



EDELWEISS NEWS

Gardeners of the Bluffton Pandora Area

November 30, 2016

Scheduling the new year:

Our first meeting will be Tuesday February 7, 2017 at 6:30, in the lower level meeting room at the Bluffton Public Library. Like last year we are asking that you bring in your ideas about what you would like to have for subjects for the meetings of the Gardeners of the Bluffton-Pandora Area. These meetings are usually open to the public so think of subjects that would be of interest to our local community members. Unlike last year if you know of a person that would be good for the presentation please feel free to contact them and ask if they would be interested to give a talk or demonstration on the subject. Remember to inform them that the meetings are the first Tuesday of each month and we meet at the library. Again we would like to have field trips in the late Spring and during the Summer, so if you want to go somewhere that you think might be a good field trip please let us know about it. Remember that we need to be finished and out of the library before 8:00.

Dues 2017:

This is to inform the membership that the dues that we pay to the Gardeners of America, the Central Great lakes region and our local Gardeners of the Bluffton/Pandora Area our now overdo do to the fact that only a few of you have sent them to me. We need to pay these dues as soon as possible so we can remain in good standing. These dues are for the year 2017 and there is no increase and they are as follows: the national dues are \$15.00 with \$8.00 for an additional family member and \$5.00 for youth memberships; the Central Great Lakes Region is \$1.00 for each member; our local dues are \$5.00 per address. So for those of you who are a single member the total is \$21.00, for those who are two members same address \$30.00 and those who are life members of the national only have to pay \$6.00 for their dues. Please send them to 192.Geiger St. Bluffton, OH 45817



Neat a circular rainbow.

In This Issue

- Schedule for the year
- Condolences
- Potluck
- Dues for 2017

Condolences:

I was shocked when I received the news that Carol Groman's husband Morris had passed away Friday January 20, 2017 at the Bluffton Hospital from acute myeloid leukemia. I think that Morris was one of those people that come along so rarely in a persons life and I will truly miss him and I cannot know the sorrow that Carol is feeling. I first met Morris when I joined the Boy Scouts, he was Scoutmaster along with Clayton Wiess. I think he was the most soft spoken man I ever met, I never saw or heard him raise his voice to anyone or in any situation. He was dedicated to a number of organizations including the Lions Club and VOSH which are organizations that put their emphasis on sight and helping the underprivileged of the world achieve and maintain good glasses so they can see. He was also dedicated to the Bluffton Shuffleboard club. He was a former councilman for Bluffton. Morris was a veteran serving in Korea in 1953. We all send Carol our love and support in this time of loss.



Witch hazel will bloom sooner than any other plant

Christmas Potluck:

Our "Christmas Potluck" was held Tuesday December 6, 2015 at the Bluffton Public Library. We all had a fun time and a good evening filled with good food and fellowship. We had a white elephant gift exchange again just like last year and I think that some of the members actually got the one that they wanted even though there was a lot more stealing this year. Mom really liked the walnuts that Basil brought to the exchange. If you weren't there you missed a good one, although there is next year.

Officers:

President; Victoria Zeits, 419-643-8980

Vice President; Betty Flinn , 419-358-6766

Secretary, Editor; Patrick Flinn, 419-358-6766

Director; (16)Betty Flinn, 419-358-6766

Director; (15), Carol Groman419-358-5482

Director, (16)Immediate Past President; Joyce Fuerst, 419-659-5638

Director; (15)Anita Darnell, 419-369-4992