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Next *COMMPOST*

Deadline:

Oct. 25

Please submit items in MS Word
format to Judy Grosvenor at:
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INDIAN SUMMER

"The hazy, cloudless skies of
Indian Summer.

Leaves scurrying down the
street before the wind.

The cold shiver from
an arctic blast.

Indian Summer.

The last warmth of the sun

Chilly mornings and
glorious warm afternoons.

The Harvest Moon.

The Hunter's Moon.

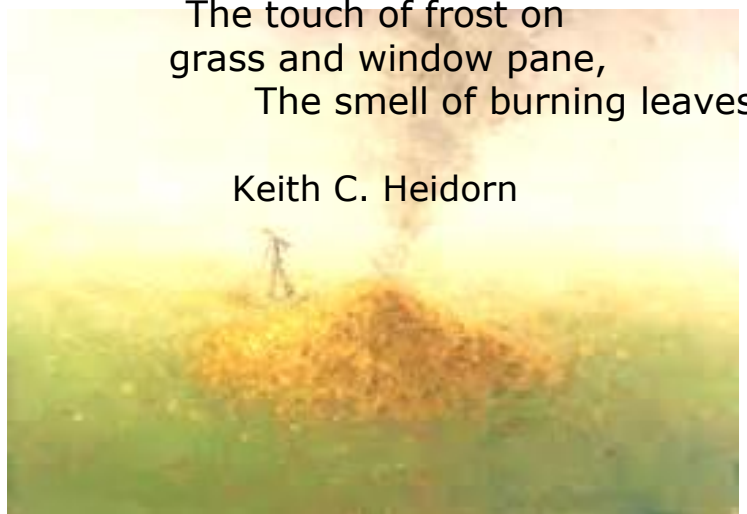
The Rainy Season.

Dry corn stalks clattering
in the wind.

The touch of frost on
grass and window pane,

The smell of burning leaves."

Keith C. Heidorn



OVER THE GARDEN FENCE...

Hurray for Fall...



This is my favorite time of year, but I want to ask: Where did the summer go? With all the activities and family projects and life in the glorious summertime, you get the 'time moves to fast' blues. Oh well, the unfinished projects and ideas go on the board titled: Next year's to do list. I hope you all had a wonderful summer and still have the 'go get them' spirit as we go into the fall months and projects.

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.

Dori is working on the Habitat project and will have work days set up. And we still have several ideas for projects this fall. Also, we sure to get out and enjoy the beauty of fall days.



Pumpkins to all,
Judy Grosvenor, CCMG President

Minutes: Clinton County Master Gardener Association August 28, 2014

In attendance: Judy Grosvenor, Dori Sabino, Deb Gaglein, Beverly Drapalik, John Drapalik, Cindy Halye, Mary Harris, Debbie Tong, James Stein, Kelly Wilburn.

Meeting opened by President Judy Grosvenor at 7:00 pm.

Extension Report: Tony shared that he has been working with administrators in Dayton they are still waiting on release of funds. We are looking forward to receiving a new computer in the MG room it will be a big help. Tony will be talking with the Commissioners about budget considerations. The Farm Science Review is coming up on Sept. 16th, 17th, 18th, it is always informative and fun. We hope to set up a 1st detector class with Cindy Meyer, this fall.

Presidents Report: Judy brought up possibility of creating Demonstration Gardens there on Nelson Ave. as an ongoing project. Fall educational class on invasive plants was also discussed. The name badges with our new logo were passed out. The Farmers Market appears to be improving under Desi's leadership. Judy is looking for support with the News Letter and reminded us to list hours on VMS system by end of October. Next meeting will be September 25th.

Vice President's Report: Dori reported on current projects. Denver Park's demonstration has been under attack by the Deer. We will need to see what survives next spring and decide if we want to move the garden. We will have one Habitat home on Paris Ave. this year. We are waiting for further instructions from Habitat.

Treasurer's Report: Report was read and appears on reverse side of agenda.

Secretary's Report: Debbie was absent from prior meeting.

New Business:

Tour: Cindy Halye has set up a field trip to include a guided tour of Cedar Bog, just south of Urbana, plus a guided tour of Westcott House. Time permitting we may also tour Prairie Oaks Park near Columbus. The tour begins on Thursday, Sept. 25, with carpooling at the Clinton Co. extension office in Wilmington at 9 AM sharp. Our tour of the "bog" begins at 10:15. There is a \$5 charge per person (\$4 with Golden Buckeye card or free with Ohio Historical Society membership.) We will have lunch following the tour in Urbana at Café Paradiso (Italian), self-pay. For more info contact Cindy by phone 937-486-2901 or email halye88@gmail.com

Highlights of September 25th Meeting:

Tony will be meeting soon with the county commissioners and also with the Dayton project. Need to have your **20 volunteer hours and 10 educational hours** in place by November and in system. Please call Judy for assistance.

****Change to meeting time for the winter: Meetings will start at 6:30 pm instead of 7 pm.**

Southeast Neighbor Park: There is still areas that could be weeded. Check with Dori to see if additional work details will be going on.

Habitat for Humanity: Dori has met with home owner, we have only one home this year. She will be Emailing a work date as soon as she can, either 10-8 or 10-9.

'First Detector' program: We are scheduling a special training program for all our MGV's. This is an Excellent program alerting MG's how to detect and identify problems in the landscape. We do want all our members to attend this program. Tentative Date is Oct. 23rd, will confirm in email to all.

