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To: Master Gardener Volunteers

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Re: Update

Date: February 10, 2002

Hello All! This correspondence is full of updates we have received that you may be interested in. If you have any questions about anything, please don't hesitate to ask.

Enclosed is a copy of a brochure for "The Art of Gardening III" in Allen County. I was also asked to pass on a flyer promoting "Fruit Culture and Pruning Demonstration Workshop" in Huron County. If you are interested in carpooling, call the office and we can put you on a list.

You will also find a two-sided copy on white paper. On the front is a subscription form for "Over the Garden Gate," a newsletter for Master Gardeners from NW Ohio (thanks to Marie Matuszak and her wonderful communications committee . . . who I am sure is looking for new members). It is full of timely articles written by Master Gardeners, Upcoming Educational and Volunteer Opportunities, and more! The subscription is \$8.00 to cover the cost of the postage, and includes your very own copy of the Master Gardener Directory. Which leads me to the flip-side. The directory is a great tool to look up Master Gardeners from NW Ohio. The sole purpose of the directory is for use as a Master Gardener, for Master Gardener related activities. If you currently don't receive the newsletter, or have not seen the directory, please stop in the office. I would be willing to mail a copy of the February newsletter for anyone not currently receiving it to whet your appetite. **If you went through the program in 2001, you received a complimentary subscription from the Lucas County office, but will need to pay for your subscription in 2002.** If this creates a hardship, please contact me and we will work something out.

I am also looking for a few Master Gardeners to help with a *Pesticide Survey* Extension is working on. The survey has been determined and staff and volunteers from across the state will be looking for different products and their uses that are on the shelves in garden centers, hardware stores, and home improvement stores. The visits are scheduled once a month (March - September) and can be done at your convenience (days, night, weekends). Please call me if you are interested in gathering data for the survey. And best of all, it counts for volunteer hours!

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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.

ODA Gypsy Moth Open House - FYI . . . the Gypsy Moth Open House scheduled in Lucas County will be at the Reynolds Corner Library on Tuesday, February 26 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. This is a public meeting and everyone is welcome to attend. There will be no formal presentations, but rather time allotted to view the updated treatment maps for the spring of 2002 and talk with representatives from the Ohio Department of Agriculture, and OSU Extension. Contact the office if you have any questions.

Other Important Dates - I have included a page from February's *Garden Gate* Newsletter listing important dates from February - May, 2002. Some sound full of very good information to keep us on our toes.

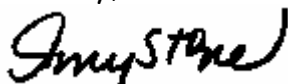
An Educational Opportunity at the 577 Foundation - "Natural Landscapes" - What does it mean to "go natural" in an urban or suburban landscape? Janet Macunovich, landscape designer, gardening author, and lecturer will teach you what you need to know before beginning to plant in an unconventional fashion. She will help you decide which plants to use that will fit into the environment in a way that is both easy-care and supportive of the native ecosystem. She will offer advice on arranging plants to look natural. Janet will step you through what to do for an existing or new landscape, what pitfalls to avoid, what plants to consider using, sources of additional information, and how to gradually phase in a natural landscape design. March 10, 2-3:30 p.m., \$10.00 each person. Please call 577 Foundation, 419-874-4174, for reservations.

A Volunteer Opportunity at the MetroParks - Metroparks of the Toledo Area invite you to help us stratify prairie seeds. Activities include cleaning seeds of their "fluff", stems, and pods, mixing seeds with wet sand, bagging them, and labeling the stratified seed. These seeds will be used to restore prairie sites in various Metroparks in the coming year. The next scheduled seed stratification is Feb. 14 from 9 A.M. -11 A.M. There are other opportunities to volunteer your gardening talents throughout the year. Some of the prairie seeds may be sown into pots, and planted out later. Some will be direct seeded in the prairies. The seeds are collected each fall as they ripen in the parks. Seeds are also documented and weighed after collection. There are times when the wildflower gardens at Wildwood need TLC too- spring clean up and periodic weeding. Wildflower gardens surround the new Oak Grove Schoolhouse at Wildwood and are also in the courtyard at the Wildwood Trailhead.

To sign up to help, or for more information, please contact Christie Clark, Coordinator for Naturalist Volunteers at 419-535-3058 X 103 or e-mail Naturalist@glasscity.net

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask. I hope everyone has a great month and I hope to see you all soon.

Sincerely,



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