



Through the Vine

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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2016 Dig Into Gardening a Success!

by *Connie Smith, Master Gardener Coordinator*



The **2016 Dig Into Gardening** event was not only our largest ever but was indeed our best ever!! Thanks to Louise Smith for tabulating the 159 completed evaluations. Obviously, with 179 paid registrations, publicity does work but I really believe people just look forward to the Master Gardener “Dig Into Gardening” event.

The evaluations told us that **Registration** was quick, easy and well organized, and one guest remarked “The packet of information at table and name cards for table place was a nice touch.” Only one guest commented on the lack of a big packet of information this year. “I just liked having a folder. The whole bag thing is too much.”

Vendors - Many comments were received about a good variety of vendors with favorable comments about the selections of garden related items available, like “great variety” and “friendly vendors”.

Food and Drinks - Lots of great comments were received about the food and drinks, including “Apple pie was the best I ever had!!”, “The peach pie was amazing.”, “Great

breakfast goodies!!”, “Perfect portions!!!”, “Wonderful-would not change a thing!!”, and “very organized”.

Program - Many commented they liked the speakers, and the length of program was just right. My only concern is four speakers may make the program run a bit long for some folks. We probably need to try to get handout information for all our speakers, as several guests mentioned they had a hard time keeping up with plant names and useful information. We always try to get handouts from each speaker, but when you have folks who own a nursery or garden center a power point presentation and handouts are not high on your list of priorities, especially when you can bring plants and share your passion.

We did have some comments about the **Facility** mainly because it is cold but, that becomes a double edged sword...turn it on and be ready for some noise. Others remarked “I always like being at this location, it is totally adequate, and inviting and friendly.” and “Table decor and gifts were awesome...thank you!!”

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CONNIE'S CORNER

Dear Master Gardeners,

Summer is almost here and lots of opportunities are available for learning and volunteering. Check out all of the available opportunities offered by the Local Foods Farm Tour beginning in June and continuing throughout the summer. All of these events are free and open to all of your gardening friends PLUS as a Master Gardener you will receive 2.5 hours of continuing education credits for each class you attend. See the enclosed flier for specific dates and times of the Local Foods Farm Tour Series 2016.

In addition, don't forget to check out some of the programs being offered at the Fairfield County District Library. Kelley Scott presented a program in early June on "Thrift Store Gardening" and Dianna Wears is scheduled to offer a program entitled "All About Orchids" on Tuesday, July 12 at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in presenting programs at the Library, please send me an email and I can make the connections for you. Those programs will also count toward your MGCV hours for 2016. There is also a small stipend for any supplies you might need to purchase.

Finally, don't forget the MGCV State conference slated for September 16 and 17 at Cuyahoga Falls in Summit County. I would like to take a bus for the September 17 all day sessions. Our Sherman House Gardeners were nominated for a Project of the Year in Environmental Horticulture. If you are interested in a bus ride to the State Conference, please call Kelley Scott to reserve your seat at 740-652-7263. Your seat on the bus is free, as we will pay for it with MGCV funds.

Enjoy your summer and watch for details of a clean-up date at the Ag Center in the near future.

Sincerely,
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DIG (continued from page 1)

You should all be very proud of your efforts to make the Dig into Gardening event the semi-annual event everyone looks forward to and wants to attend. Now, let's think about themes and speakers for 2018!!

DIG Highlights...



Knowledgeable speakers...



Beautiful decor...

A variety of vendors...



Fun activities...



And yummy lunch...



Results in happy guests and a GREAT event!



MGV Spotlight

Debbie Wren is a hands-on kind of person, using her hands throughout her life to create, serve others, complete tasks, have fun, and grow things. Originally from the small town of Shelby, Ohio (where her mom still lives), “growing things” was an activity which Debbie Wren remembers. She learned to garden from one of her grandmothers, and it is still one of her passions.

Early in her career, Debbie worked in the records office at the Ohio State Reformatory for five years. While there, she was even on an employee bowling team, who called themselves the “Wall Climbers”! She moved on to the records office at the Ohio Penitentiary, and then settled into her career at the Ohio Bureau of Worker’s Compensation for twenty-four years, serving as the Assistant to the Administrator for the last fourteen of those years.

Before retirement in 2004, Debbie Wren knew she needed a game plan, something to fill her days. Somewhere she saw information about the Master Gardener Volunteer (MGV) program and she knew that was what she wanted to do. She completed the training when it was offered the next year, becoming part of the Fairfield County MGV class of 2005, and has been an active MGV ever since!

