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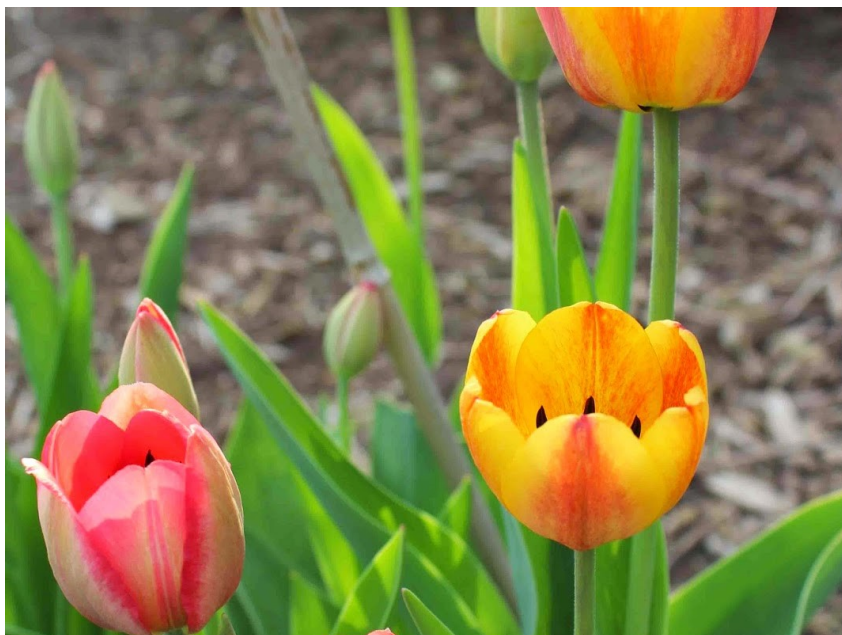
Gardeners of the Bluffton Pandora Area

May 1, 2019

Backyard Habitat :

Well it is May and we are into the full Spring of things to do around the home. but since it has been rainy maybe you could find the time to come to our next GBPA meeting and learn about how to improve the habitat for nature on your property. On May 7, 2019 we will be having a presentation by Beth Theisen of the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Parks of Allen County on how to create a “Backyard Habitat” for those visitor to our yards and gardens that we like to see but often don’t. Often we don’t have what it takes to attract those little creatures that are in our area that we like to see. So what can you do? I would suggest that you come to the meeting in the Bluffton Public Library and here what Beth has to tell us about this interesting subject.

The meeting will be in the main room of the library as they will be having their “Friends Of The Library” book sale in the meeting room that we usually have our meetings so the library will make room for us in the main room. This event is free and open to the public so bring a friend or more and let’s see what we can learn in the Library.



Well it must be spring tulips are blooming and that means we will soon have the sweet fragrance of lilacs, and other pleasant scents of Spring.

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Planting Now:

What you need to plant now are the cold season vegies onions, potatoes, carrots, peas, and lettuce along with hardy annual flowers like pansies alyssum and snapdragons. It is also a good time to refurbish your lawn as grass grows well in cool temperatures. Small fruits like berries of all kinds can and should be planted now as well as grapes. Asparagus and rhubarb can be planted now as can horse-radish. Plant any tree or shrub but they should have been planted last fall for best results.

Calendar for the Year:

March 12th meeting will be on seed starting. The presenter is Marilyn Beltz;

April 2nd meeting will be Spring Vegetable and Flower Garden Planning. The presenter is Laurie Laird;

May 7th meeting will be on Backyard Habitats. The presenter is Beth Theisen;

June 4th meeting will be on native plants. The presenter is Dave McPheron;

July 2nd meeting will be on propagating through cuttings of leaves/stems/roots. The presenter is Betsy DeFrancesco;

August 6th meeting will be on Monarchs & Pollinators. The presenter is Tim Brugeman;

September 3rd meeting will be a tour of Nanci Mistovich's garden in Bluffton;

October 1st meeting will be on plating garlic. The presenter is Ray Person;

November 5th meeting will be on forcing bulbs. The presenters are Marilyn Beltz and Cheryl Miller;

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