

# CLINTON COUNTY COMPOST



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**Next *COMPOST*  
Deadline:  
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## "Knee Deep in June"

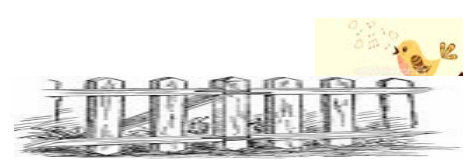
"Tell you what I like the best --  
'Long about knee-deep in June,  
'Bout the time strawberries melts  
On the vine, -- some afternoon  
Like to jes' git out and rest,  
And not work at nothin' else!"

- James Witcomb Riley -



# OVER THE GARDEN FENCE...

## Hurray for Spring...



What a beautifully busy spring. The sun is shining and the winds are blowing strong. We finally believe that it is here and will stay awhile, even though it has been a wet and cold beginning. We look out the windows and want the perfect day to work the yard and flower beds and start that garden bed.

The spring for Master Gardeners is also a busy one. We evaluate the past winter and last year's programs, lay out new projects, events and work schedules for the New Year. We have had a very successful Spring Plant sale on May 10th. As a fund raiser, this enables us to put on Educational events, fund the Habitat for Humanity projects and the many park projects. We will be looking to set work days for the Southeast Neighbor Park and Denver Park. Also, We are always looking for new project ideas, be sure to let us know if you have one.

We also had a good turnout of sixteen people for our educational workshop on yard and lawn maintenance, May 14. There are many people who are interested in learning more about their yards and growing things. It was a good program with lively interaction.

As you work and volunteer your time, please be sure to record your hours in the <https://ohio.volunteersystem.org>. Logging into the system at least once a month will keep you updated. Remember that we need twenty volunteer hours and ten educational hours for this year. If you have any issues, please let know and I will help you. (Interns will need to complete their fifty hours for the year.)

So, I am looking for enthusiastic volunteers, willing to help develop projects and put in some volunteer hours to make our community a better place to live.

Green thumbs to all,  
**Judy Grosvenor, CCMG President**

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### **Minutes: Clinton County Master Gardener Association April 24, 2014**

In attendance: Tony Nye, Judy Grosvenor, Deb Geglein, Connie Hardy, Kelly Wilburn, Cindy Halye, Mary Harris, Dori Sabino, Beverly and Jeff Drapalik, James Stein,

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

**Extension Report:** V.M.S. insurance premiums were sent in this month to insure each member. Check BYGL Buckeye Yard and Garden online for current updates on pests and diseases moving through Ohio. Lawns are showing signs of snow mold. If it hasn't greened up by now- replant. Also, fruits growers reporting lots of damage to fruit blossoms due to recent freezes. 40% projected loss of bee populations in Ohio this past winter. Remember damage due to the unusual cold temperatures may take time to appear, even as long as next year.

**President's Report:** Ladybug beetle seminar coming up in Cincinnati. State organization will be giving all MG new name tags with the new OSU loo and Judy will be contacting everyone to see how they would like their new name badges to read.

**Vice President's Report:** The group of Cindy, Bev, Ray and Judy did extensive work on the Extension garden on Earth Day. The beautiful result will be enjoyed by all the buildings employees.

**Secretary's Report:** Debbie Tong was out of town, Dori took minutes of meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** The balance was \$3,037.66 as of this evening-4/24. Still have 3 MG with dues outstanding.

## **Committee Reports:**

Our four OSUE State MGV Project Initiatives are:

**Backyard and Local Foods:** (Grow food/Grow Hope, Farmers Market)

**Environmental Horticulture:** (Habitat for Humanity, Annual Spring Plant Sale and Educational Classes)

**Integrated Pest Management:**

**Invasive Species:**

These initiatives help with choosing and setting up our yearly projects. Note that several are listed above. If you have any ideas for projects, please bring them to the meeting.

**Spring Plant Sale:** Tony met with Juanita to work out plant lists necessary for the upcoming sale. Bev and Dori will meet Tony and Ray at Juanita's for plant selection and loading at 9, Friday 5/9. Cindy, Deb, Judy and Kelly will prep the building at 11 am for plant unloading at approx. 11:30. All workshops will be held in the classroom across from the Extension Office. All members are requested to bring boxes for customers to use to take home plants and to be at the building at 9 am the day of the sale. Fliers have been mailed out to the Chamber of Commerce and Buy Local, as well as area radio stations: ( KLove 103.5, Buckeye Country 105.5, 106.7 and 1250 am, Classic County 1090 am, and WVNU 97.5 Greenfield) for free publishing and advertisement, as well as emailed to all MG's and available at tonight's meeting. Dori will design and email sandwich board posters for use the day of the sale out front, and hang the three large banners at Denver Park(4/27 and the Point Park gazebo 5/4. Susan will post a sign on the Courthouse lawn Saturday 5/3 to Saturday 5/10. Judy will do article for newspaper and Tony will put in plug in his weekly article.

