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President's Viewpoint

Fall is in the air; hopefully each of you is enjoying the fall season. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the hard work and dedication to our organization. I think there was some confusion and disagreement at last month's meeting. Dave Dowler is planning to attend the October meeting to help clarify any questions. I would encourage everyone to attend this meeting so that your voice can be heard. I would again like to stress the importance of working as a cohesive unit.

Judy

Master Gardener Meeting



Date: Thursday
October 20, 2011
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Cooperative Extension
Office

Speaker: Dave Dowler

Topic: "Upcoming Changes in Cooperative Extension and in the Master Gardener Program"

Hospitality: Kate Preston & Susan Breckenridge

PLEASE REVIEW

Please review pages 5 & 6:

- By-Laws
- Crawford County Master Gardener Coordinator Description

Make note of any needed changes. We will discuss them at the October 20th meeting.

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On-line Classes

There are quite a few programs on Season Extension with high tunnels with free viewing and downloading at the GLVWG website

<http://glvwg.ag.ohio-state.edu/projects.php?PHPSESSID=56499d42ec66359f22ec1511cebbd2b3#seasonextension>

Linda Ruggiero

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ASTONISHED...MESMERIZED...DELIGHTED A TRIBUTE TO PAT LACE

All because of the efforts of Pat Lace in establishing a butterfly garden (now officially a butterfly habitat) at the Community at Ackerman Farm. The first such moments came last year when parents, children and other garden members took part in a presentation by Pat and Chris Gregg and then released butterflies. This past year, Pat put an extraordinary amount of effort into obtaining plants, by hook and by crook, and, with the help of garden members, created an extraordinary space for butterflies and humans alike. During the summer, kids and adults participated in Pat's tour of the garden, and all have been captivated by the creatures within. At the Harvest Dinner on September 24, 2011, the members of the garden recognized Pat's work by presenting her with a plaque that will go in the garden. Thanks so much, Pat, for bringing alive on of Bob Ackerman's dreams about what the community garden can provide and teach us!

Danuta Majchrowicz



Ginger Pryor

Penn State Master Gardener Coordinator

On line training opportunities approved for Master Gardener Update Training:

Any of the recorded Basic trainings found at:

<http://vcmedia.psu.edu/viewerportal/vmc/video.do?eventId=3661>
Code: 11001100

Click on class you want to view, a black screen will come up, scroll to the bottom of the page and you will see a blue bar, slide the blue bar to the point the class begins. Remember that these classes are not edited so you can fast forward through breaks, etc. using the blue bar.

There is also a volume bar you can adjust at the bottom of the screen.

The recorded forestry webinars found at:

<http://extension.psu.edu/private-forests/tools-resources/webinars>

Recorded Wildlife Webinars found at:

<http://extension.psu.edu/private-forests/tools-resources/webinars/previous/wildlife-damage-series>

In addition to update training, here are two wonderful university based websites with information for Master Gardeners that address hot button issues.

http://www.puyallup.wsu.edu/~Linda%20Chalker-Scott/Horticultural%20Myths_files/index.html

<https://sharepoint.cahnrs.wsu.edu/blogs/urbanhort/archive/tags/Who%20We%20Are/default.aspx>

Backyard Training A Roadmap to Backyard Design and Stewardship

**Saturday, October 29; 9:30 am - 3:00 pm
Boettcher House, 2369 Lititz Pike,
Lancaster PA 17601**

Any homeowners, gardeners, teachers, or land owners who are interested in helping the environment can benefit from this training about restoring ecology to backyards and other properties. Attendees will learn:

- How to assess properties using Google Earth and other tools
- Use the 15-step design process to implement change
- Learn about native plants and how to create curb appeal
- How sustainable landscaping can help you and others save money!
- Identify 10-15 birds and what they need in a backyard to thrive
- And much, much more!

Class 1: Classroom setting, includes companion text, notebook and intensive course, light morning fare and lunch. \$60

Class 2: Includes 1-2 backyard site visits will full assessment demonstration and practice, date and location TBD: \$60

Or Both Classes: \$90.00

To register, email: ssaffier@audubon.org or call [610.666.5593](tel:610.666.5593) x112



Presented by Audubon Pennsylvania in cooperation with Bird Town Manheim Township, Habitat MT and with support from Isaac's Deli.

Creating Sustainable Communities Conference

November 3, 2011

Point Park University in Pittsburgh, PA

This one-day event features a variety of presentations that promote green infrastructure, healthy communities and low-cost land management practices that balance human needs with natural resource protection. **Sustainable Communities promote healthy outdoor recreation and environmental protection.**

At this conference you will learn about the green streets of Ohio, healthy school communities in Shaler, energy and money savings using the National Park Service's CLIP tool, and much more! Hear from keynote speaker and former mayor of Pittsburgh, Tom Murphy from the Urban Land Institute, and network with professionals from throughout southwestern Pennsylvania and beyond.

Conference price is only \$30!

Stay for the free, optional post-conference green roof tour and reception at the Allegheny County Office Building.

Registration information & conference schedule are available at: www.dcnr.state.pa.us/conservationscience/sustainablelands/conferences/index.htm.

