

Blades and Blooms

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Rain Garden at Oesterlen Services for Youth on Mechanicsburg Road. Photo by Lola Walston

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| 2 | 9-12 Garden clean-up
9-12 Utzinger Garden clean-up |
| 3 | 1-3 Knitting |
| 7 | Labor Day---Office Closed. |
| 9 | 4:45-5:30 Perennial Committee
6 p.m. General Meeting |
| 10 | 9-12 Utzinger clean-up
1-3 Knitting |
| 14 | 10-2 OSUE Office Conference |
| 17 | 1-3 Knitting |
| 18 | 9-12 Utzinger clean-up |
| 19 | 10-7 A Wool Gathering |
| 20 | 10-5 A Wool Gathering
B&B Articles Due |
| 21 | 9-12 Utzinger FSR setup
10-12 Early Ohio Settlers |
| 22 | Farm Science Review |
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| 25 | 9-12 Utzinger clean-up |
| 29 | 8:30-12 Field Trial/Greenhouse container
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President's Message:

It is difficult to discuss the passing of a loved one or friend. Fred Rufener was our friend. His gentle laugh and words of encouragement were an inspiration to move on with life while coping with physical and emotional adversity. It will always be a joy to recall the friendship we shared while Fred was with us. I know Fred wishes us well on our future endeavors. We'll miss him.

Fran and I recently visited the Franklin Park kitchen garden adjacent to the Franklin Park Conservancy in Columbus. A kitchen garden is currently a planned element for Master Gardener development at Snyder Park. It is identified on the latest draft master plan as an area adjacent to the existing golf clubhouse. The kitchen garden at Franklin Park Conservancy is part of a campus garden area that is separate from the arboretum entrance and can be visited without admission.

A kitchen garden (potager garden) is an informal garden design that contains edible and ornamental plants arranged in a pleasing pattern. Potager is a French term that means "for the soup pot." Potager gardens can supply a household with nourishing fresh produce, herbs, and beautiful flowers. By selecting plants with staggered flowering and production times, the bounty of these gardens can be enjoyed throughout the growing season.

The rather large campus garden complex (4 acres) at Franklin Park Conservancy contains a thoughtful selection of annuals, perennials, and edible plants that vary seasonally and annually. The concept of continuous enjoyment throughout the growing season is well worth embracing as development of Snyder Park gardens continues. Take time to tour the campus gardens at Franklin Park Conservancy and visualize adapting many of the structural and plant elements at Snyder Park. <http://www.fpconservatory.org/The-Experience/Gardens-and-Plant-Collections/Garden-Campus>.

Tom Davidson, President



Pam's Posies

Plans are moving along for the new gardens at Snyder Park. Bladecutter employees have been on-site excavating the greens and tee boxes in order to get down to the topsoil. We have been pleasantly surprised as to what's been under these areas. We have found topsoil and a little sand and gravel but no real problems. Once these areas are completely excavated, we will be moving ahead with the layout of the garden sites (turf, field trials and Early Ohio Settlers). These should all be established by this fall---weather permitting!

At the last Snyder Park Gardens and Arboretum (SPGA) committee meeting, we officially changed the name to the above. I still slip and call it Gateway Learning Garden, but will eventually get it right! Old habits are hard to break. We established a pavilion design committee headed up by Ladonna Lowe. This group will be responsible for coming up with a design for the pavilion. Once we get a design, we can get an estimate and start raising funds for this.

The SPGA committee discussed that we needed to put in the fence around the barn, the sidewalks around the immediate clubhouse area and the pavilion. To do all of this, we will be getting estimates and raising the money to have it completed, hopefully, this fall. Jeannie is still working on completing the master plan design and we are looking to have it ready to present to membership by the end of September. I'll keep you posted.

In the meantime, thanks for all of your efforts at Snyder Park Gardens and Arboretum this season. You can't go to the site without seeing people wandering about or working in the gardens. The Victory Garden, though hidden, has been extremely productive: kudos to Ed Wozniak and Rick McKinstry for their leadership and hard work. We had a great workshop with about 36 people in attendance last month. It was a lot of fun. Look for more of these in the future.

