

'THE COMMPOST' NEWSLETTER

CLINTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS



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Next *COMMPOST*

Deadline: June 25

Please submit items in MS Word
Format to Judy Grosvenor at:
grosvenor.judy@hotmail.com

MARK YOU CALENDAR:

6-26-2016: MG picnic at
Cindy's.

8-25-2016: MG meeting, Ext.
Office - 6:00 pm.

"This grand show is eternal.
It is always sunrise somewhere;
the dew is never all dried at once;
a shower is forever falling;
vapor is ever rising.
Eternal sunrise, eternal sunset,
eternal dawn and glowing,
on sea and continues and islands,
each in its turn,
as the round earth rolls."

~John Muir ~

OVER THE GARDEN FENCE...

Letter from the Prez:...



Spring has us hustling right now between bringing plants indoors or covering outdoor plants to avoid frosty weather. Hoping it soon stabilizes a bit so we can count on weather that will allow us into our gardens to get the tomatoes staked and annual containers blooming. Our plant sale was just completed with a decent attendance in spite of a dreary, cold day. Many, many thanks to the MGs who set up, manned the sale, taught the workshops, and tore down afterward. Our sale is our most time consuming undertaking each year and those who have handled it year to year certainly do deserve a HUGE thank-you!

Now it is time to look forward to earning our volunteer hours through local, ongoing projects and attendance at meetings. I know that Dori is one contact who can often use help with all her irons in the fire. She can point you in the right direction on many of our projects. There continue to be good educational workshops if you read Judy's emails. She is very good about forwarding everything that is pertinent to us here in Clinton County. Be sure to open emails from Judy!

Finally, please remember the MG picnic planned for Sunday, June 26. It's at my place, 7913 N. St. Rt. 134, Wilmington. It begins at 3:30 pm. Everyone and families are welcome to attend. Hope you find some quality time to dig in the dirt!

Cindy Halye, CCMG President

Minutes: *Clinton County Master Gardener Association May 26, 2016*

In attendance: Cindy Halye- President, Jeff Drapalik - VP, Beverly Drapalik- Treasurer, Debbie Tong –sec., Roxanne Luff, Mary Harris, Kelly Wilburn, and Tony Nye.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Cindy Halye.

Extension Report: Tony reported he will be quite busy through June, July and August and will need help with the hotline calls, fill in for other office events. He also, met with one of the county commissioners. Also, Susan Case donated a collection of gardening books to our library.

Presidents Report: Cindy reminded all attending that we each need to do some paperwork on the MGVN website when we log on to report our hours. She also will host the summer MG picnic.

V. President: Jeff updated the details for the upcoming Wilmington Library Square Foot Gardening raised bed to go in.

Secretary's report: minutes read and approved.

Treasurer's report: Beverly reported..

Current Projects and Business:

Plant Sale: May 14th Workshops were well attended. Weather was again rainy and cold. Sales were fair but not outstanding, about \$2,000. Was made, weather related. ***Many thanks*** to all who help set up, worked and cleaned up.

Arbor Day Tree Giveaway- In order to promote the new CCMG Facebook page we have purchased 100 hardwood saplings from C.C. Soil and Water Tree Sale. Those trees left over were potted and some sold at the plant sale, the rest Ray will be growing.

Pollinator Week June 20 -26: Roxanne has 11 businesses participating with us. It is announced/posted on our Facebook page. Children will visit the participating businesses and receive a participation brochure, and a stamp from each business location in the form of a pollinator. Once they collect all 15 pollinator stamps, the first 50 participants will bring their completed brochure to the Extension office to be awarded a Pollinator Kit. There will be 25 explorer themed kits and 25 garden themed kits.

Roxanne also, mentioned that Lowes would like us to do a one hour workshop, date chosen: June 22nd at 1 pm. Volunteers will be needed to help out.

