



# EDELWEISS NEWS

Gardeners of the Bluffton Pandora Area

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## Brauen's Gourds Tour:

Our meeting this month is going to be a tour, Tuesday 6:30 p.m. August 4, 2015 of Don and Jody Brauen's gourd growing and crafting farm/business. They will be showing us how and where they grow their gourds and what they have to do to produce a quality product so they can sell them. As with the rest of us this year the excess rain has to have had an effect on the gourds whether good or bad we will see how they are dealing with it. Gourds are not necessarily the easiest of the cucurbits to grow in good weather as they are pollinated by moths and with that being said I bet there has been a lot of hand pollinating at the Brauen farm this year. With the lower than normal temperatures until recently the gourds may not have grown well this year.

I have known Don and Jody since grade school and I can say without a doubt is that this should be a good tour. If you know anyone who is at all interested in gardening, crafting and/or decorating you should invite them to come along and take the tour with us.

We will leave from the library parking lot at 6:15 p.m. and will be at the Brauens' by 6:30 p.m., hopefully we will not be rained out. They are located at 7140 Tom Fett Rd. If you want to meet us out there you can. To get there from Bluffton you go out Bentley Rd as you would go to the Stratton Greenhouses, turn right onto Tom Fett Rd. after you go over the I-75 overpass. go about 2-3 miles they on the left and it is a long lane. From Beaverdam or Ada take the Lincoln Hwy till you get to the Stratton Greenhouses and turn north onto Tom Fett Rd and go about 1-2 miles they will be on the right.



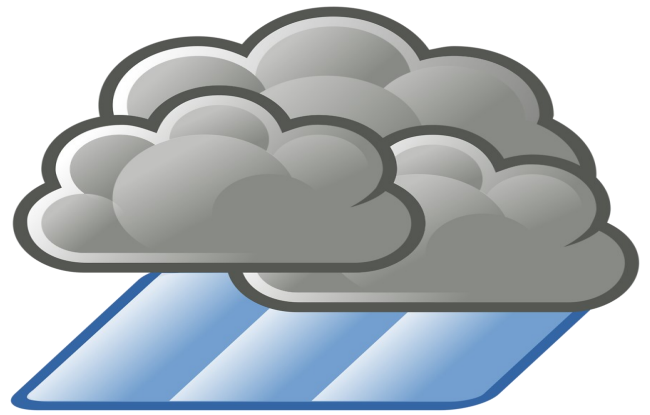
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## Weather to plant:

As of the writing of this Edelweiss we have gone six days without rain and it is nice. If you need to replant some things go right ahead. Beans, short season sweetcorn, cabbage family and even tomatoes, peppers, and summer squash like zucchini can still be planted if you can find the seeds and plants. If you want to do landscape planting you should hold off until late August or early September.



**Well it may be over, or is it?**

## Co-op Garden Rainout: Picnic:

Well it was bound to happen this year the July 7th tour of the Co-op Garden was a rainout. As we had not planned for the rain we had to cancel the tour even though the rain had for the most part stopped. It would have been a very wet footed operation to say the least. I think we should probably think about taking the tour of the Co-op Garden sometime next summer.

On Sunday July 19, we had our garden club picnic out at Victoria's home and garden. I tried to get ahold of everybody but some of you didn't answer your phones and some of you I have no current correct number so I am sorry if you did not get the information. We had a good time with good food and an interesting tour of Victoria's garden. Hooray we did not get rained out.

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