

## Extension Snapshot April 2019

# Gardener's Day

The Calhoun-Cass-Greene-Morgan-Scott Unit conducts an annual Gardener's Day. This day covers a wide variety of gardening topics to help get attendees ready for the upcoming growing season. The morning session features lectures, and the afternoon session provides a hands-on workshop.



There were three presentations during the morning session. The first presentation of the morning was *Succulents*. Alice Dodson, a Master Gardener in the Unit, talked about why succulents have become so popular recently, different types of succulents that are available, their basic care as well as some different projects that can be done with them.

The second presentation covered *Rain Gardens*. Andrew Holsinger discussed how rain gardens work, what plants work well in them as well as providing tips on how to properly construct one.



The final presentation of the morning session was *Carnivorous Plants*. From the jaw like traps of the Venus flytrap to the sticky leaves of sundews and the pitchers of tropical pitcher plants, carnivorous plants have captured peoples' imaginations for years. Ken Johnson covered why carnivorous plants have evolved to 'eat' meat, how they go about capturing their prey as well as discussing their unique care requirements.

The afternoon session covered *Rain Barrels*, and was presented by Michelle Berg Vogel. Rain barrels are a one way to manage water on your property. Attendees learned about the benefits of rain barrels as well as how to construct one out of easy to find materials. Participants also had the opportunity to build their own rain barrel to take home.