Since the summer of 2005, Debbie has volunteered at Franklin Park Conservatory, where she especially loves working in the community garden and helping grow produce to donate to a local foodbank. You can find Debbie there on Wednesday mornings, along with her gardening volunteer buddies Linda, Falguni, and Betty. The four of them have volunteered together for years, learning from each other along the way. Like the gardens they care for, their relationships have grown over the years and they spend time together beyond their weekly garden time.

Debbie’s other delight is sewing. She makes quilts, purses, curtains and drapes (you can usually find her handiwork at the Dig Into Gardening educational day, as she has donated several purses and tote bags to the silent auction over the past few years....they are beautiful creations!). Sewing is a

skill and love she picked up from her other grandmother. In high school, she used to sew her own clothes. These days, she belongs to a sewing guild and makes items that are then donated to local charitable organizations. She has made four “Quilts of Valor” for veterans and many items for children at hospitals. She recently made four pillow tops as sitting mats for the Ganesa Library and Study Center in Indonesia, which is a charitable effort of Lunn Fabrics in Lancaster.

In addition, Debbie supports her husband’s love of music, as he is in two bands (a community band and a swing band). Though she describes her life as “boring”, it is quite the contrary. Debbie deserves a “hand” for all that she does and shares with others!



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**

Email articles and information to Kelley Scott at scott.1863@osu.edu or kelleynotez@yahoo.com. Contact Kelley by email or at 740-475-8498 with questions or ideas! Thanks to all who contribute!

A Tribute to Mel Bartholomew Inventor of Square Foot Gardening 12/14/31 - 4/28/16

My world dimmed when I learned the news of this gentleman, a modern visionary, an engineer, who spent 40 years teaching and spreading his unique yet incredible common sense method of “Square Foot Gardening”. I grieve upon the news he lost his battle to cancer.

As one of his certified instructors, Mel and I exchanged emails. Every word of his was intelligent, glowing, and kind, and filled with humbleness that only a truly great man can achieve.

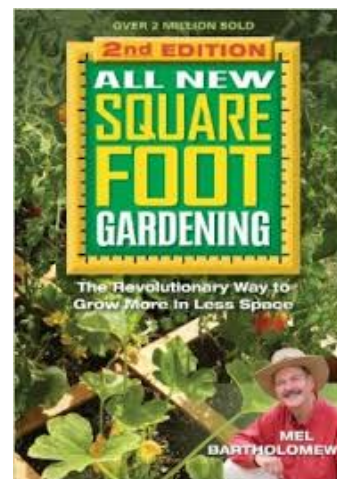
We have all had the experience of wonderful people in our lives that we will never forget, who gave us something far more than we could ever return to them. I would kindly suggest to seek them out and let them know your appreciation. You see, I had the chance to meet Mel in person. I thought somehow there would be another time where I could thank him in person as he travelled the country.....

Using his method, this year’s first emerging little fistful of asparagus meant more to me than last year’s. I treasure an autographed trowel from Mel. My vegetable garden will forever become a kind of living tribute to the man with a kind soul who taught me and millions over the past 40 years, a better way to enjoy my vegetable garden.

How many of us would like to leave a legacy? Mel Bartholomew did.

I wish everyone the joy and solace of a garden, and an open heart to share your joy and knowledge with others.

by Gina Wagner, MG Emeritus (2013)



Renew Strength by Gardening Today

by Esther Messerknecht (MG 1996)

Renew your strength by gardening today
Forget about your problems as you weed, plant and pray
Good old Ohio weather up and down the scale
Limited space too many kinds of tomatoes you choose
German Johnson, Brandy Wine, Yellow Pear, for fair
Sixteen plants to harvest with neighbor love to share
Butter Crunch lettuce and onions salad taste so good
Wax beans and sugar snap peas with many flowers too
Square foot garden so bright and beautiful for you
What a joy to create healthy food provided sun and rain for MG stay true!
(Written June 7, 2016)

Urban Homesteading...Yes, You Can Do It! (Part 1 of 2)

by *Melinda Lee Adkins, Master Gardener 2015*

My journey to becoming the Urban Homesteader that I am today began when I was a child. I remember my mother and grandmother working in their gardens and the delicious food we enjoyed from those gardens. They both loved their gardens and they instilled the love and appreciation for gardening in me.

