

OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

June 2018

EVENTS

- June 24 – Garden Tour, Celebrating Country Gardens, \$10 @ Visitor's Bureau
- June 25 – MG monthly meeting – Far Corner Farm, 12788 New England Rd., Amesville
- June 30 – Daylily Show, Washington C. H.
- July 13-15 – Lilyfest - Hocking Hills, lilyfest.com



Plant Sale Wrap-up

The Annual Master Gardener Plant Sale was held on May 12 in a new location. While we sold a greater percentage of our plants this year than our previous sales, we had fewer plants to sell. There was excitement prior to the beginning of the sale when the display tables were late arriving but our volunteers hustled to set them up and the sale commenced shortly after 8:00. Special thanks to Heather Grove for assuming the job of decision maker and source of all knowledge during the set up and sale! Our total sales were \$2700 before expenses.

BUGS AND BLOOMS

Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB)

This is an invasive species from Asia. It invades the home during the winter and causes crop damage by sucking sap from fruits and stems. Host plants include: peaches, apples, bell peppers, eggplant, Swiss chard, sweet corn, field corn, and soybeans. Landscape plants such as catalpa, redbud, tree of heaven, Japanese tree lilac, Japanese pagoda tree and maples.





JUNE GARDEN

Plant

- Beans (pole, bush, wax)
- Cucumbers
- Eggplant
- Muskmelons
- Okra
- Peppers
- Pumpkins
- Southern Pea
- Squash (summer, winter)
- Sweet Corn
- Sweet Potato
- Tomatoes
- Watermelon

Flowers

- Gladiolus
- Sunflowers
- Zinnias



Plant of the Month



Itea virginica
'Virginia sweetspire'

Itea virginica, commonly called Virginia sweetspire, is an erect, rounded, broad-spreading, deciduous shrub with arching branches. Typically grows 3-4' (less frequently to 5') tall with a similar spread. Features fragrant, tiny white flowers borne in cylindrical, drooping racemes (3-6" long) which cover the shrub with bloom in late spring to early summer. Oval, dark green leaves (1-4" long) turn varying shades of red, orange and gold in autumn. Long period of fall color,

Submit your July Plant of the Month to brown.6000@osu.edu

Project Spotlight

A lesser known Master Gardener Project is the Annual Athens County Humane Society Garden tour. This year the tour is being held on Sunday, June 24 from 10:00 – 4:00. Tickets and a map can be purchased at the Athens Co. Convention and Visitors Bureau on East State Street, cost is \$10. These hours can be applied toward continuing Education. If you exhibit, the hours spent preparing and showing your garden are volunteer hours.

Visit some of the area's loveliest and most intriguing gardens on this self-guided tour. This year's tour will be concentrated in the Amesville area. There will also be offered raffle tickets for door prizes. All proceeds benefit ACHS. The tour will happen rain or shine.

Digging Deeper

Originally scheduled as a Field Trip, Emily Wood did a slide presentation of the garden at the Chesterhill Multicultural Genealogical Center and how she developed it. It was designed and planted to reflect the period from the 1850's – 1920's when most of the work was done on the house that is used for the Center. Balance was very important in that period and the plantings as well as hard scape reflect that balance. Emily developed the garden by including plants popular and used primarily in the early 1900's. The plants she used include trees: Tulip poplar, Amur maple, Red bud tree, Catalpa, and several small needled evergreens. Shrubs that were used include: Lilacs, Smoke bush, Mockorange, Spirea, Rose of Sharon, and Hydrangeas. There is also a separate Rose garden as well as many perennials popular at the period including Irises, daffodils, and hostas.