Thanks to Wendy May and Linda McCann, we anticipate having a great workshop on field trials as well. It's really exciting to have this beautiful venue to teach our community about gardening.

I hope everyone has a great time at the Annual MGVS State Conference and comes back with new ideas, friendships established around the state, and a renewed enthusiasm for the MGVS program.

As always, I can't thank you enough for all that you do for Ohio State University Extension. You are the reason we are successful in Clark County.

Sincerely,

Pam

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



Jo's Notes:

Thoughts and Prayers

Fred Rufener passed away August 19, 2015. He was in the Class of 1997. Keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

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.

Carolyn's Corner

Continuing Education Credits---Need 10 Hours

We are headed into fall, and I hope you have been working on getting your CE Credits. If you still need some, the list below might help you.

September 22, 23, 24--Farm Science Review, Gazebo Programs, 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
September 12--Growing and Preserving the Edible Landscape, 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Hilliker YMCA, Bellefontaine, OH.
November 14--Local Food Summit Springfield High School, 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Will send out information on programs in other counties as we hear of them.

Straw Vote

The nominating committee will be sending out a straw vote in this newsletter; please check mark whom you would like to nominate for each office, and return to Jean Rickards before the meeting. The committee will contact those who have been nominated to see if they would like to run for the office. When they finish contacting the members, they will prepare a ballot which will be sent out prior to the November general meeting. You can also turn in your ballot at this meeting. The votes will be counted and the results announced at the end of the November general meeting.

September Garden Clean-Up

Wednesday, September 2, will be garden clean-up at Snyder Park Gardens and Arboretum. Meet at the clubhouse at 9:00 a.m.

Also, Utzinger Garden Clean-Up will be the same day. It is critical we get this done because it is only a few weeks until the Review.

Volunteers, go whichever place you want. We can get it DONE.



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERENNIAL COMMITTEE

Perennial Committee spent August doing routine garden weeding, and some of us have been faithful attenders of the Snyder Park Gardens and Arboretum meetings (formerly Gateway Gardens committee). Planning for our new gardens has been both exciting and challenging. It feels like one thing depends on another. In our meetings, we have determined that the sidewalks and hard surfaces need to be in place before we can actually plant. We turned in a budget that included projected expenses for necessary tools, for herbicide for killing off turf in our future planting beds, and for soil amendments and mulch. We also included expenses for woody ornamentals because they can be planted while they are in the dormant stage. Once the timing is right, we are really going to be BUSY! Next meeting: September 9, 4:45-5:30 p.m. in small conference room. Kathy McConkey and Dot Burkholder

SEEDS

All of our 25 gardens are winding down and harvest is almost done. We still have a few gardens to visit. We will be following up with end of the season activities.

On August 11th, we held a "What's Eating My Plants" workshop at the Victory Garden/Community Garden at Snyder Park. Thirty-seven people attended keeping the mosquitos at bay. Pam Bennett presented a lot of information and answered many questions.

On August 13th, fifty RAs from Wittenberg worked on their team building skills by helping at the Victory Garden and worked on clearing and cleaning around the cart barn and clubhouse.

The 2nd Annual Focus On Local Food Summit plans are progressing! The event will take place Saturday, November 14th at Springfield High School from 8:00 – 4:00. Cost is \$15.00. There will be an emphasis on extending the growing season with a Thanksgiving theme weaving throughout the event. This event will be very fun and informative, and we hope to have a lot of Master Gardeners in attendance. Watch for more information to follow.
Susie Broidy and Connie Kersey

UTZINGER

The Utzinger Ugly Duckling is almost a Beautiful Swan! Thanks to all the committee members who have worked so hard to get the garden to its present state. We will miss Meagan who has gone back to the coal mines of Tecumseh Middle School, but if anything needs to be done, let us know, and, Presto Change-o, it will be done! We will get more black mulch in September, but we do have some path mulch to work with. Farm Science Review dates are 9/22, 9/23, and 9/24. We have workdays/finishing-up days scheduled on 9/10, 9/18, 9/21 (tent set-up, etc.). Also, we are still waiting to see if we will be arranging flowers this year on Monday. Now, there are a few more molts of that ugly duckling, and voila! La Utzinger!
Deb Dean, Marilyn Hinderer, Donnay Myers