Cowan Lake Pollinator Garden. Roxanne said that the Dedication Ceremony will at 5 pm on June 25th. Please come out and support all the work done on this project. (CCMG's will be responsible for installation, signage, and twice yearly maintenance. The Naturalists will develop a program utilizing the space for educational purposes.)

Backyard Food Production Demonstration area at Denver Park. No update from Dori.

New Business:

Dori has been working on a new children's garden with Wilmington Parks.

Annual Picnic will be on June 26th at Cindy's home.

The Solutions Comm. Counseling, Barb Marin, would like us to work up a gardening class, dates chosen: June 14th and 15th at 1 pm. Cindy is working on, will need volunteers to help.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20pm



FROM TONY

Greetings Master Gardeners

A super team effort for the recent Plant sale and Workshops and a big Thank You to each of you. I think it was pretty successful considering the crappy weather.

You as the Clinton County Master Gardeners are recognized by more and more folks and organizations for the work you do in Our County and the many communities within. This is a true sign you are all doing great things - big and small.

Just the other day I received another request for your services and expertise from an organization within the county I did not realize even existed. Solutions Community Counseling and Recovery Centers that works with youth and does summer programming I believe through the schools is just another example. By the time you get this note we will have discussed how we can and who can help them in their youth programs.

Another example is the MB Financial Bank, through Melissa Straight - getting a contribution for \$250 without asking to put toward our programming. It looks like we will be putting towards the pollinator scavenger hunt project.

You have heard me say that we may be small but we are mighty. I firmly believe it. Keep doing great things and be proud of it.

Happy Gardening

Tony

'Garden: One of a vast number of free outdoor restaurants operated by charity-minded amateurs in an effort to provide healthful, balanced meals for insects, birds and animals.

- Henry Beard and Roy McKie, *Gardener's Dictionary*



Upcoming MG Events this summer:



June 14th and 15th: at 1:00 pm, one hour gardening class for children at the Solutions Community Counseling and Recovery Center, held at the Wilmington Middle School. We need helpers for both days. Cindy is heading up this, please let her know if you can assist.

June 25th: at 5 pm, Cowan Lake, Pollinator Garden Dedication Ceremony. There will be a 'how to make' bee house, at 4 pm. Check in with Roxanne.

June 26th: MG Annual Picnic. Master Gardener Families are invited to attend the upcoming picnic on Sunday, June 26, 3:30 pm to dark. Bring your family and grandkids. ***Please confirm how many will be attending with Cindy.***

Swimming and visiting begins at 3:30 PM Bring suit and towel to swim or bring a lawn chair and visit before the food.

Food begins about 5:00 PM

Bring a cold summer salad and dessert to share. Fruit juice, bottled water, and table service provided. Burgers, hotdogs, and buns provided by CCMGA.

Location at the home of Jim & Cindy Halye: 7913 North St. Rt. 134, Wilmington
937-486-2901 landline 937-728-2867 cell.

Directions: From west of Wilmington, come into town on Rt. 22/3 and go left at Nelson Ave. Take Nelson across St. Rt. 73 to the dead end on Center Rd. Go right. At dead end on US Rt. 68, jog right to Orchard Rd. on left. At dead end of Orchard onto St. Rt. 134, go left. Follow Rt. 134 about 4 miles, cross over I-71. Continue about 1 mile. Our house is on the left as you are coming up out of a deep dip in the road. Three tall white pines are at end of driveway. Parking is in driveway or in pasture, first gate past the house.

From I-71 heading north, take Exit 50, US Rt. 68. Go left onto Rt. 68, cross over the interstate and go right on Gano Rd, the township road at the base of the overpass. Follow Gano to the first road to the right, Bailey. Go right and follow to dead end on Rt. 134. Go left. Our house is on the left as you are coming up out of a deep dip in the road. Three tall white pines are at end of driveway. Parking is in driveway or in pasture, first gate past the house.

July 8th: MG Tour. Visit to Hocking Hills Annual Lily Fest. Cindy will have more details, contact her if you plan to attend.



