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Gardeners of the Bluffton Pandora Area

June 26, 2019

## PROPAGATION:

The July 2, 2019 meeting of the “Gardeners of the Bluffton-Pandora Area” will be on the subject of propagation of perennials by cuttings of leaves, stems and roots, presented by Betsy DeFrancesco. Betsy is a Master Gardener Volunteer from Hancock County. Betsy has been a master gardener volunteer only a few years and is an asset to the organization. When you want to increase the number of a plant or a plant has become overgrown and you want to give some of it to a family member or friend then you should consider making a cutting to propagate it. Some plants need to be cut/divided at certain times of the year while others can be cut/divide at anytime.

The meeting will be out at the “Bluffton Community Gardens” this event is free and open to the public so bring a friend or more and learn how to propagate a perennial. You can also look at the Monarch/butterfly/pollinator garden and the community garden.



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Brent Keine and his daughters with the rainwater collection barrels that now sit next to the shed at the Community Gardens. The water collected in them is for use by the gardeners there at the gardens.

## Native Plants :

Dave McPheron gave a presentation to the garden club members and guests on native plants and why we should consider using them in our landscapes. He also had many examples for us to look at. We all had a good time looking at them and talking with Dave after the presentation many of the native plants that we discussed are major food sources for our native wildlife and we need to insure that we do more to help them survive into the future.

## Calendar for the Year:

*March 12th meeting will be on seed starting. The presenter is Marilyn Beltz;*

*April 2nd meeting will be Spring Vegetable and Flower Garden Planning. The presenter is Laurie Laird;*

*May 7th meeting will be on Backyard Habitats. The presenter is Beth Theisen;*

*June 4th meeting will be on native plants. The presenter is Dave McPheron;*

*July 2nd meeting will be on propagating through cuttings of leaves/stems/roots. The presenter is Betsy DeFrancesco;*

*August 6th meeting will be on Monarchs & Pollinators. The presenter is Tim Brugeman;*

*September 3rd meeting will be a tour of Nanci Mistovich's garden in Bluffton;*

*October 1st meeting will be on plating garlic. The presenter is Ray Person;*

*November 5th meeting will be on forcing bulbs. The presenters are Marilyn Beltz and Cheryl Miller;*

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