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

September General Meeting is approaching, and we need 8 volunteers to help supply snacks. We are going with an Italian theme, and have nothing yet planned or donated so the field is clear for whatever you can bring. We will also need beverages. Contact Deb Dean @ (937) 605-7402 or Natheta Mercer @ (937) 325-5202 if you would like to volunteer.
Deb Dean and Natheta Mercer

HELPLINE

This summer season has passed quickly. So far Helpline has helped 141 people with garden problems, lawn problems, home insect problems, tree problems, shrub problems, and many with bee problems. Helpline continues through September, but MGV will not staff the phones during September. We usually get only a few calls during that month, and our in-house Master Gardener, Kathy McConkey, has agreed to handle the Helpline calls for September. So if you would like to work Helpline sometime during the month and get a few more hours, call Kathy.

Ed and I thank you all for your help and support on Helpline this season.

Remember: Every garden is unique with a multitude of choices in soils, plants and themes. Finding your garden theme is as easy as seeing what brings a smile to your face.
Ed Michael and Rick McKinstry

FIELD TRIALS/GREENHOUSE

Container Cleaning Days—Field Trials/ Greenhouse

All Master Gardeners are welcome to come to this annual event! You don't have to be on the Field Trials/Greenhouse committee to take part in the container cleaning workdays. Join us Tuesday and Wednesday, September 29-30 from 8:30 A.M. – 12 noon outside the red barn at Snyder Park. We will rinse, wash, sanitize, and inventory hundreds of pots and trays plus other greenhouse supplies for winter storage. Bring rubber gloves, bottle brushes, gardening stools, and a large 15+ gallon tub if you have one. We have set aside two days—come one or both days. Wear layers as the weather may be unpredictable. In case of inclement weather, watch your email for alternate plans.

If you have not yet returned your four inch pots, trays, and plant labels, please leave them on the west side of the red barn (dog park side).

Wendy May and Linda McCann



RAIN GARDEN

On Friday 8/14/2015, a Rain Garden was planted at Oesterlen Services for Youth on Mechanicsburg Road. It is close to the road and easily visible by vehicles driving by. It is a large rain garden expected to be a major help in stopping erosion that has been occurring during heavy rain events in the area. It will be interesting to see how effective it is and changes that occur as plants mature. There is a picture of the site on the front page. If you would like more information about the project, contact me.

Lola Walston

VICTORY GARDEN

By the time you read this article, everything will have been picked out of the victory garden and taken to the Second Harvest. As of August 18, we have donated 4262# of produce with an estimated 400# yet to be delivered. This is by far the most vegetables we have donated since the inception of the program. A special thanks to all of you that have helped with the planting, weeding, and picking the produce. We couldn't have done it without you.

Ed Wozniak and Rick McKinstry

"I grow old, I grow old," the garden says. It is nearly October. The bean leaves grow paler, now lime, now yellow, now leprous, dissolving before my eyes. The pods curl and do not grow, turn limp and blacken. The potato vines wither and the tubers huddle underground in their rough weather-proof jackets, waiting to be dug. The last tomatoes ripen and split on the vine; it takes days for them to turn fully now, and a few of the green ones are beginning to fall off.

- Robert Finch

PLANT OF THE MONTH:

TROLLIUS (TROH-lee-us)

Globeflower

Giant, rounded buttercups would be a way to describe these perennial globeflowers. The large, usually bright yellow flowers are like buttercups inside and out. The difference is that globeflowers tend to remain rounded, opening only into a cup-shaped form, which is the reason they are called globeflowers. The large, dark green leaves that look like fingers radiating from a hand, are easy to mistake for those of buttercups. Globeflowers will stay put, unlike buttercups which are a little unruly.



You need cool and wet conditions to succeed with globeflowers. I guess this year would have been a good year to grow these flowers as we certainly had a lot of cool and wet. They don't like hot summers or drought so keep them evenly moist at all times. Remember, we live in Ohio, so cool and wet can quickly turn into hot and horrid. In cool, moist conditions that globeflowers prefer, the foliage remains attractive all summer long. Elsewhere, they may become yellow and tired-looking by mid-summer; just prune them back harshly.

