



# EDELWEISS

Gardeners of the Bluffton Pandora Area

March 28, 2017

## Taking A Cutting:

This month our meeting will be Tuesday April 4, 2017 at the lower meeting room of the Bluffton Public Library. I think this presentation should be quite interesting as it is on propagation from cuttings. This is where you take a young green stem from a woody perennial and make a new plant. Our presenter this month is Nancy Steinecker who is an Allen County Master Gardener Volunteer and taking cuttings is one of her areas of expertise. Nancy has been interested in gardening since she was a teenager when she took gardening projects in 4-H. Nancy worked with the Auglaize County Extension Educator to start the first Master Gardener classes in the county. She became a Master Gardener Volunteer in 1998 and when she moved to Allen County she continued with the Allen County Master Gardeners. If you ever wanted to know how to be successful in taking cuttings for propagation this would be a program for you. Please feel free to bring a friend as this meeting will be open to the public and as always it is free.

## Seed Starting:

The March meeting was a fun one, well for me it was. We had a good presentation from Steve and Susie Stratton of the Stratton Greenhouse, on seed starting. I especially liked hearing about the history of the greenhouse and how they used to start the plants when they grew all their plants from seeds and how intensive an operation it was. The most common problems are starting you seeds too soon and not having proper lighting or temperature for the young seedlings. If a plant does not have the right conditions it will grow erratically may die. If you want to be successful with seeds the conditions in their environment need right.



Daffodils are starting to bloom and soon tulips.

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## Scheduling the new year:

March 7, 2017	Seed Starting	6:30p.m. B.P.L.
April 4, 2017	Woody Ornamental Cutting/Propagation	6:30p.m. B.P.L.
May 2, 2017	Beneficial Insects	6:30p.m. B.P.L.
June 6, 2017	Butterflies and Bees	6:30 B.P.L.
July 11, 2017	Leaf Casting	6:00p.m. Victoria's
August 1, 2017	Caladiums,	6:00p.m. meet at Family Dollar
September 5, 2017	Succulents,	6:00p.m. meet at F.D.
October 3, 2017	Winter/Bark Tree I.D.	6:30p.m. B.P.L.
November 7, 2017	Dried Arrangements	6:30p.m. B.P.L.
December 5, 2017	Party	6:00p.m. B.P.L.

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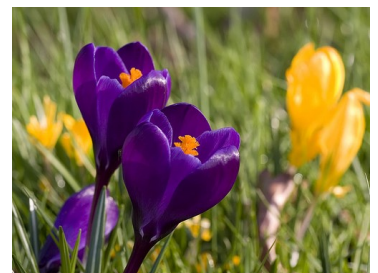
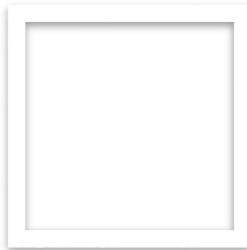
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**Crocuses in my yard  
means Spring.**