

Union County Master Gardener Association
Monthly Business Meeting
September 28, 2016, 7:00PM – Buckeye Room

Call to Order: Al Burnard

September Educational Program – 7:00 PM

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

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Secretary's Report: Donna Gehring, no changes to minutes, approved as is.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Salimbene-Merriman, plant sale \$1648 profit, email to members who have not paid their dues; Recognition Banquet survey will be sent soon.

Coordinator's Report: Karen Long and Laurie Lowe

- Report food items donated to food pantry, through Monday October 31.
- Thank you from Dutch Mill for their award.
- Press release developed to both awards – sent to Ag Center office for distribution.

Old Business:

- Recognition Event
 - Donna Gehring developed a survey of members to find out your preferences about this event and how you would like to be recognized.
 - This will be sent out very soon so please take the time to complete the survey.

New Business:

- Nominating Committee for Election of Officers for 2017
 - Audrey Kise along with Kay Covert and Beth Johnson have found candidates for officers for next year.
 - The slate will be presented at our October meeting in accordance with our constitution.
 - So if you haven't been asked... you're off the hook!
- Reminder to attend the October meeting to vote for new officers
- Barbi Conway will be emailing everyone about this year's photo contest which will also take place at our October meeting
- State Conference Awards were award to Al Burnard and Dutch Mill
- Committee Chairs – please be ready to submit your request for funding for your projects for our 2017 budget planning. Email coming from Mary.
 - Final expenses will need to be submitted to the treasurer during the month of October so we may prepare a draft budget in November prior to the holidays.
- Quick Reminder that we will be hosting an end of the year potluck at our November meeting. More details to come next month. Meeting date will be November 16.

Project Reports:

- August Plant Sale – Karen Long/Audrey Kise -- Plants were healthy and well identified. Thanks from Karen and team.

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- Covered Bridge Festival – Bea Metz/Kay Nichols – The booth and grounds were nicely decorated, thanks to the MGVs. Al did two presentations on pollinators. Bea would like to step down as the chair of the committee.
- Cultivating Community Gardens – Chris Burnard/Al Burnard
 - Wings has had good participation from residents and staff.
 - Buckeye House had little participation. Spoke to Doug Matthews and met with Dr. Phil Adkins about lack of interest. It was suggested that the change in leadership led to the lack of participation. A new director will be hired and they are planning to promote and use the garden for next year. Will have a follow-up meeting in October.
 - Plan to continue with the Dutch Mill garden project.
 - Grant funding should be available for some of the gardens.
- McCloud Park – Dixie Bowen/Julie Jones – No parking along 4th Street. Two scheduled work sessions are scheduled for this year. Will meet with the new Superintendent of Parks and Recreation to discuss plans for next year.
- Project GROW – Al Burnard
 - September 10th year anniversary celebration was well attended and appreciated. Master Gardeners were there with the population to celebrate. Since 2013, we donated over 3,000 pounds of produce; including almost 900 pounds in 2016.
 - Press release photo was published in the Marysville JT.
 - The garden is shut down with the exception of the sweet potatoes; no more work sessions will be held.
 - A change in leadership is planned for 2017.
- Speaker's Bureau – Eunice Hornsby & Lisa Kovinchick – no activity.

October Educational Program:

- Linda Wuethrich and Susan Helterbran from the North Central Ohio Solid Waste District, *Recycled Yard Art*
- Program will begin at 7:00 PM in the Buckeye Room

Future Meeting Educational Programs:

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.

January 2017 – Hank Edwards, care of home lawn and garden tools

February 2017 – Bob Berbee, summer bulbs