Anyone in possession of the extra rain barrels left from last year should get them to the office for the workshop the day of the sale. **WORKSHOPS** are as follows: 10 am: Herbs with Mary Helen; Bees for Kids with Ray; 11 am: Creating a Backyard Food Forest with Dori. 12 noon: Rain barrel Construction with Ray and Tony. Chris Hodson will again be joining us at the sale with her tree inventory. Dori will make the signs for the plants and a large one for the Soil Testing- Tony has supplies, we will charge \$15.

**Evening Education Workshop Event:** Landscape Maintenance for Beginners, May 14th at 7-9pm here in the Community room. Workshop is open to public, please invite friends and neighbors. Refreshments will be provided by Deb Geglain and Bev Drapalik. Kelly, Ray and Dori will be dividing up subjects for presentation. Fliers have been emailed to the same recipients as the plant sale fliers.

**Habitat for Humanity Homes:** We did our first Habitat home in 2010. Dori has invited previous owners to attend the landscape workshop in May.

**Denver Park:** Denver has received funds for planting around the pond edges. Dori will be installing a perennial vegetable demonstration area off the green way trail adjacent to Kroger to include elderberry, rhubarb, asparagus, Jerusalem artichoke, garlic chives. Planting was accomplished with volunteers from Wilmington College. We will want to work on signage for public educational purposes. The perennial planting around the pond side rock at Denver was a great success- looks like everything wintered over well and is off to a great start. Same success at the Indian Marker garden, and the Gano garden.

**Southeast Neighbor Park:** the Tread garden and rain garden areas at South East Neighborhood Park still are looking for MG's to install.

**Galvin Park-** - The parks would like a MG to oversee plantings by the Girl Scouts this coming month. See Dori for details.

**GF/GH-** Kelly, Bev and Jeff are mentoring again this year. Details are being worked out on how the program will be run.

**CommPost:** next deadline will be April 25<sup>th</sup> for the May/June newsletter.

**Education Segment:** Dori gave a brief power point on Hydrangea Considerations

## **New Business:**

Tony discussed initiating the 1st detector program, to be discussed more when he returns. Tony is heavily invested in a program he has been working on in Dayton: "Vacant to Vibrant" is an economic model urban gardening project he has been working on. We will be hearing more about this project and possibly taking a field trip to see the effort.

Meeting adjourned by Deb at 8:45 pm. Respectfully submitted, Dori Sabino.

## FROM TONY

### DID YOU KNOW!

We in Extension across the country are celebrating this month 100 years since the signing of the Smith-Lever Act, which established the Cooperative Extension Service. The act created a state-by-state national network of educators who extend university-based research and knowledge to the people. In Ohio, we have Ohio State University Extension which we are a direct part of here in Clinton County.



As you know, Cooperative Extension is a critical component of the three-part land-grant university mission and works collaboratively with research, particularly the Agricultural Experiment Station System, and academic programs in 106 colleges and universities, including historically black, Native American and Hispanic-serving institutions; in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and six U.S. territories to reach traditional and underserved audiences in all communities.

On May 8, 1914 – Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia and Representative A. F. Lever of South Carolina are successful in getting the “Smith-Lever Act” passed to expand the vocational, agricultural, and home demonstration programs in rural America through the land-grant universities. This act codified and established cooperative extension as we know it today.

The Cooperative Extension System continues to receive federal programmatic leadership and support enabled by the Smith Lever Act and other legislation through the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

The Smith-lever Act requires a partnership between county, state and federal governments and encourages priorities be established locally to meet the needs of each county. Cooperative Extension’s research-based education for farmers and ranchers helped establish the United States as a leading agricultural-producing nation in the world.

**For you as a Master Gardener Volunteer for Extension, 1972 is a very important year.** – Dr. David Gibby from Washington State University began utilizing trained volunteers to assist local residents by manning hotlines on agricultural questions. This effort grew into the internationally recognized Extension Master Gardener Volunteer program. Today, Master Gardener Volunteers are active throughout the country and in many other countries around the world.

As a Master Gardener Volunteer for Clinton County, I want to thank you for your service and dedication to Extension’s Mission and being a part of Clinton county Extension history! I look forward to many more years working with you.

