

A Quarterly Newsletter of the OSU Extension Fairfield County Master Gardeners

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Mission: To make a difference in the community in which you live through gardening education and knowledge.

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Hummingbird Etiquette

source: Buckeye Yard and Garden Line

The RUBY-THROATED HUMMING-BIRD (Archilochus colubris) will begin migrating through Ohio beginning in September and we may continue to see hummingbirds passing through into October. Hummingbird migration can sometimes last into November. Homeowners often wonder when they should take their hummingbird feeders down for the year. Should all feeders be down by the end of the summer so as not to discourage hummingbirds from migrating? Will a hummingbird forgo the long, treacherous journey south in the face of a feeder full of sugary sustenance? The answer is, "no."

It is a common misconception that leaving hummingbird feeders up during the migration season will encourage hummingbirds to stay and not migrate. This is at risk of starvation. Simply not true - a hummingbird, whether a seasoned veteran or spring chicken, knows when it is time to head south. What a feeder full of sugary goodness will provide is energy and fuel to begin or continue that long journey. Migration is extremely difficult, especially for such a small bird, but hummingbirds that are able to find good supplies of nectar or feeders

have an easier time of it. Homeowners can leave feeders up through October, or until they no longer see hummingbirds visiting the feeder, and then take them down for the year. When should the feeders go back up? Hummingbirds usually return to Ohio in April, sometimes earlier depending on the weather, so have feeders cleaned and ready to go by the end of March.



Photo furnished by Edna Wilson, Master Gardener 2017

Did you know our resident Hummingbird Expert, Edna Wilson is mixing two gallons of the sugary mix daily to feed her feathered friends? - Connie

CONNIE'S CORNER

Can you believe we are turning the calendar to September already? Weren't we just talking about plans for the Ag Center planting a few weeks ago?

I know you have all been busy with our summer projects; planning, planting and weeding. What a great growing season this has been!! Grass was still growing even in August!! Thank you all for your dedication and efforts on behalf of the Fairfield County Master Gardener Program – you are amazing!!

Just this week, I secured dates on the 2019
Calendar in our building to start the planning process for the 2019 Master Gardener
Training, which will begin on March 21. We will be training with our friends from Pickaway
County again this year and WE HAVE NEW
TRAINING MANUALS—18 Chapters!!

But first, let's talk about some plans for the Fairfield County Fair, October 7-13. Our Friends from AHA will be joining us again this year...but I would like to include a Master Gardener information booth or display too. We can certainly make seed necklaces and we also have a teaching kit on types and uses of corn by Edna Wilson. If you have a minute, check out the Licking Co. MGV display on Facebook. They used a theme by the National Consumer Horticulture Council about how plants are helpful in our environment, our homes and offices. This might be a really nice addition to our County Fair efforts. Who is interested in working on County Fair efforts? Send an email to smith.3204@osu.edu and we will have a brainstorming session!!

Finally, please reserve October 20 for the opening of the Outdoor Garden and Play Area at the AHA Children's Museum. Construction has been slower than expected with all of the rain but the builders have assured Wendy that October 20 should be a good day. We had

hoped the raised beds would be ready for some lettuces in early September but the outdoor pavilion needs to be set in place first before the raised beds are constructed. Won't that be a wonderful teaching facility!! I will keep you posted on the progress and ways MGVs can be involved.

Enjoy the changing of the season...

Sincerely,

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Newsletter Deadlines

Do you have an article, garden musing, photo from an MGV project, calendar event or other idea you'd like to submit for the MGV newsletter? Articles and information are welcome at any time! Items not used in an upcoming newsletter can be saved and used in a future newsletter. Newsletters are published quarterly with the following submission deadlines:

Spring Newsletter—submit by February 1
Summer Newsletter—submit by May 1
Autumn Newsletter—submit by August 1
Winter Newsletter—submit by November 1



In Manory of Carol Schleich

Dear Master Gardener Friends...

This past week, we lost an amazing volunteer in our friend Carol Schleich. Carol always had a kind heart and was so wonderful to our friends at the Opportunity Center... As I watched several of our Master Gardeners say their goodbyes, I was shown the Master Gardener Newsletter the family displayed on a memory board as a reminder of Carol's talent and creativity as a writer.

