

# EDELWEISS



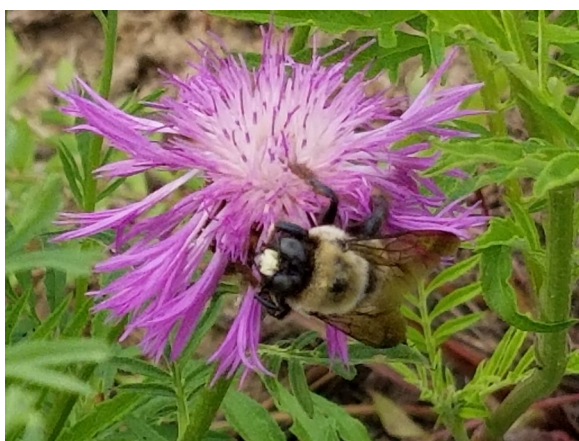
Gardeners of the Bluffton Pandora Area

September 25, 2019

## Garlic:

This month our program will be about garlic and will be presented by Ray Person. As with our other meetings it will be on the first Tuesday and this month that is the first of October. The meeting will be at the Bluffton Public Library at 6:30 p.m. and we will be done at about 7:45 p.m..

Garlic is something that almost everyone either loves or hates there are very few people that are that don't care whether it is used in cooking or not. That being said it is an herb/vegetable that anyone can grow if they know how to do any kind of gardening. Most people have good results if they have a good sunny spot to plant it. But there are a few secrets that you may not know about garlic that will help you succeed in so please come to the meeting and learn from Ray how to plant and care for your garlic. Ray has been growing garlic for his co-op garden for many years and should know almost anything about it. You can bring a friend or acquaintance that may be interested in growing garlic as this meeting is free and open to the public. I hope to see you there.



Not only Monarchs and other butterflies benefit from the waystation as we have a multitude of bees of many kinds that visit. This is a good thing for the gardeners of the community gardens.

## In This Issue

- How to grow garlic
- Garden Tour
- Dues
- November bulb forcing program information signup and cost

## Garden Tour:

The garden tour was Tuesday September 3, at Nancy Mistovich's garden at 110 Polo Dr. here in Bluffton. There were only three people that attended so we had an interesting tour of an excellent garden using natural stone, found objects and pieces of architecture that was going to be put in a landfill forever to be lost and is now garden art that flows throughout her property. If you wanted to see something different this was the tour. I wish more could have come.

## 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 presenter is Dr Richard Deerhake;*

## Officers:

**President; Victoria Zeits, 419-643-8980**

**Vice President; Betty Flinn , 419-358-6766**

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

**Director; (18)Betty Flinn, 419-358-6766**

**Director, (18)Immediate Past President; Joyce Fuerst, 419-659-5638**

**Director; (17)Anita Darnell, 419-369-4992**

## Dues:

This is to inform you 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 are due. We need to pay these dues as soon as possible so we can remain in good standing. These dues are for the year 2019 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 have the dues sent to me at the address on the envelope by November 21 so I can take care of paying them by December.

## Bulb Forcing Program:

We have set the program for November and here is what we have for this year. Master Gardener Volunteer/MGV Dr. Richard Deerhake will do the program, this is good as Dick is said to be a premier bulb planter. MGVs Jeri Wenger, Debra Evans and Tim Brugeman will assist with set-up, helping participants plant the bulbs and clean-up. Dick will do the presentation, he is very excited to do this program. I hope we have a good attendance. We and the Library should promote the program maybe in newspapers and other means as open to the public, with all registrations to go thru the Library. This would be a good PR opportunity to maybe get new members and for the Library doing community educational programs.

The FEE will be \$12.00 each, payable to Gardeners of the Bluffton – Pandora Area. This includes bulbs (about 10-12 bulbs) they choose when they register, special bulb potting soil and handouts.

Choice is either Hyacinth, Tulips or Daffodils (no mixing). Pots will be all one kind.

Participants must bring their own planter pot about 12" wide x 4" deep with drainage hole in bottom and water tray. If they want a clay pot and tray (do not have their own pot), it will be an additional \$3 each set.

Feasels of Findlay is getting all the materials ready for us based on final registration they would like by November 1 so we will have a cutoff date of October 30, 2019 for the registration.

We will also need to register with the library so please do so as there will no exceptions. You may want to do this soon as there are some master gardeners interested in doing this program for themselves. These pots make a dreary winter colorful and fragrant and that is good for the soul