Public Educational Program: We are planning a Fall Educational Class for the public in November 13th, subject 'Invasive Species and Winterizing your Landscape'. Jeff Drapalik, Kelly Wilburn and Cindy Halye are chairing this event.

Christmas Party dinner: Date has been set for December 4th at 6:00 pm at the General Denver. More Information to follow.

Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Deborah Tong, secretary



FROM TONY

Hello fellow Master Gardeners

Fall is quickly coming and that means the end to another growing season and hopefully not a miserable winter. Just because the growing season on the outside is coming to an end soon doesn't mean the "Green Thumbs" should go into Hibernation.

We have lots to do such as plan for the coming year activities and to host a few winter meetings for the general public.

One area that I would like to address is spring time assessment of our landscape around our homes. Many times we get calls from landowner/homeowner and they tell us about their problems much later than we would like. So an idea is to do a program after our Plant Sale that addresses our landscapes and assessing winter damage – this will be very important if we have another severe winter again this year.

A second program I would like to bring back would be on herbs – growing cooking etc....Lastly, I plan go to our commissioners about the idea of letting us have some of the green space outside our building. This could be a win/win scenario. We could have some space for teachable gardens and secondly they would not have the area to maintain/mow.

Get me your ideas.

See ya soon,

Tony



Master Gardeners Get "Bogged Down" in Nature!



A visit to Cedar Bog Nature Preserve, near Urbana, Ohio, did not disappoint Clinton County Master Gardeners. We walked on a mile-long boardwalk and viewed the National Natural Landmark, "one of only twenty-five in the state of Ohio."

Cedar Bog is actually a fen that contains one of the largest, diverse collections of "rare plants and animals" in our state. The preserve is 450 acres of cedar wetlands. And wet it is: At one point our guide, Tracy Bleim, showed us how easily she could push a metal rod into the ground by merely using one finger. She told us that the farmers who lived on the property lost cows in the wetlands. Also, a story about a missing combine is still circulating!

Site Manager Tracy Bleim shows us the rich peat in the bog

These farmers were responsible for asking the state to protect the land. The land was preserved sometime around 1942, and today we have "more than forty endangered, threatened, and rare plants and animals" to enjoy. In addition to the boardwalk, the Eco-friendly building houses an educational area, theater seating, and a gift shop. Conferences of up to 150 people are possible!

We started our visit in the classroom. Tracy informed us about the flowers, trees and animals we might see on the walk. The cedars, huge tulip poplars, and spice plants were there, but we couldn't find a rattlesnake. Instead, we saw wild flowers, a garter snake, frogs, deer, and a duck. Time for snakes on the next trip! Tracy did mention that her favorite time of the year is spring. In mid-April, the marsh marigolds must be spectacular.

The next popular event, October 16-17, is Boo in the Bog, a non-scary night walk with learning stations, face painting, storytelling, and food. Owl Prowl is the November event. Go to the website for information: cedarbognp.org.

by: Beverly Drapalik





2014 WORKSHOPS, EVENTS, & SEMINARS:

Oct. 4-5, 2014: **Spring Valley Potato Festival** <http://www.springvalleyoh.com/potatofestival.htm>
Oct. 3-5: Ohio Gourd Show – Sponsored by the Ohio Gourd Society Delaware County Fairgrounds, 236 Pennsylvania Ave., Delaware Ohio 43015. For info:

<http://www.americangourdsociety.org/ohiochapter/Show.html>

Oct. 11, 2014: 8:30 am – 4 pm. Focus on Local Food. At Springfield High School, the Learning Café, 701 E. Home Rd., Springfield, Oh. Cost \$10.00. Info: <http://clark.osu.edu>.

Oct. 11 to 12th, 2014: Waynesville Saurekraut Festival. For info:
<http://www.sauerkrautfestival.com/>

Oct. 10-12, 2014: – **Wheatridge Olde Thyme Herb Festival & Harvest Celebration** – West Union. The festival and harvest celebration is on the grindstone farm located at 817 Totteridge road between Wheatridge road and S.R. 32. For info: <http://www.wheatridgeherbfestivals.com/>

Oct. 15-18, 2014: Circleville Pumpkin Show For info: <http://www.pumpkinshow.com/>

Oct. 17-18, 2014: Ohio MG State Conference. Ohio Wesleyan University, Hamilton-Williams Campus Center, 40 Rowland Avenue, Delaware, Oh 43015. For info: <http://www.2014omgsc.com/>

Oct. 17-19: Fall Festival of Leaves – Bainbridge. For info: <http://www.fallfestivalofleaves.com/>
 If you have events you would like to add, please let editor know.

 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.

Ohio State MGV website: <http://mastergardener.osu.edu>.
 Ohio MG Volunteer system sign in: <https://ohio.volunteersystem.org>
<http://vegnet.osu.edu>; <http://ourohio.org/home-gardens/> ; www.ohioline.osu.edu;
<http://www.growingvegetablegardens.com/index.htm>
<http://www.hummingbirds.net/map.html>.

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Clinton County MG 2014 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)*

September 25	Regular Meeting 6:30 pm
October 23	Regular Meeting 6:30 pm
November 20	Regular Meeting 6:30 pm (changed due to Thanksgiving)
December 4	Christmas party @ General Denver at 6 pm
January 22	Regular Meeting 6:30 pm
February 26	Regular Meeting 6:30 pm

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THOUGHTS...

"If the only thing moving in your lawn is your mower, it might be time to rethink your lawn."
 - The Wild Ones

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