After college I purchased a home in the city and I secured employment with the local public school district. As a school employee I had the summers off and in 2003 I decided to apply for a part-time Park Ranger position. I was offered a job at a park that also had an 1880's working farm on the property. I was overjoyed at the opportunity. During my time as a Park Ranger my love for the outdoors and living a simpler life grew. I wanted to learn more, so I subscribed to *Mother Earth News*, *Backwoods Home*, *Country Woman*, and *Grit*. I connected myself with like-minded individuals and began working toward self-sufficiency and sustainability. On my homesteading journey I learned easy and inexpensive ways to obtain self-sufficiency which I will share with you in this article.

As you begin your Urban Homesteading journey there are a few issues to consider.

1. Urban homesteading can be inexpensive or you can go out and buy all the new expensive homesteading products. Are you the type of person that must have all the new gadgets or are you willing to scout yard sales, online auctions, or make the item needed? As a single mom I have had to be thrifty and creative to accomplish my goals. But, I will admit there are some items that you do not want to skimp on. There are quality items that are well worth saving for, to purchase the product. It is an investment. You are throwing your money away if you purchase a product that is of average or poor quality and it falls apart or malfunctions. Research the products before purchasing. Read the reviews. Closely read the description of the product. Is it made with plastic parts? Does the product have the features you

need? Where is it made? A well-made product that is cared for, will last for years.

2. What type of lifestyle do you have now and do you have any physical limitations? Depending on your answer to this question will determine the level of self-sufficiency and sustainability you may want to work toward or are able to work toward. For those who have physical limitations there are small indoor projects that will be easy for you to accomplish.

Article continued on page 8.

ACROSS THE FENCE...

FREE PLANTS! Shared by **Carol Schleich, MGV 2013**...I've been a member of freecycle.org for several years and in the past have OFFERED clothing and other items. Last night after I WANTED a few free plants for my yard, I received an offer of a sedum plant. My benefactor told me she dug it up last fall and it wintered in a pot on her porch. She joked that she would also throw in the slugs as a bonus. It is freecycle etiquette as well as common courtesy to OFFER more than you WANT.

Be downright stingy when it comes to watering and fertilizing sedums as they aren't called "stonecrop" (as in growing in hardscrabble areas) for nothing. Although they prefer full sun and well drained soil they can tolerate Ohio's occasional rainy weather. Sedums bloom late in the season and do not need deadheading. Divide every few years to keep the plant vigorous. To propagate from cuttings, break off one of the stems and push it into the ground.

In years past haunting the FREE section of Craigslist rewarded me with hostas, mint and water hyacinths. Today when I ran the search feature all I found was an offer of forsythia shrubs and since they were you dig 'em and don't leave holes in their yard I passed. However, I intend to keep looking.

GARDEN MUSINGS

Moss Lore

by Linda Landis, Master Gardener 2011



Gotta love the moss. It's our oldest terrestrial plant on earth. Without moss, we gardeners wouldn't have a pot of soil to plant in. Moss created our first soils. Even though it does not have roots or produce seeds, pollen or flowers, it does produce spores that hitch a ride on the wind into your yard.



Moss can find a place to grow in any landscape. Moss will only grow in a clean environment. In late winter when other plants and grass are brown and dismal, I love seeing the bright green moss that has been nourished by snow melt and sunshine. Moss does obtain all its nutrients from sun light and rain water. It is a myth that it feeds on your roof shingles or any support object. The moss spores have found a home, a favorable growing environment to reproduce.

In fact, my favorite place for harvesting moss is from my roof shingles. A small flat concrete trowel works well in lifting the moss in a sheet from the roof. After a good soak in water, I place the



sheet of moss on wet sandstone in my labyrinth meditation garden and water daily until established. The large sandstone blocks were the foundation for our circa 1870 barn. Now these big blocks rest in retirement supporting the moss that visually nurtures a feeling of tranquility.

Moss like sunshine and water and is on all seven continents. It is tolerant of weather in all plant zones and has the widest growing range of light exposure of any other plant. It was designed to survive. There are 12,000 recognized species of moss and collectively it provides more carbon offset than all the trees in the world.

Did I mention it is pest and disease resistant and

drought tolerant? Early civilizations used moss for pillow and bed stuffing, wound dressing, diapers and toilet paper. Just think....and it was all organic. For more fun facts about moss see www.mossandstonegardens.com (and co-owner David Spain) and www.softschools.com/facts/plants/moss_facts/504/

Editor's Note:

Here are some additional articles about moss that you may find useful...



