

Blades and Blooms

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August

2nd	Farmer's Market
4th	Chicago Bound 9-12 MGV Helpline
5th	Chicago
6th	Chicago
7th	Chicago Home Bound 9-12 MGV Helpline
11th	9-12 MGV Helpline
12th	Fair Entrance Bed Clean Up
13th	9-12 Garden Cleanup 6:30 pm Executive Board
14th	9-12 MGV Helpline 9-noon Utzinger Clean up
18th	9-12 MGV Helpline
20th	B&B Articles Due
21st	9-12 MGV Helpline
25th	9-12 MGV Helpline
26th	9 a.m. Landscape Architects 1 p.m. Landscape Architects
27th	9-noon Utzinger Clean up
28th	9-12 MGV Helpline

President's Message:

Looking in our rear view mirror we can see the 2014 Clark County Fair. Congratulations to all the MGVs who entered and to those who won many ribbons: Pam Thullen, Best of Show and other ribbons; Donna Myers; Terry Reid; Sherry Provens; Charles Morris; Fran & Tom Davidson; Fred Miller; Ruth Ann Rahim, Best of Show; and yours truly were also winners. Once again the FFS Committee did a wonderful job and should be very proud. Many thanks for all your volunteer hours.

I also hope that you had the chance to walk through the 4-H building and see all the displays and the work that our 4-H children and friends put into this year's Fair.

Speaking of the rear view mirror, soon The Gateway Learning Gardens will be in our past and in our hearts and memories forever. From the list of 'big dreams' for our next gardens there should be a multitude of projects to choose from to fulfill our volunteer hours. Let's try to keep this in perspective and remember that GLG was not built in a day and the new gardens will certainly need many hands in garden gloves.

August will find many of you on a bus to Chicago. Please take many pictures to share with those of us who will not be on the bus, and have a wonderful time.

Farm Science Review is in front of us. It will need many hands on deck. Please check the schedule to volunteer.

Decisions about moving plants and/or plant sales at the GLG will be made soon. Watch your emails for more information.

Remember we are an amazing group of friends and gardeners. Together we can do anything we have a mind to do. Enjoy the rest of summer.

Becky Menozzi, President



Pam's Posies



<http://agfundernews.com>

I trust that maybe, perhaps hopefully, by now you are enjoying red ripe tomatoes from your garden? I may not get to enjoy any until later in August. Because of the cool temperatures, at the time of writing this, I have a load of green tomatoes - LOTS of them. I have had 3 ripe cherry tomatoes that the family has been fighting over. It seems like they barely get ripe and they are gone. Of course, when I am in China is when my family, friends, and neighbors will enjoy the fruits of my labor! That's ok, as long as they save me a few upon my return.

I have the amazing opportunity to go with Dr. Gary Gao (many of you know him from previous classes) and a few other specialists at OSU on an Urban Agriculture Teaching and Study Tour. We will be sharing our expertise with the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture and his team as well as a professor from one of the Universities. In addition, they will be coming to the US in September to visit with us. I hope we can have them visit our Gateway Learning Gardens - sort of as the last visitors before we move.

Here is where we are in terms of moving the gardens and the new design:

Konecrane has purchased the property as you may have seen in the paper. Commissioner Lohnes suggested that we wait until the dust settles on the sale before we discuss details with Konecrane on the logistics of moving the gardens. We will need to know what areas they are looking to continue to maintain. This will be worked out sometime in late August or September.

We have two incredible Landscape Architects coming to our office on August 26 to give presentations. They will share with us about their design company, their philosophy for design, an estimated cost and scope of services for our projects, as well as share some thoughts on what they see for our project. This is open to all MGVs of Clark County. We will have a presentation at 9:00 a.m. and another one at 1:00 p.m. Both will be in the large conference room. Following the presentation you will have an opportunity to provide feedback on each of the LA's. From there, the Board will have an opportunity to provide feedback. And then from there, the Gateway Learning Garden committee will meet on September 3, 1:00 (see details in this newsletter) at our office to select the LA. From there, we begin the design process. I estimate that we will spend around \$15,000.00 for a quality design, but this is a guess based on our last design and the size of this project.

Before the LA starts the design, we also need to get input from the community. Therefore, I will be hosting 2 public events in September to present our ideas and the scope of the area that we are looking to design. We will take public input at this time and then go back to the LA and the GLG committee for further discussion and the narrowing down of what we can accomplish. National Trails Parks and Recreation Director Leann Castillo has offered the use of the clubhouse at Snyder Park for these meetings. We can give the public a brief tour of the area we are planning and then move inside for the overview and brainstorming.

