

The Greene Leaflet



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News for Greene County Master Gardeners
Greene County Extension

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WELCOME TO 2020!

The holidays are always a wonderful time to get together with friends and family. We certainly hope that everyone had a great Christmas and a memorable New Year.

It is now 2020 and we are looking forward to an interesting and rewarding year as Master Gardeners. Hopefully with 20/20 vision (sorry I couldn't resist!).

Since we can experience bad winter weather in Greene County and daylight hours are rather short, as in 2019 we have scheduled the January and February 2020 business meetings for the Saturdays of 1/25 and 2/15 at 1 PM. The meetings will be in the Buckeye Room, OSU Extension Office at the Greene County Fairgrounds. We hope everyone can attend.

There will be 19 interns officially certified as Master Gardener Volunteers at the January meeting. As we all know this is quite an achievement. Please join us for an enjoyable winter afternoon with your fellow master gardeners to celebrate the occasion and welcome the new members. Refreshments will be provided. I promise I will not give a long boring speech at this meeting.

Since all current board members are available during the day, we have moved the board meetings to 9AM. The next one is scheduled for 2/5. These are open to the membership.

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Figure 1 artwork by Theodore Kittleson

UPCOMING MEETING/EVENT/TEAM CALENDAR

January 25, 1:00 p.m.: Winter Gathering to welcome the 2019 intern class. (Buckeye room)

January 29, 8:30 a.m.: Program Team meeting

January 30, 9:00 a.m.: State Conference committee meeting

February 2: World Wetlands Day and Ground Hog Day

February 5, 9:00 a.m.: Board Meeting (Buckeye room)

February 15, 1:00 p.m.: Business meeting, Buckeye room

February 17: President's Day

February 29: It's a Leap Year!

March 3: World Wildlife Day

March 5: Board Meeting

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March 8: Daylight Saving Time Begins (spring forward)

March 10: Business Meeting

April 9: Board Meeting

April 16: Business Meeting

April 22: Earth Day

May 1: Plant sale set up

CONTINUING EDUCATION

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Feb 2020

Greene County – Agriculture and Natural Resources

Continuing Education Events Available to Master Gardener Volunteers

Events near Greene/Montgomery/Clark/Fayette/Clinton/Warren/Miami & Madison Counties

Event	Location (City/Co.)	Date	Distance (Miles)	CE Hours
Southern Ohio Speciality Crop Conference	Lebanon/Warren	Tue, Feb 4	36	5
Starting Plants From Seed	Xenia/Greene	Sat, Feb 15	0	1.5
Perennial Flower School	Springfield/Clark	March 5	-	TBD
Grow Natives	London/Madison	Sat, Apr 25	30	5

Events Statewide

Event	Location (City/Co.)	Date	Distance (Miles)	CE Hours
Tri-State Green Industry Conference	Sharonville/Hamilton	Wed, Feb 5	56	*
Your Yard in Living Color	Medina/Medina	Sat, Feb 22	175	3
OSU Pollinator Short Course 2020	Columbus/Franklin	Thu, Feb 27	65	#
"SENSE"ational Gardening Workshop	Norwalk/Huron	Sat, Mar 28	165	3

* Hours earned will vary based on side sessions attended

OSU Pollinator Short Course, six monthly programs (Feb, Apr(2), May, Jun, Sep, Oct)(Hours also vary)

*** Disclaimer - this is not a complete listing of continuing education opportunities available to Master Gardener Volunteers. For more information on OSU hosted events visit county.osu.edu. ***



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The upcoming year will be an adventure. The increased emphasis on educational requirements for the project gardens will take some effort and a lot of cooperation. Meetings have been held with most of the affected gardens and their volunteers to lay the groundwork to implement the needed changes. This should be an exciting time to share our knowledge with others.

The 2021 Master Gardener State Conference will be hosted by Greene County on October 14, 15, and 16. This is quite an undertaking and a committee has been meeting throughout 2019 to prepare for the event. The pace of activities will be picking up in 2020. If you would like to get involved, please join us on Thursday, January 30 at 9AM.

We will have an upcoming meeting in July at the Riverbend Daylily Garden, located at 1300 Lower Bellbrook Rd., Xenia, Ohio (closer to Bellbrook than Xenia). Mike and Sandy Holmes own this facility where they breed and raise daylilies for home gardens. They have over 30,000 cultivars on site of which most of these are seedlings, undergoing evaluation. They are members of the American Hemerocallis Society and have graciously agreed to allow us to have our July business meeting at their gardens. This should be the peak bloom season for daylilies and a spectacular sight to behold. If you go to their website at www.daylily.ws, you can see some of their introductions and a picture of their gardens in bloom. Hope to see everyone at the July 14th business meeting.

In closing, I would like to mention that sometimes Ohio winter days could be a little dreary and cold. But I have found that after I have glanced at the seed catalogues and sorted through some of the garden pictures from the past season, the garden I am looking at through my window is transformed. This is especially true if there is a little snow covering. In my mind's eye my winter garden becomes the best garden I have ever had. With redbirds at the feeder, I can see the daylilies and daffodils in full bloom. The tomatoes are ripe and there is no wilt. The cabbageworms are eating thistle! The peppers are yellow, orange and red. Potatoes are pushing out of the ground and beans are ready to be picked. Bees and butterflies are everywhere. Aphids and caterpillars are eating dandelions! Roses are in full bloom and the air is heavy with their fragrance. Blackspot and Japanese beetles are on the Korean honeysuckle! The ground in the woods is carpeted with blossoms of Virginia bluebells and bloodroot. A doe and her fawn are drinking out of the pond and deadheading the roses for me! There are ducks and newly hatched ducklings on the pond. The frogs are singing, and tadpoles blanket the shoreline. The trees are thick with songbirds on their nests. They flit from branch to branch trilling to each other. They have eaten all the mosquitoes and horse flies! The rabbits are numerous and chase each other through the garden. They only have a taste for crabgrass! I can see my children and grandchildren, nephews and nieces fishing for bluegills, hunting Easter eggs, skating on the pond, and swimming in the pool. They laugh, climb the hills, and hide behind trees. They play touch football and pick zinnias. Every night they have a campfire, sing and toast marshmallows. Yes, in my mind my winter garden is the best garden of all! Enjoy yours as well.



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