Globeflowers are a little slow to get started. Don't worry if they don't seem up to par for the first year or so. They'll grow and fill-in eventually. After five years, you may have to divide them because they tend to get thin in middle over time. Division is the best way to multiply these flowers and the only way to propagate the cultivars. The best time to divide your plants is just after they finish blooming.

Plant the globeflowers in full sun to partial shade. They like rich, moist, and even boggy soil. Boy, do I ever have the right conditions for these plants at my house. If you're tired of hearing "plant in a well-drained location," this might be the perfect plant. The blues and purples of

spring will complement the bright yellow globeflowers. For some color contrast, plant them with Siberian iris, Virginia bluebells, and forget-me-nots.

Powdery mildew can sometimes be a problem if the soil is on the dry side. The easiest thing to do is cut back the damaged leaves, and next year keep the soil moist. Globeflower may be a plant that is unfamiliar to you. I called Meadow View, and, yes, they do have them available. I wrote about this plant for two reasons: (1) I liked the look of the flower and (2) I had to write about some kind of plant.
Dot Burkholder

Happy Birthday to...

3rd	<i>Marilyn Hinderer</i>
5th	<i>Connie Kersey</i>
5th	<i>Jerome Laub</i>
5th	<i>Catherine Zernechel</i>
7th	<i>Dorothy Burkholder</i>
8th	<i>Joyce Studebaker</i>
11th	<i>Kathy Eckell</i>
13th	<i>Penny Dunbar</i>
13th	<i>Betty Grimes</i>
17th	<i>Dianne Kane</i>
18th	<i>Polly Cooper</i>
19th	<i>Cindy Schneider</i>
21st	<i>Peggie Elsnau</i>
24th	<i>Janet Hannel</i>
25th	<i>Anne Joyce</i>
25th	<i>Marilyn Ryan</i>
27th	<i>Becky Miller</i>
29th	<i>Sonya Ryhal</i>
30th	<i>Katherine Frazier</i>



MEET A SERVICE DOG

I would like to introduce myself to the Master Gardeners. My name is Nori, and I'm a purebred German Shepard. The reason that I'm special for other than the obvious reasons is that I'm trained and registered as a service animal. A service animal provides a service to a person that has some kind of physical disability. This could be blindness, seizure detection, alerting an owner for danger or sounds, and the list is endless. In my case, I provide mobility support for my owner, Master Gardener Rachel Stridsberg. Since Master Gardeners work with the public on a regular basis, I've been asked to answer questions you may have on this subject.

As a service dog, I wear a lifetime registration tag from the State of Ohio. I could wear a service jacket, but it is not required. I am legally allowed to be in any place that my master may go, including restaurants, hotel rooms, and can even fly in the passenger compartment of an airliner.

As a volunteer, or employee, you certainly have the right to ask my owner if I am a service dog. You even have the right to ask for proof. What you cannot ask is the nature of the owner's disability. As I am a working dog, you should not pet me, but since I adore attention, and Rachel does not feel that adoration is distracting to me, she allows it. She thinks of me as somewhat of an ambassador, too!

 Nori Stridsberg



*Try to remember the kind of September
When life was slow and oh so mellow
Try to remember the kind of September
When grass was green and grain so yellow
Try to remember the kind of September
When you were a young and a callow fellow
Try to remember and if you remember
Then follow--follow, oh-oh.
"Try to Remember," Tom Jones and Harvey
Schmidt*

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10 - 5 Sunday

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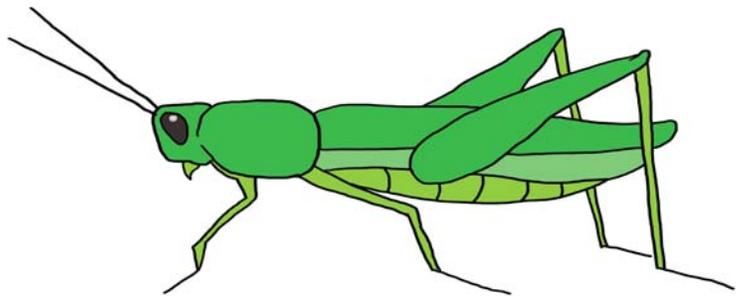


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