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Gardeners of the Bluffton Pandora Area

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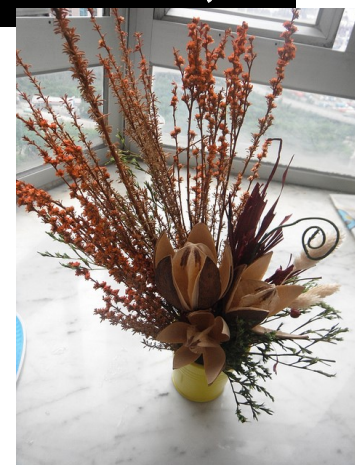
## Dried Arrangement DIY:

Well here we are at the beginning of the holiday seasons and someone in our club thought that it would be a good idea to have a do it yourself dried arrangement night And I couldn't agree more. If you want to have something different to display in your home and you want to be able to say I did it myself then come to the meeting of the Gardeners of the "Bluffton-Pandora Area" on Tuesday November 1, 2016 at the Bluffton Public Library in the lower level meeting room. All you need to bring with you is a container that you like, cutters and some dried material to use and if you have enough to share. The club will provide wire and floral foam for the arrangements and we will give advise on how to do what you want to do with your arrangements.

The dried materials that you might want to consider are many and not restricted to the normal materials you would think of. You can use dried plant material of any kind such as dried flowers and foliage. But don't forget roadside materials such as weeds, grasses, leaves and branches. You could use things such as seed pods, nuts, pine cones even dried mushrooms. I have even seen the use of bark in these arrangements. So if you want to have some fun and make something that is seasonal please come to the meeting and join with us in this craft project.

## Hydrangeas:

Allen County Master Gardener Tim Staley gave us a good presentation on the flowering sometimes bush or shrub sometimes perennial, hydrangea. Hydrangeas are a pain at times for those of us who want them to bloom just like the pictures in the catalogs or garden centers. We learned that if you want to have those beautiful blue flowers you might have to move to where the soil is acidic or you can try to change the soil that we have but that is harder than most of us are willing to do. Some of the varieties that are not as common in the stores do give a good display and grow better in our area and are the ones we should consider for our own yards.



Make a plan to do a seasonal display.

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## What to do in fall:

Now is the time that we should start to think about next year. Is your garden ready for early spring when the thaw will be finished? What did you do differently this year from last year and will it work the same next year? Should you eliminate some of your plantings that are not doing what you want them to? Sometimes this time of year it is easier to see what worked and what didn't and it sometimes it is easier to get started with changing the things that need to be done. So get to work so that it will be easier next spring.

You can also plant some trees and shrubs that will be on sale in the garden centers. Remember that you will need to water the plants until the ground freezes hard and some slow release fertilizer is also good for some of these plantings, you should ask a master gardener or a horticultural specialist whether there is any need to apply any before you do.

## 2016 Calendar:

Here is the calendar for the upcoming year:

3/1/2016	Seed Starting	presented by Ann Boyd	at the Bluffton Public Library	<b>Done</b>
4/5/2016	Bees	not confirmed yet	at the Bluffton Public Library	<b>Done</b>
5/3/2016	Phenology	presented by MG Bill Jones	at the Bluffton Public Library	<b>Done</b>
6/7/2016	Roses	presented by Charles Searson	17689 CR 65, Belle Center, OH car pool	<b>Done</b>
7/5/2016	Co-op Garden	tour Ray Person	Ray's farm	<b>Done</b>
8/2/2016	Hypertufa	Group project	Victoria's farm 7896 Cool Rd	<b>Done</b>
8/21/2016	Garlic Festival	Field Trip!!!	Jandy's farm Bellefontaine OH	<b>Done</b>
9/6/2016	Dahlias	Tour of Ken Redd's Dahlias	Pandora, carpool from Family Dollar parking lot	<b>Done</b>
10/4/2016	Hydrangeas	presented by MG Tim Staley	at the Bluffton Public Library	<b>Done</b>
11/1/2016	Dried Arrangements	Group project	at the Bluffton Public Library	
12/6/2016	Fall FEAST	Potluck	at the Bluffton Public Library 1 hot 1 cold, optional gift swap	

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