'THE COMMPOST' NEWSLETTER

CLINTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS

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Next *COMMPOST*
Deadline: Jan. 10

Please submit items in MS Word Format to Judy Grosvenor at:
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MARK YOU CALENDAR:

Jan. 25, 2018: MG meeting, Ext. Office - 6:30 pm.
Feb. 22, 2018: MG meeting,Ext. Office - 6:30 pm.
Mar. 22, 2018: MG meeting,Ext. Office - 6:30 pm.

OVER THE GARDEN FENCE...

Letter to:

Hello, Fellow MG's,

We look to the close of the year 2017 and remember all the events of the past year. We continued with repeats of great projects like our annual May plant sale and educational programs and the Pollinator Hunt in June for eight days. We were able to complete one of the two Habitat for Humanity homes, educate and planting, with one home to complete in the spring as weather warms up. Our Food Forest Demo Garden won a state award in the Backyard and Garden categorize. We continued with helping in clean up days in the community, keeping the urns at Denver Park looking good, handling hotline calls this summer, doing educational presentations at the library. We have completed another MG training class. We have also, started a new community garden project.

We end December with MG President Cindy Halye handing over the reins to new President Jeff Drapalik. He and his team of officers will lead, direct and plan our MG programs for the next two years. We also, said good-bye to close MG members: Juanita Tiger and Doris Tillinghast, this year. We will miss them, greatly.

We turn to the New Year, 2018, with excitement and high hopes. We have five new MG interns to get to know and work with and many projects and educational opportunities to come. So, embrace the joys of the season and start planning your new MG volunteer year.
See you in the New Year, 2018!

Judy

Minutes: *Clinton County Master Gardener Association. Nov. 16, 2017*

In attendance: Tony Nye, Agr. Educator, Jeff Drapalik, Beverly Drapalik, Ray Koch and Judy Grosvenor.

Meeting was opened by V. President, Jeff Drapalik. Call to order 6:30 pm.
Extension Report: Tony reported that the new MG training classes are going well, invited everyone to attend any of the upcoming educators coming in for classes, Joe Boggs is next week. He is sending in the application for our $100 State award on Food Demo garden. We do have the $500 microscope from the State $500 project. Will be reimbursed as they get to each county. Still working on checks from the June Pollinator project. Need to improve timing next year.
President's Report: absent.
V. President's Report: He will be meeting with Juanita's daughter and Southern States new greenhouse project for our plant sale. Will work on 501 3 C in January.
Secretary Report: absent.
Treasurer Report: needs to have more checks signed and covering costs on MG classes. Will be working on the budget.
Coordinator Report: need all MG hours in the VMS system by Dec. 15th.

Current projects and business updates:

Wilmington Community Gardens: Jeff and Beverly attended State MG classes this year to start this new project. Just had the second meeting and looking at many community organizations involved in this. Possible location in the park system, like Gavin Pk. May use raised beds. Working on soil samples, design plans. Next meeting will be 12-6.

Wick Program: would like us to look at set up two raised beds in the back Ext. gardens for educational programs on growing food.

Pollinator Week project: if there is money left from Pollinator, voted to give to organization. Ray made motion and seconded by Judy/

MG Christmas Party: is Dec. 14th, at 6:30 pm, Fiesta Veracruz restaurant. Bring gift exchange if you wish to patriciate.

Meeting adjourn, next meeting Jan. 25th, 2018. Respectfully submitted: Judy Grosvenor.

FROM TONY

Greetings Master Gardeners,

What a great time of year. I love the weather of fall, getting through winter and looking for spring.

Hats off again to the many projects that we have accomplished this past year. Your recognition at this year's State conference is evidence to the many great things you are doing in our communities of Clinton County.

We are now well on our way with a new training class for Master Gardeners. I want to welcome Pam McCoy, Janet Epley, Nicole Alexander, Lynn Musser, and Ann Randal. I look forward to many more weeks of learning and getting to know each of you. As seasoned Master Gardeners, I encourage you to stop in for some of the sessions. They can work as refresher and advanced training.

I also encourage you to stop in and introduce yourself to our newest Master Gardener enthusiasts.

Our annual Christmas recognition and celebration party is Dec. 14th at the Fiesta Veracruz restaurant. Hope to see you there.

As always – Thank You so much for all you do

Tony

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOME

In mid-November, we were able to complete the front landscape on one of two, first New Vienna Habitat for Humanity homes. Special thanks to MG Dori Sabino for her leadership in chairing these projects. Assisting with planting over seventy plants, was the homeowner, MG Debbie Tong, Cindy Halye, Dori Sabino and her daughter and friend, and Judy Grosvenor. It was the one day in November that the temperature was 70 degrees. We still have a second home to complete this spring, home was just finished the last week of Dec. Be sure to sign up for this project.

Denver Park Urns

The Denver Park front entrance urns were designed and planted for this winter by MG Debbie Tong and Judy Grosvenor.

Clinton County Master Gardeners sponsor and pay for the yearly winter design for these donated urns (large urn in memory of Dori's father and other urn by MG's). We help the Park Dept. plant the urns the rest of the year, but the Park pays for the plants.

This is a fun project to do your volunteering.

2017 WORKSHOPS, EVENTS, & SEMINARS:

Jan. 8-14, 2018: 22th P.L.A.N.T Seminar in Columbus, Oh for perennials, inspirations and design. Counts as six CEU educational credits on your volunteer hours. For more info: www.tinyurl.com/2018PLANTseminar | 614-771-8431

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The Ohio Invasive Plants Council (OIPC) has posted on their website, www.oipc.info, new factsheets on some of the most problematic invasive plant species in Ohio. Check it out. Also other interesting websites:

This is our county Facebook link to:
https://www.facebook.com/clintoncountymastergardeners/

Ohio MG Volunteer system sign in: https://ohio.volunteersystem.org

Ohio State MGV website: http://mastergardener.osu.edu. And www.ohioline.osu.edu;
OSUE's 'Buckeye Yard and Garden on Line': *http://bygl.osu.edu/* and http://vegnet.osu.edu;
http://ourohio.org/home-gardens/ ; and http://www.hummingbirds.net/map.html.

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