Completion of this conference qualifies for five recertification credits for the PLNA Pennsylvania Certified Horticulturist and the PLANET Landscape Industry Certified Technician, as well as five continuing education credits through ASLA and the American Public Works Association.

Questions or to register over the phone: Contact Hannah Hardy at (412) 481-9400 or hhardy@pecpa.org

Community Tree Management Institute

Wednesday, November 2nd and

Thursday, November 3rd, 2011

Ramada Inn, State College, PA

This two day program provides you and your municipality with the information and tools needed to successfully manage their community tree program. Topics include: Forming a Shade Tree Commission, Municipal Tree Ordinances, Trees & the Law, Tree Inventories, Tree Risk Assessment, Contracting Tree Work, Developing Management Plans, Organizing Volunteers and Working with Utilities. You will benefit from this Institute if...

- * You value tree benefits
- * Your community is turning gray and brown
- * You want to know about community tree programs or how to start one
- * You are a member of a tree commission, an environment advisory committee, or are a municipal official or community volunteer

Approved for

- * ISA Certified Arborist CEUs
- * PA Landscape Architects CEUs
- * Act 48 Credits

For more information and to register for the program visit <http://www.cvent.com/d/vcqjn0>



People's Garden Fall Training

Open to Volunteers

Get the most out of your garden this Fall! The USDA People's Garden Initiative is happy to announce a series of online trainings so you can learn about home canning, seed saving, attracting pollinators, and extending the growing season without leaving your desk/home. Learn how SNAP recipients can grow food with their benefits and spread the word.

Experts from across the country will teach the trainings. These sessions are part of the course work for our Executive Master Gardener Program here at Headquarters.

Registration is free of charge at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/broadcasts/emg/>

A series of five one-hour trainings will broadcast live on Wednesday, October 5, 12, 19, 26 and November 2, from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

TOPIC	PRESENTER	ORGANIZATION	DATE—2011	TIME
<i>The Basics of Home Canning</i>	<i>Dr. Elizabeth Andress</i>	<i>University of Georgia</i>	<i>Wednesday, October 5</i>	<i>12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. ET</i>
<i>Introduction to Seed Saving</i>	<i>Shannon Carmody</i>	<i>Seed Savers Exchange</i>	<i>Wednesday, October 12</i>	<i>12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. ET</i>
<i>Pollinators for Your Garden</i>	<i>Dr. Jeff S. Pettis</i>	<i>USDA-ARS</i>	<i>Wednesday, October 19</i>	<i>12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. ET</i>
<i>Food Stamps Grow Gardens!</i>	<i>Daniel Bowman Simon</i>	<i>SNAP Gardens</i>	<i>Wednesday, October 26</i>	<i>12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. ET</i>
<i>Extending the Growing Season</i>	<i>Ron Cordsiemon</i>	<i>USDA-NRCS</i>	<i>Wednesday, November 2</i>	<i>12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. ET</i>

Community Interviewer Position

The Community Interviewer will be hired to assist the Appalachia Community Cancer Network (ACCN) to implement the “Faith-Based Initiative to Promote Health” research project in two churches in Crawford County, Pennsylvania: one in Conneaut Lake and one in Saegertown. The majority of the work will take place onsite in these two locations.



POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Community Interviewer will collect data from project participants within each church.

Responsibilities include:

- * Participate in training sessions before the project begins.
- * Work closely with ACCN program staff and volunteer Church Navigators.
- * Review the Informed Consent Statement with interested church members and obtain signed consent from those who volunteer to participate.
- * Collect data on participants’ physical measurement including height, weight, blood pressure, and waist-to-hip ratio; knowledge and attitudes about diet and physical activity; and/or knowledge and attitudes about cancer screening.
- * Facilitate completion of project questionnaires, with the assistance of the ACCN Project Coordinator.
- * Attend staff meetings and conference calls and report regularly to the ACCN Project Coordinator.

This is a part-time, wage payroll position; average 10-15 hours per week; \$12.00 per hour.

Apply at Penn State University’s job website:
<http://www.psu.jobs/Search/Opportunities.html>

Select “College of Medicine at the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center” **Job #35067**.

For more information, call Dr. Eugene Lengerich, Principal Investigator, at: 717-531-7178.

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BY-LAWS OF THE PENN STATE MASTER GARDENERS CRAWFORD COUNTY CHAPTER

Article 1: The name of this organization shall be Penn State Master Gardeners, Crawford County Chapter.

Article 2: All members shall adhere to the PENN STATE MASTER GARDENER POLICY STATEMENT and be accountable to the Cooperative Extension Agent.

Article 3: MISSION: Volunteer service organization supporting Penn State Cooperative Extension horticultural education, now and in the future.

Article 3a: To become certified, a volunteer must attend the prescribed hours of instruction, pass the final examination and fulfill the 50 hour volunteer commitment during the first year after instruction. To maintain the status of a Penn State Master Gardener, the volunteer must commit to a minimum of 20 hour of volunteer work to be completed **each year** and eight additional hours of horticulture training in that same year.

