

GREEN THUMB PRINTS

Gardening is our Passion Education is our Purpose

May 2022



Schedule of Events

May 3.....Low Maintenance Vegetable
Gardens-50N

May 7.....Let's Go Gardening

May 12.....Plant Exchange

May 18....Presentation on Roses-Library

May 26.....Star Farms Field Trip

June 9.....June Monthly Meeting

"Let's Go Gardening"

Remember that this coming Saturday,
May 7th, is "Let's Go Gardening".

If you have questions or would like to volunteer,
please contact Judi Clymer at [419-345-8086](tel:419-345-8086).

Please see page 7 for details.

Plant Exchange

Our annual Plant Exchange will be held on
Thursday, May 12th at 6:00 PM.

We have Tom Lawrence, local gardening
expert, speaking that night. If you don't know
Tom, you will want to make sure to attend.

Hope to see all of you there
with a plant or plants to exchange.

Dietsch's ice cream will be served.

Please see page 7 for details.

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Reuben's Ruminations

May 2022

President's Notes for May, 2022

What a difference a year makes! Last year we were looking forward to our first in-person meeting in a year, albeit outdoors and masked, in May. May is still plant exchange month, so be sure to bring something to exchange to the May meeting.

Congratulations to all our new interns. It's great to see you already getting involved!

Kudos and thanks to everyone who received a service award at the April Awards Banquet! And a huge thanks to everyone who made the banquet happen – Ann and Lisa for prizes, Rose and Marilyn for banquet tables Ed & Karl for service awards, Pat for the Brown Bag, and everyone for the feast I'm sure you all enjoyed.

I hated to miss the awards meeting, but Mary and I have made a tradition of getting away a few days for our anniversary every year. As I look around our place, I am reminded of our first getaway to Granville, which happened to coincide with a huge daffodil show. (an annual event presented by Granville Garden Club, I have since learned) There were more varieties of daffodils on display than I had any idea existed. We ordered four varieties, and the bulbs arrived at an appropriate time for planting. As I write (on what is unfortunately going to be the second consecutive 80-degree day, trying to catch up to last year's GDD, I guess), one variety is pretty well done, another starting to fade, while the other two are still looking good. Also on that trip I picked up a buckeye that I noticed was starting to sprout. In spite of my planting it in a less than ideal location, and a severe pruning by deer a couple of years ago, we have a tree that is now a few feet tall (in a protective cage). Nothing horticulturally remarkable on this year's trip, except to note that Marietta is probably about a week ahead of us for spring events – like tulips blooming everywhere.

I'm sorry to report that Karla Dennis has requested to become inactive so that she can attend to other affairs in her life which warrant a higher priority. We'll miss her energy and hope that she returns in due course.

Thanks to everyone who got us into the public eye with educational materials last month

- Judi for organizing the Home Show booth, and all who manned the booth
- Debra Evans for her spotted lantern fly presentation at the library, which even got us (and the SLF) a front page article in *The Courier*.
- Linda Finsel for her library program for kids "Discovering Nature".
- Tim for arranging presentations at 50 North – starting May 3

Mothers' Day is just around the corner, and we will again be holding our Let's Go Gardening event the day before. If you haven't already signed up with Judi, please let her know when and where you can help.

Happy Gardening,

Reuben DeBolt

**Hancock County Master Gardener Volunteer
Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2022**

Meeting was held in person at Hancock Co Extension Office Conference Room.

Pot Luck Dinner: began at 6:00 pm with 26 people in attendance.

Brown Bag: Patrick Flinn presented a talk on Caring for your Gardening Tools.

Awards Presentation:

Karl Farwig provided a summary of hours worked. In 2019 there were 4782 hours of volunteer work with 15 people accruing over 100 hours. In 2020 there were 3458 hours with 4 people over 100 hours. In 2021 there were 3964 hours with 7 people over 100 hours. The group was formed in 1992 and have worked a cumulative total of 80,403 hours since then.

