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Summer Garden Programs

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Hardin County – Area gardeners and others with an interest in gardening are invited to attend the summer gardening programs being offered at the Friendship Gardens of Hardin County. This summer the Hardin County OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteers are sponsoring four educational demonstration programs in the Friendship Gardens located at 960 Kohler Street in Kenton, which is behind Harco Industries. Follow the 'Friendship Gardens of Hardin County' signs to a parking area off of West Kohler Street. The events are planned to begin at 9:00 am on Saturday mornings and will last about an hour.

The first educational garden program is scheduled for Saturday, May 19. The topic will be 'Planting Vegetable Gardens.' Learn from the Master Gardeners as they demonstrate and explain how to plant vegetables in vertical gardens, raised bed gardens, and traditional vegetable gardens. Vegetables harvested from these gardens are used as a part of the OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteer 'Grow Ohio' program to provide fresh vegetables to community charities.

The focus of the June 16th garden program will be 'Children's Gardens.' Parents or grandparents are asked to stay with any children who may attend. There will be activities and ideas for developing children's areas in gardens where adults will be able to provide opportunities to share their gardening passion with youth. Ideas will be shared by the Master Gardeners about constructing children's gardens with activities that can be done at home.

'Fairy Gardens' will be the focus of the July 21st garden program. Master Gardener Kim Thomas will share her knowledge of miniature fairy gardens. Participants will learn how to make a fairy garden and have the option to make their own for a \$7.00 fee if interested. The supplies will be

furnished for this event, which allows a person to make an imaginary place for “fairies to live in your garden.” This class is appropriate for ages 6 to adult. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

The final summer garden program ‘Monarch Butterflies’ is scheduled for August 18th. Come and learn why Monarch butterflies are in trouble and what we can do to help them. Attendees will search for Monarch caterpillars in the Friendship Gardens and learn how to raise them until they emerge and are able to fly to Mexico. There will be books and butterfly containers for a few lucky participants. This information will be shared by Master Gardener Carol McKinley.

For more information about these programs, contact the OSU Extension office at 419-674-2297 or view the Hardin County OSU Extension Master Gardeners Facebook page.