'THE COMMPOST' NEWSLETTER

CLINTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS

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Next *COMMPOST*
Deadline: October 23

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

9-24: Next MG meeting/Exten. Office. 6:30 pm.

9-22/24: Farm Science Review

10-5 thru 11-24: New MG training classes.

10-22: MG meeting and MG training Classes at the Extension office.

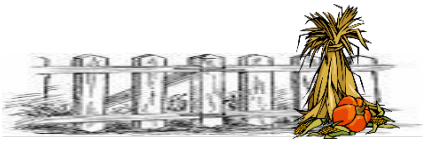
THE AUTUMN GARDEN

In the garden, Autumn is,
Indeed the crowning glory
of the year,
Bringing us the fruition of months
Of thought and care and toil.
And at no season,
Safe perhaps in Daffodil time,
Do we get such superb color effects
As from August to November.

by *Rose G. Kingsley*

OVER THE GARDEN FENCE…

Autumn/Fall…



Do you call the season: *Autumn* or *Fall*? It doesn't matter, but *Fall* seems more local and American. It is my most favorite time of the year! Like Christmas, Spring, early Summer. You know. But the season makes you realize that things are moving fast and the weather is change, and you have a long list of projects yet to complete.

As well, the Master Gardeners have been busy this spring and summer. We had a great plant sale and well attended classes. Cindy took us on a special tour again, such great gardens, how does she find them! Debbie T. and her hubby hosted a great July MG picnic at their home. Beautiful home and surroundings. And the weather was great, nasty storms, electric going on and off, and trees down.

Dori has lead us on several projects, some on going and some completed. We completed the 'Dog Park' plantings and clean up the front entrance to the Denver Park. In addition, Dori and Cindy assisted in planting new flower pots at the bridge and on the 'island'. Work is ongoing on the Food Demo location. We placed and planted large new urns at the park front entrance. We have worked some on the Bike path through town, adding a new flower bed at Mulberry St. The Fall has added more projects to review and take on. Dori has met with the new Habitat for Humanity family and we will be helping with their landscaping. We have the medicinal garden to complete, on the bike path behind the hospital. Many opportunities and wonderful work done by our MG's!

As we head into October, we will be conducting a new MG training class. Hopefully you have been able to find a friend who wants to join. We will need to set up a chart for MG's to be at every meeting and bringing snacks. Our next meeting will be on Sept. 24 at 6:30 pm, (**note the new time**) in the community room. We will have to discuss the Oct. meeting as it will be on a class night. Looking forward to seeing everyone and completing the year in front of us.

Think pumpkins,

Judy Grosvenor*, *CCMG President

Minutes: *Clinton County Master Gardener Association* *August 27, 2015*

In attendance: Judy Grosvenor, Beverly and Jeff Drapalik, Kelly Wilburn, Cindy Halye and Tony Nye.

The Clinton County Master Gardeners kicked off the August meeting in the Extension front room at 6:30 pm, (new earlier time) after a summer break. President Judy Grosvenor opened the meeting. Tony updated the group on events; Farm Science Review, 9-22 – 24, 2015 and a new MG training classes being set up, to start Oct. 6, to Nov. 24, 2015, meeting two days a week, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. We will need to work hard to recruit new members.

Treasurer's report was given and approval. It was noted that we had a pleasant surprise from the MB Financial Bank of a donation in the amount of $500.00. This was largely due to the work we have been doing in town and at the park. A thank you was sent.

Updates were given on many of the summer projects. New rain barrel was set at Cowan Lake by Roxanne Luff. All barrels have been sold. Denver Park: completed plantings at the new Dog Park and planters by the bridge and Food Demo area. New signs need to be placed. Work day to be advised. Several projects are ongoing on the Bike Path. Thank you to Debbie Tong for designing and completing the Mulberry St. new plantings on the bike path, and everyone who assisted. Dori is working on the hospital medicinal plantings on the b. path. She has also made the first contact with the new Habitat Humanity family. They have a very small yard. Work day TBA. The Ext. office garden needs a fall clean up and Kelly Wilburn will work on this. He is also working on clean up on Bike path between the new Xidas Park and the Mulberry St.

New Business: The Xidas Park is on hold to complete hard scape work. Beverly Drapalik reported that the library will be going through a re-construction. They would like us to evaluate their existing beds and help with the clean-up and plantings. We are also working on a public educational program with the library. Date set is Nov. 2, 2015 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. We need to set a subject and develop it.
With the new MG classes coming up, we need to make a very dedicated effort to invite new MG members. Flyers and brochures are available to hand out, the OSUE office will print them up, just call and ask.

