

EDELWEISS NEWS



Gardeners of the Bluffton Pandora Area

July 5, 2017

Casting a Leaf:

This year for our “**Project at Victoria’s**” we will be learning how to cast a leaf. As last year we will meet out at Victoria’s home at 6:00 p.m. July 11, 2017. This year it is the second Tuesday because of July 4th. You will need to bring a leaf, a box big enough to hold it and yourself. I do not know what the formula of the casting material will be but it probably be either cement or a hyper-tufa like product. The castings make good accents to your gardens and you can impress your neighbors by telling them how easy it was to make. If you do not want to participate in the mud slinging you can come and watch or take a walk through Victoria’s gardens, they are always interesting to look at. Victoria has some different things that she plants and I think that if you look at something before you try it. If you want to bring some finger food/snacks for those attending please contact Victoria about what you might bring. I hope to see you there Tuesday.

Butterflies and Bees:

The June 6, 2016 meeting at the Bluffton Public Library was a presentation by Barb Snyder and Kim Thomas, a pair of Hardin County Master Gardener Volunteers. They talked on beneficial insects and showed us some slides/PowerPoint on them. We really appreciate their presentation. We hope that Carol Groman’s family and friends enjoyed the program requested by her.



If you planted it early enough your zucchini is probably looking like this. Be prepared you will probably be seeing it wilt because it was visited by squash vine borer. It is now safe to plant squash.

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Planting/Growing Now:

As the year races by we try to keep up with the schedule that we have set for ourselves and often we are able to do what we want to when we need to but some things never seem to get done when we want them to. This isn't always bad. If you weren't able to plant zucchinis don't fret because if you have the seed go ahead and plant it now and you will not have to worry about that plant dying because of squash vine borer. Since they only have one hatch a year and that has happened, your now in the clear and you should have a good crop of late zucchini and it should produce till frost. You will still have to control squash bugs. The black raspberries are basically done soon we will have blackberries. Beans and corn can still be planted and it is always good to plant flowers whenever we can, even if they won't bloom until September. Have fun and plant something.

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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Peonies are one of the most fragrant flowers and they are beautiful too.