I was reminded, as I watched or emailed-chatted with many of you, of the value of the Master Gardener Program and the friendships it has created. And I reminded myself not to worry so much about the next event or program but to learn to spend more time "in the moment" at each of our activities. Several of you commented that the Opportunity Center experience made you a better person or made you grow in a variety of ways you never imagined. For those experiences gained, I am truly blessed and thankful the MGV program is teaching more than horticulture knowledge.

Carol lived just a few miles from Slate Run her entire life. As a lover of nature, animals, and history, she was a frequent visitor to the Living Historical Farm with both her children and grandchildren. She was a kind and generous woman and an avid volunteer. She spent her entire adult life rescuing animals, teaching adults to read, reading to the visually impaired, and teaching gardening skills to the developmentally disabled. She was well known in the area as "Rev. Carol," the founder of Preacher to Go. She was licensed to marry couples in both Ohio and West Virginia and loved to travel throughout the regions spreading both love and joy.

Her unexpected passing on August 16th shattered both family and friends alike. Carol's family would love a spot to visit and feel close to Carol in a location she loved. They are raising funds to place a commemorative bench at Slate Run Metro Park in honor of their late mother and grand-mother, Carol Schleich.

The cost of the bench is \$1500 and the commemoration will last for a 20 year period. Contributions can be made at the following link:

https://www.gofundme.com/mvc.php?route=homepage_norma/search&term=Carol%20Schleich Proceeds from the campaign will be forwarded to Metro Parks by her children, Paul and Amanda. Details on the Metro Parks' Commemorative Bench program can be found at: http://www.metroparks.net/programs-and-activities/commemorative-bench-program/

Let's hope Carol in some small way taught us all that we need to find joy in the smallest of things and to find time to do the things that make us the most inspired. Carol, you certainly will be missed by your Master Gardener friends and especially by the readers of your insightful writings in our Master Gardener Newsletter.

Connie

Ag Center Landscape Looks Stunning

by Connie Smith, Master Gardener Coordinator

If you have not been out to the Ag Center recently, bring your friends and simply take a drive to see how pretty the landscaping looks. Just this year alone our Ag Center Landscape Team spent over 70 hours working on its planting and maintenance. At a recent update with our County Commissioners, we were told it was the prettiest county building. And if you have a chance, stop by and look at our new conference room carpet and hallway flooring. The inside of the building now looks as pretty as the outside!!! Thanks to all who make the Ag Center look great!!!











Congratulations, Keith Eichorn

by Connie Smith, Master Gardener Coordinator



Congratulations to Keith Eichhorn for donating the first harvests from his Pickerington Community Garden Plot to the Pickerington Food Pantry. On July 9, Keith donated over 6 pounds of carrots and 47 pounds of onions to the local food pantry. On August 15 he made another donation of 12 pounds of carrots and peppers. Want to learn to grow onions like Keith? Check out this new Ohioline fact sheet entitled, "Growing Onions in the Garden." Find it at: https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/hyg-1616 or simply by typing ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/hyg-1616 or simply by typing ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/hyg-1616 or

Friday Fun Day: Trip to Clark County

by Connie Smith, Master Gardener Coordinator



WOW... Our Friday FUN DAY in CLARK COUNTY was a blast!! Our Master Gardener Friends in Clark County were well prepared for showing us a good time at their newly renovated demonstration gardens at Snyder Park. Snyder Park was actually a city-owned golf course that has now been turned over to the Master Gardeners for educational gardens. Our Master Gardener Volunteers thoroughly enjoyed our visit to your learning gardens and we felt that we left with some exceptional ideas for our new AHA Children's Museum garden effort here in Lancaster. The Clark County volunteers were just the best at answering all our questions and making us feel very welcome. Of course, Young's Jersey Dairy was quite a treat for our lunch!! They were so busy we barely had room to park the bus!

The Hartman Rock Garden was our surprise visit of the day. In fact, we actually drove by it before we realized what a true gem it is!! We took a group picture at the site and walked around, simply stunned by the structures. And the traditional way they garden has been maintained. My best memory of the day was watching Brian and his Mom, Michele, studying the structures and plantings and taking pictures of each detail. I loved watching them explore the garden!

