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

Spring 2021

~ THANK YOU’S ~

- Our MGV grounds committee has been very hard at work. The landscaping looks awesome.
- Barbara Sloan was in and gave much needed attention to our indoor houseplants. THANK YOU!
- Shout out to Altiere’s Home and Garden Center for the mulch, Chris, David and Renee Altiere are past 4-H members.

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

- Pollinator Garden - We are installing an herb spiral in the expanded pollinator garden, if you have any bricks you would like to donate, please bring them to the meeting! If you have any herbs that you would be willing to share with the herb spiral, please call Marilyn to see if they are on the list! Marilyn can be contacted at 330-702-1519.

OCVN NEW TRAINING CLASS .... 2021 TBD

MGV MEETING . . .May 13th 6:30 pm – in person meeting. We will still have a Zoom option for those of you that would not like to come in-person. If you want to come via Zoom, please email Kristen ASAP. (eisenhauer.30@osu.edu)

- We have a few committees that will be hosting committee meetings before hand. Some of these committees may be meeting outside, so please bring a chair.
  - Community Service 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm
  - Local Flavor/GNGP 5:15 pm – 6:00 pm
  - Fellows Christmas Tree 5:15 pm - 6:00 pm
  - State Awards 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm

MGV SOCIAL CHAT . . . May - TBD

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.
GOOD NATURED GARDEN PARTNERS – Information has been sent out for this year’s GNGP Program. With the GNGP program, OSU Extension aims to teach children all about gardening and how their food is produced. Participation in the program is based off a team structure. A “Growing Team” may be formed by any group of children and must be led by an adult volunteer(s). The adult volunteer will fill out a volunteer form to receive free seeds and plants for their group, which will then plant a garden and compete for prizes and recognition at the end of summer. Teams are responsible for finding their own garden plot or container garden. To register go.osu.edu/GNGP by May 17th.

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…

April Minutes - https://u.osu.edu/barrett.90/2021/04/12/mgv-minutes-april-2021/

Occasional Quantity Cooks Training (OQC)

- All Master Gardeners must take this course if you will be helping with hospitality at our future Master Gardner 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
- May 13th
- June 10th
- July 8th
- August 12th
- September 9th
- October 14th
- November 4th
- December 9th
2021 OCVN Events –
- **Naturalist Series: Wild and Scenic Rivers**
  - Tuesday, May 18th at 6:30 pm
- **Naturalist Series: Learning to Coexist with Ohio’s Largest Mammal: The Black Bear**
  - Wednesday, June 9th @ 6:30 pm

2021 Events for All…
Mahoning County Programs

- **May Classes:**
  - **Perennial Care**
    - Thursday, May 6th at 2:00 pm
    - To register or more info visit: [https://go.osu.edu/perennialcare](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](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](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](https://go.osu.edu/reptile)

- **June Classes:**
  - **Naturalist Series: Learning to Coexist with Ohio’s Largest Mammal: The Black Bear**
    - Wednesday, June 9th @ 6:30 pm
    - To register or more info visit: [https://go.osu.edu/blackbears](https://go.osu.edu/blackbears)
  - **Pollinators in Urban Centers: Vacant Land Habitats**
    - Tuesday, June 15th @ 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
    - To register and more info visit: [https://go.osu.edu/vacantlandhabitats](https://go.osu.edu/vacantlandhabitats)

For a complete and up to date list of events please visit [https://mahoning.osu.edu/events](https://mahoning.osu.edu/events)

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**Enjoy the month of May – FLOWERS!!**

*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.