

Blades and Blooms

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Mark Your Calendar

3	12-2	Office Conference
5	9-12	Garden Clean-up
12	9-12 6:30	Utzinger Work Day Executive Board Meeting
15-16		Hollandia's Fall Festival @SPGA
21	11-3	Tailgate Blitz @OSU Extension

President's Message

Congratulations to Wendy May for the award for 2016 OSUE Outstanding Master Gardener Volunteer!

Our field trials are brilliant again this year thanks to Wendy's organizational and management skills. Wendy will tell you the greenhouse and field trial project is a team effort, but the team leader deserves the credit for efficient planning and timely execution of the myriad tasks required by volunteers to start and plant a large field trial garden. It was really fun to participate in Wendy's well-organized greenhouse preparation, plant moving brigade (hardening off drill), and caravan to Snyder Park for planting. Wendy finished the season by publishing an excellent guide for future field trial management use. Thank you for your dedication and extra effort toward continued greenhouse planting successes.

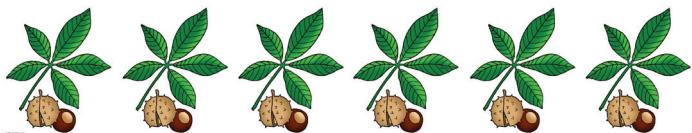
Congratulations also to Debbie Dean, Marilyn Hinderer, and Donna Myers for a great looking Utzinger Garden at the Farm Science Review (FSR) again this year. This is another team effort that benefitted from organizational and management skill, attention to detail, and many volunteer hours of preparation. Debbie, Marilyn, and Donna really deserve highest praise for a great conclusion to a season-long gardening endeavor. The FSR enjoyed 3 days of perfect sunny weather that was preceded by timely rains that had plants in top shape for the event. We need to extend huge congratulations to the tree selling team of Ruth Ann Rahim, Natheta Mercer, Cindy Schneider, and Fran Davidson. They sold over 250 trees in two days! They really are terrific!

I heard an estimate of 45,000 attended the first day of FSR. In perfect weather, many farmers may have been in the fields harvesting, but families and FFA students were abundant. Maybe new attendance records were set.

A couple of welcomed visitors I spotted in the Utzinger Gardens this year included monarch butterflies, silver streaked skippers, black and yellow swallowtails, buckeyes, sulfurs, cabbage butterflies, and a beautiful garden spider. For the first time in 30 years, Fran and I did not find monarch butterfly eggs or caterpillars on our 6 acres of weeds and native plants. It was a relief to find them at Utzinger!

How about butterflies in a Snyder Park Pollinator garden next year?

Tom Davidson



Pam's Posies

Congratulations to Debbie Dean, Marilyn Hinderer and Donna Myers for their outstanding leadership of the Utzinger Garden project. These ladies pulled everyone together to meet the task of getting the gardens ready for the Farm Science Review. Also, congratulations to all of the committee/garden chairs who had their gardens ready to go as well. Everyone involved in the project worked hard to make sure that the gardens were in top notch condition for the event. Thanks also to Susie Anderson and Jody Frisbee for their continuous photos that allowed me to be a part of the event even though I was many miles away!

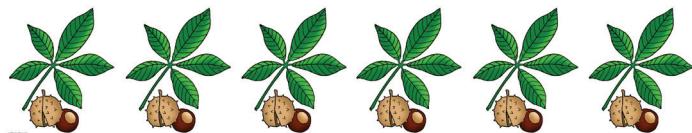
The Snyder Park Garden and Arboretum plans are slowly moving forward. We are at the point now where I have reached my capacity of skills. We will need to seek a project manager and contractor in the near future in order to get the pavilion and the sidewalks installed in what we are calling "phase 1" (area around the clubhouse). I am crossing my fingers that we can break ground on the pavilion next spring! The committee choosing the design for the pavilion is working hard as are the committees for the Donations Acceptance Policy as well as the signs for the gardens. We have a lot of things going on behind the scene. In addition, the gardens that were installed this spring were well-received by the public. Dennis Latimer, our summer intern, did a great job as an ambassador for the gardens whenever people came to visit. I know that everyone in our organization is proud to share our excitement with others. This is a good project for our community!