And finally, Meadow View Growers.... We just had to spend some extra time there!! What a great facility... and the landscaping was awesome... again, more great ideas for our gardeners. The entire staff were so kind and gracious. The Fairfield County Master Gardeners definitely had a FUN FRIDAY trip to Clark County...and just happened to arrive back in Fairfield County about 1 ½ hours later than planned... You know gardeners and garden centers!!









Harry Potter Palooza at Sherman House

by Barbara Sullivan, Master Gardener 2006



The Sherman House gardens were transformed into Hagrid's Magical Garden for the Potter Palooza. The downtown event was organized by The Fairfield County District Library in

early August to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the first Harry Potter book. The gardeners and Master Gardeners of the Sherman House are Nancy Engeman, who headed the event, Laura Bullock, Director of The Sherman House, and Linda Everitt, Sue Heffner, Linda Werner, Diane Faulkner and Barb Sullivan. A quiz designed by Nancy was very popular. The winner of the drawing of the quizzes received a large dragon kite.





Many of the 300 adults and kids who came through the gardens were dressed up as Harry Potter or his friends. Placed in front of the Sherman House was a large statue of Hagrid designed by Nancy and Laura & Linda Everitt to greet thevisitors. Throughout the gardens, guests could view many owls, large and small spiders, toads, a sorting hat, gremlins and gremlin puppets, a parking space for brooms, snakes of various sizes, a large dragon kite, life sized dementors and many fake

poison flowers with signs containing their comical poison names.







Tomato Tasting was a Success!!!



Connie Smith, Master Gardener Coordinator



What a fun evening of learning more about growing tomatoes as well as tasting tomatoes too! Over 50 participants joined the effort and we tasted 28 varieties of tomatoes. We had lots of good questions and lots of learning plus some very creative names of tomato

varieties. The variety selected as Number One in our tasting was Mortage Lifter (aka Lust), a variety sold at our Dig Into Gardening tomato sale in the spring with 12 votes.

The Second place varieties with six votes each were Beef Steak and 5 Star. Taking Third place was a three-way tie with five votes each for Great White, Golden Jubilee and Wisconsin 55. In the Fourth slot, we had a four-way tie with four votes each for Wild Cherry, Black Crimson, Valley Girl and Millers. Finally, fifth place was a tie with three votes each for Early Girl, Peaches Red and "Golden Something."



Thanks to all the Master Gardeners for slicing and dicing and to all their organizational efforts in making the return of the Tomato Tasting so much fun, and educational, too!!



Wesley Ridge—Fall 2018

by Barbara Velez Barbosa, Master Gardener 2013

The Wesley Ridge Woodland Restoration started in the spring of 2014 at the request of June Harcum to The Fairfield County Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs). Since 2014, Fairfield County MGVs have donated in excess of 490 hours to this renovation. The area has been transformed from a dumping ground of landscape debris to a habitat area for many butterflies, birds and wildlife. Fairfield County MGVs, Scout Troop 256, Wild Ones Columbus members, Wesley Ridge residents and many other volunteers have successfully restored the area.

Several hundred native trees, shrubs and wildflowers have been planted in this area. MGVs have added an herb Garden, rain Garden and picnic area. Wesley Ridge added a couple of benches; MGVs have added a bird bath, bird feeder and pots of colorful flowers that add a special touch to the bench areas.

If you haven't had a chance to visit Wesley Ridge, please do. A place that was once full of invasive plants is now an area of tranquility and beauty for residents to enjoy a little nature.



Fairfield County MGVs still maintain the area throughout the year and we try to meet from 8:00 am to 11:00 am on the 3rd Wednesday, from April to November. However, you are free to go and weed at your convenience. If you would like an opportunity to give back to Wesley Ridge Retirement Community, please contact Barbara Velez Barbosa at bkvelezbarbosa@gmail.com









Wagnalls Memorial Gardens—Fall 2018

by Pam Jarvis, Master Gardener 2005

Wagnalls Memorial Gardens has had visitors, people and butterflies, who have enjoyed the well-tended beds. The children's story hour theme this summer was "IN THE GARDEN," and children explored the gardens as part of their program. Prime time for most of the flowers has now come and gone, but Master Gardeners are still busy identifying plants for plant label tags. Lisa Stoklosa will be creating a brochure for self-guided tours. The gardens will have special lights and will be featured when Wagnalls has its Gatsby fundraiser on the evening of October 6.

















