

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

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

OCCASSIONAL QUANTITY COOKS...is a program that any OCVN/MGV must complete in order to make food or desserts for programs. The program is good for three years. If you are interested in doing this, please contact Lori or Kathy at the office.

MGV COMMITTEE SIGN UP...is an expectation to be an active member. Please be sure you are signed up for a committee. If you have questions, call the front desk to see which committees are in most need of volunteers. 330-533-5538

2020 MGV CONTACT LIST...was mailed out to all MGVs via email. If you need a hard copy, stop by the front desk at the OSUE office to have a copy printed.

OCVN TRAINING...continues with two more Saturdays and 4 more Tuesdays. Stop by to meet the new trainees or to learn from the great speakers!

MGV TRAINING...continues each Tuesday from 9am-3pm. Come by for lunch with the new trainees or to get some additional education hours. Please let us know you are coming so we can plan more food for lunch. It is a great time to connect!

MGV MINUTES...from the February 13, 2020 meeting are at:
<http://go.osu.edu/mgvmin2-2020>

MGV APRIL MEETING...the date is changed to April 2 due to the Holy Thursday holiday. Same time, same place.

~EVENTS~

PRUNING & GROWING DEGREE DAYS (Coffee Series)...will be the 2-for-1 topics at the March Coffee Series! Join David Sprague to learn about Growing Degree Days to learn about what blooms in order to plan the garden. The second half of the morning, Eric Barrett will share tips for late winter/early spring pruning, along with a trip outside to practice (weather depending).

March 16, 9:30am-12pm, COST: \$15

DETAILS: <http://go.osu.edu/tempandpruning>

REGISTER: 330-533-5538

THE NATURE ROUNDTABLE...is our annual event where we host all of the nature centers, wildlife centers and nature gurus to talk about current issues, events, programming, volunteer needs and more! Join us on Monday, March 23, at 7pm, at the OSU Extension Office. Be sure to sign up to let us know you plan to attend – 330-533-5538.

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>

WHAT'S KILLING OUR BEECH TREES? Join the researcher that is working on this issue, OSU Expert Enrico Benello, to learn about Beech Leaf Disease (BLD). He will review what is happening with research, what the threat is to our forests in Northeast Ohio and help you gain a better understanding of this disease that is leading to the decline and mortality of American Beech from Ohio to Canada.

ISA (International Society of Arboriculture) Credits Available for this session.

March 31, 2:00-3:30 pmPAN TO ATTEND: <http://go.osu.edu/beehtreeissue>

SAVE THE DATE – Spring Spectaculars! (flyers to be out soon...)

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>

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~

When sowing seeds what works for me is using the plastic containers that lunch meat comes in as seed flats. I drill four to six holes in the bottom for drainage. But you can also use a hot soldering iron. They are sturdy and can be washed in very hot water, even the dishwasher. Since most seeds are sold in much smaller quantities, they are the perfect size. I make shallow furrows and carefully tap the seeds out of the seed pack. I crease the pack at the open end to make it easier to limit the seeds as they fall out. I also save the plastic trays use for packaging meat under the seed flats to catch any water that may leak out from the bottom. Dan Burns

~MEETING CALENDARS~

2020 OCVN Meetings

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

2020 MGV Meetings

6pm garden talk/socializing. Meeting 6:30pm

- March 12 – Corrie Adams, Arborist, Adams Tree Preservation – Trees!
- April 2 – **NOTE MEETING CHANGE** – This is due to the Holy Thursday holiday.
- May 14 –Potluck & Plant Swap – Time with new MGV interns
- June 11 – Stephanie Hughes – Houseplants & Exchange
- 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

2020 Events for All

- March 16 – MGV Coffee Series – Pruning/Growing Degree Days
- March 31 – What’s Killing our Beech Trees
- March 31 – Trees Do Talk to Each Other
- April 4 – Spring Fruit Tree Pruning Clinic
- April 18 – Spring Spectacular
- April 25 – Spring Spectacular
- September 12 – Nature Spectacular
- 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.

SAVE THE DATES

2020 Master Gardener Conference

September 11-12, 2020

Beachwood, Ohio

2020 OCVN Conference

May 16, 2020

Ohio 4-H Center, Columbus