



## *JULY 2020 Status Report*

### **ACTIVITIES OUTLOOK adjusted to current conditions and Covid19:**

July was relatively slow since the Berry Patch was no longer one of the few select sites permitted to receive MGVs and interns who started to once again experience the variety of all our community gardens. The strawberry harvest was completed and the late raspberries are only now coming in with gusto including the blackberries. Both, the aronia and elderberries are turning black and the robins are most appreciative!

During our last session in July, we found the wall connector to the irrigation system missing and the center strawberry plot in dire need of an all-out cutting assault to the Canadian thistle. Three's the charm according to lore, Sue, and Pam – and we have only completed strike one in three so far.

We need major ground forces during August to get on top of the invasion in the center bed and appeal to all you interns and MGVs out there. For that matter, Linda is putting together a more flexible schedule. Please check it out in the VMS and do note, that at least half of the Berry Patch is in the shade when we are working there!

To achieve our goals listed below, we are submitting the following **Request to Mike for:**

- Straw
- \$ for Fabric and Fabric Paint
- Aronia Signage
- Soil Amendment 10-10-10
- Soil Amendment 0-0-60
- Recycled Pots & Soil for Elderberry Plants

<b>PREVIOUS</b>	<b>CURRENT</b>
A large banner or wall art on the north side of the house on the high street side of the berry patch inviting the neighborhood to the Berry Patch to be designed as a class project by Weinland Park Elementary or the OSU Art Department as a design competition sponsored by the Wex. CANCELLED	2 bedsheets at 12 feet long each and 2 feet wide.  <b>Abigail:</b> Pick up sheets at thrift store and sew together with top and bottom ties to be hung between the trees on the corner of 11 <sup>th</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> . August <b>Susann:</b> Paint Announcements on banners TBD. Pick up fabric paint August
	<b>Abbie &amp; Mike:</b> Soil amendments for Strawberries September
Spring Food Poetry Event with Eat Our	Rhubarb Plantings

Words of the Ohio Poetry Association. CANCELLED	Depending on call for response
Blind taste test – home grown vs. store bought, sponsored by Thrive Companies. CANCELLED	<b>Linda &amp; Susann:</b> Berry Poem Competition with Elementary School, Project Green Teacher, sponsored by Thrive Companies. September
	Elderberry Harvest TBD
	<b>Susann &amp; Mike:</b> Aronia Signage
	<b>Susann &amp; Linda &amp; Pam:</b> Strawberry thinning with Pam at the Hilltop Community Garden and planting runners in WP October
	<b>Betzy &amp; Linda &amp; Mike:</b> Lasagne or Straw application. October
	<b>Abbie &amp; Mike:</b> Soil amendments for Elderberries October
	Aronia Harvest November/December
Rain Brothers: Blowing out irrigation system.	<b>Susann &amp; Mike &amp; Thrive Companies:</b> November/December

Thank you for all the helping hands and minds benefitting the four plots of the Berry Patch. We hope you will join us often and in multitude of 10!

*Susann& Linda*