Karl Farwig and Ed Lentz presented the following awards:

Intern Graduation Certificates

Paige Badertscher	Rob Biolchini
Sandra Breidenbach	Jerry Bryant
Amanda Gnepper	Margi Habegger
Emily Hinderliter	Jeff Jump
John King	Craig Lamme
Nick Moore	Pete Reynolds
Denise Smith	

2019 100-hour Awards

Marilyn Beltz	Peggy Biolchini
Tim Brugeman	Marlene Brunswick
Judi Clymer	Karl Farwig
Lynn Farwig	Bill Jones
Linda Leinendecker	John Leinendecker
Betsy DeFrancesco	Rose Morrison
Barbara Phillips	Ann Woolum

2019 Perfect Attendance Awards

Betsy De Francesco	Rose Morrison
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2020 100-hour Awards

Karl Farwig	Betsy DeFrancesco
Lisa McClain	Ann Woolum

2020 Perfect Attendance Awards

none

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2021 100-hour Awards

Peggy Biolchini	Tim Brugeman
Reuben DeBolt	Karl Farwig
Betsy DeFrancesco	Lisa McClain
Ann Woolum	

2021 Perfect Attendance Awards

Judi Clymer	Debra Evans
Doris Salis	

Cumulative 500-hour Awards

Peggy Biolchini	Tim Brugeman
Judi Clymer	Randy Greeno
Betsy DeFrancesco	

Cumulative 1000-hour Awards

Barbara Phillips	Barb Sherman
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Cumulative 2000-hour Award

Karl Farwig

Cumulative 2500-hour Award

Marilyn Beltz

Cumulative 5000-hour Award

Bill Jones

5 Years in Master Gardeners

Tim Brugeman	Judi Clymer
Karla Dennis	John Leinendecker
Linda Leinendecker	Rose Morrison
Laurie Pressel	Doris Salis

10 Years in Master Gardeners

Lynn Maa	Ann Woolum
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15 Years in Master Gardeners

Kay Sidaway

20 Years in Master Gardeners

Bill Jones

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**Hancock County Master Gardener Volunteer
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Tim Brugeman presented two service awards to:

- Peggy Biolchini for her work on the Ag Center front garden renovations as well as her various committee chair positions.
- Brint Simmons for his work managing the groups Community Garden plot.

Lisa McClain presented a service award to:

- Karl Farwig for his years of service as the Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator

Ann Woolum presented the many door prizes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Upcoming Events:

- Mother's Day Lets Go Gardening – May 7, 2022
- MGV Meeting - May 12, 2022
- Field Trip to Star Farms Native Plants Nursery - May 26, 2022

Respectfully Submitted: Elaine Reynolds

Fair Booth Project Lead Needed

We are looking for a volunteer to take the lead on organizing the Fair Booth.

If you are interested please contact Reuben DeBolt
at reubendebolt@hotmail.com or 419-722-4155.

2022 Awards Program

April 21, 2022

Our awards banquet was an awesome celebration!!! It started out with a delicious potluck meal and Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken followed by a Brown Bag Presentation by Patrick Flinn on Garden Tools and Their Care.

After Patrick's presentation, Karl Farwig and Ed Lentz presented *Intern Graduate Certificates* to our 2022 Interns along with *Perfect Attendance* and *Hour Awards* to our active members. **In 2021 our total number of hours volunteered was 3,964!!!!**

After serving cake, Tim Brugeman and Lisa McClain presented 3 Recognition Awards. The following members were recognized and given gifts from the executive committee for their numerous hours spent on certain projects:

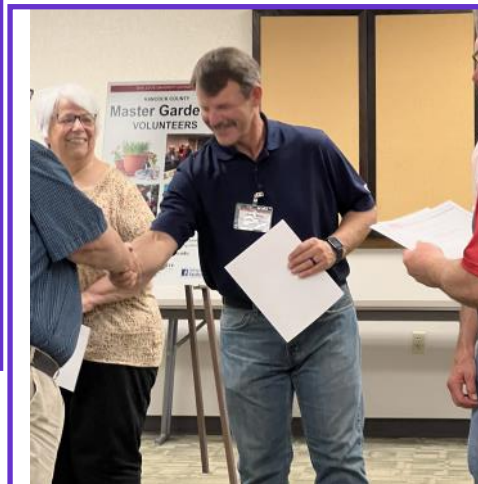
Peggy Biolchini-OSUE Entrance Garden

Brint Simmons-The Community Garden

Karl Farwig-All of his work as our Master Gardener Coordinator

and for keeping our group together and active during the pandemic.