Pollinators: The Birds and the Bees;

One of the projects we are working on this spring is protecting and promoting nature's pollinators. Roxanne is the chair on this project. The program is the week of **June 20 through the 26th**. There are eleven businesses involved in handling out of pollinator' sticker.



We will need volunteers to help give the information out to these businesses and man the Extension office as a contact. Beverly has already started the advertising in the Wilmington News Journal.

Lowe's has also requested we help with a one hour pollinator class, June 22th at 1 pm has been chosen, help is needed here, too.

Reminders for You

Our VMS system website -<https://ohio.volunteersystem.org/users/clubhours.cfm?summary=yes> .

We would like you to remember to document your educational and volunteer time, after each event. Then be sure to add them to the above website, monthly. This helps you with more accurate time entries and helps me with less last minute searches for our volunteer time. Any questions please call Judy.

PLANT OF THE MONTH...

Summer Gardening Tips

Chores and Maintenance

- Continue to cultivate planting beds to remove weeds
- Continue to dig and **divide** early-blooming perennials after flowering
- **Water** as necessary
- Continue to mulch planting beds
- Set supports for floppy plants, vines, and **vegetables**
- Deadhead rhododendrons, lilacs, and **perennials** after flowering
- Add to, aerate, and moisten **compost pile** to speed decomposition
- Continue to check for **pests** and other problems, and treat as necessary
- Mow lawns regularly to keep grass at 2 to 2 1/2" height
- Leave grass clippings on lawn to improve availability of nitrogen
- Water lawns if there is less than 1" of rain per week
- Harvest cool-weather lettuce, radishes, and scallions
- Begin to spray **roses** every week with baking soda solution* to protect against black spot disease

Planting

- Complete moving self-sown **annuals** and perennials to desired location
- Sow seeds of fast-growing annuals like marigolds, zinnias, and cosmos directly in the garden
- Sow seeds of heat-tolerant vegetables
- Continue to plant and transplant perennials, weather and soil conditions permitting
- Finish planting summer annuals
- Complete planting summer-flowering **bulbs** such as cannas, gladiolas, and dahlias
- Plant caladium and tuberous begonias in shady spots

Pruning/Fertilizing

- Continue to prune all plant material to remove any diseased, dead, weak, or crossing branches
- Complete pruning early spring-flowering **shrubs**
- Prune evergreens and evergreen hedges into early summer
- Continue deadheading roses
- Fertilize roses after peak bloom
- Complete fertilizing spring-flowering bulbs
- Fertilize annuals and **container plants**
- Fertilize vegetables

From: <http://www.nybg.org/gardens/home-gardening/tips>



2016 WORKSHOPS, EVENTS, & SEMINARS:

June 10th: MGV Diagnostic Workshop at Warren Co. Ext. For info: warren.osu.edu.

June 26 – 27, 2016 – Gardens Matter. Cuyahoga Co. garden tour at and near Zoar, Oh. For info- contact cuyahoga.osu.edu

Sept. 16 – 17: MGV State Conference at Summit County.

If you have events you would like to add, please let editor know.

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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:

Ohio State MGV website: <http://mastergardener.osu.edu>. And www.ohioline.osu.edu;

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

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

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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Clinton County MG 2016 Meeting Dates:

The Association meets on the fourth Thursday of each month unless otherwise noted. All regular meetings begin at 6:30 pm. (*note time change*)

May 26, 2016 Regular Meeting 6:30 pm

June 26 Picnic at Cindy's, 3:30 pm.

August 25 Regular Meeting 6:30 pm

September 22 Regular Meeting 6:30 pm

Oct. 27 Regular Meeting 6:30 pm

Nov. 17 Regular Meeting 6:30 pm (moved because of Thanksgiving.)

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THOUGHTS... "To be overcome by the fragrance of flowers is a delectable form of defeat. ~Beverly Nichols "

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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.

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