

## **Community Education —August, 2018**

Submitted by Carolyn Gorman

**GNN:** GNN meeting is scheduled for 9:30, Sept.19...prior to the Monthly Meeting

**Just Gardens:** Nothing to report

**Speakers Bureau:** Nothing to report

**Shoreline Evaluation Program:** Nothing to report. Submitted by Margie Bean.

**Horticulture Therapy Program for Richmond Co.** Submitted by Carla Bangs  
The Orchard Warsaw

**DESCRIPTION:** The project was led by Sue Kosinski who supplied us with several plastic bottles suitable for use as vases, pebbles to weight the containers and help hold flowers, and scissors and pruning shears to trim flowers to appropriate sizes. Flowers and fillers were supplied by Sue, Liz, Jenny, Diane K. and Carla and were placed in aluminum pans and put on the tables. Residents chose the flowers for their vases and got help with some pruning from the master gardeners. This was the most popular project that we have had with 20 residents participating and excitement and thanks from all of the residents. The results were absolutely gorgeous and the pride in the arrangements was heartwarming!

**HORTICULTURE THERAPY REPORT FOR WESTMORELAND REHABILITATION AND HEALTHCARE**

**DATE:** August 24, 2018

EMGs brought items collected from their gardens including perennials, wildflowers and grasses, and Mike also cut marigolds and black-eyed Susans from the gardens in the courtyard. Vases made from soda bottles and lemonade cans which were decorated with white tape and red ribbons were provided to each participant and then residents selected flowers from the assortment of roses, phlox, liatris, lirioppe, dahlia, black eyed Susans, marigolds, mums, butterfly bush, crape myrtle, nutsedge, ornamental grass heads, and sea oats. Once again, all of the vases were beautiful even though they were quite different. It was also so nice that residents got to use flowers that they themselves had grown!