To end our program Ann Woolum raffled off some great gardening items. Each member present went home with a gift. A special thank you to Garden Central, Lowes and Brinkman's for donating the items for the raffle!!!



MG Happenings

Mother's Day "Let's Go Gardening"

Saturday, May 7th

Judi Clymer

Let's Go Gardening is an annual event where Hancock County MGVs answer questions at local garden centers the day before Mother's Day, a typically busy day for the garden centers. This is a great time for us to get service hours and volunteer to answer questions for the public. This program will take place Saturday, May 7th at the following places and times:

Brinkman's Country Corner	9:00-1:00 and 1:00-5:00
Feasel's	9:00-12:00 and 12:00-3:00
Garden Central	10:00-1:00 and 1:00- 4:00
Lowe's	10:00-1:00 and 1:00-4:00

Judi has requested that you call or text her at [419-345-8086](tel:419-345-8086) with your name, time and place you want to participate.

May Plant Exchange

Thursday, May 12-6:00 PM

Rose Morrison

On May 12th (May 19th rain date), the Master Gardeners of Hancock County will hold their annual plant exchange. Tom Lawrence, a local gardening expert, will be speaking in the OSUE Conference Room at 6:00 pm on small fruits and vegetable growing. Afterwards, we will have a brief business meeting and then the plant exchange outside on the south side of the building if weather permits.

Each MGV should bring at least one plant to exchange with other Master Gardeners. This can include home grown or purchased annuals, perennials, or shrubs. It is not necessary to buy a plant, but you can do that if you decide to go that route. The main purpose is to share plants that you have in your garden. Rose Morrison and Linda Finsel will be setting up the site and giving us directions for the selection of plants.

Should you have any questions about the process, please direct them to Rose Morrison at rmorrison@woh.rr.com.

Dietsch's Ice Cream Bars Will Be Served

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MG Happenings

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Field Trip to Star Farms Nature Plants-Kenton, Ohio

Thursday, May 26th at 6:00 PM

Ann Woolum

We have a field trip scheduled for Thursday, May 26th at 6:00 PM. at Star Farms (14789 OH-292 Kenton, OH) Dave McPheron, the owner, will walk us through his plants and discuss methods he uses for growing. We will also have the opportunity to purchase plants.

Dave has a degree from OSU in horticulture and has been working in the field for 43 years. Most recently he had his own design business and landscape company which he closed in 2004. About 5 years ago he recognized that Northwest Ohio was underrepresented in native plant nurseries so he started Star Farm Nature Plants.

Ann will have a sign up sheet at the Plant Exchange on May 12th. If you have questions please contact Ann at awhcpa@aol.com.

Community Garden

Brint Simmons

May is here and the Community Garden Project is literally just around the corner. The garden is scheduled to be rototilled soon and, hopefully, we will be ready to start planting around the second week of May. Of course, this is subject to change due to the weather. The Community Garden Project is a great way to practice our garden skills, gain volunteer hours, and serve the community. If you are willing to help, go to Hands On Connect and sign up or contact Brint Simmons at brintsimmons@sbcglobal.net or 419-306-5446.

There will be an educational component with the garden this year which will include demonstrations. An initial presentation will be held on May 3rd at 50N (339 East Melrose Ave.) at 6:30 PM on Low Maintenance Gardening with Brint Simmons and Tim Brugeman presenting.

