



EDELWEISS NEWS

Gardeners of the Bluffton Pandora Area

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Cold Starting Perennials:

This our meeting is going to be 6:30 p.m. Tuesday October 6, 2015 at the Bluffton Public Library, in the basement meeting room. The subject of the presentation will be how to cold start perennials presented by Ann Brickner of the Perennial Plant Peddler. We toured their greenhouses and display gardens last spring and we all seemed to enjoy the tour.

As I was at last years art of gardening workshop put on by the Allen County Master Gardeners I saw Ann's presentation on how to cold start perennials. The reason you would want to start perennials in this way is so that the plants are already acclimated to your local environmental conditions that plants started elsewhere or in a greenhouse are not accustomed to. In this way when you plant them in your garden there will be less loss do to the shock of planting them in a new environment. All the supplies needed to cold start perennials are seeds, some milk jugs, the proper starting media/soil and a place to put them. It can be fun to see how easy it is to do this and as always when you do it yourself you know what you put into it.

I would like to have you all try to get someone new to come to the meeting if you can. The meeting is open to the public and as always free. I know that some of us will not be able to attend but I would like to see as many of you at the presentation as possible.



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Fall is the Time:

If you hadn't noticed yet fall is here and the farmers are harvesting some of their crops and they are planting others, so you should be doing the same if you need or want to. Although we did not have a perfect year some things have come in abundance, like apples and pears if they were sprayed at the right time. The things to plant now are bulbs: tulips, garlic, daffodils and the such, also trees and shrubs can be planted now. Fall is also a time to plant perennials.



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

Recuperating:

At the publication of this Edelweiss News Joyce Fuerst is recuperating from hip replacement surgery at the Meadows of Kalida. During the surgery her heart stopped but they were successful in reviving her. I am sure that she would appreciate any prayers, cards or visits. The address is 755 Ottawa St. Kalida, OH 45853 Room 221.

Also Carol Groman spent several days in the hospital but is now home. We hope that she is doing better.

New Leaf on Herbs:

Pam Hoffman and Laurie Laird of New Leaf Garden Center of Ada gave us a good presentation on using herbs in your cooking. They handed out some samples and gave those of us who attended some recipes.

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