

It has been a very busy spring and summer for this garden and gardener. The portion of the garden now equipped with sprinklers is on timers and is doing very well, with some exceptions, especially with low pressure emitters and over growing plants. No move to finish the remaining two sections of the system has been observed. We live in hope, we water with hose.

The abundance of rain during bloom time prevented pollination of much of the fruit crop, ie. cherry, plum, nectarine and peach. Apples, however, which bloom later, set bumper crops and have had to be thinned extensively. The four pear trees were quite vigorously pruned in late winter and have minimal fruit set. Fireblight has occurred in three of the four trees, probably due to the profuse new growth resultant from the heavy pruning. Pears are tricky with which to deal.



It is August and I am digging iris! There will be great quantities of these for give-away and I hope that you will come cart them away! The give-away sign will be put up over the Middlefield garden sign to remind all -- you and the neighbors -- that they are available. They will be on the picnic table in the gazebo and will be labeled as best I can. If specific varieties are needed by anyone, you must request by name (variety) and in writing -- along with your name and phone number. I cannot remember conversational requests.

There's a lot going on in the PG right now. Come visit and enjoy.

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