Until next time, *Tony*

**Pictures from May Plant Sale:** Many Thanks to all who worked so hard to set up, sale and work with the public and clean-up for our plant sale!



# FAIRY GARDEN MANIA

As Master Gardeners, we usually don't think about fairy gardens—we do gardening in a BIG way! No miniatures for us! We all like to dig in the dirt, however, and making one of these pint-sized creations could be fun. Did you know that...



- Fairy gardens may have begun in the U.S. in 1893?
- Their popularity was "likely due to the Japanese Pavilion at the Chicago World's Fair?"
- They began as bonsai dish gardens?
- Soon after the fair *The New York Times* included an article about bonsai trees?

A fairy garden contains structures, pebbles, and actual living plants. The garden is supposed to "lure" fairies. Children of all ages can spend an entire magical summer waiting on fairies and tending these gardens.

The frugal gardener might find small stones and moss in the yard for use in a fairy garden. A search around the house might produce toys and items useful for a garden. If you want to spend money, though, businesses are waiting to take your dollars!

- Grandma's Gardens & Landscapes has an extensive line of fairy garden items. (937) 885-2740
- McClish's Greenhouses, Washington Courthouse also has a good inventory. (740) 335-9633
- Target has fairy garden kits on its website.
- Dollar Stores have bags of pebbles, stones and "jewels."
- Fun websites are [pinterest.com \(gardening\)](https://www.pinterest.com/gardening/); [factorydirectcraft.com](https://www.factorydirectcraft.com/); [themagiconions.com](https://www.themagiconions.com/); [fairygardenstore.com](https://www.fairygardenstore.com/)

If you have little boys in your life, they might think that fairy gardens are "just for girls." A Lego-Man garden or a Spider Man garden might be enticing.

So, when all of the huge projects are completed, and you want to dig, try a fairy garden.  
*by Beverly Drapalik*



## Workshop on Lawn Maintenance:

We had a good turn out for the workshop Wednesday evening, May 14th. Thank you to Ray Koch, Dori Sabino and Judy Grosvenor for the presentations and to Deb Geglein and Beverly Drapalik for the refreshments.



## The Ten Best...

**As** we finally are able to settle into spring we start looking at summer, kids and vacations. Many of the magazines and newspapers have been looking too and suggesting many wonderful location trips. Here are a few destinations:

The winners of the Ten Best Readers Choice Awards for Best Public Gardens (sponsored by USA TODAY and 10Best.com panel of experts and voted on by the public):

- Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, Pa.
- Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, Richmond, Va.
- Butchart Gardens, Victoria, British Columbia.
- Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, a.
- Chicago Botanic Gardens, Chicago, Il.
- Cheekwood Botanical Gardens, Nashville, Tn.
- Missouri Botanical Gardens, St. Louis.
- Portland Japanese Garden, Portland, Ore.
- Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Miami, Fl.

USA TODAYs best hiking trails are:

- Jon Muir Trail, Calif., extends for 211 miles.
- Grand Canyon Rim to Rim, Arizona, 24 challenging miles.
- Mt. Everest Base CAMP, Nepal, spectacular hikes at highest peaks.
- The Narrows in Zion National Park, Utah, 16 miles
- Kalalau Trail, Hawaii, most beautiful costal walk.
- Sentiero Azzuro, Italy, the *Blue Trail*.
- Inca Trail to Machu Picchu, Peru, archeological sites
- Overland Track, Australia, six day hike.

In addition, these are beautiful Botanical Gardens to visit, too: Bartram Gardens, in Philadelphia, Pa., Denver Botanic Gardens in Denver, Huntington Botanical Gardens in San Marino, Ca, International Peace gardens in Dunseith, ND, and U.S. Botanic Garden in Washington, D.C. So, choice any location and have some fun!

*from USA Today.*



## Bugs and Beetles...

### **BUG BYTES**

It is tick season and time to watch out and check for these tiny insects on pets, children and yourself, when you come in from outside. Check out OSUE worksheet:

<http://ohioline.osu.edu/hyg-fact/2000/pdf/2073.pdf> on Ticks and Tick-borne Diseases. They recommend the following for people: Apply a tick repellent, making sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions. Note that DEET formulations of at least 25% are needed to repel ticks. Repellents containing permethrin should be applied to clothing only; do not apply directly to exposed skin.

- Wear light-colored clothing to make it easier to find crawling ticks.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants. Tuck pants into socks, and tuck shirt into pants.
- Perform tick checks frequently.
- Remove ticks immediately.
- Avoid tall grass and weedy areas; stay on paths.





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