

Welcome to the AGNR Volunteer Newsletter February News, Events and Activities for OCVNs and MGVs

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

MGV COMMITTEE SIGN UP...is an expectation to be an active member. We will have the signup sheets at the February meeting. Please put your name on at least one committee as a member. Thanks!

MGV MENTORS ARE NEEDED...for the new trainees. You can sign up to be a mentor at the next class. We have 15 in the new class.

2020 MGV CONTACT LIST...will be passed out at the next meeting.

OCVN's CITIZEN SCIENCE PROJECT...23rd Annual Great Backyard Bird Count February 14-17. Details: <https://gbbc.birdcount.org/>
<https://www.audubon.org/news/how-take-part-great-backyard-bird-count>

HOUSEPLANT PROPAGATION BEGINS...now! At the January MGV meeting, Stephanie Hughes volunteered to discuss houseplants at our June 11 meeting. For something fun, we decided to have a houseplant exchange! We are asking each MGV to bring a houseplant propagated by yourself to the meeting. Please don't go and buy one. For the benefit of the person acquiring your plant, we ask that you include its name and care info. Let the propagation process begin! For some tips, go to: <https://extension2.missouri.edu/g6560>

OCVN MEETING 1/27/20 MEETING MINUTES...can be found this link:
<http://go.osu.edu/2020janocvnminutes>

OCVN TRAINING...started on 1/25. There are 17 in the new class. If you would like to attend one of the training programs, please contact Eric.

~EVENTS~

POLLINATORS WORK HARD (*MGV Coffee Series*)...to utilize their surrounding environments. What can you do to help them be even more productive? Learn all about pollinators, including plants and other small changes that can transform your yard into a habitat more suitable for pollinators.

February 24, 9:30am-12pm COST: \$15 DETAILS: <http://go.osu.edu/workinghard>

TREES DO TALK TO EACH OTHER! (*Naturalist Series*)...Join OSU Expert Enrico Benello to learn about how tree species communicate with each other in the forest. March 31, 6:30-8pm DETAILS: <http://go.osu.edu/treestalk>

SAVE THE DATE – Spring Spectaculars!

April 18, 2020 – Sustainable Gardening for Everyone! Join OSU's Pam Bennett and a cast of great speakers for a day on everything from native plants with great color, to

pollinators, and other sustainability ideas to make your garden easy to care for – and more sustainable!

April 25, 2020 – Better, Beautiful Landscapes! Join OSU's Laura Deeter for a fun and entertaining presentation on perennial care, then the always amusing and educational Bug Lady – Ashley Kulhanek – for a day of fun with perennials and herbs. You'll learn to better care for plants and enjoy a beautiful landscape.

THE SPRING FRUIT TREE PRUNING CLINIC...will be held at Whitehouse Fruit Farm. Come to the orchard to learn to prune! After the fruit tree session, an optional blueberry session will be offered.

Saturday, April 4, 1pm-3pm

REGISTER: <http://go.osu.edu/fruitprune20>

CLIMATE CHANGE AND GARDENING...in NE Ohio will be a program hosted by the Trumbull County Master Gardeners Join WKBN's Paul Wetzl, to learn more about this topic. Reserve Thursday, February 20, 2020 @ 1-2pm held at the Trumbull County Agriculture and Family Education Center, 520 W. Main St., Cortland, OH 44410. Cost: \$10. DETAILS: 330-638-6783

SAVE THE DATE – Nature Spectacular!

The OCVNs will host a fall seminar on nature/wildlife topics on Saturday, September 12 at the OSU Extension Conference Center in Canfield.

~WHAT WORKED FOR ME~

... Over the past several years, I have slowly added native plants for pollinators, butterfly larvae and butterflies, hummingbirds and the general bird population to my landscape and garden beds. The result has been amazing. The season of 2019 brought me many delightful moments. The buzz of bees on many, many flowering plants made the season rewarding. Bees were everywhere. I had many more butterflies in the yard than I've had in the past. My ilex bushes are loved by the bluebirds for the red berries and to my delight they sit on the window ledge to look inside. - Kary Shively

~MEETING CALENDARS~

2020 Calendar OCVN's

- March 23 – Nature Round Table 7:00 – 8:30 pm
- June Ice Cream & Walk/Adventure – TBA
- August – Possible dam tour TBA
- December 3 – AGNR Volunteer Banquet

2020 MGV Meeting Calendar

2nd Thursday, 6pm garden talk/socializing. Meeting starts 6:30pm

- February 13 - Dr. Meredith Konya and PT Matt Lorenzi - Aging in the garden
- March 12 – Corrie Adams, Arborist, Adams Tree Preservation – Trees!
- April 9 – Richard States – Insects & Insect like pests coordinated with GDD
- May 14 –Potluck & Plant Swap – Time with new MGV interns

- June 11 – Stephanie Hughes – Houseplants & Exchange from a plant you propagated
- July 9 – Flower Show
- August 13 – @ Home of Lynne Duchon to finalize plans for Canfield Fair
- September 10 – Carol Smith, MGV Trip to Ecuador
- October 8 – TBA
- November 12 – Fellows Christmas tree ornament workshop
- December 3 – AGNR Volunteer Banquet

For a complete listing of OSU Extension programs (Ag, 4-H, FCS, MGV, OCVN):
<http://go.osu.edu/MahoningCalendar>

If you want an announcement or information in the AGNR Newsletter please e-mail to Lori at moff.1@osu.edu by the 23rd of the month.