Here it is October already, and I can't tell you where the summer has gone. I had a great season this year in the vegetable garden and hope to keep things going a little longer. I planted lettuce and broccoli in early August and my kale is still looking great. The freezer is full of candied tomatoes, tomatoes, and spaghetti sauce, and the shelves are filled with canned salsa. Still, it's really hard to have the last tomatoes from the summer garden knowing that the next fresh (good -tasting) tomato won't be back until next July!

Enjoy the fall and football! Go Bucks!

Pam

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Carolyn's Corner

Farmer's Market

Thank you to all the volunteers who manned the booth at the Farmer's Market this year. I hope you met a lot of people and had a great time as well as promoting OSU Extension. Volunteers who staffed the booth were Dea Rucker, Jane Malowney, Ed Wozniak, Ed Wichael, Connie Mitchell, Fabenne Brandenburg, Gloria Sparks, Mindy Foley, Linda Himes, and Kathy McConkey. Good job volunteers! You are great ambassadors for OSU Extension and the Master Gardener program.

MGV State Conference

The annual State Conference was in Cuyahoga Falls on September 16 and 17th. Friday was a day for bus tours to local points of interest. I chose Cuyahoga Valley Adventure. Following the tour, there was a reception with book signing by the author, Michael Dirr, and dinner. Saturday was full of classes which you chose when registering for the conference. At the luncheon, the state awards were presented to the deserving winners. Congratulations Wendy, Outstanding MGV!

If you forgot to register this year, put it on your calendar for September 29 & 30, 2017 in Franklin County. It is a great time to meet MGVs from all over the state and learn what they are doing. Hope to see a lot of you there.

Farm Science Review

The FSR was September 20-22. Many visitors came through the Utzinger Garden maintained by volunteers from Clark County. Programs took place daily in the gazebo and volunteers were in all areas of the gardens to answer questions. There were also MG Volunteers from other counties helping to support the different garden areas. On Thursday, Carolyn, Kathy, and Carolyn Hennigan, a local caterer, grilled lots of fresh produce from local growers. There was something for everyone, and if you haven't seen the gardens, you really need to see what the Utzinger Garden Committee has accomplished. Good job Deb Dean, Marilyn Hindner, and Donna Myers.

Snyder Park Garden Waterers

Thanks to all of you who volunteered to water the gardens at Snyder Park while the intern, Dennis Latimer, was on vacation. The first week was blistering hot, but then the rains came in and then they came again and again making the watering chores a lot easier. Thanks to all of you. The gardens are all looking great!

Pam's Posies cont. from pg. 2

Buckeye Blitz Tailgate Party

Our office wants to thank our volunteers for all of their hard work for OSU Extension. On October 21, from 11:00 - 3:00, stop by the office for a hot dog, snacks, and a big thank you from all of us. The staff will be providing the lunch for you. We realize that this isn't much and that we can never do enough to thank our amazing volunteers, but we want to celebrate with a tailgate lunch! We know that not all of you are Buckeye fans. So wear whatever school's colors that you support and show your fall tailgating spirit!



Buckeye support at Farm Science Review

Pam, Carolyn, Kathy, Susie, Eric, and Jo

Pamela J. Bennett

*State Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator
Extension Educator, Horticulture*

Ohio State University



Congratulations!

Wendy May,
2016 OSUE
Outstanding
Master Gardener
Volunteer

Carolyn's Corner continued

Committee Chairs Budget for 2017

Committee Chairs, your budgets for 2017 are due by September 30, 2016. You have forms in your folders that were given to you at the chairs' meeting in December 2015. If you have misplaced the folder, I will put the form on the VMS under "Documents". It is titled "Master Gardener Committee Budget Request".

The Treasurer and the Finance Committee will meet and use these requests to develop the budget for next year (2017).

Think about what your committee might be doing next year and plan accordingly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HELPLINE

Thank you, all Master Gardeners, for a great Helpline season. Next year we are planning on only having Helpline one day a week, April thru September, with only one Master Gardener with Ed or Rick in the office that morning. If you have questions or want input on this change, please call Ed or Rick.