Article 3b: An **inactive** Master Gardener is one who is unable to commit to an additional 20 hours service plus eight hours training at the present time, but would like the opportunity to recertify themselves in the future. In this case, the following policies apply:

- 1) You must have completed the initial commitment of training, exam and 50 hours of volunteer service.
- 2) You must attend or have attended eight hours of training for each year you are considered inactive.
- 3) You may recertify within three years as long as the above criteria are met. Individuals on inactive status for more than three years are required to retake the New Master Gardener training and test.

Article 3c: As a Penn State Master Gardener, you are required to submit a log of your volunteer and educational hours for the fiscal year. Hours should be turned in quarterly with the fiscal year running from July 1st through June 30th. Quarter dates are 9/30, 12/30, 3/31 and 6/30. Hours should be turned in at the meeting following each quarter.

Article 4: Officers in this organization shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Newsletter Editor and Librarian. Any other offices will be added or removed as necessary. Election of these officers shall come from a slate of candidates developed by a nominating committee for election in November.

Article 4a: Duties of Officers:

President – Conduct meetings, provide leadership, be liaison between county agent and membership. President will also assume the duties of Office Liaison – Check Master Gardener mail, send pertinent information to Newsletter Editor, “keep” Master Gardener office.

Vice President – Perform office of the President during the absence of the President, in charge of program committee.

Secretary – Record Minutes of the meetings.

Treasurer – Handle treasury.

Historian – Take pictures at Master Gardener functions, keep a photo album/scrap book, be a repository of clipped newspaper articles.

Librarian – To keep accurate records of Master Gardener books. Members holding office will receive 20 volunteer hours for their service to the organization.

Article 4b: If a post is vacated during the year, it may be filled by a volunteer or by election.

Article 5: Standing Committees:

Nominating – to obtain a slate of officers for the November Elections.

Finance – to consist of three or more people including the Treasurer. Determines which funding requests to honor.

Fair - a. **Fair boxes** – organize the planting and upkeep of the garden boxes at the Crawford County Fairgrounds.

b. **Window Boxes** – grow and insert in the boxes on Exhibitor Building 1 for fair week.

c. **Yearly Theme Display** – organize materials and human resources for the use of the theme display for school functions, Crawford County Fair and other educational locations.

Children’s Education Committee – working with youth, educating them on plant life.

DeArment Park – to organize and facilitate the planting of DeArment Park.

Experimental Gardening – to organize and facilitate the planting and recording of experimental plants for the season.

Gardeners Pollinator Garden – to organize, plant and record results of the Pollinator Garden planted at the Cooperative Extension office. The Committee Chairman will receive 20 hours (or Co-Chairmen will receive 10 hours each) for the additional work required on the committee.

Article 6: Simple majority of those attending the meeting shall constitute an election, the outcome of a motion or the changing of the by-laws.

Article 7: These by-laws may be amended as necessary by majority vote of those present at the meeting after the members have been notified of the possible amendment.

Position Description

Position Title: Crawford County Master Gardener Coordinator

Description of Duties: The Master Gardener Coordinator oversees the general function and activities of the volunteer program. The coordinator works along with the County Extension Educator liaison responsible for the Master Gardener Program.

Specific Duties:

1. Serve as the main communication link between the County Extension Office and county volunteers. Communicate information from the State MG Coordinator's office to all volunteers.
2. Become familiar with information and resources listed in the Penn State Master Gardener Coordinator's Manual. Provide the information to Educators and volunteers when applicable.
3. Oversee Master Gardener volunteer projects either directly or by communicating with committee chairs. Approve or disapprove proposed activities based on their educational purpose, the current volunteer labor available for new projects, and liability.
4. Assist with recruiting, selection, and training new Master Gardener volunteers.
5. Maintain accurate records of volunteer training and volunteer service. Provide volunteer recognition.
6. Be responsible for evaluation and reporting of Master Gardener outreach activities; complete the annual report due to the Penn State University in October each year.
7. Assure that all volunteers comply with the Master Gardener Policy Statement. Report concerns to the Extension Educator liaison.
8. Assign requests for Master Gardener assistance to individual volunteers or committees.
9. Answer inquiries about the Master Gardener Program and serve as spokesperson when needed.
10. Chair the Master Gardener Steering Committee.
11. Coordinate business and program development meetings for all county Master Gardener volunteers.
12. Ensure that Master Gardener volunteers have update training opportunities by organizing update training opportunities or making volunteers aware of update training opportunities held locally.
13. Assure affirmative action compliance when recruiting volunteers and as volunteers carry out Master Gardener activities.
14. Present Master Gardener requests for funding (project materials, travel, registration fees, educational resources, etc.) to the Educator liaison or CED for approval. Be responsible for funds raised or allocated to the Master Gardener Program. Approve or disapprove spending.

Qualifications:

1. The Position holder should be familiar with the Master Gardener Program.
2. Strong organizational and communication skills are required.
3. The Position holder must have the ability to work well with individuals, committees, and supervisors.

Terms of Employment:

This position is (approximately 20 hours per week). Work schedule is flexible other than occasions such as county fair week.