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Gardeners of the Bluffton Pandora Area

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## Beautiful Bees & Butterflies :

This month's meeting will be 6:30 p.m. August 6, 2019, like last month will be at the community gardens in front of the Monarch Garden/Waystation . The subject that will be covered is monarchs and other pollinators. We will be having Tim Brugeman doing the presentation, he is a Hancock County Master Gardener Volunteer and he is in charge of the speakers bureau for them. Tim is knowledgeable on many areas of horticulture and is presently employed by Feasel's Garden Center in Findlay. He has given many presentations on different gardening subjects. The meeting is open to anyone who is interested in the subject but you will need to bring your own chairs as we do not have any in the shed.

Last month Betty Flinn loaned us the use of her canopy and we will have it again for this meeting. If you want to help set it up we will be out there at about 9:30 a.m. and would appreciate any assistance in this endeavor.



This is the first Monarch Caterpillar to be spotted in the butterfly garden this year. Shortly after this picture was taken a chrysalis was found on a swamp milkweed it was empty so we have a few more monarchs butterflies in this world.

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## Native Plants :

Betsy DeFrancesco of the Hancock County Master Gardeners gave us a talk on how to propagate plants and then we all had a chance try to make a plant cutting. How many of you still have a live cutting in a bag? We thought that we were going to have a sunny evening for the meeting but, surprise we had rain. Thanks to Betty Flinn's canopy we all stayed fairly dry. We had a good time.

## 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 McPherson;*

*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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