This is really exciting and such a big opportunity for OSU Extension and for MGVs of Clark County. I know we are more than prepared to take this on. I am so proud of what we have accomplished thus far and the fact that our community and our stakeholders recognize that we have the ability to accomplish this task. Onward and upward!

Have a great rest of August and see you in the trenches when I return!

Pam

Pamela J. Bennett
State Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator
Extension Educator, Horticulture
Ohio State University Extension

Gateway Learning Garden Committee

This committee will be responsible for working with the Landscape Architect to develop the master plan for Snyder Park. The committee is made up of the current various garden chairs (turf, victory, herb, early Ohio settler, perennials, and field trials) as well as anyone else in our organization who wants to be on the committee. With that said, there are some expectations for a volunteer serving on this committee and it's very important that you abide by these as we move into some heavy-duty planning and decision making in the next few months.

This committee started many years ago as we developed our first master plan at the Gateway Learning Gardens. It was necessary to meet as a larger group to develop the overall site. Individual garden chairs have more leeway in developing their actual garden but this committee sees the big picture. This helps to make sure that we all are on the same page and striving to reach the same mission of educating our public.

The expectations for this committee are that you will commit the time necessary to the task at hand and will miss few if any meetings. You will come to meetings with open minds and ideas and participate in committee meetings in a positive constructive way so that we can move forward. You will agree to disagree. This is really important since we all won't agree on exactly what should go where in the new design! And you will support the final design and implementation of the design.

As you know, designing a landscape with a committee can be a challenging task. We all have great ideas and thoughts on what to do. This committee works to take all of these great ideas and place them into a design that works for our public as well as our mission. This process can be slowed dramatically if we have people showing up for only a meeting or two and not involved in the entire process.

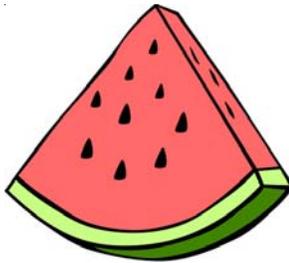
I don't want being on this committee to be a burden to anyone; I want everyone to be excited about being a part of this design effort. We are going to learn a great deal from our LA. Our first meeting will be at 1:00 on Sept. 3 to discuss the LA's presentations and to select a designer. We will also work on scheduling future meeting dates and a time line for this effort.

Call me if you have any questions about serving on this committee. Pam Bennett

Jo's Notes:

You may be wondering where the MGV personal files are located at the new offices.

They are in Kathy McConkey's/HelpLine room in the 2 drawer file cabinet. The MGV files are in the top drawer.



Volunteers

The regular Gateway Learning Garden cleanup on Wednesday, Aug 6 will be cancelled due to the bus trip to Chicago. We are rescheduling clean up for Wednesday, August 13 at 9:00 am. Meet on the patio.

Any volunteers can visit the garden and weed any time they want. It is a tremendous help when you do this.

Happy Birthday to...

- 1st*** Linda Asebrook
Denny Dalton
- 9th*** Larry Pfeifer
- 10th*** Daina Sirons
- 11th*** Danielle Gillam
- 11th*** John Massie
- 13th*** Daniel Barksdale
- 22nd*** Steve Shelton
- 26th*** Rita Young
- 27th*** Peggy Shank
- 30th*** Sheila Drennen
- 30th*** Donna Loney



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Carolyn's Corner



What is happening with the Master Gardener roster on the VMS? There are many more names on it. To answer your questions, these people at one time were active Master Gardeners and we want to always have records of them and the volunteer hours they donated. Their volunteer hours went into our legacy dump so we will now have a more accurate figure for the number of hours volunteers have given to the community since the start of the Master Gardener program in 1993. Yes the list is long, and we have to scroll through it to find the volunteer we are looking for, but we have a solution for this problem. Go to Newsletters and Documents, scroll through the document section, click on 2014 Active Master Gardeners, double click the next page where it says 2014 Active Master Gardeners, and you will see a spreadsheet with all active and intern members contact information. Hope this makes it easier for you to make your connections. I will be updating this document from time to time as the membership changes due to going inactive or for other reasons. Call me if you have any difficulty.

Wasso Garden Tour

Becky Miller, MGV 2008, opened her garden to visitors. It looked gorgeous. Hope you all got a chance to see it.

Field Trials

The plants seem to be growing in spite of the weather we have had. The pots and other equipment have been washed and sterilized. Thanks Wendy May and the rest of the volunteers who helped get this done. We will be ready to start in February at the greenhouse when the first seeds arrive.

Adopt a Bed

Keep up the good work. Treflan, an herbicide, has been applied to all beds, so no more hoeing of weeds, you will have to use a hand tool. There should be less of them to make trouble. Still keep checking up close to the plants and make sure a weed is not growing up close to the crown of the plant. This takes nutrients and moisture away from the plant.