Friends Of Wagnalls Gardens

Updated listing of adopted areas from Pam Jarvis, Master Gardener 2005

Adopted Beds:

WM Gated Beds in parking lot: Mary Carter

Hostile Hostas, Bermuda Triangle, Beds to East and West of Back Library Entrance, Windowed Entrance

Bed: Diane Gerken/Susan Lloyd

Hydrangea Tree Triangle Bed by amphitheater: Laura Hempleman

Russian Sage Tree Bed across from Hydrangea Tree Triangle: Dolly Browning

Small Bed East of Back Parking Lot/Handicapped Sign 3: Mark Adkins

Small Bed East of Back Parking Lot/Handicapped Sign 2: Don Hornbeck

Half Circle of Roses near parking lot between handicapped sign 1 and trash: Don Hornbeck

Triangular Bed north of building/bordering parking lot: Needs adopted

Bed under East Windows: Laura Hempleman

No Bicycle Sign Bed near library workers' pavers entrance: Nancy Weidman

Circle Area in Front with Bench Entrance: Needs adopted

Herb Garden: Ann Brocker, Bev Zurhorst

Shrub Area on East Side of Front Property, Area Under Tri-color Beech: Pam Jarvis

Front Sign: Linda Werner, Barb Wood, Dolly Browning, Laura Hempleman, Sarah Cory

Stepped Area in Front of Children's Library/Circle Tree: Linda Werner, Barb Wood, Patty Sykes, Sarah Cory

Behind the Stage/Amphitheater: **Mary Ann Richards**Dry Creek Bed near trash/recycle bins: **Pam Jarvis**

Lighthouse Bed: Everyone will be checking this area for weeds until adopted.

Weeds in grass, pavers: Don Hornbeck

Front Hedges on east side of property in front: Pam Jarvis

Thistle Downs Bed in front of the electric station: Nancy Busack Bed to right of Thistle Downs/Hydrangeas: Scott and Leslie Kulis

2 Beds North of Lighthouse Bed: Nancy Weidman, Michele Byrne, Melissa Thatcher

Bed by Library Back Door enclosed by Pavers: Liz Blind

Bed on Northeast side of Building bordered by Circular Shrubs: Mark Adkins

Front Building under Stained/Leaded Glass and Bed Bordering Wedding Picture Doorway: Lisa Stoklosa



Unwanted Visitors Will Enter Your Home in the Fall

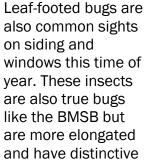
source: Buckeye Yard and Garden Line

Tis the season for homeowners to begin noticing that there seems to be more insects coming into the home. Many insects overwinter as adults and need to find shelter to survive through the winter. Adult insects are often drawn to the warm south/ southwest side of a home and make their way into cracks between siding, shingles, doors, windows and roof eaves. They can go undetected within wall voids, attics, and unseen parts of the home, but when the insect makes its way into the living space, homeowners take notice. Many insects find their way into the corners of homes or become active during a warm, sunny winter's day and fly around the house.



Most notable may be the MULTICOLORED ASIAN LADY BEETLE, which becomes a nuisance when they stain walls or fabric when crushed or aggravated. While an annoyance, homeowners should not

fear because the beetle does not damage or chew on wood or other home materials, does not lay eggs in the home and does not spread disease. Other increasingly common invaders include the stink bugs and leaf-footed bugs. Like the multicolored Asian lady beetle, the BROWN MARMORATED STINK BUG (BMSB) overwinters as an adult and seeks out warm shelter for winter. As its name implies, these insects emit unpleasant odors that are not welcome in the home.





leaf-shaped feet on their rear legs.

SPIDERS may also be unwelcome guests in fall. The cold weather may drive some spiders into homes seeking shelter. However, spiders are beneficial organisms



which help control pest populations. Very few are problematic to humans. To prevent home invaders, the best management is prevention. Inspecting the home for cracks and sealing openings will not only help prevent insect invaders, but will also help prepare your house for heating in the winter. Using a power washer or powerful stream from a hose can dislodge insects that are gathering on your home's exterior but this is not a permanent solution. Insects found indoors can be vacuumed up. Vacuums should be emptied immediately to prevent insects from escaping and smell from accumulating in the home.



