

# OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

July 2017

## EVENTS

- July 14 – 16 Lilyfest
- July 14 – A Day in the Woods “Crawly Creatures” at Vinton Furnace \$10 9 AM – 3 PM
- July 24 – Monthly MG meeting
- July 28 – A Day in the Woods “Summer Tree Identification” at Hocking College \$10 9 AM – 3 PM
- CFI Work Parties at all Community gardens Contact Jessica Arnold ([engage@communityfoodinitiatives.org](mailto:engage@communityfoodinitiatives.org)) or Ed Brown for a list of dates
- August 11 – Mission Oaks Field Trip



## BUGS AND BLOOMS



The Colorado potato beetle is one of those insects that are just a real problem. Because of years of trying to kill them off, they are now resistant to many of our insecticides. Your options are handpicking, bT, and spinosad.



*Marcia Burchby talks about growing flowers at Homecoming Farm*

## Tours Stop in Athens County

OEFFA Summer Farm Tours had a stop in Athens County at Homecoming Farm outside of Amesville. Farmer John Wood along with his parents showed us around the farm. Diversified production includes fruits, vegetables, flowers (raised by Athens County Master Gardener Marcia Burchby), maple syrup, and a new endeavor into wood working.

### 2017 Athens County Humane Society Garden Tour

After several inches of much needed rain and cooler temperatures the Athens gardens were smiling. The tour included a variety of garden styles and architecture which included a Prairie, English formal, Woodland, Potage (combining flowers vegetables and herbs), Water Garden, and a City garden full of whimsy. Master Gardener, Connie Davidson offered one of the gardens on the tour and the Wistendahl Native Plant Garden was also included.

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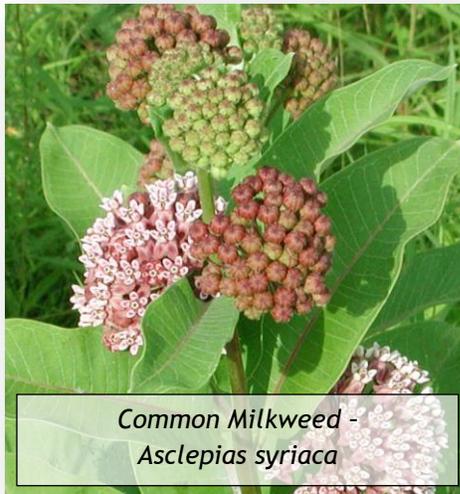


## JULY GARDENING

- Beans (bush, pole, wax)
- Cucumbers
- Carrots
- Eggplants (transplant)
- Okra
- Peppers (transplant)
- Pumpkins (until July 15)
- Southern peas
- Sweet corn
- Squash (summer and winter)
- Sweet potato
- Tomatoes (transplant)



## Plant of the Month



*Common Milkweed -  
Asclepias syriaca*

Monarch caterpillars feed exclusively on the leaves of milkweed. Milkweed is one of the easiest ways that each of us can make a difference for monarchs. There are several dozen species of this wildflower native to North America. Planting local milkweed species is always best.

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

## Project Spotlight

Flower Power is one of the Master Gardener Volunteer Projects available for volunteer hours. This program is run through OhioHealth Home Care and volunteers meet on Monday's at their office to arrange flowers in vases. These are taken to clients by visiting nurses and other visiting care providers throughout the week. Anyone can bring flowers and greenery to the flower power arranging but it isn't necessary. The contact person is Christie Truly ([Christie.truly@ohiohealth.com](mailto:Christie.truly@ohiohealth.com) or 740.331.7040) and the address is 444 West Union St, Suite C.

## Digging Deeper

Master Gardeners enjoyed a walk through Strouds Run Park identifying and learning about the many different ferns that are native to southeast Ohio. Our presenter and leader of the hike was Dr. John Knouse, an expert on ferns. There are over 35 species of ferns located in the area and during our walk we discovered and identified several. Dr. Knouse also offered fern identification books for sale.

Co-President Debby Clark-Lalley attended her last Athens County Master Gardener meeting and is seeking a replacement for her co-president position. Debby assures you that the position is fun and exciting and will lead to great personal tranquility!!!