Remember: Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was their age, I had to walk 11 feet through heavy shag carpet to change the TV channel.

Ed Wichael and Rick McKinstry

SEEDS COMMITTEE

The main focus of SEEDS in September and October is finishing up the work involved in the community gardens, establishing the new Garden of Eatin', and continuing to plan and prepare for the Third Annual Focus on Local Food Summit to be held Saturday, November 12, 2016, at Springfield High School. The event starts at 8:30 a.m. and continues until 3:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Collaboration, Co-op and Coalition." The cost of the summit is \$25.00 and includes breakfast and lunch – all locally sourced. Watch the VMS for more information and a registration form. Remember – you can get continuing education credit for attending.

We at OSU Extension want to introduce and welcome Eric Roberts as our new Program Assistant. Eric is a 2015 graduate of Wittenberg University, where he starred as a diver on the swim team and was active in promoting a community garden for the campus. Eric, a native of northern California, spent last year as a Vista worker attached to Springfield's Promise Neighborhood. He is currently enrolled in a Master's Degree program at OSU in Urban Planning which nicely matches his primary duties at OSU Extension.

Eric will be taking the lead and continuing the work on local food and urban agriculture. Eric will also be helping with community garden activities.

Stop by the office and introduce yourself to the new guy in town – Eric Roberts.

Susan Broidy

UTZINGER GARDENS

Farm Science Review has left the building! The tri-chairs of the Utzinger Garden, Marilyn Hinderer, Donna Myers, and Deb Dean want to thank Master Gardner Volunteers who developed and maintained area gardens, worked at any time on the garden, donated time and Fairy Gardens, brought food to share at FSR, sent positive thoughts and encouragement, and were just, in general, the best group of Master Gardeners and friends EVER! The tri-chairs consider this a labor of love, and we are delighted that so many persons also share our passion for Utzinger. You are all the best!

We also extend a special thank you to Phil Young for helping us in every way possible: from doing heavy work to getting the grill in shape to going into London and getting the propane tanks filled on his own dime. We also want to thank Ron Kurth for building the newest arbor in front of the shed; it is beautiful and greatly compliments the garden! And once again, thanks to Phil for helping Ron install it.



Congratulations Donna, Deb and Marilyn for a great Utzinger and Farm Science Review.

We had too many compliments on the gardens to count, but we think that the thanks should be directed to those persons who maintain and design their areas: Straw Bale Garden - Donna Myers: Shade Garden - Cindy Schneider: Natives Garden and Weeds Display (Contrary to opinion, we do appreciate the Weed Display!) - Tom and Fran Davidson: Pollinator Garden - Rita Dalton: Container Garden area - Judy Wessel: Late season raised-bed garden - Judy Niggemeyer: Fairy Gardens and Containers - Diane Catenacci and Sally Day: Back Entrance Garden - Natheta Mercer and Marilyn Hinderer: Gazebo Area - Fred Miller: Backyard Garden and Heuchera Collection - Susie Anderson, Rita Young, and Carol

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Hanusik: Hummingbird and Songbird Gardens- Deb Dean, Donna Myers, Donna Loney (Donna Loney also put together the Map Books): McCormick Bldg. Kids - Jody Frisby (Jody is also our social media/picture posting maven!): Rain Garden - Janet Hannel, Peggie Elsnau, Jean Rickards: Zebra Grass demo and Pond Area Garden - Ruth Ann Rahim: Curly Willow (aka Fall) Garden - Jean Ann Baker.

Another special thanks to Dennis Latimer who spread mulch, mowed, weeded, trimmed, edged, watered, and generally "prettied-up" the whole area, in addition to volunteering for a new garden next year (2017) in our most problematic area under the pine trees behind the gazebo. It will be a show-stopper, and we are excited to see it!

We will be sending out a work day for putting the garden to bed.

Once again, thanks for making this the best gig in Master Gardening!

