

Flora and Fauna

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Thank you to all
who worked so
hard to make
the Canfield Fair
display a
success!



In August, we wrapped up
the Local Flavor season with
the Garden Party, seen left.

Our Junior Master Gardeners
finished another successful
year at St. Pat's Community
Garden. (Far Left)

President Pam's Perspective

Great Job at the Canfield Fair!! Once again, the fair committee came up with a very diverse master gardener display. During my shift, many people commented on the pallet wall gardens and wanted to know when dinner was going to be served! Clever use of plants to products made with each plant. The hornet nests were also a big hit. We had good traffic through our new building; word will continue to get out to our new location. Was nice to see all our "shift" workers interacting with the people who came through our display. This is the best way to spread the word on what master gardeners are all about.

Next on our agenda will be our awards banquet. Please contact Lori or me to sign up for this committee. The banquet date will be here before we know it!

Our next big "project" will be getting ready for the new 2020 master gardener class. It's always exciting to welcome new members to our "family".

Thanks again to all who made this year's fair another success; it's amazing what we can accomplish when everyone pitches in.

OCVN Annual Meeting and Outing

The OCVN annual meeting and outing was held on July 15, 2019 at the Lake Newport Wetlands in Mill Creek MetroPark. Seven OCVN's were in attendance as well as Eric Barrett. The meeting began at 6:15 PM with Handels Ice Cream provided by Eric. Thank you, Eric!

A sign-up sheet was passed around for the Canfield Fair. This year the OSU Extension display will be in Building 25, the 4-H building. The theme for OCVN and Master Gardeners is From Farm to Table. There will be activities as well as displays. The Hornets nest will be there as well as the glass display cases. OCVN's will have an example of the absence of pollinators. Eric announced there is a new Educator, Kristen Eisenhower, for Urban Ag and 4-H.

The Jr. Naturalist program was held at Mill Creek MetroParks with six Jr. Naturalists. The OCVN's need to have their hours reported by November 1 if they wish to have them counted by the banquet. There will be a class in 2020 and it will be promoted at the Fair.

Jim Thornton saw a few Cicadas at Wick Park. The group then went on a walk out the Boardwalk. The highlight was a Great Egret that flew by. Some other birds seen were Great Blue Heron, Killdeer, Wood Duck with ducklings, Tree and Rough-winged Swallows, Belted Kingfisher and Cedar Waxwings plus others. Overall, it was a very nice evening.

Nancy Brundage, Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist



Heirloom Perennial | Nancy Brundage, OCVN & MGV

Written by Marilyn McKinley

Calling Nancy Brundage a nature lover is an understatement! Nancy is a strong advocate for making our environment a better place for all creatures. She is a wild bird lover, advocate, and educator. Nancy began leading bird walks and conducting programs in Mill Creek Park in 1985. Although 'maturity' has slowed her down a bit, Nancy still does whatever she can to promote education about the birds in our backyards. This all began on the first Earth Day in April 1970. The emphasis on our environment spoke to Nancy, so she decided to be a part of that movement that started nearly 50 years ago.

Nancy grew up in Youngstown with Idora Park and Mill Creek Park both in her backyard. She has happy memories of summers spent playing in the park. She went to South High School, then on to Kent State. Nancy met her husband of 58 years at the age of 15. She and George have lived in 7 states – Ohio, California, Pennsylvania, New York, Illinois, North Carolina and Georgia. Nancy spent many years working in the medical claims field.

I asked about who was the greatest influence in her life, that would be her 7th grade teacher, Gertrude Meier.

You might see Nancy just about anywhere in the Valley. She has been active in Canfield community issues for years. She is an OCVN, an MGV, member of League of Women Voters, and of course the Audubon Society.

Nancy was part of the first OCVN class in the state of Ohio, in 2006. There were 13 in the class, several who remain active to this day. She took the MGV class in 2013. Nancy is quick to admit to not being a gardener, but was intrigued by the opportunity to learn more about nature.

Since she is so passionate about wild birds, I asked about her favorite bird. With no hesitation she replied, "tufted titmouse". She admires its cherry pointed cap, the inquisitive eyes, the splash of rusty under color, and the fact that it stays here all year. Her least favorite – the house sparrow, because it invades other nests, and the grackle makes her least favorite list too. The grackle kills other birds, in a very gruesome manner.

By the way, Nancy has absolutely no interest in birds of captivity, no bird is meant to be caged.

I asked about the present and future of OCVNs. Nancy reports that this has always been a loosely organized group, mostly interested in education. She says she sometimes wishes that the OCVN group was more formally organized, maybe that would help to reach more people, and teach them about nature.



MGV Meeting Minutes: June 13, 2019

Becky Borman, Master Gardener Volunteer

The evening began with attendees enjoying appetizers and desserts at the lovely home and gardens of Kary and Guy Shively.

Pinky Steffen, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and Al Leonhart led the pledge of allegiance.

CANFIELD FAIR

Rhonda Harris, co-chair with Peg Zeleznik, reported on the plans and the physical layout of the exhibit that the committee has formulated. The MGV-OCVN display will be in the 4-H Building, #25, (near Kiddie Land). The theme is "From Farm to Table," and will include areas for information, clinic, education, composting, pollinators, the bug frames, and others. Carolyn Fankhauser would like for anyone who has an unusual recipe using edible flowers, herbs, etc to get them to her by next week so they may be included for handouts at the fair.

If anyone has plants or milk cans to accent the display, please bring them to the set-up on August 26 at 8:00am.

Shifts to work the fair, 4 hours each beginning at 10:00am, are still available. Please call the office to sign up.

Parking passes are available for purchase at the OSU Extension office.

Tear down will be Tuesday, September 3rd. Time will be announced later.

LOCAL FLAVOR

Thresea Harris announced that Monday, August 12, will be the last Local Flavor for this year and will be held at Flying High (old Cafaro Hospital parking lot). It will begin at 4:00pm with the young gardeners and the annual contests. 6:00pm will begin the regular Local Flavor gathering.

CLINIC

David Sprague stated that the new shirts are in. Please stop by the office to pick up.

INFORMATION

Lil Quaranta passed out sheets to promote articles

Please send items for the AGNR
Newsletter

To moff.1@osu.edu for the month of June.
All items intended for publication MUST be
submitted by the 15th of each month.

for our newsletter. "What Works for Me" should be 100 words stating problem, solution, and results. This could include a special recipe for getting rid of bugs that your grandma used, etc. Send to Lori Moff and Haley at the Extension office.

Danita Davis shared upcoming events from the Trumbull County MGVS. "Wednesdays in the Gardens" continues this month and will be "Winters in the Classroom" for fall and winter, usually more arts and crafts oriented.

Fall and winter advanced education opportunities will be held the third Thursday of the month from 10am to 12 noon. The first session will be September 19th with speaker, Danae Wolfe speaking on "Fostering Public Appreciation of Bugs." Cost is \$20. Call the Trumbull County Extension office if interested in attending.

P. Steffen announced the next MGV Meeting on September 12th at the OSU Extension office. Our program will be a speaker from the Columbiana – Mahoning County Beekeepers Association. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46.

Becky Borman, co-secretary





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.

- ♦ **Canfield Fair— August 28— September 2**
- ♦ **September 12** Bruce Zimmer from Columbiana/Mahoning Co. Beekeepers
- ♦ **October 10**—Tentative: Skip McCullough of Meadowbrook Nursery in Lisbon will discuss the difference between organic and non-organic pesticides/herbicides.
- ♦ **November 14**—Fellows Christmas tree ornament workshop
- **December:** Banquet, date to be announced.

Public Naturalist Series 2019

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

11/6 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

NEED CEU'S?

The Trumbull County Master Gardeners are offering a program titled EW to AWE: Fostering Public Appreciation of Bugs, presented by Danae Wolf. From steadfast survival and reproduction to pollination and even charming tales of maternal care, insects and spiders keep our gardens buzzing with adventure.

Interested? Come hear the whole program. September 19, (10:00 AM to Noon), at the Trumbull OSU Extension, 520 W. Main St. Cortland, Ohio, 44410. Cost is \$20 per person and is worth 2 CEUs. This program is also available for the general public. Please make checks payable to OSU Extension.

For more information and early registration, call 330-638-6783.

Junior Master Gardeners

Kary Shively and her helpers, Rhonda Harris, Stephanie Hughes, and Natalie Fraser, are finishing another successful year of gardening at St. Pat's Community Garden on Oakhill Blvd. in Youngstown. The kids entered vegetables, flowers, veggie critters and herbs at the Flying High Garden Party on Monday, August 12, and won ribbons in all the categories.

They have enjoyed playing in the dirt since spring and are proud of what they have been able to grow and eat.



SPEAKERS: COMMUNITY TOPIC LIST

July 2019

Signup sheet for MGVs who are willing to present topics to Garden clubs, churches, community organizations, libraries, etc. Also, Coffee with Masters, seminars, etc.

*** Note: May be additions & revised. Please date any additions & revisions

MGV	TOPICS
Pam Baytos	Gourds, Container Gardening, Herbal Harvest
Marilyn McKinley	Pollinators, Plants for pollinators, perennials, Hummingbirds, Herbs – history & uses. Roses, Fragrances. If given enough time can present on most except <u>does not do vegetables</u>. Prefers to use power point for part of presentation
Ron Fasano	Edible flowers in cooking
Joanne Kaschak	Feeding and attracting birds. Herbal lore
Kari Shively	Kids gardening, Perennials
Pinky Steffen	Raised bed gardening
Valeria Gonclaves	Anything!
Judy Rodkey	

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

Sustainability—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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Naturalist Series:

Growing Caterpillars

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 • 6:30 – 7:30 P.M.
SPEAKER: Jim McCormac, Naturalist

Join us for a tale of birds, plants and conservation with Jim McCormac, retired ODNR botanist. During his 31 years with ODNR, McCormac authored multiple books and took many on tours through Ohio's nature. His passion for nature has only increased since his retirement, and he is sure to leave you intrigued and wanting to learn more about caterpillars!

LOCATION: 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."

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Number Attending (\$0): _____

OCVN: Caterpillars



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COFFEE WITH THE MASTER GARDENERS

Herbs

Lemon and Thyme and Basil, oh my! Join the Master Gardeners for a morning of learning about herbs and how to grow them in your garden!

Speaker: Pam Baytos, Master Gardener Volunteer

Monday, September 23rd

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

REGISTRATION INFORMATION. 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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Number Attending (x \$15): _____ Amount Enclosed: _____



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