From University of Maryland Extension:
<https://extension.umd.edu/hgic/moss-your-landscape-friend-or-foe>

From Washington State Extension:
<http://ext100.wsu.edu/gardentips/category/moss>

From University of New Hampshire Extension:
https://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource001310_Rep1715.pdf

From eXtension.org:
<https://ask.extension.org/questions/310688>



GARDEN MUSINGS

The Trials and Tribulations of Growing Plants with Cats!

by Carol Schleich, Master Gardener 2013



Who are we kidding? I don't share a home with my pets. I sometimes feel that I'm a guest who serves at their discretion.

Last fall when I found an indoor/outdoor greenhouse on clearance, the only one left, I grabbed it. Starting tomato plants from seed is one way to bring a little hope into my life. "See? Winter won't last forever." The past few years, however, it's been seedlings versus felines with the cats winning the battle.

Since I've never been much of a DIY girl, assembly of the greenhouse took a little extra time and patience, but it was worth the effort. Made of heavy, durable plastic it is attractive as well as functional and under affect normal circumstances it should last for years. However, "normal" is not a word usually associated with any part of my life.

Tomato seeds sprouted quickly and the seedlings were safe from some little feline destroying them and tossing dirt everywhere. Enter trouble...



Satan (my veterinarian suggested that "Satin" might sound better in polite society but it never quite fit him) lives up to his name, getting into whatever his heart desires without a care of how his actions disrupt the rest of the household.



Shortly after the greenhouse made its debut it became Satan's hammock as the weight of his body pushed the top down onto the first shelf. He makes his bed, I notice, shoo him off, and pull the plastic back up, then when my back is turned the circle starts over.

When I noticed tiny shallow cuts in the plastic I realized Satan's hammock needed to go, but had to give a thought as how to correct the situation. I love the smell of lemons and sometimes leave cut halves throughout the house. Lemons are often suggested as a deterrent to cats digging up yards and gardens.

Lemon halves now grace the top of the greenhouse and as of Day One, the greenhouse is no longer Satan's Hammock.



P.S. Despite, or perhaps because of, his mischievous nature Satan is well loved and cared for and seems to enjoy his status as Class Clown while I look forward to juicy sun ripened tomatoes.

Editor's Note: An update from the author..."The lemon pieces worked! He hasn't made his hammock since!"

New Book on Breeding Birds Now Available

The Second Atlas of Breeding Birds in Ohio — published by the Pennsylvania State University Press and edited by Paul G. Rodewald, Matthew B. Shumar, Aaron T. Boone, David L. Slager and Jim McCormac — comes 25 years after the state's first breeding bird atlas and provides a new look at contemporary Ohio bird life and how it has changed since the first atlas.

The atlas is widely available from online retailers, including Amazon and Barnes & Noble. For a limited time, it can be purchased at a reduced price directly from Penn State Press at <http://go.osu.edu/BreedingBirdAtlas>.

Homesteading (cont'd from page 5)

3. Are you an apartment dweller or a home owner? What is the size of your yard or patio? For people that have limited space, container gardening is the answer. And for people on a limited budget who cannot buy planting pots, you can look on Craigslist in the free section for storage totes, buckets, old pots, planters, or anything that can be transformed into a planter. The containers can be transformed into cute planters. Make sure to clean pots or containers with the following cleaning solution. Sherry Rindels of The Iowa State University Department of Horticulture suggests, "TO DISINFECT POTS, SOAK THEM IN SOLUTION CONTAINING ONE PART HOUSEHOLD BLEACH TO 9 PARTS WATER FOR A MINIMUM OF 10 MINUTES. THEN PUT POTS IN A DISH DETERGENT AND WATER SOLUTION. TO CLEAN CLAY POTS USE STEEL WOOL OR A WIRE-BRISTLE BRUSH TO REMOVE MINERAL DEPOSITS AND OTHER DEBRIS. IF MINERAL DEPOSITS REMAIN, USE A KNIFE TO SCRAPE THEM OFF. RINSE POTS THOROUGHLY AND SOAK THEM IN A BUCKET OF CLEAN WATER UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO USE THEM. DRY CLAY POTS CAN WICK MOISTURE AWAY FROM THE POTTING MEDIUM DEHYDRATING NEWLY POTTED PLANTS. PLASTIC POTS ARE EASIER TO CLEAN REQUIRING ONLY A SCOURING PAD. MINERAL SALTS REMAINING CAN BE SCRAPED AWAY WITH A KNIFE. SMOOTH ANY ROUGH EDGES WITH STEEL WOOL. RINSE THE POT AND IT IS READY FOR REUSE."

