

SUMMER NEWSLETTER JUNE 2009

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Enjoy an afternoon Garden Party on JUNE 14, 2009 4 pm to ???

Our event begins at 4 pm at the home of Ann and Dave Henk at 5360 Flowing Well Road. Stroll around their garden viewing the raised bed vegetables plots and enjoy the many native plants they grow in their gardens. From there we will travel south to the home of Sue and John Ciresi at 402 Hancock School Road. Please bring refreshments (and a chair) to share as we end the evening at the Ciresi's. Anyone interested in car-pooling to this event can meet at the Courthouse parking lot at 3:30 pm.

Directions to the Henk's:

Take Highway 46 west from Spencer 9.6 miles to White's Road (first road on your right once you pass the Garrard Chapel Church). Turn right on White's Road, travel north about 1 mile to the T at Beemer Station Road. Turn left on Beemer Station Road, travel ¼ mile until you come to Flowing Well Road. Turn right on Flowing Well Road. The Henk's are the second driveway on the right. House is up on a hill; mailbox has their name on it.

Directions to the Ciresi's:

Take Highway 46 to Old Patricksburg Road, 3 miles west of Wendy's OR the road across from Pine Woods Golf Course, by Rattlesnake Creek. Travel 1 mile to Hancock School Road, turn left. Their driveway is in ½ a mile on the left. Phone # 829-2731.

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Owen County Garden Club Minutes March 30, 2009 Meeting

Thirty-six people attended the March meeting at the 4-H Extension office.

Following are some very brief notes from Greg Davies' informative presentation on bees and bee keeping:

The best time to establish a hive is in April or May. Materials needed include box, cover, inner cover, and 10 frames. The cost for these items would be approximately \$140. In addition, the going rate for bees is approximately \$50 for 2 pounds of bees (c. 7000 bees). Note: At the peak of a season, a hive will have 50,000 to 60,000 bees. A beekeeper must have two hives. Honey is harvested once a year, though some beekeepers do it more frequently.

A hive should have a southern exposure. Ideally, it would get sun in the morning and shade later in the day. It should be sheltered from the north wind.

Hives vary in "personality"; some are gentle, some more aggressive. A hive should be checked between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., but not on windy or rainy days.

Agenda items were as follows:

- **Tree in memory of Bill Ligon:** Nancy Knapp has arranged for the club to get a red maple from Bill Glass. He will plant the tree on the northeast corner of the Courthouse Square on Saturday, May 2nd—the opening day of the Farmer's Market. Club members made a motion and seconded it to accept this plan and to incur the cost of \$250.
- **Urns:** John Fuhs volunteered to take the greens out of the urns. Members should plant their urns by May 10th.
- **Triangle Meeting:** Julie Coffin scheduled a meeting for Monday April 27th, at 6 p.m., at her house. The purpose will be to set up the planting plan and schedule for this season's Triangle maintenance.
- **Plant Sale:** Annie reconfirmed that the plant sale will occur on May 2nd, the opening day of the Farmer's Market. Members should dig, pot up, and label plants in preparation for that day. We will begin to assemble at 7 a.m. Jo Ann Ligon and Jean Bruce are in charge.

- **Cooper Park:** Dave Brinson indicated that he would like to meet at the park during the week of April 4th to talk about what this garden needs this year. Karen Fulk, Pat Newforth, and Nancy Knapp asked to be added to the Cooper Park helper list.
- **Summer meeting:** We will once again hold a progressive meeting during June; date to be determined. Ann Henk and Sue Ciresi graciously volunteered to host.
- **Owen County Fair, July 5–11:** Members discussed the theme for this year's flower contest (on Tuesday of Fair week). In keeping with the Christmas theme of the Open Class building, members adopted the contest theme "A Gift from the Garden." The club will award prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place: \$25, \$15, and \$10.

The club will have its usual 10' x 10' display space in the Open Class building. As was decided at the January meeting, we will put up a vegetable gardening display this year. Floyd Richards, Dave Brinson, and Tony Neff are in charge.

- **Other Community Topics:** Grass Roots Owen (GRO) has begun to open discussions about a community garden space. New club member Jeannie McElwain is a member of GRO. Nancy Knapp, Floyd Richards, Tony Neff, and Terry Clark all indicated that they are interested in being a part of GRO, or at least in being informed about what's happening. Club members also discussed the possibility of getting involved in a children's garden project at the Owen County YMCA.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Nancy Knapp reported that the club has \$2,420.89 in the checking account.

Submitted by Julie Coffin, 5/25/09

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Urn Location	Garden Club Member	Schedule	Phone #
Video Store	Brinsons	Brinsons water this one	
Old Chambers	Mary Ann Dunfee	Mary Ann Dunfee waters this one	
Moose	John Fuhs	John Fuhs waters this one	
VFW	Lois Ohler	Lois Ohler waters this one	
Old Flea Market	Sue Ciersi	Sue Ciresi waters this one	
Hickam	Pat Newforth	Pat Newforth waters this one	
Dotterer	Karen Fulk	Karen Fulk waters this one	
Pete's Muffler	Joe O'Conner	5/31 to 6/6 & 8/23 to 8/29	876-3045
Heinmiller's	Joann Ligon	6/7 to 6/13 & 8/30 to 9/5	829-4300
Eyecare	Julie Coffin	6/14 to 6/20 & 9/6 to 9/12	829-2493
Languell	Linda Hancock	6/21 to 6/27 & 9/13 to 9/19	829-2906
Cafe	Nancy Knapp	7/5 to 7/11 & 9/27 to 10/3	829-2128
Water Co & Post Office	Faye Ure	7/12 to 7/18 & 10/14 to 10/10	828-0565
Newspaper (new pot)	Annie Bright	7/19 to 7/25	986-3335
Old Fire Station	Anton Neff	7/26 to 8/1	829-4254
Owen Comm. Bank	Angie Fender	8/2 to 8/8	829-2679
Peoples Bank	Emily Redenbarger	8/9 to 8/15	829-4748
	Floyd Richardson	8/16 to 8/22	876-8731

SCHEDULE FOR WATERING THE URNS FROM FAYE URE

This was the information I have. If anyone does not want to water all pots and just their own, please let me know! If someone is on the list of a pot that didn't want to be or if you're on the list and I missed you please let me know. – Faye

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Owen County Fair July 5-11.

Open class floriculture entries checked in on July 4th from 8 until noon.

Garden Club Specialty Contest:

Check in entries on Tuesday, July 7th, from 9 am until noon. The theme this year is Christmas in July. A prize will be given to best arrangement that follows the theme. **NOTE: This is a change from the Club's original idea of "Gifts From the Garden."**

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The Club Is Moving Into The 21st Century!

Pat Newforth has developed a web site for the Club. Check it out at: <u>http://birdsbybent.com/gardenclub</u>. The newsletter will be available there. Send me or Julie your preferred email address.

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