

# EDELWEISS NEWS



Gardeners of the Bluffton Pandora Area

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## Bulb Forcing:

This month's program is bulb forcing, a way to bring a touch of spring to the winter when all seems to be cold, icy and dreary. The meeting will be November 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bluffton Public Library in the lower level meeting room. As I put in the last issue of the Edelweiss News if you want to make a pot of bulbs for forcing you will need to have registered by this Thursday the 30th of October in order so that Feasel's will be able to have the materials ready for the program. Please feel free to come and observe if you want to. If you are going to be doing a pot of bulbs the fee is \$12.00 and if you need a 12" pot the cost is \$3.00 so bring your checkbook or wallet. The program will be presented by Dr. Richard Deerhake a Hancock County Master Gardener Volunteer (MGV) who is somewhat of an expert in bulbs. Helping him with the program will be MGVs Jeri Wenger and Debra Evans and maybe some others who might show up. If you know of anyone who may be interested doing a bulb forcing pot please let them know about this program.

Remember that this program is not a money maker for the Gardeners of the Bluffton Pandora Area, it is being done at cost.



Since the hours of sunlight have decreased to the point where the chlorophyll has been taken up by the trees their true color is seen. But with no benefit to the tree the leaves are released to sail to the ground and thus the name of the season is born. FALL!

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## Garlic:

Our October program was about garlic and was presented by Ray Person. The meeting was at the Bluffton Public Library and we had several interested community and club members. There were quite a few questions for Ray and he had good answers for most of them. All in all it was a good program and those who attended were pleased with subject and speaker.

## 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;*

*December 3rd Christmas potluck?;*

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## 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.

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