After answering these questions you will have a guideline to follow toward establishing your homesteading goals.

Editor's Note:

This is Part 1 of Melinda's article on Urban Homesteading. The article will be continued as Part 2 in the Autumn Newsletter.

HELP KEEP OUR INFORMATION CURRENT!

If you have updates to your e-mail address or mailing address, please contact Kelley Scott at scott.1863@osu.edu or 740.652.7263.

RIPE FOR THE PICKING Summer Delights...



At the Edge of the Orchard by Tracy Chevalier

In 1838 the Goodenough family settles where their wagon gets stuck in swampy northeast Ohio. They buy saplings and seeds from John Chapman to fulfill their contract to grow an orchard of fifty trees. James loves his trees for all they provide and the memories the apples carry for him. He faithfully grafts and protects them and tries to pass his love and knowledge to their five children. Sadie hates and sabotages the trees as the symbol of all that has gone horribly wrong in her life and only loves the applejack they produce that keeps her drunk enough to forget. After a tragedy, their youngest son Robert escapes to Gold Rush California where he is haunted by his contentious, broken family. He finds solace in the magnificent redwoods and sequoias he discovers there and an unlikely woman. A chance meeting with an English plant collector changes the direction of his life. You will want to eat apples the whole time you read!

Review by Barbara Kochick, MG 2013

Dandelion Wine by Ray Bradbury

A 1957 semi-autobiographical novel, taking place in the summer of 1928 in the fictional town of Green Town, Illinois — a pseudonym for Bradbury's childhood home of Waukegan, Illinois. The novel developed from the short story "Dandelion Wine" which appeared in the June 1953 issue of *Gourmet* magazine. The title refers to a wine made with dandelion petals and other ingredients, commonly citrus fruit. In the story, dandelion wine, as made by the protagonist's grandfather, serves as a metaphor for packing all of the joys of summer into a single bottle. The main character of the story is Douglas Spaulding, a 12-year-old boy loosely patterned after Bradbury. Most of the book is focused upon the routines of small-town America, and the simple joys of yesteryear.

Review from goodreads.com

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



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

COMING SOON:

Cooking with Herbs

Monday, June 27th—3:00pm

Fairfield County District Library—Main Branch
OR

Wednesday, July 27th—6:30pm

Pickerington Library—Pickerington

OSU Extension—Fairfield County programs. Programs are free. To register or for more information, call 740-652-7260 or email Kelley Scott at scott.1863@osu.edu.

Mindfulness and Stress Reduction

Wednesday, June 29th—6:30pm

Pickerington Library—Pickerington
OR

Thursday, July 28th—6:30pm

Fairfield County District Library—Main Branch

OSU Extension—Fairfield County programs. Programs are free. To register or for more information, call 740-652-7260 or email Kelley Scott at scott.1863@osu.edu.

Healthy Meal Planning for Busy Families

Monday, July 25th—6:30pm

Pickerington Library—Pickerington

OSU Extension—Fairfield County program. Program is free. To register or for more information, call 740-652-7260 or email Kelley Scott at scott.1863@osu.edu.

FAIRFIELD CO. LOCAL FOODS FARM TOUR SERIES

Tuesday, July 12—Bachman Sunny Hill Fruit Farm

Tuesday, July 26—Paige's Produce

Tuesday, August 9—Thomas Solar Farm

Tuesday, September 20—Slate Run Vineyard

All programs begin at 6:30pm. See flier on the last page of this newsletter for more details.

September 16 and 17, 2016

Ohio State Master Gardener Conference

"Cultivating Passion". Summit County/Cuyahoga Falls. Info and registration at <https://u.osu.edu/mgv2016/>

Various Seasonal Nature Walks and Workshops

Secret Arboretum—Wooster

See the Secret Arboretum event calendar at <http://secrest.osu.edu/Calendar.asp>

SAVE THE DATE:

January 2017—Columbus Convention Center

21st Annual P.L.A.N.T. Seminar

A program of the Perennial Plant Association, featuring perennial plant experts speaking on trends, design, new plants and solutions .

Contact Kelley Scott at scott.1863@osu.edu or kelleynotez@yahoo.com with garden activities and events to include in the newsletter.



WISHES FOR A HAPPY BIRTHDAY... CELEBRATE AND ENJOY!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS...