Please Help Keep Information Current

If you have updates to your email address or mailing address, please contact Lisa Stoklosa at Imstoklos@gmail.com or 614-214-3205.

Harvesting Pumpkins ... making those pumpkins last longer

by Connie Smith, Master Gardener Coordinator

A crop that is popular for fall decorations is the pumpkin. It is seen as jack-o-lanterns in October and as part of cornucopias in November. There are a few things to remember about harvesting pumpkins that can make them last longer.



A pumpkin should be left on the vine until its desired color is reached. Once the pumpkin is picked, the color stops developing.

You can tell if a pumpkin is ripe by thumping the pumpkin and by examining its skin. If it makes a hollow sound when thumped, the pumpkin is ready to be picked. Additionally, the pumpkin is ripe if the skin feels hard, almost like a shell. When you press your fingernail into a ripe pumpkin, it should resist puncture.

If you do not grow your own pumpkins and enjoy visiting a local pumpkin patch for your fall decorating, to ensure the pumpkin lasts for a long time, clean it using a 10 percent bleach solution. The pumpkin can be sprayed with the bleach solution or dipped in it.

Curing involves elevating storage temperatures to 80 to 85 F with 75 to 80 percent relative humidity for approximately 10 days. Curing heals wounds, helps ripen immature fruit, enhances color and ensures a longer post-harvest life. If the pumpkins or gourds are not to be eaten, you can also spray them with a light coating of shellac.

Store the pumpkin on its end, out of sunlight. Following these simple steps, a pumpkin can be stored for up to three or four months.

SPOTLIGHT ON UPCOMING EVENTS

Hugus Fruit Farm Tour October 8-23, 2018



info. furnished by Connie Smith, Master Gardener Coordinator

Local Food Farm Tours will continue this fall with a tour of the Hugus Fruit Farm on September 13, from 6:30pm-7:30pm. See firsthand how and where your food is grown. Enjoy a tour of Hugus Fruit Farm hosted by Ralph and Nancy Beth Hugus and sponsored by Ohio State University Extension in Fairfield County. Apples aren't the only crop cultivated at Hugus Fruit Farm! Walk the orchard with us and see how apples, peaches, pears, plums and more are managed, harvested and marketed fresh at the farm. Plus, you'll get to see their cider press.

"Fun with Geometric Shapes" October 8-23, 2018

info. furnished by Louise Smith, Master Gardener 2013

The Fairfield County Federated Garden Clubs' Fall Flower Show, "Fun with Geometric Shapes," will take place October 8-23 in the art hall at the Fairfield County fair . The show will include artistic floral designs, a horticulture exhibit, a bonsai display, an educational exhibit and a commercial exhibit by Hoffman's Flowers of Baltimore. The Federated Garden Clubs are: Basil, Bremen, Carroll Community and Mystical Juniors- Bremen. Bremen Garden Club is the host club for this show. Amateur flower growers and arrangers who are not members of the Federated Garden Clubs may exhibit in the show. For more information, contact the show chair. Debbie Molisee of Bremen Garden Club at 740-569-4200.



The Nature's Planter

photo furnished by Jane Eberly, Master Gardener 2013

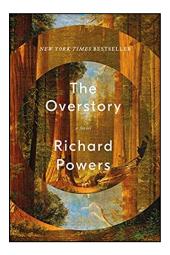


Book a Review

by Barbara Kochick, Master Gardener 2013

The Overstory
By Richard Powers

With nine main characters and a fifty year time span this is epic storytelling. The overall theme is man's relationship with nature as it has been and how we might restore what we have destroyed. Each of the characters has had a touchstone event with trees - disabled



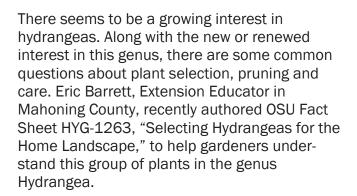
by a fall from a tree, saved by a fall into one, an inspiration for one's art and so on. Some of their stories are brought together during the Timber Wars in the late 1990s, when activists protested the logging of ancient sequoias. The author's ecological message is heartfelt.



