"No price is set on the lavish summer; June may be had by the poorest comer."

- James Russell Lowell, *The Vision of Sir Launfal*

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Sign Up Genius—Will It Meet Our Needs? Kate Barrett

With the loss of our old system, LMS, we are desperately in need of functionality to manage all of the volunteer slots we have for projects such as the Polyhouse, Plant Sale, Conference, Newark Grows etc. We want to focus our efforts on gardening projects - not tracking down who can help with what.

So, we're testing out Sign Up Genius. I used it a lot when my sons were swimmers. Every time we had a swim meet, we'd sign up to time events, bring in bottles of water etc. But I hadn't set up a project before. So, I guess we're all new to this!

We decided to test it out for the Learning Garden Open House. The garden plot owners will be busy tending to their plots in preparation for the Open House, and for those of us, like me, who don't own a plot, there are a lot of opportunities to help - enter our Sign Up Genius test run. Once we see what our experience is with the free version, we can decide if we want to purchase a version that will allow more administrators, expanded functionality (not sure what all that is yet!) and no ads!

So **please sign up** to help with the Open House and we'll be looking for your feedback on Sign Up Genius at the July meeting.

Meet Us in 'R' Garden—Acorn Farms Nancy McClary

On June 18 as part of the Meet Us In R Garden series, and at the invitation of former Master Gardener Jeff Cromwell, several Master Gardeners and guests toured Acorn Farms, a wholesale nursery supplier located south of Zanesville. Acorn Farms produces plants and trees for another Acorn Farm in Galena and for the Oakland Nurseries located around Columbus. Later we visited Mission Oaks, a small park located in Zanesville.

Photos by Sheila Geiling and Jim Rengert

Coordinator's Column

Lori Swihart

Summer is here, although it has felt like summer for some time now. Above 90 in June?

The Learning Gardens are abuzz with members getting it whipped into shape. Colors are appearing and the buzz of the bees fills the air. Such an enjoyable time to walk through the gardens and take in all the beauty of nature and the hard work of the members. I am looking forward to the newest plots and seeing how they turn out. Grains Garden, Chicken Garden, Spuds, Moon Garden, Drought Tolerant Garden. A large butterfly shaped garden flew in next to the mantid.

"It is so exciting to see the gardens come alive."

The Grasses Garden has been removed, and there are plans for a gazebo to be installed in its place. The memorial bench for Mary Beth Stover will be placed in the gazebo.

The pollinator garden has new raised beds in a very fitting hexagon shape! A portion of the cost was provided by a Thrivent grant obtained by Sharon Phelps. Thank you, Sharon, for helping us grow.

It is so exciting to see the gardens come alive. Have you been there lately? Come down and take a look. Open dawn to dusk.

Two Tired Gardeners

Jim and Brenda take a break from working hard in the Learning Gardens.

Photo by Linda Mash

President's Column

Kathryn Bierley

"What an amazing group of faithful workers."

Remember this? "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds." Yep – the official Postal Service Mission, or "Motto". It could be the Master Gardeners' creed with just a few changes.

There are times when I drive up to the learning garden and see a whole group of loyal Master Gardener Volunteers toiling away in the blazing sun and heat, and think to myself, "What an amazing group of faithful workers." Regardless of age, gender, physical limitations, or the drive time from home, these wonderful people devote themselves to the task of making the learning garden successful year after year.

And, of course, this isn't just pride at work. The LCMGV is a valuable outreach to the greater community. Whether it be lawn chair learning, passing out literature and answering questions at the Canal Market District, raising hundreds of plants for the sale, or the many educational outreach projects our organization takes on…we do it with pride and a solid commitment to serve our neighbors.

It's an honor to participate with such a devoted group of wonderful volunteers who constantly strive to make our little corner of the world just a little bit better. I thank all of you for the honor of serving on the board, and for being so very faithful to our mission.

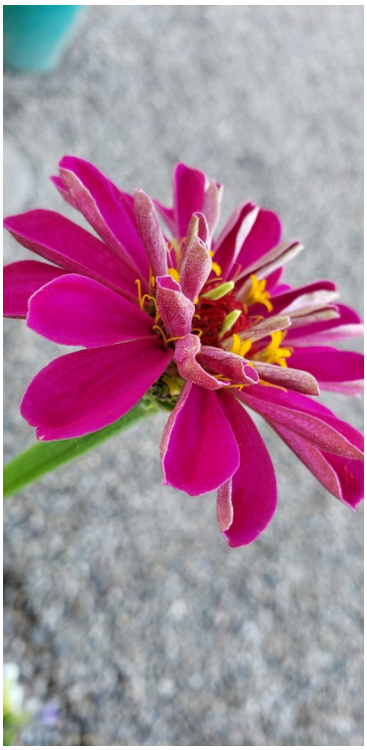
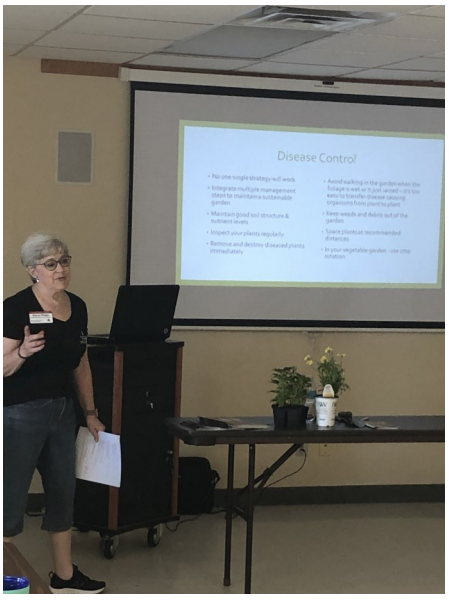


Photo by Kitty Guinsler

May Veggie Series

Lori Swihart

Thank you to Sharon Phelps for her May 21st program "Maintaining Your Garden and Bringing in Pollinators." She did a fantastic job! This was part of the Veggies and More Series.



Let's Talk Gardening

Lori Swihart

Our newest program, "Let's Talk Gardening," at The Harbor Community Center in Buckeye Lake is taking off.

⇦ Kaye Alban gave her program on Friday, June 17 on "Who are the Pollinator's" to help us celebrate Pollinator Week.

Dana Harris gave her program, "Gardening with Pets in Mind" on May 20. ⇨

⇧ And Amy Vohsing shared "Seed Starting Techniques" on April 15.

We will return with **Tomato Taste Testing on August 19**. Master Gardeners, do you have tomatoes to share for this event?

Bring in 3 - 4 tomatoes of any variety to the office by **Wednesday, August 17**. You are welcome to bring more then one variety.

Helpers are needed to prepare the tomatoes and clean up. See Lori.

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In Memoriam

Viola Jean Walton, April 16, 2022: Jean was a past president and chaired many projects for our program. She had a passion for orchids and enjoyed creating ikebana arrangements.

Kristen Price, June 14, 2022: Kristen was in charge of signing everyone up for the Hartford Fair booth. Plus, she sold MGV clothing and the Four Seasons of Gardening shirts before branding guidelines took over the task. Later, as getting around became more difficult, Kristen created 2 wonderful scrapbooks of our 12 years of Advocate articles written by members.

Birthdays of the Month

May
Phil Metzler 7th
Alice Schlaegel 12th
Lisa McReynolds 13th
Ginny Bennett 19th
Jim Rengert 24th
Claire Donley 25th

June
Sandra Hershey 2nd
Brad Gamble 10th
Teresa Collins (McGregor) 14th
Tara Gill 17th
Ron Hill 24th

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