Elizabeth Blind, Sarah Cory, Donna Hiles, Paul Hoy, Dee Ann Martin, Cleo Quaerna, Linn Seesholtz, Barbara Wood

JULY BIRTHDAYS....

Frank Anderson, Dolly Browning, Brandi Downs, Nancy Engeman, John Harris, Sue Heffner, Michelle Ivory, Doris Marcus, Christa Ogg, Kelley Scott, Judy Smith, Barbara Sullivan

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS....

Gary Hiles, Mary Lewis, Anita Lunn, Lise Ricketts, Angela Ruummele, Donna Tobias, Karleen Tope

GARDEN MUSINGS

Again...

by *Gina Sutphin, Master Gardener 2015*



I've been traveling through a strange season for the past few years. It's been heavy with snow and cold. In my struggle to keep stepping forward, I decided to fill my time by becoming a Certified Master Gardener. Even though my life has always involved gardening, I still lacked a vast amount of knowledge. And the more I learned, the more I saw how closely plants and seasons resemble the cycles of human life.

Some seeds literally cannot grow until they have waited through a period of cold, hoping for the spring. If you plant this type of seed in the spring, even in the most perfect of conditions, it will fail to germinate, rot into the soil, and disappear forever. It must undergo the pressure of freezing and thawing. It must be weighted under the silence of thick blankets of snow, left all alone. Then, and only then, can it grow to its full potential.

Spring has a way of coming without notice. It can be desperately cold forever and then an unexpected warm day brings early flowers pressing up for light. These perennials are my favorites! Even though many perennials are considered weeds, wild and of no use at all, I connect with them deeply. Their strength, resilience, grace, and beauty speak to me in a way

few words can. Last fall, I began to notice whispers and signs, signaling to me that it was time to wake up, that spring was trying to come to my life again. It seemed that over and over a reoccurring theme of "again" was happening all around me.

Last October I was attending Hutchmoot for the second time and Walt Wangerin Jr. spoke about a lady from his church. She had passed away and the children in his congregation were angry! So one Sunday, he called them up front to tell them a story. His tale about a lily drew me in, just as it had the children, and when he reached the final lines the room was blanketed in silence. Those few moments seemed like an eternity. I felt a panicked choking back of tears until the applause erupted and helped me regain composure.

Winter doesn't always lift as quickly or as easily as we would like. But sitting here, these months later, with spring bursting forth all around me, I can't help but think back on Walt's story. It's okay to hate the darkness, because we have hope. As much as I dread the winter, without it spring would not be as glorious. In these seasons of freezing and thawing, of cold and silence, things are happening to prepare us, to make us ready, to give us strength to shake off the snow and stretch toward the light, *again!*

Editor's Note: You can find Gina's original article on the website "The Rabbit Room" at <https://www.rabbitroom.com/2016/04/again/>

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Ohio Master Gardener Program Mission

We are Ohio State University Extension trained volunteers empowered to educate others with timely research-based gardening information.

Local Foods Farm Tour Series 2016

On-farm educational programs
highlighting local producers in Fairfield County

All programs will be held from 6:30-7:30pm.

Programs/tours are FREE!



Schultz Valley Farms

Tuesday, June 14th

Hosted by Josh & Lynne Schultz

424 Zion Rd SE Rt 4, Lancaster

www.schultzvalleyfarms.com

CSA, greens, herbs, sweet corn, cabbage, eggplant, root vegetables, melons and more!

Bachman Sunny Hill Fruit Farm

Tuesday, July 12th

Hosted by Gregg Bachman

3850 Pickerington Road, Carroll

740-756-7572

Apple farm and orchard



Paige's Produce

Tuesday, July 26th

Hosted by Brian & Kelly Helser

10130 Winch-Southern Rd, Stoutsville

www.paigesproduce.com

CSA, peas, cabbage, broccoli, apples, peaches, green beans, sweet corn, tomatoes, squash, cucumber, and more!



The Thomas Farm

Tuesday, August 9th

Hosted by Michael Thomas

1696 Bickel Church Rd, Baltimore

740-467-2059

Solar farm operation

Featuring Eric Romich, OSU Extension Field Specialist in Energy Development

Slate Run Vineyard

Tuesday, September 20th

Hosted by Keith Pritchard

1900 Winchester-Southern Rd

Canal Winchester

www.slaterunwine.com

Grows 60 varieties of grapes on 4 acres of vineyard and sources local apples, producing 17 unique proprietary wines



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