

Volunteer Master Gardeners of Union County

August 26, 2020

Zoom Meeting

**Attendance:** Julie Jones, Laurie Lowe, Sara Parker, Penny Rushmore, Chris Burnard, Beth Johnson, Dilu Juvarkar, Donna Gehring, Audrey Kise, Karen Long, Bryan Bumgardner, Bill Paloney, Sue Timmons, Nancy Munson, Donna Maley, Virginia McCreary, Eunice Hornsby, John Walkup, Robert Anderton, Jon Weiss, Terri Farley, Kay Covert, Kim Gordon, Joan Griffin, Mary Sambilene- Merriman, Kay Nichols,

**Presentation:** “Lavender” Continuing Education Guest Speaker: Ken Gordon, Purple Plains Farm, will present “Lavender: Getting started, lessons learned, the processes for making our products.” In addition to growing lavender, Ken grows mushrooms, herbs, and other produce for sale at the local Plain City, Ohio, Farmers Market. Learn more by visiting the Facebook page:

[https://business.facebook.com/pg/PurplePlainsFarm/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://business.facebook.com/pg/PurplePlainsFarm/about/?ref=page_internal)

**Business Meeting:**

- Secretaries Report was submitted by Beth Johnson – Approved & Accepted as written.
- Treasurer Report by Donna Maley – Accepted & Approved.

**Coordinators Report:**

- Conference Call with OSU - reports that there **will not be** any in person meetings until 2021.
- Survey from Pam Bennett regarding comfort level in volunteering all were encouraged to respond,
- 10 continuing education hours are required and 20 volunteer hours COVID 19. Barbi will pull hours. Please complete your time in VMS by Sunday.
- Hort Lunch and Learn will restart in November and continue through the winter. Topics and programing have been well received.
- State conference is now in October 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup> by Zoom meetings,

President reports that the nominating committee has been formed. Offices of President and Secretary are open. The Committee will report at the next meeting and request vote. Announce new officers in November.

Nominating Committee is:

- Bryan Bumgardner,
- Kay Nichols,
- Donna Gehring,

Project Updates:

- Dutch Mill already planned Tuesdays 9-10 2 people need help with weeding.
- Ag Center garden water and weeding schedule Saturdays 9-11 Tuesday evening. Working on Fall vegetables clean up and weeding.
- Sara is coordinated pick up and drop off for day lilies.
- Photo Contest – Since there will be no in person meetings, no photo contest. Members were encouraged to share photos on our Master Gardener of Union County Facebook page.
- Sara will host the September 9 drop-in meeting.

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- Next Master Gardener classes will most likely be held next fall 2021-. New programing being developed and will be a mix of online and in person, hands on classes.
- Logo wear - on hold currently.

Next month September 23, 2020 at 7:00PM

Continuing Education Guest Speaker: Lisa Row-Taylor, Bloomfield Meadows, will present "Canning and Preserving Berries." Bloomfield Meadows, located in Centerbury, is (in a normal year) a destination for events and weddings on property. They also have u-pick berries and a fresh farm market, including flowers, berries, vegetables, and herbs grown on site using sustainable practices. Lisa has also been in conversations with ODNR about preserving wetlands. Learn more by visiting:

<https://bloomfieldmeadows.com>

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Beth Johnson