

**UNION COUNTY MASTER GARDENER MEETING**  
**February 26, 2014**  
**7 pm**  
**Union County Agricultural Center**

Thirty-nine Master Gardeners answered the roll call: Did you take advantage of the 60 degree weather this past Sat. and work in your yard?

The secretary's report was approved as posted on VMS.

The treasurer's report was approved as posted on VMS. Carolyn has revised the reimbursement form to make it match the projects as listed on VMS and to include a space for total amount requested.

Karen Long gave the Coordinator's report.

- There is a volunteer opportunity on May 22 & 23 at Secrest Arboretum.
- There is a new OSU policy that all volunteers associated with Extension are required to be rescreened every four years. This will be determined by the year you joined. This is a direct result of the Penn State/Jerry Sandusky scandal.
- Union County state dues are paid.
- When speaking or using social media on behalf of Extension, you must give non-biased and research based information. Do not include your own opinion.
- There is still no new logo to report but there is a template for PowerPoint which must be used.
- They are considering the addition of milestone years of membership to the new name tags.

**Old Business:**

**2014 State Conference**

Madison County will be hosting the 2014 State Conference meeting on February 27 at the Hurt Battelle Memorial Library in West Jefferson from 6-8 pm.

Bill Ronschke gave an update on sponsorship. Others on the committee are George McVey, Julie Jones and Marcia Lee. They are contacting 80 potential sponsors. There has been some success but so far no large ticket sponsors. They have a deadline of March 15 for a yes or no answer and March 31 for receiving commitments.

Audrey Kise gave an update on the bus tours. All stops on the Delaware tour have been confirmed. 1. Leeds Farm – Pam Cline Hitchcock will have a Make and Take workshop on making a 6 inch succulent wreath 2. Lunch, tour & shopping at the Glass Rooster Cannery 3. Price Organics Farm  
Union County stops are still being confirmed. 1. Berbee Bulb (confirmed) 1. Bokes Creek Winery with lunch catered by the Smiling Daisy Café (confirmed) 3. Covered Bridge Tour  
Madison County is arranging the stops in their county.

**Lunch at Glass Rooster Cannery**

Those who have reservations for the March 1 lunch at the Glass Rooster Cannery will receive a reminder and directions via email. The car pool will leave the Ag Center at 11:45 a.m.

**New Business:**

Sheila Sands passed out Save the Date reminders for several day trips.

Confirmed. Sat., April 26 Cox Arboretum in Dayton. 10 a.m. native plant sale, 11 a.m. tour, 1-2 p.m. free time at the arboretum. Lunch to be announced

Tentative. Sat., June 28 Chadwick Arboretum & Learning Gardens 10 a.m. tour  
Lunch to be announced

Tentative. Sat., October 25 Schnormeier Gardens in Gambier, time to be announced. Early dinner in Gambier to be announced.

The tours will be open to Master Gardeners and their guests.

Lisa Kovenchick said that Cub Pack 101 needs work toward a conservation badge. Weeding at McCloud Park and/or the Veterans Monument were suggested. Lisa will make arrangement with the project chairs.

Gloves will be for sale at the March meeting. They are \$5 per pair.

### **Project Reports**

Adopt a Pot: Letters have been mailed to the merchants.

Donna Maley will co-chair with Dilu Juvarkar this year but another co-chair is needed before next year.

BASE – Patty Sweeney reported that the kids are working on many interesting experiments

COYC – Al Burnard - An application for a Grow 1000 grant from Scotts Miracle Gro was submitted.

There will be a March 9 meeting for orientation and garden planning at COYC from 5-6 p.m.

This year there will be work sessions on Wed. mornings, Wed. evenings and Sun. evenings. They want to work on the flower bed and start a dedication garden.

Love & Learn Raised Beds – Chris Burnard – organizational meeting tonight. There are 9 beds. They want to do some educational projects with signage, etc. There will be a meeting on March 20 at 6:30 p.m.

McCloud Park – Karen Mikols/Karen Moots will be meeting with Karen Long to develop an organizational plan. Interns must complete 10 of their 50 volunteer hours in McCloud.

Program – Al Burnard programs are listed on the VMS front page. Future meetings will include a 5 minute demo on various features of VMS with our newest member Vinny Volunteer.

Speakers Bureau – Eunice Hornsby They met prior to tonight's meeting. A co-chair is still needed to work with the radio station. We have had a request for a speaker on composting. A couple potential speakers are checking their schedules.

Spring Plant Sale – Carolyn Madziar The committee met prior to the meeting and determined that the time and location will remain the same as last year. Mother's Day weekend, May 9 & 10.

Marketing – Kay Covert asked that project chairs keep the Marketing Committee in mind for marketing and promotional material.

Door prizes were donated by Hank Edwards and Scheral Greider  
Winners were: Dilu Juvarkar – gardening journal  
Chris Sours – mini-terrarium  
Bill Paloney – bulb planter

**Educational Program:** Al Burnard presented The Master Gardener Guide to Education Hours, a quirky yet practical view of ways to meet your Continuing Education hour requirement.

**Next Meeting – March 26, 2014**

**7:00 p.m. Union County Agricultural Center**

**Educational Program:** Making Maple Syrup the speaker is Gretchen Kumlein

Those attending:

Audrey Kise	Roberta Gordon
Bill Ronschke	Karen Miklos
Kay Covert	Jon Weiss
Pat Houser	Dilu Juvarkar
Marcia Lee	Mary Ann Haynes
Suzie Arnold	Terri Farley
Bill Paloney	Lorna Williamson
Debbie Brown	John Walkup
Scheral Greider	Patty Sweeney
Al Burnard	Penny Rushmore
Chris Burnard	
Harry Kirtley	
Eunice Hornsby	
Deb Jeffers	
Nancy Mead	
Vera Cyre	
Donna Maley	
Mary McDonald	
Lisa Kovenchick	
Karen Moots	
Mary Salimbene	
Carolyn Madziar	
Harvey Goertz	
Chris Sours	
Joan Griffin	
Karen Long	
Hank Edwards	
Donna Gehring	
Bea Metz	