

Garden Variety News

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MEETING NOTICES



The County Fair will be held from July 26 through August 2, 2008.

COUNTY FAIR BOOTH

Plans are proceeding with the county fair booth. A couple things different this year will be our plant/misc. sales section and daily horticulture specialist (you). For those of you that signed up for the plant sales earlier this spring, I hope your plants are doing well. My Clematis started out well, but when I transplanted them to larger pots, they quit growing and turned a little yellow. I don't know if they will be good enough to sale. For those of you that did not sign up to sale something, it's not too late. We decided you could sale anything related to gardening, flower arrangements, crafts etc., just make them look attractive. For those of you that are bringing plants, don't forget plant descriptions and care instructions

A sign in board will be in the booth so that when you report for your shift, you can note your specialty. I avoided the word expert because I know most of you don't consider yourselves experts. You will have an opportunity to volunteer for a shift at

the June 3 meeting or a member of the fair committee will likely call you sometime before the fair. I am going to ask each specialist to do a couple of things before you come to the fair.

1. Study your specialty so you might be close to an expert

2. Bring about 20 copies each of your favorite credible reference materials (10 before the fair starts and 10 copies for you to use during your shift). This way we will be assured of a good supply of referent material for the whole fair.

The booth will be set up Thursday evening and Friday before the fair starts.

This is going to be fun. Be thinking about how you can contribute and if you are not contacted and you want to help, give me a call (342-8772).

Tom Flatt

Additional Notes from the meeting at Terry Bunton's home:

Some plants to consider that can easily be divided from plant stock already in our gardens:

- Iris Rhizomes – cut in fan shape and label by color
- Columbine (Aquilegia)
- Clematis
- Bulbs
- Seeds (sealed in envelopes and marked)
- Mums

- Astilbe
- Aconitum fischeri – Monkshood
- Bleeding Heart (Dicentra spectabilis)
- Hostas
- Ferns
- Siberian bugloss (Brunnera macrophylla)
- Spring Blooming Woodland Flowers, such as
 - Siberian Bugloss (cousin of forget me nots)
 - Mertensia (Bluebells)
 - Polygonatum biflorum (Solomon's seal)
 - Trillium grandiflorum

Be sure to include a description of the plant, along with how to care for it. The people who purchase plants will be able to leave them at the booth and pick them up on their way out.

No Meeting in August

September Meeting: At the Wilbur Kendall Room at the Morgan County Fairgrounds at 7 p.m. on September 4, 2008.

The Morgan County Master Gardeners generally meet on the first Thursday of the month. The meeting notices are always posted on the website or in the newsletter.

The October meeting agenda has not been determined

July Meeting Recap

We had a delightful time at the Bunton house, with a structured program called **LAWNS 101, "AS I SEE IT"** written and presented by Terry Bunton.

The Perfect Lawn "According to Terry"

- "A perfect lawn does not have to be perfect"

- "Not all weeds must go, keep them under control"
- "Moles must go! Kill them all"
- "A perfect lawn is the space that ties the gardens together providing the social space to roam and gather"
- "Listen to your lawn, mow when it tells you to"

The presentation was fun, very educational, with great hand-outs and visual aids. Thanks Terry!!

Ball Seed Company, Cantigny Park, Morton Arboretum, The Growing Place & Planter's Palette Bus Trip

*Friday, August 15 & Saturday, August 16,
2008*



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Contact Trena Trusty 317-996-2746 with questions about availability and then print the registration form at the Morgan County Master Gardener's website at www.mcmastergardeners.org. Send the registration to Trena as soon as possible. This is a trip you won't want to miss!