

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

Spring 2021

President Carol . . . A favorite poem that my mom made us memorize and recite.

I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud By William Wordsworth

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

OCVN NEW TRAINING CLASS 2021 TBD

MGV MEETING . . . April 8th 6:30 pm – Zoom link will be sent. **Speaker Noelle Akin – Petitti's**

MGV SOCIAL CHAT . . . April – to be announced

MGV NEW TRAINING CLASS . . .2021 TBD

MGV TRAINEE HOURS...The class of 2020: Your volunteer hours have changed from 50 to 25 to become certified. You may use webinars as volunteer hours. There is a new entry in the VMS system: Covid 19 continuing Ed in place of Service Hours. Reminder your hours need to be completed by December 2021.

FOR ALL MGV HOURS FOR 2021...All MGV's keep track of Education and Volunteer Hours on paper, training will be coming shortly for the Database System.

A NEW, BETTER BED BUG FACTSHEET...is now available on Ohioline at <http://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/hyg-2105> This continues to be a big issue in Ohio. We get lots of questions. Share to help explain identification and control with our clientele.

NEW FLOOR & UPGRADES IN BACK ROOM...at the Extension Office is underway. These updates to our newly reclaimed office space will be great for meetings and programs in 2021 and beyond. (This is the old space where the drivers exam was housed.) If you are interested in supporting this effort, you can give online at <http://go.osu.edu/givemahoning>

VIRTUAL VOLUNTEERING...possibilities include:

1. Attending the monthly Master Gardener meetings via Zoom
2. Participate in our Zoom programs, they are listed below under EVENTS
3. Writing for the Valley Grows column in the Vindicator, please remember to send Eric your article ideas. We want to ensure two people are not writing on the same topic.
4. Teach/present topics virtually. Worried about technology? Don't worry Kristen and Haley will help you! Not sure what to present? Don't worry we help with that too! Please contact KRISTEN via email at eisenhauer.30@osu.edu or call the office at 330-533-5538 to talk to her.
5. 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> or <https://mastergardener.osu.edu/resources/webinars>

MGV MINUTES...

March Minutes - <https://u.osu.edu/barrett.90/2021/03/25/mgv-minutes-march-2021/>

OCVN MINUTES. . .

Correction to 2/25/21 minutes. Under the information on the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, the insect has been found along Lake Cohasset in Mill Creek MetroPark, not Lake Glacier. Nancy Brundage

WE ARE MONITORING...the changing landscape of the pandemic to determine when we might be able to get back to in person programming. At this time, we do not have an update beyond our office being open for curbside again on Tuesday, January 19. We expect zoom to be our meeting and event location until June-ish. Yes, that is like Blursday. Even after that, we will continue to offer zoom options until we get back to some sort of normalcy. Hang in there. Join zoom meetings for some social time. Call other volunteers to chat about nature/gardening. Learn something new you can share with others in the future. Thanks for all you do!

Occasional Quantity Cooks Training (OQC)

- All Master Gardeners must take this course if you will be helping with hospitality at our future Master Gardener programs
- Occasional Quantity Cooks Certificate expires 3 years from the date it was issued.
- Information and directions are at the end of this newsletter.

~MEETING CALENDARS~

2021 MGV Meetings...

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

- April 8th
- May 13th
- June 10th
- July 8th
- August 12th

- September 9th
- October 14th
- November 4th
- December 9th

2021 Events for All...

Mahoning County Programs

- **April Classes:**
 - *Is It a Bird or Moth?*
 - Tuesday, April 13th at 10:00 am
 - To register or more info visit: <https://go.osu.edu/birdormoth>
 - *Herpetology Part 1: Amphibians*
 - Wednesday, April 14th at 11:00 am
 - To register or more info visit: <https://go.osu.edu/amphibian>
 - *Naturalist Series: Top 10 Native Perennials for Pollinators: Great Plants, Great Networks*
 - Wednesday, April 21st at 6:30 pm
 - To register and more info visit: <https://go.osu.edu/nativeperennials>
 - *Houseplant Success for 2021*
 - Tuesday, April 27th at 10:00 am
 - To register and more info visit: <https://go.osu.edu/houseplant2021>
- **May Classes:**
 - *Perennial Care*
 - Thursday, May 6th at 2:00 pm
 - To register or more info visit: <https://go.osu.edu/perennialcare>
 - *Perennial Separation*
 - Thursday, May 13th at 2:00 pm
 - To register and more info visit: <https://go.osu.edu/perennialseparation>
 - *Naturalist Series: Wild and Scenic Rivers*
 - Tuesday, May 18th at 6:30 pm
 - To register and more info visit: <https://go.osu.edu/rivers>
 - *Herpetology Part 2: Reptiles*
 - Wednesday, May 19th at 11:00 am
 - To register and more info visit: <https://go.osu.edu/reptile>

For a complete and up to date list of events please visit <https://mahoning.osu.edu/events>

Spotlight is on Valeria Goncalves, MGV

By Patty Kacenski

Valeria was getting ready to retire and her friend told her she didn't want her to fiddle faddle around - "I'm getting you involved in something!" And that's how Valeria came to take the Master Gardeners Class in 2013.

