

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

Summer 2021

NOTE FROM CAROL . . . MGV PRESIDENT

Happy August!

A shout out to The Ohio State University Extension Mahoning County Master Gardener's and support staff! What a fantastically diverse group of gardeners (people) to know. Hanging around all of the dedicated volunteers enhances the quality of my life. Thank you to each volunteer master gardener. EACH one of us contributes to the success of the group.

Many functions on the front line teaching classes, writing Vindy articles, setting up and ensuring everyone can attend meetings and programming through ZOOM. Many take opportunity to work with Dave in the clinic. Many volunteer to help Pam (and others) teaching amazing garden art and other classes. Keeping up with Theresa as she holds Local Flavor court (with assist from Eric, Kristen, and Paige) at unique Youngstown neighborhood garden sites has become a favorite summer evening activity. Stephanie has graciously offered to host the August meeting at her home, a treat for all that attend. Since we will not be in the office, ZOOM will be unavailable. I hope many will come out.

Last weekend I attended the YSU Festival of the Arts at Wean Park in downtown Youngstown. It was a great summer event of art, food, music and the unveiling of The Handshake of the Century. The statue of Jackie Robinson and George Shuba engaged in a (interracial) handshake was unveiled; the first in major league baseball.

As I navigated through the crowds going tent to tent examining the wide variety and expressions of art, I was happily surprised to see a couple of fellow Mahoning County master gardener volunteers in the role of vendors, manning their tents.

First, I see Carolyn Fankhauser selling beautiful clothing. I happily scooped up a gorgeous tie dye shirt. Happy with my purchase I move to the next tent where I find none other than our own Lil. At this stop, I purchased a lovely, decorated flowerpot. I learned of her photography skills on display in note cards with lovely flower photos.

Get ready for more volunteer fun and opportunity as Pinky and her committee guides us on towards Bring One Take One and the Garden Art and Plant Sale. Can the Canfield Fair be far behind? So many Mahoning Master Gardeners with so much knowledge and many talents. There is something for everyone here!

THE BRING ONE TAKE ONE . . . is scheduled for **Saturday, August 21**. This year we have access to the new meeting room. It is my hope that we can also hold a plant sale with donations from Master Gardeners. We are also considering a yard sale of donated items with garden-related items such as tools, planters, books, and magazines. The plant sale will need to be organized and priced on Friday, August 20.

Look at your gardens and think of what you might donate for a sale. Native, pollinator-friendly plants are the most desirable. Please avoid plain green Hosta or daylilies that are the native, wild variety (orange). Irises and daylily donations should be labeled for color. Plants will need to be identified with name and growing conditions. Consider bulbs that bloom at a different time and are dormant. Suckers from some shrubs can be potted ahead of time for sale. We will need donations of nursery pots. If anyone has an old set of white or off white miniblinds they are willing to donate, they can be cut up for plant labels.

We will also sell houseplants so consider what you can donate from cuttings or ones you may want to get rid of. Again, please identify.

Garden art has always been a part of BOTO. If any of you crafty individuals have garden art ideas and would like to donate, we will take it! There are still items at the office left over from previous sales. A later meeting will be held to further discuss planning issues.

Please send me your list of possible donations so I can plan further:

Email: pinkysteffen@gmail.com

Text: 330-692-0231

Home phone: 330-227-9918

Thanks so much, Pinky

OCVN NEW TRAINING CLASS . . . will be in person and start on February 1, 2022. Those interested can call the office to get added to the list. We will be sending applications to those on the list via email around fair time.

OCVN HOURS . . . are still the same. Hours must be put in through the OCVN online system. For help with this system, please contact Ann Baird.41@osu.edu or call her directly at 614-292-8603. Ann is the state person in charge of the OCVN program.

MGV MEETING . . . August 12th 6:30 pm – in person meeting – out of the office – IN THE GARDEN!

- August 12 MGV meeting will be out of the office . . . Stephanie Hughes has eagerly volunteered to have us at her home. The address is 6322 Giddings Road, Rootstown, 44272. Please bring your own chair and food to share with the other attendees. Plans for the Canfield Fair will be finalized.

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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. Those who complete hours will get certificates at the banquet at the end of 2021. We will honor all trainees who have completed their hours during 2020/2021 at that time.

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

LOCAL FLAVOR SCHEDULE: <https://go.osu.edu/localflavor2021>

MGCV MINUTES...

