

**Greene County Master Gardener
Business Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2018
OSU Extension Office, 100 Fairground Road, Xenia, OH**

President Garry Abfalter called the meeting to order at 1835.

Welcome to our new members, who completed their training in Clark County: Terese Desmio, Marcia Graeff, Peggy Nestor, and Laura Staugler.

The April Business Meeting Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report for May 2018:

Checking account balance as of May 1, 2018:	\$17,6912
Projected Revenue:	\$7,636
Less Obligated:	(\$11,335)
Projected Balance 12/31/2018:	\$13,993
Savings:	\$2,074
CDs:	\$5,000

The Treasurer's report has been filed.

Presentations:

a. May Phenology Report by Dan Denham. Look for Viburnum leaf beetle (egg Hatch). This is the optimal time to spray for gypsy moth. May 13th is the first frost-free date. Current soil temperature is 58°F as of 5/7/18.

b. Marilyn Parsons on Mercer-Smith Historic Garden:

 Mercer-Smith Historical Park is located at the corner of First and Meddle Streets in Fairborn, Ohio. The Mercer-Smith log cabin is one of Ohio's best-preserved log cabins and has been named a historic site. The cabin was built c.1799 by Robert Mercer, a settler from Virginia. He bought a large tract of land, previously an Indian Village, for \$0.25 per acre. The City of Fairborn purchased the site in 1974.

 Presently, the garden boasts a large vegetable garden, monarch butterfly stop, hummingbird stop, a small apple and Paw-Paw orchard, and an old fashioned flower garden. The 2018 projects include growing old varieties of corn and planting an apothecary garden. Future projects include heirloom roses. The garden needs Master Gardener help. Please contact Marilyn if you are able to work at Mercer-Smith.

c. Skip Mahan presented "What is a Master Gardener?"

 Skip's presentation focused on our own personal reasons for taking the Master Gardener course. A Master Gardener is someone, who wants to learn more about his/her environment from each other and through extension services. A Master Gardener seeks fellowship with others and is willing to educate and serve the community.

Old Business:

- a. Committee sign up sheets available
- e. Continuing Education full day programs listed in the power point presentation

New Business:

- a. Summer Business Meeting places:

June 12: Owen's Place, Rotary Park in Beavercreek. This is a carry-in supper; everyone should bring a chair and a dish to pass.

July 10: Wartinger Park in Beavercreek. The shelter is reserved.

Aug 14: TBD

Coordinators Report:

Trevor:

Green County Parks & Trails is very interested in forming a new partnership with the Greene County Master Gardeners at James Ranch. There are 18 gardens that need renovation per the map supplied by Susie Lentz and Sharon Manley. A Community workday is scheduled for May 23. Several agencies in Greene County, including GCP&T will supply a work force. GCP&T have donated \$3000, which is being held at the Extension Office toward renovation costs. It is expected that the Greene County Master Gardener organization donate matching funds. All funds will be handled through the Extension Office (Trevor will account for spending.), and the funds will be used for the purchase of plants, mulch, hard scape, seeds. Etc. Submit all garden plans and budgets to Trevor Corboy.

Concerns raised: \$3000 is a substantial amount of money. GCP&T and GCMG parted ways – not on the best of terms.

Kim:

Changes have been made on the VMS from general categories to more specific categories. Kim is willing to help you find the correct category to log your volunteer hours.

State MG Conference is September 28 and 29 at Gorman Heritage Farm in Hamilton County.

Denise Elsworth has sent an email (with attachment) with registration information.

Diagnostic workshop in Greene County may be organized

Remember to consider the Farm Science Review

Thank you to Helen Haun for providing our refreshment table.

Adjourn and Continuing Education:

The meeting was adjourned at 2000.

**Continuing Education: Safety in the Garden, Part V: “Sun’s Up, Cover Up”
Presented by Brenda Sandman-Stover**

This is the time of year when we gardeners spend a lot of time outside exposed to ultraviolet radiation. Although some sunlight is required for the manufacture of Vitamin D, too much sunlight can result in skin cancer.

There are more skin cancer diagnoses per year than any other type of cancer. These are the three types of skin cancer: Basal cell carcinoma, Squamous cell carcinoma, and Melanoma. The first two have a 95% cure rate, but melanoma has a 50% survival rate.

What to look for while performing a self-skin exam: dark red, brown raised bumps with an asymmetrical border and a ¼ inch diameter.

How to prevent skin cancer: Wear protective clothing and a hat with a three inch brim, use 30 SPF sun screen, and work outdoors before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.

Prolonged exposure to UV light may also cause cataracts, corneal burns, glaucoma, and a decreased immune response.

CE: 0.5 hour

Respectfully submitted,
Christine McComb