad Mason's Juvenile Youth Program
- ✓ Cover 6 weeks of 1-hour programs on food and gardening

Habitat for Humanity: Contact Judy or Nicole

- ✓ Project we have supported for 11 plus years with Habitat
- ✓ Design Front Landscapes, purchase plants and set workday to install them.
- ✓ Present educational on home care of landscape

Planting two urns @ Denver Park entrance. Contact: Judy

- ✓ Seasonal 4 times year
- ✓ We purchased and donated the urns, keep them planted, seasonal

Elementary School Sensory Garden Contact: Beverly

Work in office: as asked by Tony/ and hotline questions from public.

Annual Plant Sale + Educational Classes

- ✓ Fund Raiser
- ✓ Set up + sale of vegetable and flowers to the public
- ✓ Present one-hour educational programs for the public

Pollinator Acre

- ✓ New 2020 project – headed by Jeff Drapalik
- ✓ Acreage tilled, planted and maintained

Community Pollinator Educational Program

- ✓ Pollinator week: June 14th – 19th (Cancelled this year)
- ✓ Usually children oriented
- ✓ Educational to raise awareness of need of pollinators

2021-2022 Hort Happy Hour and Lunch & Learn

Fall 2021 Webinar Series

LUNCH & LEARN AND HAPPY HOUR WEBINAR SERIES FOR MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS:

Each session will count for 1 hour of continuing education. You will be responsible for entering in your own hours.
Speakers and times are subject to change.

UPCOMING WEBINARS: **Hit CTR + CLICK HERE** for the full list of webinars

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 12-1 PM

THE ART OF GRAFTING

PAUL SNYDER, OPERATIONS MANAGER, SECREST ARBORETUM, THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Bio

Paul Snyder is the operations manager at Secrest Arboretum. Paul started in 2010 as a college intern before being hired full-time. During his time at Ohio State, he shared a position between Secrest and the Department of Entomology under Dr. Dan Herms for several years before returning to Secrest full-time. Paul holds a Bachelor's of Horticulture from Kent State University and a Masters in Theology from Malone University. Paul oversees garden maintenance, plant production, education, plant records, and the volunteer program which includes the Secrest Master Gardeners.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17 4-5 PM

GALLING OF AMERICA

JOE BOGGS, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DEPT. OF ENTOMOLOGY, THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Bio

Joe is an assistant professor in Extension and has a courtesy appointment with the OSU Department of Entomology. In Extension, he is an Educator, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Specialization: Tree/Shrub Diagnostics, Applied Entomology, Non-Native Invasive Pests, Urban Forestry. He averages over 100 teaching presentations per year. He's published articles in the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA) Magazine, Landsculptor (Michigan Green Industry Association), the Buckeye Arborist, the Society of Commercial Arboriculture Newsletter, and the Canadian Groundskeeper. He has provided educational outreach on Asian long horned beetle (ALB) since the beetle was discovered in Ohio in 2011 garnering over $100,000 in funding for outreach efforts. Joe is a frequent contributor to the Buckeye Yard and Garden Line (BYGL) blog [bygl.osu.edu]. His weekly radio segment, "Buggy Joe Boggs Report," runs from April through October on the Saturday morning show, "In the Garden with Ron Wilson," (iHeartRadio: