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2019 Carpool Garden Tour

On a sunny day last July (they were all sunny then), a group of master gardeners participated in a tour of the gardens of 6 of our members. It was an interesting day, each property was different, but all were beautiful. We enjoyed a stop for lunch, a relaxing time to just sit and talk.

Important Spring Seminar Info:

- REMINDER: The early registration deadline is April 9th, classes are filling up!
- SPEAKERS: Please make sure you all of your handouts and/or bios turned by April 11th. This can be done by bringing in a physical copy to the office or emailing them to mcdonald.836@osu.edu
- 3. If your church or any other group you know of may have members that would be interested in the MGV Spring Seminar PLEASE pick up flyers at the office.

Although there is snow on the ground and gardening season is months away, please consider volunteering your gardens for a 2019 tour. This is an informal day and no extreme preparation is necessary. It's just a fun opportunity to learn from each other.

Pinky is still looking for MGVs to open their gardens for us to visit. She currently has 3 gracious volunteers, Henrietta Lewis, Valeria Concalves, Stephanie Hughes and Cathryn Jacobs who has offered her garden as a lunch stop. To make the day complete, she would like to include 2 more visits.

If you are interested in opening your gardens for a visit or have any questions, email Pinky or her at a monthly meeting. Pinky Steffen: pinkysteffen@gmail.com



Updates & Reminders

PROVIDING THE BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE

We strive to provide the best customer service possible at all of our events, at the clinic and in our conversations with the public. Serving the public is what we do. Thus, we want to show off our best for the public who make a decision to attend an event we offer. They have other choices, and we want them to know we appreciate their choosing us for activities and events – free events or events with a fee. Thus, I would like to review a few things we all need to consider.

POSITIVITY AT PUBLIC EVENTS

At a recent event, it was noticed that a few volunteers were not being positive due to the large crowd that attended the event. From time to time, we get an event that is super popular. Sometimes this happens early enough for us to make revisions to the room or the location if necessary. Sometimes we can change the location, other times we have to make adjustments to ensure the program happens as planned. If you have a concern, please bring it to me. Do not discuss the concern with others in open areas where participants can hear.

REGISTERING FOR EVENTS – Required for Volunteers

Please note that as an MGV or OCVN, you still need to register for non-meeting events. This helps us get a total count, ensure we have enough seats and to generally be prepared for the amount of people attending events. Several volunteers have been attending events without registering. This affects attendees, especially when we have turned away the public because a program was already full. Thus, we MAY have to turn you away when you did not register for an event. **Also, we will now be charging full-price for MGVs or OCVNs who show up without registering for an event.**



The Garden Forum of Youngstown Spring meeting - open to all - is Sat. April 13th @ 10:00 am - Fellows Riverside Gardens. Hot lunch by Kravitz, program: 2019 Gardening Trends by A. J. Petitti for Petitti's. Entertainment, Basket raffle. Paid reservations by 3/26/2019. \$25.00 (non members). Check's may be sent to: Garden Forum 123 McKinley Ave. Youngstown, OH 44509. Include your name, phone number. Call Marilyn McKinley for more info.

SAVE THE DATE: National MGV Conference—Monday, June 17, 2019 - 8:00am to Friday, June 21, 2019 - 4:00pm

President Pam's Perspective Pam Baytos

Thank you to all who have signed up to work the Spring Seminar. We are still collecting items to use for the doorprizes. If you have anything you'd like to donate, bring them to the office where members of the spring seminar committee will collect and make into gift baskets. The main thing we still need to focus on is publicity. Our publicity committee has been busy getting the word out with flyers, and a "early morning!" tv spot. Watch (or record) the Pinkard Show April 7th @ 6:30 on channel 21. Seminar information is also on the Mahoning MG Facebook page. You can like this onto your facebook to your friends. We would love to get attendance up to make all the hard work we're doing worthwhile. We have two wonderful keynote speakers and nice variety of breakout classes to share with community.

We still need a chair/co-chair for the BOTO and banquet. Hope to see you at L&M Greenhouse for our April meeting. Pam

COFFEE WITH THE MASTER GARDENERS March 2019

Lucia Haddad gave a wonderful program on Refreshing Flower Beds to a responsive group, with over 40 in attendance. The first question to ask is "What do you want"? She had everyone take a garden personality test (included in a beautiful folder all received with lots of good material) to determine the type of garden that would be best for you. They were: English Cottage, Japanese, French formal and Free-spirited no fuss wildflower meadow.

To start, weed. Then remove grass, edge grass, trim dead wood where needed. You can then start planting and add some annuals. A focal point should be added like a birdbath or garden art. Consider the color of your home when buying plants. Lucia also made a small garden design by putting plants in a basket. She also gave everyone a picture of a bare area and with marker pen, asked everyone to design plantings in the space.

Number 1 for her is NO IMPULSE BUYING. She also had a variety of adaptive tools that she demonstrated. A soil test is very important before selecting your plants. This was one program you should not have missed. At the end of the program, Lucia gave everyone a beautiful Primrose to take home to remind us Spring is coming.



If you have not been to one of the monthly programs, please consider coming. They are great programs and you get education hours.

Nancy Brundage Master Gardener Volunteer

Please **SAVE THE DATE** for the third national conference **Protecting Pollinators in Urban Landscapes** held **October 7-10**, **2019** at the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanic Gardens, Cincinnati, Ohio. Presented the partnership between Michigan State

University and North Carolina State University, this conference will continue traditions of connecting current research and educational outreach to participants. Stay tuned as more information about the program becomes available

http://protectingpollinators.org

2019 MGV Meeting Schedule

Reminder: meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm for garden chat. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm.

- April 11: Meet at the extension office for a 6 pm departure to carpool to Columbiana for a 6:30 pm tour of L&M Greenhouse, 43091 Columbiana Waterford Rd., Columbiana, 44408 or meet us there. Owner Amanda Tkacik will be taking us into some of their 32 grow houses to show us how their operation functions. You might want to bring your wallet!
- May 8: Covered dish and plant exchange. <u>Location: TBD</u> NOT at the office

Note: the meeting date has been changed from Thursday, May 9 to Wednesday, May 8. Also, the covered dish will begin at 6 pm, not 6:30 pm.

- June 13 Tentative: Carolyn Fankhauser will show pictures and talk about her March trip to Switzerland.
- July 11 Fourth Annual Flower Show, categories to be announced later.
- July 17 (Field Trip) Tour of Draime Gardens in Howland. Meet at extension office at 8:30 am to carpool to Howland for the 9:30 am tour. Cost is \$10/person.
- August 8 Final plans for Canfield Fair at the home/gardens of Kary Shively

- Canfield Fair— August 28—
 September 2
- September 12 Bruce Zimmer from Columbiana/Mahoning Co. Beekeepers
- October 10—TBA
- November 14—Fellows Christmas tree ornament workshop
- December— Banquet, date TBA.

Public Naturalist Series 2019

5/7 6:30 - 8 pm Fellows Riverside Gardens. Tree Communication and Natural Defenses by Dr. Enrico Bonello, OSU

5/2019 Possible Cicadas Program. Date dependent on growing days.

6/20 6:30 - 8 pm Metro Parks Farm. Coyotes in Northeast Ohio by Jon Cepek, Cleveland MetroParks Wildlife Ecologist

8/10 7:30 - 9:30 pm Metro Parks Farm A Concert of Crickets and Katydids by Dr. Lisa Rainsong, Cleveland Institute of Music

9/11 6:30-7:30 pm Fellows Riverside Garden Growing Caterpillars: A Tale of Birds, Plants and Conservation by Jim McCormac

11/8 6:30 - 8 pm Metro Parks Farm. Raptors by Heather Merritt Birds in Flight Sanctuary





Remember to maintain active certification for MGV's you need **20 volunteer hours** and **10 education hours** yearly (November 1—October 31st).

Information on hours can be found in the Mahoning County Master Gardener Handbook. go.osu.edu/MGVHandbook

MGV Meeting Minutes March 14, 2019

MINUTES. MASTER GARDENERS 3/14/19

The Master Gardener meeting began at 6:30 PM with a program by Parker Maynard on Grow Urban Farm, a project of Flying High, Inc.

The project began in 2013 on a portion of property at the old Cafaro Hospital. Raised beds were put in for the growing of vegetables. The project provides "opportunities for people to develop their potential, discover their destiny, to make their lives better" said Mr, Maynard.

He said gardening is the #1 hobby. Students are from Juvenile Justice, age 18 and over. Vegetables are sold on Thursday from the pavilion from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM beginning the 2nd week in May. The location is 77 Bissell Street on the North side of Youngstown.

The project provides job readiness training. Vegetables are also sold or used at other locations. It is all organic gardening. The project is looking to expand. The Training Program consists of 8 weeks, which consists of: History; Soil Building Methods; Crop Planning; Seeding, planting,; Crop protection and irrigation; Harvest, picking,



washing; Marketing. He also said microbes stay alive when the soil is active. The project funding come from the Department of Labor through a Tech Hire Grant. He invited all of us to come up.

The Meeting portion began at 7:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The committee reports were given

CLINIC: David Sprague said the Clinic will open on April 1. Review classes will be held on March 19 or 26th at 9:30 AM at the office.

COMMITTEE OUTREACH Judy Rodney said there are now evaluation forms to be filled out after each presentation. Email addresses are also to be obtained, as well as how many males and females attended. A program is scheduled in October to be done by Marilyn McKinley.

JR. MASTER GARDENERS. Kary Shively said more youth have been added to the class.

FIELD TRIPS Danita Davis reported the committee has met twice. There will be a bus trip at some date. On April 11th, there is a carpool trip to BeechCreek* Gardens, Husted-Brumbaugh Nature Center and Kreidlers Nursery. Box lunches can be ordered.

*There is a charge for BeechCreek

GROUNDS CLEANUP: Mike Beaudis will hold a cleanup on 3/25 from 4 to 7 PM.

LOCAL FLAVOR: Valeria Goncalves reported thank you's have been sent. This is the 8th year for the program.

Al Leonhart reported 4-H has lost two great ladies. Marge Yarman and Sharon O'Brock recently passed. OSU Extension will miss them. The 4-H Endowment Dinner will be held on April 13th.

Please send items for the AGNR

Newsletter

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moff.1@osu.edu for the month of April

All items intended for publication MUST

be submitted by the 15th of each month.

(Continued)

NEWSLETTER: Peggy Griffith is currently unable to do the newsletter. Lori will do it until July. Articles are always needed.

VALLEY GROWS: Articles are needed for the Vindicator. Articles are to be 450 words. There will be a new writing class soon.

COMMITEES:

The VETERANS BUILDING has a committee.

CANFIELD FAIR. Rhonda Harris said the theme is From Farm to Table. To honor Nanette Walker, some of her recipes will be distributed. The OCVN's will also be involved.

GARDEN ART. Pam Baytos said some is being done for seminar.

BOTO. Committee needs a chair.

BANQUET. A Chair is also needed. Possibly an OCVN.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. It will be held in June in Valley Forge ,PA. Columbus is having a bus.

Other news: One page sheet on Composting is available. It can be used to give a class. If the Library of Mahoning County and Youngstown is the location for a class, they will not allow registrations to be taken, emails collected and if there is a handout, prior approval by the Library is needed. If you plan on using a PowerPoint, please talk to Eric first. Fellows Gardens is having a bus trip to Cincinnati in April.

THE **APRIL MEETING** ON THE 11th WILL BE HELD AT L&M GREENHOUSE IN COLUMBIANA. CARPOOL FROM THE OFFICE AT 6:00 PM.

THE **MAY MEETING** WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, THE 8TH. It is the plant exchange and pot luck dinner. Location **TBD.**

On April 7, two MGV's will be on the Community Connections TV show on Sunday morning 6:30 AM WFMJ-TV. Be sure to tune in or tape.

The meeting was adjourned abruptly at 8:30 PM when all the cell phones in the room went off with a TORNADO WARN-ING.



ANOTHER PERENNIAL HIERLOOM

Mary June Emerson MGV By, Marilyn McKinley MGV



Mary June is one of those MGVs who we don't see too often, yet she continues to makes a huge impact. Mary June is a 2005 MGV alumni. You will see her in the Plant and Pest Clinic during the summer months.

I spent some time with her, talking about days gone by. Lots of memories, lots of laughs. Mary June shared some information about her background. She grew up on a 50-acre farm at the corner of Western Reserve Road and South Ave. Today, there is a Shell station and Café e 224 on the land owned by her family. This family operation was a truck farm. Everyone in the family worked on the farm, growing mostly vegetables for sale. The biggest crop - sweet corn.

Mary June fell in love with flowers, thanks to her grandmother. This is such a familiar story from Master Gardeners. We talked about who and if and how this love can be instilled in the children and grandchildren of today. She related a story about grandma encouraging her to enter a gladiola for the Canfield Fair. She won a blue ribbon, she was 9 or 10 and oh so proud. I'm sure grandma was too. Her father built her a playhouse, which she promptly planted flowers all around it. That playhouse now stands her daughter's back yard, and used by the grandchildren.

Mary June is a graduate of MCCTC, then known as Mahoning County Joint Vocational School. After graduation she was hired to manage Alexander's Flower Shop. Some of you may remember Bill Phillips, who was extension director years ago. Bill hired Mary June as the Horticulture's Assistant to help with questions, the early beginnings of a plant and pest clinic. She then got an Associate's degree in Horticulture, planning to do further expanded work at the extension office. As happens much too often, funds were cut so she headed to the Soil and Water Conservation Department, working there for 9 years, doing a lot of grant work. She was then offered a position at MCCTC and has been there teaching horticulture to many students. You may be aware that the big push now is STEM education, thus, her job responsibilities have changed again. She is now teaching Natural Resources and Wildlife Management at MCCTC. She is currently a member of the 2019 OCVN class, hoping to further sharpen her skills. Mary June, says her passions are teaching, problem solving, and helping people.

Her favorite flower – daffodils, redbud, and dogwood. Her entire back yard is naturalized with these plants. Least favorite, roses, like me she thinks they are too needy.

We talked about how being a master gardener has changed over the years. She mentioned computers, much more speaking to groups, and diversity, in every aspect. And that's a good thing!





REGISTRATION

MGV FIELD TRIP - April 16, 2019

Beech Creek Gardens, Houston Brumbaugh (lunch) and Kridler's Nursery all in Alliance, OH

Meet at Canfield Fair up by the Grandstand – ready to leave via car at 9:30 am sharp!

Plan to return by 4:00pm

Name
Are you willing to drive & take passengers? Y N How many?
An envelope will be passed in each vehicle to cover driver's gas.
A boxed lunch will be delivered to Houston-Brumbaugh – from College Inn Eatery - or you may bring your own lunch. Boxed lunches include homemade chips, pickle, & cookie. Please put your money in an envelope with your name on it and bring with you that day.
PLEASE SELECT with an "X", then CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE of meat
SANDWICHES: 2 mini croissants \$6.95 Ham, turkey, chicken salad, roast beef
WRAP: \$9.25 Chicken salad, Italian, veggie, or club
DELI SANDWICH: \$6.95 Chicken salad , Turkey, Ham, Roast beef
SUBSTITUTE: Macaroni salad, Potato salad, Slaw Add \$0.50.
Beverage: Iced tea Punch Add \$0.50
Cost for your lunch: (+ substitute & drink). Please add at least a 10% gratuity
Reminder: Admission to Beech Creek is \$7.00
Reminder: All reservations are required by: Thursday 4/11/19
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If you call the extension office with your reservation don't forget to tell them your lunch choice. Phone: 330-533-5538

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Ohio State University Extension Cuyahoga County

Meet Us in the Peace Garden Presented by Master Gardener Volunteers of Lake County

Monthly Gardening Programs March – November 2019 @ 10 AM

Join us for discussion and interactive demonstrations on a variety of gardening topics throughout the year.

The Peace Garden is located at the 4-H Building on the Lake County Fairgrounds. It contains many common shrubs, grasses, herbs, annuals, perennials and small trees.

Each session will consist of a presentation occasionally followed by interactive demonstrations. When appropriate to the topic, small groups of participants will work with a Lake County Master Gardener Volunteers in the garden or on a project.

Questions? Email us at MGVLakeCounty@gmail.com or Call 440-350-2254

Meet Us in the Garden Topics

Saturday March 2, 2019 at 10:00 AM

Gardening Groundwork – It's early spring; you're itching to get out into the garden. So, what should you do before planting anything? We'll talk about soil tests, soil remediation, composting and much more.

Saturday April 6, 2019 at 10:00 AM
What, Where and When of Vegetable Gardening— New
or veteran vegetable gardeners learn valuable tips
about planning and caring of your garden. Come with
your questions and share your experiences so we can
learn from one another.

Saturday May 4, 2019 at 10:00 AM

Cutting Gardens—Why is a special garden necessary
for flowers you use for bouquets? We'll talk about the
differences between show gardens and cutting gardens,
what you need to do to create a cutting garden and how
to pick and arrange the flowers when they bloom.





Saturday June 1, 2019 at 10:00 AM

Weeds – The good, the bad and the ugly. We will
explore weeds in turf and ornamental beds and
discuss controls.

Saturday July 6, 2019 at 10:00 AM

<u>Sustainability</u>—What is sustainability? And how can
you practice it in your garden? Learn how with native
plants, composting and rain barrels. Community
recycling will also be discussed.

Saturday August 3, 2019 10:00 AM

Monarchs—Welcome to the world of the beautiful monarch butterfly! Learn about the monarch's life cycle, host plant and amazing migration. See a butterfly and chrysalis (hopefully) up close and personal and find out what you can do to help the monarchs.

Saturday September 7, 2019 at 10:00 AM
Seed Collecting 101—Have you ever considered
collecting your own seeds? Were you successful?
Join us as we discuss which seeds to harvest, how
to collect them and how to store them.

Saturday October 5, 2019 at 10:00 AM

Pruning, Cutting Down and Fall Clean Up — The
growing season is over, and you are not sure what
to do with the plants in your yard. Learn what you
can do now for winter and prepare for a healthy
season next year.

Saturday November 2, 2019 at 10:00 AM

Terrariums—Fairy gardens, dish gardens and
terrariums have the same basic beginnings! Care
varies after the plantings because dish gardens
tend to dry out quickly while terrariums are closed
systems.

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COFFEE WITH THE MASTER GARDENERS

Attracting Hummingbirds

April showers bring May flowers and hummingbirds! Join us for a morning of learning on how to attract hummingbirds to your garden and property.

Speaker: Marilyn McKinley, Master Gardener Volunteer

Monday, April 22nd

9:30 am-Coffee, Donuts, Refreshments

10 am-12 pm—Program

Location: 490 S. Broad St. Canfield, OH

Cost: \$15/person

Details: Register ASAP - Seating is limited

Contact: 330-533-5538

R E G I S T R A T I O N I N F O R M A T I O N . Registration for Coffee with the Master Gardeners includes the program, coffee and a light breakfast, and handouts. Please mail to 490 S. Broad St. Canfield, OH 44406, fax (330-533-2424), or drop off the registration to the OSU Extension Office. The program is filled on a "first come, first served basis."





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Join us to get inspired for the 2019 gardening season! Learn from two keynote presentations, do a make-n-take alcohol ink tile for the garden, choose from six breakout sessions, win door prizes, and have tons of fun!

Garden Art Sale all day. Handmade items by Master Gardener Volunteers. Class schedule on reverse.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION. Registration includes hot lunch, sessions, proceedings handouts from all sessions, and make and take items (limited availability). <u>Early Registration Deadline: April 9</u>
Mail this form with \$40 registration fee to: 490 S. Broad St. Canfield, OH 44406, fax (330-533-2424)

Name:	***			
Address:				
Email:	3_3_	Phone:		
# Attending (x \$40):	Sessions Interested in? Breakout #1:		Breakout #2:	'19 Spring Into Action



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Ever wondered how trees handle their enemies? And if they talk to each other? If you've ever asked yourself these questions, or even if they are completely new to you, join us as Enrico discusses the fascinating aspects of the natural world. Enrico is a chemical ecologist who studies interactions among trees, fungal pathogens, and insect pests at OSU.

<u>LOCATION</u>: Fellows Riverside Gardens, 123 McKinley Ave,

Youngstown, OH

CONTACT: 330-533-5538

COST: FREE

REGISTRATION INFORMATION. Registration includes program and handouts. Please mail to 490 S. Broad St. Canfield, OH 44406, fax (330-533-2424), or drop off the registration to the OSU Extension Office in Canfield. The program is filled on a "first come, first served basis."

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CFAES Master Gardener Volunteer

Garden Art Series

Planted Garden Implement

Bring us your old rusty shovel and we'll show you how to transform it into a one of a kind planter. Taught by Mahoning County Master Gardeners.

Speakers: Pam Baytos and Kary Shively



Monday, May 13 1pm-3pm

Location: 490 S. Broad St. Canfield, OH

Cost: \$20/person

Details: Register ASAP - Seating is limited

Contact: 330-533-5538

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