



Rhea County Master Gardener Association Newsletter

Our very own Courtney Walsh has become Courtney Park!

Congratulations Courtney and Andy!

Can you spot the announcement?

Greetings Master Gardeners:

Our October meeting on the 19th will be held at Wooden's Apple Orchard with a brief tour and the opportunity to have dinner and/or dessert with our meeting in the restaurant. We will meet at the Apple Barn at 4:45 p.m. EST time. October brings Pumpkinfest in downtown Dayton and this year the dates are Friday and Saturday, October 27 and 28. Mark your calendars and please contact Kelly Grant or Pennie Hendrick with the hours you wish to volunteer. Set up will be on Friday, October 27th at 9 am and we must remain set up until closing on Saturday night October 28th. For those Master Gardeners new to Pumpkinfest, we will fill you in at the meeting. It is a very easy project and a fun time is had by all. Master Gardeners are asked to contribute a bag of candy to be given out to the children on Saturday evening. Please bring your candy contribution to the meeting on October 19th.

I would also like to congratulate Jerry and Lisa Lamb on becoming first time grandparents!

Hope to see you at the meeting on October 19th at Wooden's Apple Barn, 4:45 p.m. EST.

Pennie Hendrick

Rhea County Master Gardeners

Meeting September 21, 2017

Rhea County Master Gardeners met September 21st in the Master Gardeners building at the Rhea County Agriculture Center. Members weeded the pollinator beds and started getting them ready for winter.

President Pennie Hendrick called the meeting to order

Business and announcements:

*Pennie presented her pollinators program to the Sunset Garden Club, and they made a request that Master Gardeners team up with their club regarding a grant for raised bed gardens. They would like to place them at The Veranda, an assisted living facility at Life Care of Rhea County. The grant request, which is through the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, is for \$1,000. They would like help assembling the raised beds frame/kit that would be accessible for wheel chairs users. (The kit comes from Cleveland, TN and is on casters.) The group agreed to help with assembling the kit if the grant is awarded to Sunset Garden Club.

*President Hendrick announced that there will be no Farm City Day program from the Master Gardeners this year. The grade covered is 3rd grade so presenting next year will give them a change in their schedule/program.

*The next Master Gardener meeting is at the Wooden's Apple Barn starting at 4:45 p.m. EST on October 19th.

*Pumpkinfest is October 27 & 28 and Master Gardeners will have a booth with seed/dirt for kids to plant rye grass.

*The November 16th meeting will focus on the Rhea-diant donation from Master Gardeners. A small tree will be the project. The tree will need to be named, described and taken in early Friday morning (as it will be a late delivery.) The theme can focus on Santas.

*There will be no Master Gardener meeting in December.

*Classes for new Master Gardeners start Jan 11, 2018 and the annual Master Gardener dinner will be on January 18, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

*Treasures report- The current balance is \$1,066.30 \$485 was made at the silent auction during the fair.

Officers Twilla and Coxey with TWRA did a presentation on preventing invasive species, bee/butterfly attractors, bluebirds, and many topics about wildlife in our county. Jared Coxey (from Rhea County TWRA) also spoke about woodworking for wild life and black bear population in town.

They had a question and answer time and provided several hand-outs on birds, invasive plants, black bears, etc.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Faith Young, Recording Secretary for Rhea County Master Gardeners.