

# 'THE COMMPOST' NEWSLETTER

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Next *COMMPOST*

Deadline:

Dec. 23

Please submit items in MS Word  
format to Judy Grosvenor at:  
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## NOVEMBER

"November comes  
And November goes,  
With the last red berries  
And the first white snows.

With night coming early,  
And dawn coming late,  
And ice in the bucket  
And frost by the gate.

The fires burn  
And the kettles sing,  
And earth sinks to rest  
Until next spring."

- Elizabeth Coatsworth



**OVER THE GARDEN FENCE...**

**When does winter end...**



While I love fall and all the family and friends events of Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations, by the end of December, I am done with winter and ready for ‘better’ weather. With already freezing temperatures and flurries, it could be a long winter. I hope you have enjoyed the autumn weather and color. This is when we tie up all the year’s activities, complete a couple new events and bring the year to a close and look for new treasures and activities for a new year.

We had several projects in place for the end of the year, a public educational program: ‘Winterizing Your Landscape’ and special training for MG’s: ‘First Detector’. And we can not forget our annual Christmas dinner get together, this year at the General Denver at 6 pm on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.

Be sure to be reviewing your volunteer hours and getting your hours recorded in <https://ohio.volunteersystem.org>. If you need help, or your hours recorded, please let me know.

Make you and all your family have the best Christmas, filled with love,  
**Judy Grosvenor, CCMG President**

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**Minutes: Clinton County Master Gardener Association Nov. 20, 2014**

In attendance: Judy Grosvenor- President, Deb Geglein- Treasurer, Mary Harris, James Stein, Debbie Tong- Secretary, Beverly Drapalik, Jeff Drapalik, Connie Hardie, Cindy Halye-Vice President, Ray Koch, Dori Sabino.

Clinton County Master Gardeners arranged a ‘First Detector’ training program for MG’s and invited MGs from the surrounding counties. Eight were in attendance with eleven Clinton Co. MG’s.

**Educational Program:**

The First Detector Program was presented by OSUE Educator, Cynthia Meyer of Butler County. She conducted a two and half hour class with many interesting facts and details on diseases.

We were introduced to the proper techniques for retrieving samples and sending them to the diagnostic clinic. We all received handouts to go along with the discussion on; Thousand Cankers Disease, Boxwood blight, Asian Longhorned Beetle and Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. We also discussed the invasive plant Palmer Amaranth and more. The program was well received by those in attendance.

After the program, a short business meeting was called by President Judy Grosvenor at 8:30 pm.

**Treasurers report:** Provided by Deb Geglein.

**Old business:**

We discussed the trees purchased in memoriam for Denver Park, as part of the Clinton County Master Gardeners Memorial Planting fund. We were given pamphlets to share with others in an effort to encourage participation in the program. Dori Sabino purchased a tree in her father's name and the club purchased one for Juanita’s husband. Holes have been dug but are waiting for the trees to arrive.

**New business:** Deb Geglein informed the group that she was stepping down from her position of treasurer due to health reasons. Beverly Drapalik was nominated to replace Deb and was voted in by all who were present. Starting in December, Beverly Drapalik will be our treasurer. We discussed several new projects for consideration in 2015. I'm looking forward to jumping in on some projects when I return from Florida in the spring. Please turn in all your volunteer hours into the VMS system, ASAP. The state requires them by Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, but Judy must have before then. Thank you!

**Reminder:** Christmas party at the General Denver 6:00 pm. Bring a gift and be part of the gift exchange.

The meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted by Debbie Tong.



**Master Gardeners Public Education Class**

**11/13/2014**

Master Gardeners in attendance: Judy Grosvenor, Debbie Tong, James Stein, Kelly Wilburn, Deb Geglein, Jeff Drapalik, Mary Harris, Connie Hardie, Ray Koch, Beverly Drapalik. Class was open to the public.

The theme was "Winterizing your Landscape". Tony Nye- OSUE Educator and Sherri Kile of (Kile Landscaping) conducted the class and were very helpful. Several individuals from the public enjoyed the opportunity to ask questions about their landscaping concerns. Questions about our local pines and evergreens were addressed by both Tony and Sherri as well as concerns about trees in general. The information covered a wide range of areas including; lawn care, perennial beds, vegetable gardens, trees and shrubs and mulch.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Tong, secretary



**FROM TONY**

**Happy Holidays to each of you and your families.**

Thanksgiving and Christmas is a time we all need to step back and reflect on what we are thankful for. I am truly blessed with family, friends, work, and of course you my MG Volunteers.

Our First Detector training in late-November is geared to help you achieve necessary training hours you need each year but more importantly to provide you the opportunity to gain knowledge that may be helpful to you, your neighbors and community. Having first detector training will provide you the information to hopefully be part of the many looking for problems that are more out of the ordinary such as when the Asian Longhorn beetle and emerald Ash borer and then hopefully educate and inform the public. I look for this training to be a very good learning experience and I hope all of you took the opportunity to attend. It may also be an opportunity to visit and share with other MG's from other counties as we will be offering this program available to other MG's from neighboring counties.

Thanks again to the many hours you have all contributed as Master Gardeners here in Clinton County.

**Tony**



## Jeff and Beverly's Field trip to Bchart Gardens



### Master Gardeners Get "Awed" in Nature!

Master Gardeners are always looking toward "nicer" weather. As we face the prospects of snow, enjoy these pictures and think about the possibilities!

These flowers are in the Bchart Gardens, near Victoria, on Vancouver Island. Jennie Bchart was interested in covering up the smoke stacks in her husband's cement factory. She started with a small sunken garden and ended up with acres of flowering gardens! These gardens receive a million visitors a year.

*by: Beverly Drapalik*



## Fall is for Planting

This fall has been a busy one, completing many projects for Clinton Co. Master Gardeners. At Denver Park, we have replaced the two arborvitaes trees that died at the front entrance. Dori has also purchased two matching planters to place at the entrance for balance. A Wilmington college sorority is supplying the money to plant them in the spring. In addition we have added several nannyberries from Chris Hodgson in the food forest demonstration area and planted a shrub display at the spillway.

Several hundred spring bulbs have been planted down by the lake area. Southeast Neighborhood Park also benefited from planting of vines and perennials.





## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

And we again had one Habitat for Humanity home to landscape this year. Students from East Clinton High School joined in and helped with the digging, plantings, mulching and spreading of gravel over two days.

Pictured is some of our workers at Brittany and Andy Totten new home on Paris Ave.



## Self-Guided Audio Tour through Clinton County Trails

Park Director Lori Williams said the Nature Tour boxes are installed. For those of you who don't know about it...check out the link...it is a big boon for eco-tourism in Clinton County.

The link can be reached at:

<http://www.greenalliancecc.com/2014/11/self-guided-audio-nature-tour-runs.html>

The Lytle Creek League of Conservators announced today the completion of a 20-station

self-guided audio nature tour. Ten station markers are now located along the Luther Warren Peace Path, with the remainder running along the 4-C Bicentennial Trail which then connects to the Lytle Creek Nature Preserve Trail. Inspired by Conservator, John Deignan and City of Wilmington Parks and Recreation Director Lori Williams, the project is primarily geared towards individuals who have relatively little background in natural history. *From [www.greenalliancecc.com](http://www.greenalliancecc.com)*



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