Volunteers Hours

Volunteers are you close to earning your hours for 2014? Remember the opportunities get fewer as we get into autumn. There is always weeding to do in the gardens. Volunteering at Utzinger Garden during the Farm Science Review is another opportunity. You can sit in on the presentations in the Gazebo for continuing education hours, one hour per program. Don't forget we have to get 10 hours of CE credits this year.

VMS TIP of the MONTH

Have you ever entered your hours into the system and then discovered you had made a mistake? Don't panic. You can correct the number very easily. On the top left hand corner box you will see **VIEW MY HOURS** click on this. You will see a list of the hours you have added. Find the entry you want to correct and click on it. A page will come up that has all the information on this entry: Project name, date, and the hours. **CLICK AND BACKSPACE IN THE HOUR BOX** this will remove the number, then **TYPE IN THE CORRECT NUMBER** and page down and **CLICK ON SAVE INFORMATION**. Give me a call if you have questions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SEEDS

We have all of the Community Gardens scheduled for advisory visits every Wednesday morning throughout the summer. Monthly workshops are also scheduled for those that have requested them.

The Victory Garden has scheduled a work day every Monday 9-12, weather permitting. Weeding and harvesting for Second Harvest will be the main focus. Please bring your own gloves and tools. Water and snacks will be provided. Come one, come all who would like to be involved in this project.

We have held two organizational meetings for the Local Food Summit, to be held Oct 11, 2014. Preparations are underway with more information to pass on as this develops.

Thanks

Pam Thullen, Susie Broidy

SEEDS Community Garden Assistants

FAIR FLOWER SHOW

Congratulations to all of the committee members who entered the show this year. What an outstanding group you are.

A great BIG special thanks to Madge Morris and Polly Cooper, Charles Morris, Nancy Best, Pam Thullen, Joan Corbitt, Phyllis Frysinger, and Donna Myers. All of you really stepped up to not only represent the Committee, but to help me this year. You are the best!

I also want to thank all of the MGVs who volunteered and worked through the sometime rain, sometime heat, to get the job done. I sincerely hope you had some fun also.

The FFS Committee will be having a wrap up meeting in August- date, time, and place to be announced. Please bring all your thoughts about this year's fair with you for our planning for next year.

Becky Menozzi, chair,

Polly Cooper and Madge Morris, co-chairs

HELPLINE

We have decided that August will be the last helpline month for the season. There were only a few calls during September last year and we only manned the phones one day a week during the month. Kathy McConkey thinks she can handle any calls and messages that may come in September. She said that she would call Ed Michael or Rick McKinstry if she becomes over loaded with calls. (That hasn't happen all season this year.)

For the month of August

MONDAYS

THURSDAYS

AUG 4 BONNIE MARTENS

AUG 7 KRIS WEBB

AUG 11 BONNIE MARTENS

AUG 14 KRIS WEBB

AUG 18 DIANNE CHAMPNEY

AUG 21 KRIS WEBB

AUG 25 DIANNE CHAMPNEY

AUG 28 KRIS WEBB

Remember: "Life expectancy would grow by leaps and bounds if green vegetables smelled as good as bacon."

Ed Michael and Rick McKinstry

UTZINGER GARDENS

The garden is coming together nicely but we still have plenty to do. We have the two monthly clean up days in Aug. The 2nd thurs. 8/14 & the 4th wed. 8/27 both 9 till noon. I hope all MGVs interested in working at the FSR got signed up, it's quite a show. We can always use more help on our work days so please stop out.

Phil Young, chair

Reminder: All fees for recertification, programs, events, etc. that are sponsored by the Master Gardeners of Clark County need to be payable to Master Gardeners of Clark County and mailed to Master Gardeners of Clark County, PO Box 158, Springfield, OH 45501-0158. OSU Extension cannot accept any checks for the Master Gardeners. Thank you.

FAIR FLOWER SHOW PHOTOS

Congratulations to all of you on the Fair Flower Show Committee for staging a great show. Things went smoothly and looked great. Kudos to all of the volunteers who entered some of their flowers in the show and earned some ribbons.

The Best of Show Ribbon went to Pam Thullen this year for her lily. (See picture) Pam also won ribbons in many other classes.

In the hosta classes, Fred Miller had many winners as did Charles Morris. Petunia class and Daisy class winner was Becky Menozzi. In Ornamental Grasses, Donna Myers won many ribbons. A new winner this year was Sherry Provens for her Coleus. Congratulations to you all and we are very proud of you.