Educational: Judy presented a review on the recent webinar program on "Phosphorus in Lake Erie". (webinar was attended by four MG members.) She detailed additional information on the Great Lake regional and why it is an important subject for our MG's. Meeting was adjourned. Minutes respectfully submitted, Judy Grosvenor.

FROM TONY

***Greeting, Master Gardeners*.**

The summer months are almost over but that doesn't mean we should stop gardening. There is lots of gardening we can be doing right up until the snow falls.

I am amazed at all of the projects we have tackled again this year. You should be proud of your accomplishments. The other part of all this hard work is the fact you as Master Gardeners are recognized by your community. Please keep thinking outside the box on how we can continue reaching out to our clientele.

One thing you can help me with is promoting the new Master Gardener Certification Training Class. This program will begin October 6 through November 24, 2015 meeting each Tuesday and Thursday from 6 PM to 9:15 PM and will be held here at the Extension facility. I will also need help as hosts for certain evenings I am already double booked.

Get the flyers out and let all your friends and neighbors know about the program. We can get you all the flyers you need.

Until next time

Tony

Last of the rain barrels…

Can you believe, all our rain barrels are gone. With this project and a barrel sold this summer, they are gone. This Spring, new Master Gardener, Roxanne Luff, worked with the Cowan Lake park personnel and has set up a new rain barrel in the park. There was no available water source to help with a new planted area. Roxanne suggested a rain barrel. Roxanne meet several times with Sara and Erin to work out a good location and how the barrel needed to be set up. It has been placed next to the newly planted area and will help greatly with keeping the plantings watered. She stenciled the barrel, too.

Good work, Roxanne.

New Plantings on Wilmington Bike Path…

We have been working this summer, on several projects on the bike path in town. Debbie Tong headed up the project on Mulberry St. She designed, obtain plants and worked with Park Director Lora Williams, and set up a work date to complete the project. This new planting has been mulched and rail ties placed around the area by the park. Deb is checking to seeing if a wooden bench, like one further down on the path, can be placed in the new area. Check out this new planting, see below. Great job, Debbie!

Dori Sabino is also, working on a project, on the bike path. She has designed, worked on a grant from the Clinton Memorial Hospital, obtaining plants, soil and also worked with Lora for project approval, on a new medicinal planting behind the hospital. This project will need to be completed this fall. Watch for the scheduled work day.

To say I saw you on Mulberry Street…

PLANT OF THE MONTH...

POISON IVY FACTS

Poison Ivy, plant of the month? Yes, this time of year, it is one of the earliest plants to change to a brilliant red/gold color and looks very pretty. With yard clean up and leaf raking going on, you are sure to come in ***touch*** with it. Here are some facts to know. (Ohioline fact sheet: **Poison Ivy** Identification and Control, HYG-1015-96 is also good for review. at www.ohioline.osu.edu).

Poison ivy is a plant that belongs to the family Anacardiaceae. This plant grows throughout the North America, Japan, Taiwan, China and Russia. Poison ivy can survive in different types of habitat. It usually lives in temperate forests that provide enough sunlight. Poison ivy is very common in urban areas. It does not grow in deserts, arid areas and habitats above 4900 feet of altitude. Poison ivy spreads quickly and it is often considered as obnoxious weed. This plant is *not* on the list of endangered plants.

Poison ivy can grow in the form of bushes and vines. Bushes of poison ivy are usually 3 feet and 11 inches tall. Vines grow from 3.9 to 9.8 inches in height.

- Leaves of poison ivy grow in clusters composed of three leaflets, and are alternately arranged on the stem. Leaves are almond shaped. Some leaves are serrated, and others have smooth edges.
- Leaves are bright green when they are young. Old plant has dark green leaves. Red color of the leaves can be seen during the autumn.
- Poison ivy has yellowish or greenish-white flowers arranged in clusters. Flowers blossom from May to July.
- Fruit of poison ivy is a berry-like structure, known as drupe. Fruit is on the menu of various birds and mammals in the forest. Animals disperse seed of poison ivy via feces. (Birds and animals are not affected.)
- Urushiol oil is a resin-like substance that induces rash. It can be found in the leaves, in the stem and in the root of poison ivy.
- Urushiol oil looks like a milky substance that changes color into black after exposure to the oxygen.
- 85% of people will develop allergic reaction after contact with poison ivy. More than 350,000 Americans experience allergic reaction each year.
- People develop allergic reaction after getting in touch with leaves, stem and roots or after inhaling the smoke from the plant on fire.
- Small amount of oil is enough to induce allergic reaction. A billionth part of gram of this oil will trigger allergy in most people. Urishinol oil sized as pinhead is enough to induce allergy in 500 people.
- Typical symptoms of poisoning include itch, bumps on the skin and large blisters. Poison ivy is not contagious. Person affected by allergy cannot induce poisoning of other person through perforated blisters.
- Symptoms of poisoning usually vanish after one to three weeks. Severe cases of poisoning may require medical intervention and even hospitalization.
- Similar allergic reaction can arise after contact with mango because mango tree produces sap that also contains urushiol oil. These two plants belong to the same family.