3 more sessions will be held at the Community Garden throughout the summer:

June 7 - IPM, weed control, pesticide use - Reuben DeBolt - at community garden

July 12 - Garden maintenance and harvesting - Brint Simmons - at community garden

September 13 -Fall Clean Up

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MG Happenings

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50 North “Gardening in Our Golden Years”

Tim Brugeman

May 3 (Tuesday) - 6:30 pm at 50 North “Low Maintenance Vegetable Gardens”

Pre-planning strategy, planting and care of small vegetable garden plots and planters for easy care with Master Gardeners Brint Simmons and Tim Brugeman. Open to the Public

June 7 (Tuesday) – 10:30 am at 50 North “Everything’s Coming Up Roses”

All about roses, the beauty and smells of summer gardens: kinds of roses, selecting for various locations, planting, and care with Master Gardeners Linda Finsel and Tim Brugeman.

People at 50N enjoy hearing and learning about your areas of expertise or interest. Please consider speaking at 50 North for our “Gardening in Our Golden Years” program. We have the 1st two presentations scheduled and July-November are in the works.

Contact Linda Finsel at 419-424-3213 or lindamf@earthlink.net or Tim Brugeman at 419-672-8897 or tbrugeman@woh.rr.com if interested in speaking for our “Gardening in Our Golden Years” program.



“Keep Squishing”

Check out this article printed in The Courier on April 23, 2022

<https://mynewsonthego.com/courier/Reader/Story.aspx?id=cc0d4d76-54ec-46dd-86ac-0eca9eb3f180>

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MG Happenings

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Findlay Home and Garden Show

Thank you to everyone for volunteering for the Findlay Home and Garden Show. A special thank you to Judi Clymer for organizing this event and to Marji Habegger, Tim Brugeman and Debra Evans for helping with the set up and tear down. Thanks Marilyn Beltz for letting us use your plants!!!



Ready, Set, Grow

The Courier-April 9, 2022

Debra Evans

<https://mynewsonthego.com/courier/Reader/Story.aspx?id=58c25630-ba70-4b52-9743-40c58ed9692b>

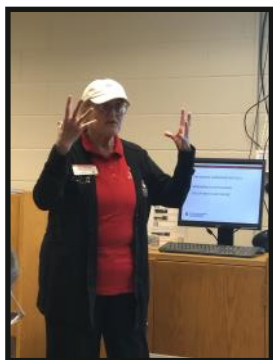
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MG Happenings

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Findlay-Hancock County Public Library Presentations

Debra Evans, Hancock County Master Gardener, gave a very informative talk on how to spot, destroy and report the Spotted lanternfly on Tuesday, April 19th. Thanks Debra for being so passionate about destroying this invasive insect.



We present once a month at the library.

If anyone is interested in speaking or would like more information please contact:

Linda Finsel at 419-424-3213 or lindamf@earthlink.net

Judi Clymer at 419-345-8086 or bbiec94@bright.net.

Linda Finsel will be speaking on May 18th at 6:00 PM on Roses

This would be a good way for interns to expand upon their presentation from class or possibly on a different topic of interest.

Discovering Nature

On April 23rd, Linda Finsel and a group of Master Gardener volunteers, led children through stations related to nature at the Findlay-Hancock Public Library.



Spotted Lanternfly Seminar

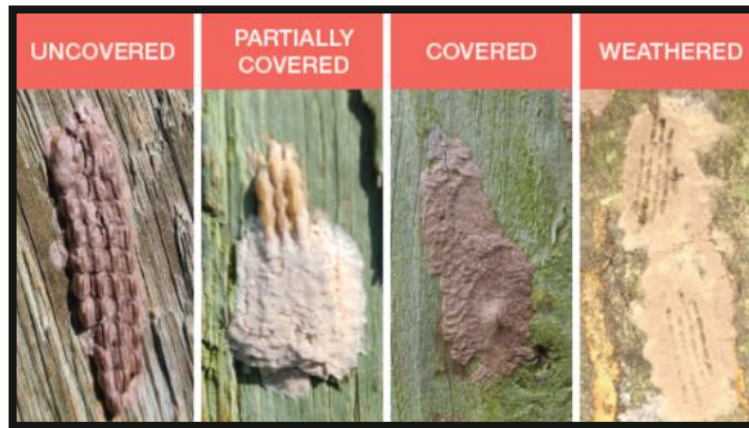
Amy Stone, extension educator with OSU in Lucas County, and Maria Smith, OSU viticulture outreach specialist, presented a very informative program to the public and professionals on the Spotted lanternfly at Hancock County OSUE on the Spotted lanternfly on April 11th.

