

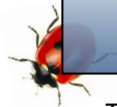
# OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

July 2023

## Events

- July 24—Master Gardener monthly meeting
- Spring—Lunch & Learn Series  
<https://mastergardener.osu.edu/HHHLNL22-23> All programs and links are on our County Calendar

## Heritage Garden Tour — Ann Brown



Thirteen of us trekked up to Bexley on June 21<sup>st</sup> for a fantastic tour at the Heritage Gardens at the Governor's Mansion. They were generous with us, guiding us for two full hours of garden splendor. Linda and Frieda, two Franklin County Master Gardeners, provided us with loads of history, geography and botany information.

The main portions of the Heritage Garden are organized by the five major eco-regions in Ohio. Each section has the soil and climate conditions (as possible) for that eco-region. We saw each area up close; learning about the specifics of each region and the plants that thrive there. Note: Butterfly weed will grow in almost any conditions! In addition, there are other gardens around the property: ornamental, cutting, vegetable, medicinal botanicals, tree grove, and others I'm probably forgetting.

You can find more information about the Heritage Garden on Wikipedia: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ohio\\_Governor%27s\\_Mansion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ohio_Governor%27s_Mansion)







## Plant

- Beans
- Cucumbers
- Eggplant
- Okra
- Peppers
- Southern Pea
- Squash
- Sweet Corn
- Tomatoes

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## Plant of the Month— Ceil Weldon



*Eryngium yuccifolium* - Rattlesnake Master

*Eryngium yuccifolium* – is a distinctive native plant commonly known as Rattlesnake Master. Part of the carrot family, it grows to about 2-1/2' tall and 2' wide. It can be grown in sandy to clay soils and can tolerate drought once well-established but it does require full-sun to live and

thrive. It is a great pollinator, especially for butterflies, with greenish-white flowers that are dainty, tightly packed globules that resemble thistles. They bloom in small groups of tiny flowers with white petals from early to late summer. Since this plant has deep tap root directly sowing the seed is preferred over transplanting. It is a great pollinator plant, attracting the widest number of species of any plant in North America.

## Digging Deeper – Marcia Burchby



The June Master Gardener meeting was held at the home of Gary Conley in Glouster, Ohio. Gary is employed by Rural Action as their Forestry Director, where he focuses on best management practices and principles (BMPPs) to restore ecological services on degraded landscapes. He strives to restore the integrity, resilience, and functionality of our ecological systems that are fundamental to the productivity and health of our natural and human communities'. Gary is also a member of the Ohio Invasive Plants Council (OIPC), which promotes public awareness of invasive species issues.

Gary's passion for native plants and the preservation of our ecology is exemplified by the haven he has created at his home, which he describes as a cross-section of research and reality. His yard is filled with native species

that he has propagated (260 native species thus far) and our stroll around the compact space sent our heads spinning as Gary listed botanical and common names, how the seeds were acquired, the requirements for proper habitat, which insects favored specific plants and fascinating facts about each and every species (or so it seemed).

Most of us had never heard of the Coefficient of Conservatism, which gives a score of 0-10 to each native plant, based on its sensitivity to its habitat. The higher the score, the pickier the plant is about its tolerance to environmental degradation. Gary is successfully growing and propagating many species with high scores. His overall goal is to produce seed in order for others to increase the plantings of native species.