Donna Myers, Marilyn Hinderer, and Deb Dean

THE HISTORY CORNER

The last days of summer have gone, and autumn is here with its cooler days and nights, the changes in our gardens, and the change in the color of the leaves on the trees. I'm making a change too. I will be moving on and a new historian will be collecting the history of the Clark County Master Gardeners. There will be a lot of history made in the next few years with all the work being done at Snyder Park. I think of where we have come from and where we will be going and all of the activities that will occur at this facility. Already the gardens and grounds are taking on a spectacular appearance. Runners are making tracks past the area, and I'm sure they are watching the changes that are taking place. This project is going to present a new venue that the people of Springfield can use for their enjoyment. Good luck to all of you, and thank you for all of your support.

Betty J. Grimes

GREENHOUSE/FIELD TRIAL COMMITTEE

This is just a quick note to members that still need to get some volunteer hours before the end of the year. The Greenhouse committee has white plant stakes that need to be cleaned so we can use them next year. We have bags of stakes and acetone that you can take home and work at your own pace. If you have any Magic Erasers that will work also.

If you are interested in doing this volunteer work, please contact Cathy Zernechel, 937-925-2347, catz3243@att.net; Linda McCann, 937-478-0350, linda@mccannco.net; Sherri Summers, 937-561-2505, summers.sherri@outlook.com. We will make arrangements with you to get these items.

Thanks,

Cathy Zernechel, Linda McCann, and Sherri Summers

PERENNIAL COMMITTEE

PC met on Wednesday, September 14. We discussed beginning our part of the gardens by removing some or all of the burning bushes that are closest to the clubhouse and using some ornamental grasses, spring bulbs, and other plants with all-season interest to create a softer, more inviting landscape screen. Geoff Stridsberg, a Friend of SPGA, will dig out the bushes with his Bobcat. Wittenberg students are interested in helping. Details need worked out, but the Wittenberg students will be available later in October. Perennial Committee is excited to begin!

Kathy McConkey and Dot Burkholder

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

Volunteers, do you have your 10 hours of CE credits for 2016? If not, here is an opportunity:

The Local Food Summit on Saturday, November 12, at Springfield High School.

Will keep you informed if I know of any other opportunities.

Carolyn Allen

Plant of the Month

SEEMED LIKE A GOOD IDEA AT THE TIME Part 2

Last month I wrote about some of my gardening misadventures. This month, I'm going to add some comments about those garden choices. I'm trying to make some lemonade from those adventures.

I decided to plant a Hyacinth Bean where I had previously planted my Grandpa Ott Morning Glory. I had seen the Hyacinth Bean in gardens I had visited and really liked it probably because it was something different and had purple flowers as a bonus. It is climbing up and over my arbor and the flowers remind me somewhat of an orchid. It has mingled in with my Sweet Autumn Clematis. Yes, Grandpa Ott has escaped and there are a few Morning Glories mingled in with everything. There are now numerous purple bean pods on the plant. Do all those bean pods mean I'll have this plant growing everywhere next year? Ask me in the spring. I've decided to cut some of those pods and spray paint them to use

in fall and/or Christmas decorations.

I still like the colors of the Houttuynia or Chameleon plant even if they do sprawl all over everything. I decided it would be a good idea to plant some in containers. It was on my list to do this summer, but somehow it never got done. Well, my daughter living in Tennessee loves it and keeps taking some home. She's trying to cut down on lawn mowing. It's hotter in Tennessee than Ohio, and some of it dies.

I've been digging out Forget-me-not plants this summer. Maybe I won't have as many of these plants in the spring. Time will tell.

