



EDELWEISS NEWS

Gardeners of the Bluffton Pandora Area

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Community Gardens Tour:

Well this month we will be touring the Community Gardens. If you want to have a look at what we have been supporting for many years please come out to the community gardens. Those of us who have been taking the opportunity to garden out there are interested in getting more people involved growing a garden for their families. There is some work involved in gardening but the rewards are many.

We hope to have as many gardeners as possible that garden there to be there to answer questions/talk about their garden. There are many ways to do the same thing but what works for one doesn't necessarily work for everybody. The monarch garden will be available to tour at the same time.

We will meet at the Community Gardens at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday September 4, 2018 at the Discovery Garden area. That area is at the eastern end of the gardens and is where there is a picnic table.



The bounty of the land can be had with dedication, work and good weather.

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The Harvest:

Well this has been an interesting year. I thought that I would have had a good bulb size in my crop of garlic this year with the rain coming at the right time for almost everything else but that was not the case. The garlic bulbs are rather small. I may have planted it to close together as I was in need of space for the varieties that I planted. My peppers are doing better than they have in normal years as are the eggplant and okra. The one plant that seems to be doing exceedingly well is the sweet potatoes. They are growing like the weeds they seem to be crowding out. I have not dug any yet I hope they aren't all tops and no bottoms. The flowers are just blooming like they were meant to and even look better than the pictures in the catalogs. My celosia are falling over, the flowers are just to big. The zinnias bloomed well and the marigolds are at least three to four inches taller than the descriptions stated. All in all an interesting year so far.

.LITTLE RILEY CREEK FARM TOUR:

Our last tour was at the Little Riley Creek Farm and we had quite a few members and guests at the tour, which is what we want to see. Amanda Wischmeyer and her husband gave us a nice presentation on the process they had to go through to become an organic certified farm and what they need to do to maintain the certification. It was a good thing that the farm had been previously been certified by the Kingsley family. They work the farm with the help of Amanda's father. He is good with the older machinery which they have. They also like the coop farm run by Ray Person with people exchange sweat equity for a share in the harvest. After the presentation we had a hay ride tour of the farm and saw the variety of plantings and the animals that they have. A nice tour.

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