Posted below are several illustrations from Penn State University Extension's "2021 Spotted lanternfly Management Guide".

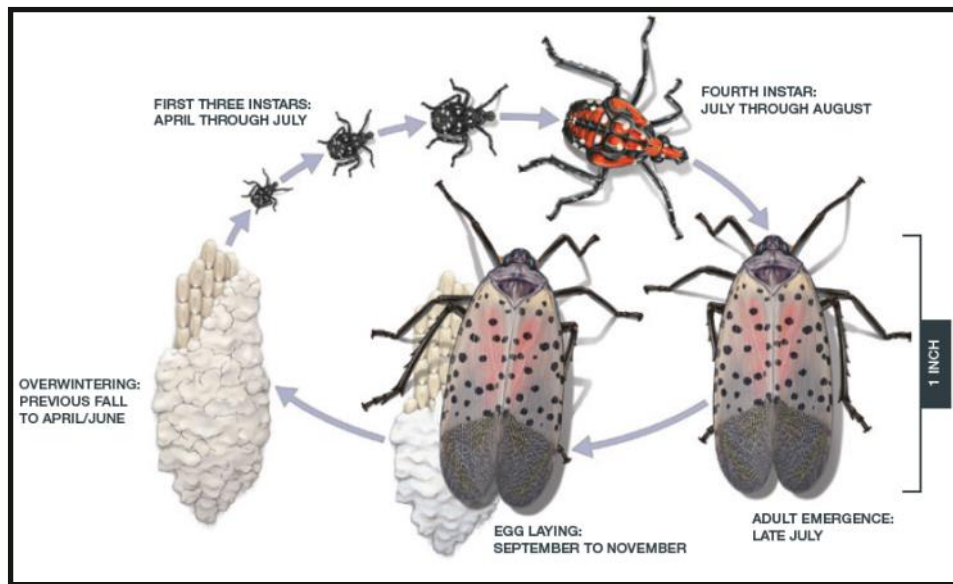
For the entire "Spotted lanternfly Management Guide" click below:

[Spotted Lanternfly Management Guide \(psu.edu\)](https://www.psu.edu/extension/2021-spotted-lanternfly-management-guide)

Egg Masses



Life Cycle



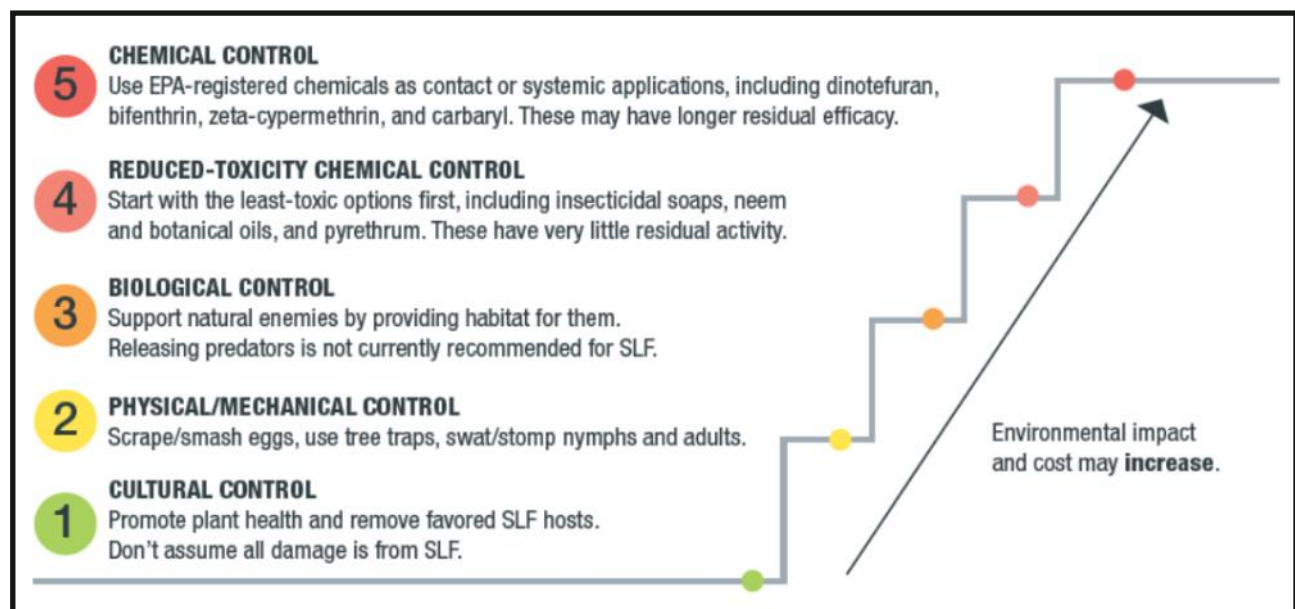
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Spotted Lanternfly Seminar (Continued)