Please remember to keep your MGV Hours up-to-date in VMS.

Hydrangea Fact Sheet Now Available

by Connie Smith, Master Gardener Coordinator



Species of hydrangeas grown in Ohio include:
• Smooth Hydrangeas



- Oakleaf Hydrangeas
- Bigleaf and Mountain Hydrangeas
- Climbing Hydrangeas
- Panicle Hydrangeas

Look for "Selecting Hydrangeas for the Home Landscape" at the OSU's Ohioline website: https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/hyg-1263. This Fact Sheet includes the following detailed information: site selection and planting, flower hardiness - old wood vs. new wood, attracting pollinators, watering, pest concerns and a "Hydrangeas for Ohio" chart.

DESTINATIONS

The Trees of Cheyenne

by Barbara Kochick, Master Gardener 2013



Early this spring we visited our daughter and family in Ft. Collins, Colorado. We took a day trip across the state border to Cheyenne, Wyoming. We found a charming town with shops, churches, well kept residences and much greenery. On a history tour of the city we found that was not always so.

In 1867, a town was established by the U.S. Army as a terminal for the Union Pacific Railroad. This high plains site was never friendly to humans. Even the local Cheyenne Indians had never set up camp here. The summers were heat brutal and water scarce. The winters were long with plummeted temperatures and mountains of snow.

By 1876, there were 5,000 people and 12 trees in Cheyenne. Early settlers quickly learned it was nearly impossible to get plants to thrive in one of the harshest growing environments in the country. They struggled with the arid climate, alkaline soil and constant wind. Hailstorms often hastened the end of an already short growing season.



In that year, James Floyd Jenkins migrated to Cheyenne from Wisconsin to become a shopkeeper. He missed the beauty and benefits of the tree canopy in his native state. He set out to make his new home a city of trees. He called on other citizens to help him bring this goal to life. In 1882, along with others, he established the first Arbor Day. More than two hundred fifty trees were planted. Some of the cottonwoods still stand today. He managed in his lifetime to plant more than three miles of trees.

Today his legacy continues in the "Rooted in Cheyenne" program. Homeowners can apply to have a tree planted on their property. After an arborist accesses the site and an approval is issued, a tree is selected from a suggested list. After a fee of \$50.00 is paid, the program will water and maintain the tree for a year. Ongoing, they will offer any needed advice or suggestions. The dream of a City of Trees in the High Plains continues on.

Looking Forward to Fall

Please be sure to take a look at page 14 and make a note of the upcoming fall events! Also, see page 13 for detailed information on two popular events, the Fairfield County Federated Garden Clubs' Fall Flower Show and our next Local Food Farm Tour.



In and Around the Garden—You Won't Want to Miss It!

Mark your calendars with these important dates and upcoming activities and events!

COMING SOON:

Local Food Farm Tour: Hugus Fruit Farm Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018, 6:30pm-7:30pm 1960 Old Rushville Road Rushville, OH 43150

State Master Gardener Conference Sept. 28-29, 2018 Hamilton County

Fairfield County Federated Garden Clubs Fall Flower Show, "Fun with Geometric Shapes" Oct. 8-13, 2018

Fairfield County Fair, Art Hall

AHA Children's Museum—Opening of the Outdoor Garden and Play area Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018 1708 River Valley Circle S, Lancaster, OH

Master Gardener Holiday Gathering

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018
Fairfield County Agriculture Center
831 College Avenue, Lancaster, OH



SAVE THE DATE:

Thank-you Dinner for Wagnalls' Volunteers
Date/Time TBD
At the Jarvis Home

Friends of Wagnalls Work Days

Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018, 8:30-10:30am Monday, Sept. 10, 2018, 8:30-10:30am Wednesday, Sept. 19, 8:30-10:30am Thursday, Sept. 27, 2018, 9-11am Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018, 9-11am - Contact: Pam Jarvis

Wesley Ridge Work Days

Until November
Third Wednesday of Month, 8-11am
- Contact: Barbara Velez Barbosa

AG Center Work Days

Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018, 8:30am Friday, Oct. 19, 2018, 8:30am (if needed) - Contact: DJ Hoermle

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