Poison ivy is perennial plant, which means that it can survive more than 2 years in the wild.
From: http://www.softschools.com/facts/plants/poison_ivy_facts/536/

Bugs and Beetles…

BUG BYTES

Check this out, look at the picture. Can you guess what it is? Well, here's the scoop. This mass was found on a pecan tree.

Tony calls this: his '*Insect call of the month*'. Here is the story:
"I got a call and some pictures sent to my phone this week and had Dave Apsley – Extension Forest guy identify. It is the Walnut Caterpillar. Locally it was found in a mass on the trunk of a pecan tree about 4 feet above ground. They can do quite a bit of defoliation. However, what I read is they are congregating to molt."

Also, The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) announces August is Tree Check Month and urges people to check trees for signs of the invasive Asian longhorned beetle (ALB). August is a time of peak emergence for the beetle and is most likely when the adult beetle can be seen infesting trees. (*Still good idea to check your trees*)
"We are asking people to look at their trees for any damage caused by the Asian longhorned beetle and to look for the beetle itself, then let us know if you see something suspicious," said Josie Ryan, APHIS' national operations manager for the Asian Longhorned Beetle Eradication Program. Report by calling 1-866-702-9938 or the online form available at http://asianlonghornedbeetle.com/report-your-findings/.
Reported from: Ron Wilson in the garden – 55krc.com

NEW MASTER GARDENER TRAINING CLASSES

Clinton County Master Gardener's and OSU Extension announces the new **2015 Fall Master Gardener Training Schedule.**

There will **15 Sessions held every Tuesday and Thursday evening,** starting **October 6, 2015- November 24, 2015. Time from 6:00 p.m. – 9:15 p.m., at the Clinton County Extension Office.** The OSU Extension office will print up any of the three brochures to hand out and encourage possible new members. Just call or send an e-mail to get them.

We will need to schedule our MG members, so there is someone there to assist and mentor new trainees, fill in for Tony when he is double booked, and to provide snacks. Please volunteer when asked, your time will count as volunteer hours and educational hours, if you stay through the evening.

2015 WORKSHOPS, EVENTS, & SEMINARS:

Sept. 22 – 24, 2015: Farm Science Review: at The Molly Caren Agricultural Center (MCAC) near London, Ohio. Discount tickets are available in the Clinton County Extension Office Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for $7 each. Discount tickets are available until 4:30 p.m. September 21, 2015. Admission at the gate is $10. Contacting the OSUE Clinton County office, **937-382-0901**.

Sept. 26, 2015: Country Applefest in Lebanon, Oh. Time 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Contact: 513-320-2775

Oct. 6 thru Nov. 24, 2015: Clinton County Master Gardener Training Classes: Tuesday and Thursday Evenings from 6 pm to 9:15 pm, at the OSUE office. Contacting the OSUE office, 937-382-0901 or **http://clinton.osu.edu**.

Oct. 10 - 11, 2015: Ohio Sauerkraut Festival, at Waynesville, OH 45060.
Info: **http://www.sauerkrautfestival.com**

Oct. 9-11, 2015- Wheat Ridge Olde Tyme Herb Fair and Harvest Celebration at GPS: 817 Tater Ridge Rd., West Union, OH 45693. Info: (937) 544-8252 (Kim Erwin)

Oct. 21-24, 2015 – 8 am to 4:30 pm: Circleville Pumpkin Show at 159 E. Franklin St., Circleville, OH 43113 (740) 474-7000. More info: **http://www.pumpkinshow.com**

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**.
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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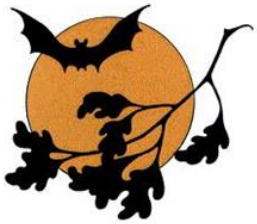

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