Common Plant Hosts for Spotted lanternfly Feeding Throughout the Season

HOST	NYMPHS			ADULTS		
	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Rose (cultivated, multiflora, etc.)						
Perennials						
Grape (wild and cultivated)						
Tree-of-heaven						
Black walnut, butternut						
River birch						
Willow						
Sumac						
Red/silver maple						

Use Options in the Lower Steps Before Resorting to the Careful Use of Chemical Insecticides Only When Necessary





IT'S Time To.....May

Ohio State University Extension

MAY 1

Apply straw mulch to strawberry plants when frost is predicted.
Plant hardy perennials.
Thin early seeded root and leaf crops.
Dig, peel and grind horseradish root.
Divide overgrown herbs.
Place row covers over beets and chard to protect them from leaf miners.
Weed the garden before weeds go to seed.

MAY 8

Plant strawberry plants as soon as possible.
Sow sweet corn.
Plant gladiolus corms.
Begin to harden-off tomato plants.
Sow cucumber and melon seeds indoors for transplanting into the garden in mid-May.
Place row covers over beets and chard to protect them from leaf miners.
Sow a second crop of beets, carrots, radishes, leaf lettuce, and chard for continuous harvest.
Harvest rhubarb by pulling off leaf stalks rather than cutting them.

MAY 15

Remove spent blossoms from spring-flowering bulbs.
Prune spring-flowering shrubs as the blossoms fade.
Enjoy green onions, leaf lettuce and rhubarb fresh from the garden.
Seed cabbage for a fall crop.
Plant more gladiolus corms for continuous bloom.
Soak okra seeds in household bleach for an hour prior to sowing.
When fruit trees are in full bloom, avoid spraying insecticides that will kill honeybees.
Grow vining crops on trellises to save space.
Control euonymus scale.

MAY 22

Plant seeds of bush and pole lima beans, corn, pumpkin, and watermelon.
Plant sweet potato slips.
Plant annuals.
Inspect the garden and landscape regularly for developing problems.
Remove flowers from newly established strawberry plants.
Apply a "starter" fertilizer to help vegetable transplants get off to a good start.
Cover tender plants if late frost is in the forecast.
Prune spring-flowering shrubs after flowers fade.

MAY 29

Pinch garden mums back for full, bushy plants.
Sow cabbage, Brussels sprouts and cauliflower for fall garden transplants.
Apply mulches to woody plants once the soil has warmed up and dried out a bit.
Remove spent rose blossoms and fertilize the plants.
Mow the lawn regularly, removing no more than 1/3 the total leaf blade.
Transplant peppers, eggplant, and okra into the garden.
Thin beets, carrots, and leafy vegetables.
Harvest mature asparagus beds for 6 to 8 weeks.
Control weeds before they go to seed.



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