

THE GREENE LEAFLET

News for OSU Extension Greene County Master Gardener Volunteers

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dan Denham

How time flies. It's already time for the March/April Newsletter. January through March is that time of year when I pull out my favorite gardening books and read through their recommendations of things I should be doing or getting ready to do. These books make great reminders of the things I need to be doing so I don't fall too far behind in my pre-season activities.

My favorite reference book remains Crockett's Victory Garden by James Underwood Crockett. In addition to the Victory Garden he wrote Crockett's Flower Garden, Crockett's Indoor Garden, and the 12-volumn Time-Life Encyclopedia of Gardening series - about twenty books in all. Most were written between 1975 and 1980 and his most well know and popular books like Victory Garden and Flower Garden are written in the month-to-month format beginning in February or March. Still today his books receive 4-5-star ratings but are not easy to find. I bought my copy of The Victory Garden in paperback when it first came out in 1977 for \$9.95. I just looked it up on Amazon and the paperback version is offered today for \$111.00. The hard cover version is \$179.00.

So, you ask, who is Jim Crockett? For those who don't remember Jim, in April 1975 WGBH in Boston launched a weekly garden show The Victory Garden hosted by Jim Crockett and produced and directed by Russell Morash. The show and Jim became instant favorites of viewers across the United States. For the garden they took a 75' X 75' square of sodded ground adjacent to the WGBH studio and turned it, along with a donated greenhouse into The Victory Garden. His Victory Garden book was written a couple years later (1977) in response to the encouragement from viewers for an accompanying book to the weekly TV show. While the show was a great success, Jim suffered from a lengthy illness and died in July 1979. This was a big shock to his viewers since no one at the time was even aware he was ill. Numerous hosts and iterations followed, but never with the success and following of the original.

When Russell Morash was asked why the show was such a success he said "But mostly, of course, the program succeeds because of Jim himself. He's a born teacher, a man who is willing to share his knowledge because he knows that gardening can give people pleasure and can actually improve their lives." I think the thing I remember that impressed me most

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UPCOMING MEETING/EVENT/TEAM CALENDAR

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETINGS

May 11th Zoom

June 8th TBD

July 13th TBD

August 10th TBD

September 14th 6:30 pm TBD

October 12th 6:30 pm TBD

November 9th 6:30 pm TBD

- June, July, and August will be off site if COVID restrictions allow and time will be site determined
- September will be the Appreciation & Recognition Gathering
- October will be Board of Trustee election
- Location to be determined (TBD) will be determined by COVID restrictions

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Meetings are currently via Zoom

April 8th 10:30 am

May 6th 10:30 am

June 3rd 10:30 am

July 8th 10:30 am

August 5th 10:30 m

September 9th 10:30 am

October 7th 10:30 am

November 4th 10:30 am

December 9th 10:30 am

Updates will be posted on the website
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CONTINUING EDUCATION

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Continuing Education Events Available to Master Gardener Volunteers

We plan to have a series of virtual program and as dates are confirmed, the schedule will be posted at greene.osu.edu. Below are a current sampling of tentative 2021 program offerings. More statewide opportunities are forthcoming

April

- 1st – Rise and Shine: Waking the Perennial Garden in Spring
- 8th – Backyard Critters and Poultry
- 15th – Bee Lawns
- 22nd – Little Known Pollinators
- 29th – Vermicomposting

Additional Programs:

All programs will require pre-registrtrion, for links go to greene.osu.edu

State OSUE MGV Lunch and Learn and Happy Hour Webinar Series: Fall/Winter/Spring 2020-2021

The Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden Events

Miami County Coffee with the Master Gardener Volunteers

Cuyahoga Master Gardeners "Saturday Gatherings in the Garden"

OSU Bee Lab Welcome Spring! Authors Speaker Series

Summit County Sustainable Gardening in Your Backyard

OSU Entomology Phive Phenology Phridays: A Study Group April 9th through May 7th, 2021

Ohio AgrAbility 2021 Gardening with Physical Limitations Webinar Series

Cuyahoga County Woody Natives - Making Quick and Confident Choices



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about Jim and the show was he stuck to, taught and demonstrated the basics of gardening that others tend to just skip over and assume everyone already knows.

So, I'll let Jim's words speak to the importance of March in our gardening these pages, let the message be clear: nothing, but nothing, matters as much as soil preparation."

April will be here soon and it's the busiest gardening month of the year. It's the month of soil preparation, seed starting, plant buying, cool weather vegetables, perennials and hardy annual planting and tender annual's hardening-off. By the end of the month all preparatory work in the garden should be done and only the final step, the planting of our warm weather vegetables and tender annuals remains.

Have a great March and April and hopefully, soon, the COVID cloud will clear. When it does, we can get out and spend all the time we want in our gardens, working together, alongside our friends once again. It will then, once again be the time to teach others the wonders and pleasures of gardening and getting one's hands dirty again. Until then, read a good book, stay healthy and get your garden soil ready to go.

In closing, let me quote Jim's words on March one last time: "It's a month of promise as well as progress. A month when I can put my hands to the garden soil for the first time since the snows fell"



Save the Date

OSUE GREENE COUNTY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS

Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, May 8th 2021

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

OSU Extension Office Buckeye Room 100 Fairground Rd. Xenia, Ohio

Social Distancing and Masks Required





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Next Newsletter Deadline: *May 20, 2021*

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