

Union County Master Gardener Association
Monthly Business Meeting
July 27, 2016, 7:00PM – Stratford Ecological Center

Call to Order: Al Burnard

July Educational Program – 7:00 PM

Stratford Ecological Center – Tour followed by business meeting

3083 Liberty Road; Delaware, OH 43013

<http://stratfordecologicalcenter.org/>

Directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/xLX6SGxxuoz>

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Secretary's Report: Donna Gehring, thanks to Kay Covert to covering the secretary duties for June 2016. No changes received to the June minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Al Burnard for Mary Salimbene-Merriman, \$11490 balance; expenses of \$450; \$5023 in CDs

Coordinator's Report: Karen Long and Laurie Lowe

- Union County MGVs will receive a horizontal banner with grommets
- Seed packets donated from Rural King; they were handed out at last week's event. They will also be used at our community gardens, and given away at the August plant sale, etc.
- Reminder – Let's Grow Ohio Challenge – send weight of produce that you donated to Donna Gehring. We will report again at the end of August.
- Al sent an email with locations for community donations.

Old Business:

- We have a new document covering our local policies available in VMS.
 - It covers the use of EPA Registered Products; Solicitation of Donations; and Use of Home Canned Items at MGV functions. The document will be added to VMS soon.
- Recognition Event
 - Donna Gehring is developing a survey of members to find out your preferences about this event and how you would like to be recognized. Look for this soon and please take the time to complete the survey.
- Community Outreach
 - Dutch Mill Greenhouse on June 25th for their *Peaches and Pollination* event concurrent with the arrival of the Peach Truck. We were there from 7:00 to 10:00 AM with our pollinator display. Dixie, Vera, Bobbi, John and Al were hosts for our pollinator display. Our booth staff was very busy, gave away all of the information – butterfly puddler, etc. There was genuine interest in pollinators, etc. Huge crowd and we gave out all our info!
 - A Day in the Park (Legion Park), Saturday July 23rd from noon to 3:00 PM. Setup Pollinator display around 11:30. Laurie, Carolyn Chris and Al hosted. This event was well attended and many families stopped to see our pollinator display. Restocked literature on native bees, moths that were given away at the park. Gave free seeds, milkweed seeds. Talked to about 100 people.

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- Revised Project Request Form
 - This will be added to VMS once the Extension Staff is back from the county fair. Revision includes evaluation criteria for the State MGVI initiatives.

Project Reports:

- Adopt-a-Pot – Donna Maley/Mary Salimbene-Merriman
- August Plant Sale – Karen Long – plant tags available; setup time is 2 – 7 pm; bring cardboard trays, wagons; day of sale wear the MBV shirt and wear your name badge. Reminder, this will pay your state fee if you donate to the sale. If you don't donate, you will need to pay the \$10 fee.
- Covered Bridge Festival – Bea Metz/Kay Nichols – tickets available for the dinner; mulch on August 27 and September 17 (if needed); setup and corn shucking, etc., on September 21, 9 am at the bridge; need a volunteer to repaint the pots (they are stored in the cage at the Ag Center)
- Cultivating Community Gardens – Chris Burnard – gardens look great, tweaking communications with the venues.
- McCloud Park – Dixie Bowen/Julie Jones – there will be an emergency work session on Saturday to get ready for August 6 event, 11 am – 1 pm.
- Project GROW – Al Burnard – harvesting produce, garden looks good.
- Speaker's Bureau – Eunice Hornsby & Lisa Kovichick – nothing to report.

August Educational Program:

- Meeting will be held at McCloud Park – Bring your lawn chair! Officers bringing beverages. 7 pm presentation; 8 pm Business meeting
- Mark Miller, Delaware Area Rose Society, *Home Rose Gardening*, starting at 7 pm

Future Meeting Educational Programs:

September -- Mary Lewis, Eco-manager and Volunteer Coordinator, Friends of the Ohio Governor's Residence and Gardens, *Governor's Residence and Gardens - a Virtual Tour*

October -- Linda Wuethrich, North Central Ohio Solid Waste District, *Recycled Yard Art*

November -- Joshua Shields, ODNR Game Warden for Union County, Joshua will have a presentation about deer in Ohio, managing the population and dealing with deer problems.