

# OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

May 2018

## EVENTS

- May 12 – Plant Sale – Community Center parking lot
- May 21 – Master Gardener Monthly Meeting
- May 31 – Diagnostic Workshop – Stockport Mill
- June 5 – County Employee herb give away
- June 5 – Native Bee Workshop - Newark
- June 30 – Daylily Show, Washington C. H.



## 2018 Master Gardener Class

The 2018 Master Gardening class has grown into our new crop of Intern Master Gardener Volunteers. This class was the first to use the newly revised Master Gardener Training Manual and, although the weather did not permit the class to spend a workday in the Children's Garden, the new Intern Master Gardeners are already volunteering to get their hands dirty. Please welcome Jess Markowitz, Billie Kariher, Meranda Chesser, Lina Howison, Terrie Perez, Alexa Ross, Megan Norris, Joanne Brim, Marina Baldessera Pacchetti and Barbara Earth.

## Daylily Show

Fayette County Master Gardeners are hosting a daylily competition on June 30. Compete against other daylily growers and win some prizes.

- Cash awards
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes
- Section awards
- Best of Show: Horticulture Specimen
- Best of Show: Artistic Design
- Best of Show: Sweepstakes
- Guidelines and Policies at [www.fayette.osu.edu](http://www.fayette.osu.edu)



## BUGS AND BLOOMS

### Time to Divide and Conquer

May is a great time to divide the perennials in the garden. Make sure to keep them watered and mulched as they establish themselves. It is also a good time to save some money. Take cuttings from the new growth on your shrubs and root some new ones that can be planted in the fall or sold at next year's Plant Sale.





## MAY GARDEN

### Time to get back in the garden

#### Plant

- Beets
- Cabbage
- Carrots
- Cauliflower
- Swiss chard
- Leeks
- Lettuce
- Onion (sets)
- Radish
- Sweet Corn
- Turnips

#### After May 15

- Cucumbers
- Eggplant
- Muskmelons
- Peppers
- Pumpkins
- Squash (summer, winter)
- Sweet Potato
- Tomatoes
- Watermelon

## BEES IN YOUR BACKYARD

Author and biologist Olivia Carril will travel to Ohio in June to teach daylong native bee workshops. Each workshop includes hands-on bee identification using microscopes as well as field experiences with plant and bee experts.

<http://u.osu.edu/beelab/bees-in-your-backyard-2018/>

## Plant of the Month



*Alliaria petiolata*  
'Garlic Mustard'

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

**Garlic Mustard** is a threat to forest ecosystems of the Midwestern and eastern US. It is one of the most destructive invasive plants and is very difficult to eradicate once it is established in an area. It spreads rapidly, secretes chemicals that create a hostile environment for natives plants and can displace natives in a short period of time. One method of eradication is hand pulling, and May is a good time to do so. Seeds are set in early summer, so bagging flower heads to contain seeds is recommended. Plants pull easily and should then be bagged, burned, or placed on a driveway or surface that will not allow them to re-root.

#### For more information:

<https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/F-66>

## Farmer for a Day

### ATHENS FARMERS MARKET PRESENTS FARMER FOR A DAY (FFD)

Interested in farming? Like to get some hands on experience working on a local farm?

Go to [athensfarmersmarket.org](http://athensfarmersmarket.org) and find the Farmer For a Day host list. Chose one or more farms you would like to visit. Contact the farmers to make arrangements for a working visit.

There are veggie farms, orchard, herb, maple syrup, cow and goat dairies, chickens for eggs and poultry, pasture raised beef and pork farms to choose from.

Get your hands dirty as an AFM FFD.

