

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

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

OCVN TRAINING.... Jenny Richards with ODNR will be joining us on Tuesday, June 23rd at 6 p.m. via zoom for the herpetology class. The meeting will be recorded for those that are not available at that time. All OCVN's are welcome.

Join the Zoom Meeting by using the following link: <https://osu.zoom.us/j/92908312276>

OCVN MEETING.... we were going to meet on June 23, but this is the only time we could get a speaker for herpetology. Due to changes in others' work schedules, it was a challenge to get a replacement for this chapter for our new trainees. Thus, we will change our June OCVN meeting to an August meeting. By this time, we will know more about the possibility of in-person meetings and what we are able to plan for the future. Please mark your calendars for 6:30pm on August 25.

MGV FINAL PRESENTATIONS...Our 2020 MGV Trainees have been busy working towards the conclusion of their training, either through the development of final presentations or preparation for a final exam. We have multiple trainees who have opted to deliver their final presentation via Zoom, and a schedule is currently being developed. We encourage all current and upcoming MGV's to stay tuned for the final lineup and join as many presentations as you can to extend your support and learn more about our 2020 class.

MGV HOURS...OSU Extension has announced that required hours for new trainee hours are being reduced from 50 to 40 this year due to the pandemic. We will allow you to get these hours through the end of 2021. For trainees, there is no educational hour requirement (it was the class). For seasoned volunteers, there is still a 20 volunteer and 10 educational hours requirement. BUT – seasoned volunteers can count educational hours towards volunteer hours (this is for seasoned volunteers only).

VIRTUAL VOLUNTEERING...many of you have asked about volunteering virtual, as you are taking care of relatives, or have your own personal reasons for not wanting to be on-site for any volunteer activities. This is fine. We hear you and understand. We continue to work on opportunities to volunteer virtually, such as the observation/scouting project for Spotted Lanternfly. Details of this project will be out soon (as soon as we get the exemption approved). Then, this is a big opportunity for everyone to be out and about while still social distancing to get some additional hours.

MGV EDUCATIONAL HOURS. . .Upcoming and recorded Horticultural Lunch and Learns and Happy Hour Webinars from the state are available at:

<http://go.osu.edu/MGVlearn>

MGV MINUTES...from the May 14, 2020 meeting are at:

<https://u.osu.edu/barrett.90/2020/05/19/mgv-minutes-may-14-2020/>

MGV JUNE 11th MEETING. . . Meeting was held, zoom link was sent separately

2020 Census is so important, do not forget to respond <https://2020census.gov/en>

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY. . . MGVs and OCVNs have the opportunity to assist with our observations/scouting of tree of heaven in order to find any outbreaks of the Spotted Lanternfly in Columbiana and Mahoning Counties. We had a presentation on June 2nd to learn about the basics. We will provide more information on this project by Mid-June. This will involve locating tree of heaven, marking it, then observing the tree one day per week to see if there are signs of this insect. More details soon.

~EVENTS~

ALL OSU PUBLIC EVENTS...through July 6th have been cancelled due to the pandemic. We will keep you posted as more information becomes available.

MGV CLINIC...training has taken place and the VIRTUAL CLINIC opened on May 7th from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, the MGV Clinic will run every Thursday
<http://go.osu.edu/virtualclinic>

COFFEE SERIES...Will be rescheduled later when in-person education is allowed.

NATURALIST SERIES...Will be rescheduled

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.

~MEETING CALENDARS~

2020 OCVN Meetings

- Nature Round Table – Being Rescheduled
- August 25th 6:30 pm
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2020 MGV Meetings

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

- July 9 – Virtual as of now / possible Flower Show if things open up
- 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

- 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