



# EDELWEISS NEWS

Gardeners of the Bluffton Pandora Area

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## Herbs By New Leaf Crew:

Did you know that there are 11 herbs that every cook should know about and use? If you are not familiar with these 11 herbs and would like to know more about them, come and join us for a talk given by Pam Hoffman and Laurie Laird of New Leaf Garden Center, Ada. Pam has worked at New Leaf for 15 years, but has also been gardening and cooking since her days in 4-H. She loves to cook using fresh herbs and vegetables out of her garden. Laurie is the owner of New Leaf, Ada & Kenton and has been in the gardening and landscaping business for 40 years. Along with the talk, there will be a couple of dishes using herbs to sample. This meeting will be 6:30 Tuesday September 1, 2015 at the Bluffton Public Library in the lower level meeting room.

I think that everyone should try to bring someone along with them or invite a person or persons that might enjoy trying to use more herbs in their cooking. This meeting is open to the public. As we are meeting in the library you may want to come early and look through the resources there especially those regarding herbs, gardening and cooking.

I have for several years grown herbs for cooking and have enjoyed experimenting with them in my own cooking. It is amazing what you can do with just the addition of a few leaves or flowers in an ordinary recipe. I will not try to tell you what Pam and Laurie are going to discuss because I think that you should hear it directly from them. So bring a friend and come to hear what they have to say.



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## Weather to plant:

you still have a chance to get some more pout of your vegetable garden if you can find the seeds or plants and have ground that is ready for planting. Just remember that we are going into fall so short season and cool weather plants do the best. Like all members of the cabbage/mustard family and also the lettuces, beets, chard and spinach. Now is the best time to plant or restore lawns.



**It is amazing what a little rain can do isn't it?**

## Brauen's Gourds:

It only takes a friend with a few spare gourds to light the fire of 'How can we do this?' and a business is born. That is basically what happened when a friend of Don gave him a couple of gourds and now Don and Jody craft and grow gourds to sell at craft and gourd shows. They have several acres of gourds that they start at Stratton's and then plant around Memorial Day in the fields. When they harvest them they put them outside on racks to dry out over winter. When the gourds are dry and ready to work have to be cleaned in a washer that Don made. Jody draws designs on them and Don cuts them out then Jody paints or stains them so that they may be sold to those who like the look of them. They also sell dried gourds for others to craft and finish as they like. They have quite a selection of dry gourds and if you want somethinglike that I am sure they will sell it to you.

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