



Rhea County Master Gardener Association Newsletter

Eutrochium purpureum kidney-root, sweetscented joe pye weed, sweet Joe-Pye weed, gravel root, or trumpet weed is a herbaceous perennial plant in the sunflower family. It is native to eastern and central North America, from Ontario east to New Hampshire and south as far as Florida, Louisiana, and Oklahoma.^[5] From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Greetings Master Gardeners:

What a year we have had with a multitude of challenges from Mother Nature. It seems fall is making an early debut this year, and that means it is time to make plans to put the gardens to bed for the winter months; clean and repair tools; and winterize lawnmowers and other equipment. We need to plan a day for some clean up of our raised beds and get them ready for winter. We will be keeping the raised beds as they are, and next spring, fill in the blanks with some new plants.

Our next meeting is **Thursday, September 21** and we are working on a guest speaker for the evening. This will be a great time to pull some weeds and cut back our raised beds, so bring some gardening shears and gloves. With Master Gardeners helping, we can get this done quickly and will plan on meeting at **6:00 p.m.** in the gardens.

The Master Gardeners will not be participating in Farm/City Day this year, but we will be back in the rotation in 2018. Mr. Housley is trying to mix things up a bit and bring some new presenters on board. Any Master Gardener that would like to help on Farm/City Day is welcome. Farm/City Day is Tuesday, October 3rd and runs from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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. October also brings Pumpkinfest in downtown Dayton, and this year the dates are Friday, October 27 and Saturday, October 28. Mark your calendars for some volunteer hours!

I would like to close by thanking everyone that volunteered their time at the Rhea County Fair in August. While we may not have had the traffic we expected, we sure did have a good time!

Hope to see you at the meeting on September 21 and remember come at 6:00 pm!

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