

# OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

August 2017



## EVENTS

- August 21 – Solar Eclipse
- August 28 – Monthly Meeting – Marcia Burchby, Amesville
- September 8 – Tips, Tools, and Techniques to Improve Your Woods, Vinton Furnace State Forest
- September 29-30 – State Master Gardener Conference



*Bird's eye view of Butterfly Ridge*

## State Master Gardener Conference

Don't miss networking, learning and exploring with MGVs from all over Ohio at the

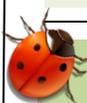
**2017 MGV State Conference Grow Your Own Way on September 29 – 30, 2017 in Columbus at the 4-H Center.**

Conference registration is \$120 and includes the Ohio MGV awards on Saturday morning.

In addition to several tours on Friday, there is a dinner with Melinda Meyers on Friday evening –check out the registration for Friday's events. Deadline September 1

**Registration for the 2017 State Conference is Open! Follow this link to register: <http://www.go.osu.edu/2017statemgv>**

If you have any problems or questions, please contact Kim Arrasmith in the Franklin County Extension Office: [614-866-6900](tel:614-866-6900)



## BUGS AND BLOOMS



Pipevine caterpillars are out now munching on plants. You can actually hear them eating, if you listen closely. These will become swallowtail butterflies when they mature. This photo is from the garden of Sharon Deno.

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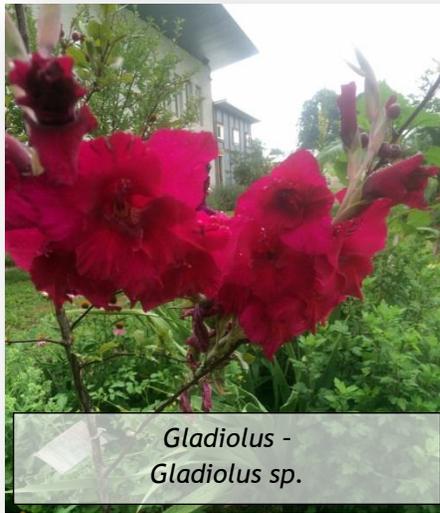
## AUGUST GARDENING

- Beans (bush, wax)(by Aug. 15)
- Cucumbers
- Southern peas
- Summer Squash
- Sweet Corn (by Aug.15)

After Aug. 15

- Broccoli
- Brussel sprouts
- Chinese cabbage
- Cauliflower
- Collards
- Lettuce
- Mustard
- Turnips

## Plant of the Month



*Gladiolus -  
Gladiolus sp.*

The gladiolus is a corm from southern Europe that prefers well drained soil. Corms should be planted pointy side up mid-May through mid-June. These plants may need to be supported as some grow to over three feet tall. There are over 300 species with some of the favorites being grandifloras and primulinus. – *Cinda Morosko*

Full article [u.osu.edu/brown.6000](http://u.osu.edu/brown.6000)

Submit your September Plant of the Month to [brown.6000@osu.edu](mailto:brown.6000@osu.edu)

## Project Spotlight

Athens City has a Shade Tree Commission (ASTC), and three of its members are Master Gardeners! Master Gardeners bring different areas of expertise to the Commission: Emilie Wood has a vast knowledge and personal experience with many species of trees, including cultivars. Nancy Walker has created a rural forest and is the only commissioner to do the Tree Commission training. Lee Gregg is a botanist and has taught Trees and Shrubs at OU. In Athens, the ASTC is composed of seven members and an attending member of Athens City Council. The ASTC works to manage and promote Athens' urban forest.

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## Digging Deeper

Approximately 15 people traveled to Butterfly Ridge to tour the butterfly conservation area located in Hocking County. Christopher Kline led a tour and shared many of the elements related to providing a habitat for butterflies. He also pointed out the various butterflies that flitted by during the tour. Recently, a first appearance of a Harvester butterfly was enthusiastically reported. The group got to witness the antics of several Red Admirals. Butterfly Ridge has a very nice gift shop (with additional resources for butterflies and moths) and an excellent area for conducting children's programs. The trails within the conservation area go through a variety of different habitats including a wet meadow, small forest openings and a prairie area. There is also a tree house for distance viewing.