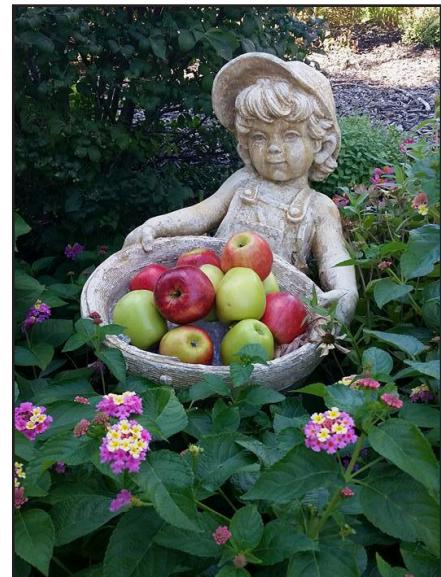
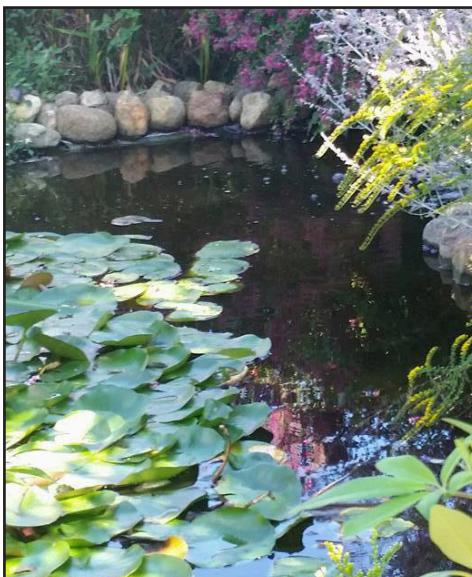
Now about that Malva (Mallow) that I planted. I'm still pulling out those plants. However, there is some redeeming value to the plants. Originally, I planted this at the back of my yard close to the compost heap. I discovered that Japanese beetles just love this plant. By planting Malva at the back of my yard, the beetles did

not bother some of my other plants as much.

Dot Burkholder



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wikimedia.org/wiki/File:
Lablab_purpureus.*



Many views of Utzinger Gardens

Grape Salad

recipe from Peggy Elsnau



2 lbs. green grapes

2 lbs. red grapes

1C sour cream

8 oz. cream cheese

1/2 C sugar

1 tsp vanilla

Mix sour cream, cream cheese, sugar, and vanilla until smooth. Pour mixture over rinsed grapes and toss to coat grapes.

Topping

1 C chopped pecans

1 C dark brown sugar

Mix together.

For trifle dish

Layer grapes and topping.

For 9x13 dish

Pour grapes into pan and sprinkle with topping.

Jo's Notes:

Thoughts & Prayers

Rita Dalton has had medical issues and Denny broke his ankle last week. Their address is 10 Micaela, West Milton, OH 45383.

*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, save perhaps in
Daffodil time, do we get such
superb colour effects as from
August to November.*

Rose G. Kingsley,
"The Autumn Garden." 1905

- WALK RUN & Help
 - MAKE MONEY!!!! SATURDAY, NOV 5th
 - Keep Clark County Beautiful is sponsoring a 5k at Snyder Park.
 - Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and race starts at 10:00 a.m.
 - Registration cost is \$20.00. KCCB is donating one half of the proceeds to Clark County Master Gardeners. The other half goes to another organization.
 - Please come and bring friends and/or family with you to run or walk. Have fun and enjoy being in our beautiful park plus get your exercise.
 - Also help make money for our organization.
 - We will have cider, water, and donuts available.
 - This is a great opportunity to show Springfield and Clark County what a great organization we are.
 - If you can, please let Natheta Mercer or Debbie Dean know if you are coming so we have enough cider & donuts. Come on out and join us!!! You just might win--Pam Bennett won a medal last year!!
 - Natheta Mercer, emercer2016@tvc.com
 - Debbie Dean, duck6012@yahoo.com

Happy Birthday

- 1st Susie Broidy
4th Kris Webb
7th Judy Niggemeyer
18th Ed Wozniak
31st Natheta Mercer
31st Ruth Ann Rahim

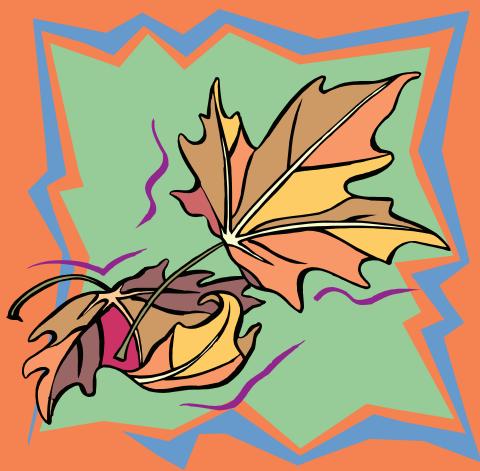




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