*Best
of
Show*



PLANT OF THE MONTH:

VIOLET

Pansy, viola vy-OH-luh

The name “Violet” originates from the Latin name “Viola”. You can identify this spring flower by its heart-shaped leaves and irregular flowers. There are approximately 500 species. Violets flower from the middle of March to June. The early Greeks grew them around 400 – 600 BC in nurseries outside Athens. Violets are small, sweet-smelling flowers composed of five petals, each about the size of a thumbprint. These petals, despite their name, are found in nearly every color and often feature two or three colors per flower petal.

Violets are hardy and easy to grow perennials that can be sprouted from seeds with a high success rate. The seeds will need darkness to germinate and cool conditions to do well. They will do best in cooler climates – they languish in the heat. They prefer partial shade but can grow in full sunlight. They will grow in most soils but prefer rich, moist, well-drained soil with lots of organic matter. They thrive in temperatures between 65 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

Many species self-sow prolifically. Most true violets grow either in tufts or have creeping stems that root as they grow. They are easy to multiply by division. Violet leaves and flowers are edible and have a delicate, sweet flavor. Violet flowers are used to make butters, jellies and flavored vinegars. They are used to embellish desserts and drinks. Violets are also useful in making perfumes, dyes and medicines.

Viola odorata (sweet violet) can be invasive, but it has a sweet yet fleeting scent. Sweet violet has large, toothed, heart-shaped, dark green leaves. It spreads by long runners, moderately in average garden conditions, but rapidly in rich, moist soil and can become weedy. It self-sows readily, however, mulching can help prevent this. The African violet, a common house plant with fleshy, fuzzy leaves and five-

petalled flowers, isn't a violet at all. It has a shallow root system. True violets grow outdoors and have deep root systems.

The violet is a charming, pretty flower. I like to see them growing as a ground cover, or in a woodland garden. Yes, I like them, I just don't like them growing in my garden. In my garden, I consider them a weed that I'm constantly trying to eliminate.

Dot Burkholder



<http://www.publicdomainpictures.net>

HISTORY CORNER:

By Betty J. Grimes

This has been a rainy season and some vegetables and fruits have struggled to produce the quality of fruit we would like to see on stem and branch. But, “If life gives you lemons, make lemonade” by putting some of the best product into jams, jellies and preserves. During earlier times people couldn't waste produce so, they always found another way to preserve their harvest. Just think of the enjoyable taste of applebutter, peachbutter or grape, raspberry, blackberry or cherry jelly spread on toast. Maybe, even using it as a topping on cookies or as a spread between layers of cake. During the 1800's to the 1900's luncheon cakes were served with jams to the delight of ladies having tea or families at the end of a meal. Take a step back in time and make some tomato preserves, elderberry jam or pumpkin butter for your morning toast.

FIELD TRIAL GREENHOUSE

Field trial greenhouse work continues well past the spring growing season. Fifteen faithful volunteers provided over 80 man-hours of work over three and a half days to pre-wash, wash, rinse, sanitize, count, sort, and bag plug trays, pots, holding trays, and miscellaneous items for the upcoming year. What incredible teams! Our volunteers: Loretta Blazer, Sally Day, Peggie Elsnau, Claudia Fett, Missy Hawley, Marilyn Hinderer, Connie Kersey, Kathy Mark, Wendy May, Natheta Mercer, Linda McCann, Jan O'Neill, Marilyn Ryan, Jean Rickards, Sonya Ryhal (Not pictured: Marilyn Hinderer and Wendy May *taking pictures*).



Above: Tuesday 7-8: front row - Sonya Ryhal, Kathy Mark; second row – Loretta Blazer, Claudia Fett; third row – Sally Day, Jan O'Neill, Linda McCann.



Above: Wednesday 7-9: from left – Connie Kersey, Claudia Fett, Kathy Mark, Missy Hawley, Natheta Mercer and Jean Rickards.

And how many did they clean you ask?

Plug trays – 26 full size, 12 half size

1800 Holding trays

180 Watering trays and covers

7 soaking trays

25 clear covers

Miscellaneous containers

225 6" pots

100 3" pots

62 misc. sized pots

This list does not include the pots we cleaned then decided we would not save for next year.

Those pots are either being recycled; given to members that have expressed an interest in using them; or (if not recyclable) thrown away. Thank you all. Wendy May & Linda McCann

Below: Tuesday 7-15: from left - Peggie Elsnau, Loretta Blazer, Kathy Mark, Natheta Mercer, Missy Hawley, Linda McCann, Marilyn Ryan, Jan O'Neill.



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***Garden Clean up Wednesday
August 13, 2014
9: 00 a.m.***

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