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Happy 2004

We hope that you and yours had a wonderful Holiday Season. Now it's time to dig in and get back to work.

The 2004 Class of Master Gardeners is preparing to start on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, we have 30 participants this year. We could use some help prior to our 9:00 a.m. classes (8:00 - 8:45 a.m.) to make coffee, make sure we have handouts necessary, etc. If you're interested in putting some hours in before your work day starts, call us and sign up.

We've included the class schedule for this year in case any of you missed some classes earlier and would like to "audit" the class. Please call ahead and let us know if you'll be attending any so we can make arrangements. Sessions on February 10<sup>th</sup>, and March 2<sup>nd</sup> will be held at the Central Park West Hall (off Central Avenue, just East of McCord) due to a scheduling conflict with TBG's conference center.

By now you should have received Becky's flyer on the Seattle trip June 15-21, 2004, if you need more details you can reach Becky at our office.

The Gypsy Moth season is beginning. We have our first public open house being held at the Swanton Township Hall, February 19<sup>th</sup> between 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Officials from OSU and the Ohio Department of Agriculture will be on hand to show maps of the treatment area, and answer any questions.

We are planning to do our Burlap Banding Project again this year for Gypsy Moths and will publish some dates soon that will be coming up in March for our Gypsy Moth MG Specialists, and all Master Gardeners, and Lucas County residents to get involved.

We will also be doing some public forums on the Emerald Ash Borer in Lucas County in early spring. Any of you interested in learning more about this exotic invader would be welcome to assist us with the planning and public relations aspect.

The Ohio State University, the United States Dept. of Agriculture, and Lucas County Commissioners Cooperating.

The Consumer & Urban Horticulture Program Sponsored by the Cities of Maumee, Oregon, Sylvania, and Toledo; Monclova, Springfield, and Sylvania Townships; Villages of Holland and Ottawa Hills; and Lucas County.

We will have a big mailing going out (850+ pieces) the second week of February. If anyone is interested in helping us fold the newsletter, and stuff the envelopes please give us a call. You're welcome to come in at your convenience call either of us to coordinate.

The Home and Garden Show will be held at the Seagate Center March 13-15<sup>th</sup>. Amy and Deb Johnson will be getting together to involve some of our Speaker's Bureau members to help us with presentations at the show. We will also be staffing a Master Gardener Booth to answer general questions. We're looking for volunteers to man the booth during the following hours: Friday 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Lee Samson and Marge Malinowski with the Community Events Committee will be coordinating shift coverage. If signing up we'd appreciate at least a 2-hour minimum!!

Allen County Master Gardeners are presenting "The Art of Gardening V" in Lima on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 - 3:00 p.m. \$30.00 limited enrollment. Presenters include Debra Knapke, a contributing writer for *Garden Gate & Fine Gardening*, as well as a consultant and designer; Barry Glick who propagates and grows one of the largest selections of woodland perennials in the world; and Mark Gricker, head horticulturalist at the Governor's residence and was responsible for creating and installing the "Bi-Centennial" and native plants garden. Deadline is March 9<sup>th</sup> for more information email Kay Studer ([studer.26@os.edu](mailto:studer.26@os.edu)) or call 1-419-222-9946.

We finally received our backorder of the 1-5 year name badges, and have enclosed one for those individuals that did not receive theirs at the reception. If we missed anyone, please call us so we can get that out to you.

The ABE Center's Women in Agriculture conference is coming up on March 19<sup>th</sup> where Becky and Amy will be conducting classes on container gardening. We could use some help setting up on the 18<sup>th</sup> mid afternoon (time to be determined), and could use some extra hands to assist participants on the 19<sup>th</sup> between 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Call our office to sign up if you're interested. The conference is being held at Nazareth Hall near Grand Rapids.

Other than those newsworthy items, we hope you all are having great visions of spring. At this time can you ever imagine seeing green again and wearing sandals??

Happy Gardening,



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