Before retiring, Valeria worked as a Juvenile Probation Officer. She was born and raised in Youngstown area, grew up on the east side with her two brothers.

When asked what ignited her gardening spark, she said two people her teacher and her father.

Valeria had an amazing third grade teacher, Mrs. Summers. Mrs. Summers had the class plant a garden! They grew popcorn, tomatoes and squash. The teacher lived way away in Columbiana, so in the summertime, she could only make periodic visits to check on the garden. Valeria and three other students stepped up and tended the garden.

Valeria's father came to the US from the Cape Verde Islands. He and his brother, were in their teens, when they began an adventure to pave the way for their family to come to America. First, they settled in New Bedford, Massachusetts, then to East Liverpool, Ohio and finally in response to a job offer at the mill, they landed in Youngstown.

Her father loved to garden. He had a big garden with carrots, tomatoes, green peppers, cucumbers – “there wasn't anything he couldn't grow!” In their backyard was a wall that became the meeting place for the neighborhood kids. They would gather there and eat on tomatoes!

Valeria's garden philosophy: “Everybody needs to grow something and teach the kids.” Kids have no idea where their food comes from. The experience of growing food is invaluable.

From examples of her teacher and father, Valeria has expounded on her philosophy by being involved in the Good Nature Garden Program, Local Flavor and volunteering at the Dorothy Gay House started in Youngstown by Sister Ann to help the homeless.

Valeria's first gardening effort was at her Mom's home after her Father had died. She took care of the yard and planted flowers.

Favorite plants to grow: “Everything!” She likes to try varieties of plants. Likes hostas, won ribbons for her zinnias and dahlias Probably her favorite flower is the dahlias with their little combs and bright, beautiful colors.

Least favorite plants to grow: Roses because she had spotted disease from airborne fungus.

Garden Success: Her garden produces out of this world peppers. One year she had large, beautiful cabbage.

Garden Oops: She planted cucumbers too near the tomatoes- they interbred. The tomatoes looked like cucumbers!

Favorite Quote: To Plant a Garden is to believe in tomorrow.

Thank you, Valeria, for sharing your love of gardening.

Enjoy the month of April – Spring is HERE!!

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.

FCS Occasional Quantity Cooks Training (OQC)

Please follow these directions to access the Occasional Quantity Cooks Online Volunteer Training.

Proceed to cfaesosu.catalog.instructure.com/courses/fcs-occasional-quantity-cooks-training-oqc.

- Enter the information required:
 - Full name, email, phone number, and postal code.
 - Click the box next to “I agree to the Acceptable Use Policy and acknowledge the Privacy Policy.”
 - Click the box next to “I’m not a robot” for the CAPTCHA authentication. Complete the task assigned (select pictures/boxes with bicycles, traffic lights, fire hydrants, etc.)
 - Click on “Enroll in Course” button.
- You will be sent two emails.
 - The “Please confirm your e-mail address” message is required to complete your registration. Click on the “Complete Registration” button. You will be taken to a new website. Your email address is your default username. You will be asked to create a password and select your time zone.
 - Once complete, you will automatically be taken to your Scarlet Canvas Dashboard. Select the **FCS Occasional Quantity Cooks Training (OQC)**.
- Begin the course by clicking on the “**Modules**” link on the left side of the screen.
 - The first module is “Enter Course Join Code”
 - Enter the Join Code, “**OSUEOQCF**” (must be all capital letters). Click “Next.”

Completing the Course Requirements

- You will need to complete the pages in order. Please watch the video in each lesson and download all accompanying lesson materials. You should plan on spending at least 90 minutes to complete the lessons. Navigate through each lesson’s materials using the “Next” button in the lower right corner of the screen.
- From the “Modules” landing page complete the following lessons/sections:
 - Welcome page
 - Pre-Test
 - Lesson 1: Introduction and Background
 - Hover your mouse pointer over the bottom of the lesson video black frame to reveal the controls.
 - Lesson 2: Personal Hygiene
 - Lesson 3: Time and Temperature
 - Lesson 4: Cleaning and Sanitizing
 - Lesson 5: Cross Contamination
 - Lesson 6: Special Considerations
 - Lesson 7: Event Management
 - Post-Test
 - You must receive a score of 70% or higher to receive a Certificate.
- After you have completed the post-test, the system will email you a link to your Certificate of Completion.
 - Your certificate will be emailed to you within a few minutes. Look for an email message from **Canvas Catalog** with a subject line of “Congrats on Successfully Completing...”; you may need to check your spam/junk email folder. Print a copy of your certificate of completion.
- When finished, click on “account” on the far-left side of your screen and **logout**.

Please print a copy of certificate and turn it in to your County OSU Extension Office.

Contact your County OSU Extension Office or e-mail shumaker.68@osu.edu if you experience technological issues or have any questions regarding the training.



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