



# Rhea County Master Gardener Association Newsletter

*Syringa vulgaris* (lilac or common lilac) is a [species](#) of [flowering plant](#) in the olive [family](#) Oleaceae, [native](#) to the [Balkan Peninsula](#), where it grows on rocky hills. This species is widely cultivated as an ornamental and has been naturalized in other parts of Europe (including the [United Kingdom](#), [France](#), [Germany](#), and [Italy](#)), as well as much of [North America](#). It is not regarded as an aggressive species, found in the wild in widely scattered sites, usually in the vicinity of past or present human habitations.

## Greetings to All!

**Our pollinator project is underway! The raised beds have been designed and the plants either purchased, donated or on the way! An email will be sent out regarding a workday for planting the beds. We will be concentrating on bees with mention of butterflies and hummingbirds. Celebrate the Earth Day will be our first presentation and held at the Master Gardener Building on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. Typically this event needs volunteers from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Pennie Hendrick at [greytacres@gmail.com](mailto:greytacres@gmail.com).**

**Volunteers are need on Monday, April 10, 2017 at the MG building to make the seed packets for the children. These will be given out during our presentation on Celebrate the Earth Day. We will meet at 5:30 p.m. and need construction paper and a blender. Bring finger food to share with your fellow Master Gardeners.**

**Our next Association meeting is April 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. This will be the last meeting held during the intern class break. The last MGI class will be on April 27, 2017 and will cover Child Protection Training. It is mandatory for any Master Gardener (that has not already attended) or Intern that will be involved in a project where children will be present.**

**Graduation has been moved to Thursday, May 4, 2017 and the location TBA.**

**I look forward to seeing you at the meeting on April 20th and enjoy the beauty of spring.**

*Pennie Hendrick*

**President, Rhea County Master Gardener Association**