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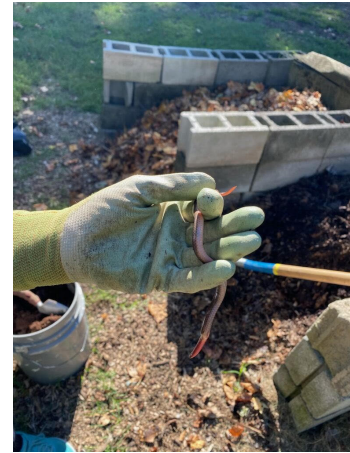
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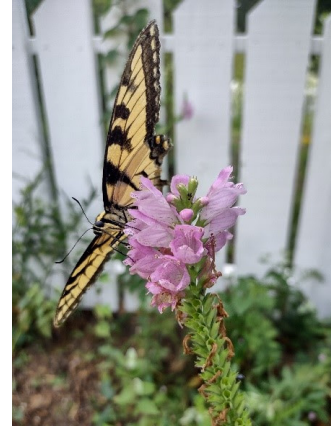
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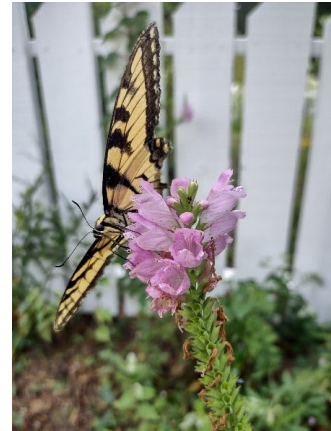
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We began with our annual training class about two weeks prior which was well attended.

We cleaned and prepped our booth, took in entries, assisted the judge, held a children's project, tended to our booth and met with the public during open hours and then assisted in the release of exhibits.

We had 378 exhibits brought in by 98 different exhibitors. This is an increase over last year. We had 145 children participate in the make-it-take project. Many thanks to Ellen LaMere and Trish Lilek for all their efforts to organize and supply the materials.

Also, many thanks to those who tended to the exhibit by watering the plants, cleaning up debris and talking to the fairgoers. We had a total of 462 contacts not counting the exhibitors.

This is a short project in September, so if you would like to join us next year, please read your newsletters and Friday Flashes and we will be happy to have you.



See you all next year, Pat Shema

## The Dairy Farm Project

Greetings from the Dairy Farm Project.

We continue to do basic maintenance. Things are dying back now, but the Beautyberry is spectacular and there are still some plants in bloom.

One of our MG's has presented a plan to improve the gardens at the pavilion. We will most likely begin with pruning in late winter and then add some native plants. Thank you, Stephanie, for your great efforts.



We could use a few more volunteers, so please come out and enjoy this beautiful display of Native plants. All are welcome especially interns who would like to check us out.

Fran Garcia had offered to chair this project but is no longer able to do so. Malcolm is not able to carry on to the extent he has for the last 15 years. Anyone who could take over, we would be grateful.

October will be our last two sessions for the year. We will begin again late winter or early Spring with clean up and pruning.

We will meet Saturday, Oct, 14 and Thursday Oct. 26, at 8:00

If you are interested in the Dairy Farm Project, please feel welcome.

We have tools, but please bring your own as well as gloves, water, etc. Pruning shears and loppers will be helpful at this first meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Malcolm Doying at [oldcelt100@aol.com](mailto:oldcelt100@aol.com) or 410-721-7610

## Vegetable Gardening at the Dairy Farm

Greetings all Mg's.

I am pleased to announce that the Veggie garden at the Dairy Farm project is now its own separate entity. So, if you are specifically interested in growing food please join us.

We have harvested most of the cool weather crops. We still have cabbage. The beans, basil, sweet potatoes, carrots, Tomatoes and peppers are doing well. Cucumbers are coming up too. Squash has also been planted.



Pat replanted the corn since the first planting failed, most likely from lack of water. Onions are looking good – this is the first try for that plant. We will dig garlic at our next meeting.

NOTE: WE ARE SWICTHING TO SUMMER HOURS 8:00 TO 11:00'

We meet the second Saturday and fourth Thursday of each month.

If you would like to added to my mailing list, please let me know.

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