July Minutes - <https://u.osu.edu/barrett.90/2021/07/20/mgcv-minutes-july-2021/>

~MEETING CALENDARS~

2021 MGCV Meetings...

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

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- September 9th
 - At our September 9 MGCV meeting, Kim Lewis from the Green Team will be speaking on the 3 Rs of recycling. She has one request. Everyone in attendance needs to be drinking from their own refillable bottle and NOT a single use bottle. As an incentive, everyone using a refillable bottle will be entered into a drawing to win an Earth-friendly prize.
- October 14th
- November 4th
- December 9th

2021 OCVN Events –

- *Naturalist Series: Ohio's Comeback Critter: The Bobcat*
 - Thursday, August 19th @ 6:30 pm
 - To register visit: <https://go.osu.edu/bobcats>
- *Naturalist Series: Ponds Through the Seasons with a Focus on Aquatic Life in Winter*
 - Thursday, September 16th @ 6:30 pm
 - To register visit: <https://go.osu.edu/aquaticlifeinwinter>

BIRD ILLNESS IN OHIO....There is a strange/new bird illness in Ohio. Our wildlife program specialist, Marne Titchenell has information at <https://ocvn.osu.edu/news/mysterious-illness-affecting-ohio-birds>

Here are a few more updates from Marne:

- Still no cause of illness or death.
- Continue to encourage folks to [report sick or dead birds](#).
- The following pathogens have NOT been detected, based on results received to date: Salmonella and Chlamydia (bacterial pathogens); avian influenza virus, West Nile virus and other flaviviruses,

Newcastle disease virus and other paramyxoviruses, herpesviruses and poxviruses; and Trichomonas parasites.

- No human health of domestic livestock and poultry issues have been reported.
- Recommendation remains to take down feeders and baths until this illness subsides.
- Recommendation to keep pets (including pet birds) away from sick or dead birds (as standard precaution).

I know folks are resistant to taking down feeders. Here are some things to share with them.

- While the bulk of the reports are coming in from SW and Central Ohio, other parts of the state are not immune. Reports have come in from NW Ohio, for example.
- State and District agencies are recommending the removal of bird feeders and bird baths because birds congregate at them and could transmit disease to one another. Taking down feeders and baths prevents this.
- Birds do not need feeders during the summer. There are plenty of natural foods for them to eat. Stopping disease transmission takes priority.
- If feeders and baths aren't taken down, recommend they clean them daily with a 10% bleach solution (rinsed well and allowed to air dry before putting back up) and monitor them daily for sick/dead birds.

[Here](#) is the newest release from the National Wildlife Health Center detailing what I shared above.

SPOTLIGHT ON . . . KRISTEN EISENHAUER

I recently had a chat with Kristen. We all know she is an amazing young lady and Mahoning County is indeed lucky to have her here. She is very involved with 4-H, Local Flavor, Education, not to mention a great help to all Master Gardeners and Naturalists. Oh, did I mention our resident computer specialist? Her official title: 4-H Youth Development and Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator. Sounds like a lot of work!

I found out a bit about her background. Kristen is a farm girl – proud of it! She was raised near Shiloh, OH, population about 700, in Richland County. She attended Shelby High School, and then continued to OSU, her degree is in AgriScience Education. Kristen chose that as her major because she knew she wanted to educate people about Agriculture and everything it has to offer. She will begin working on her master's degree in Extension Education. I asked her what she would like to be doing in 5 years – the reply was working, raising goats, sheep, and honeybees. I happen to know there is a nice young man she is fond of; I'm betting he will be in the picture too!

She is passionate about her job and says she loves to meet new people and share her passion for agriculture with them. She also speaks highly of the people she works with. Kristen says she enjoys working at the OSU Extension because it draws on her knowledge, she can educate but is not tied to a classroom. She is happy that her position is split between 4-H and ANR because it gives her the chance to work with all demographics. I asked her if this job is what she expected. The reply was "I did not have many expectations about Extension." She had the fortune of serving as an intern for 2 summers, which gave her a glimpse into her future career.

Her hobbies are beekeeping, traveling and exploring new places. She has been to Honduras and Cabo San Lucas. Her dream trip is to go to Maldives or Bora Bora. This gal loves adventure! When asked where she might go on a day trip, she replies to Holden Arboretum to walk through the treetops. By the way if you have never done that it is an amazing experience. Holden is a great place to visit.

This adventurous young lady is afraid of spiders. Her favorite foods are cheesecake and Chinese food, if she could live anywhere, it would be Texas. Her favorite color is green to blue in every hue and her

favorite flower is daisies. She has a cat named Riptide. When asked if she grows anything she says she tries but Riptide pulls up the plants.

So next time you see her or talk with her shout out a big THANK YOU for ALL you do. Kristen is indeed a valuable part of our OSU Extension team. 2021 Events for All... By Marilyn McKinley

Mahoning County Programs –

Bring One Take One

- Saturday, August 21st @ 9:00 am
- Mahoning County Extension Office
- For more details visit: <https://go.osu.edu/boto>

August Classes:

- *Local Flavor: Ohio Ave. Butterfly Garden*
 - o Monday, August 2nd @ 6:00 pm
 - o 2203 Ohio Ave. Youngstown, OH
- *Local Flavor: McGuffey Center*
 - o Monday, August 9th @ 6:00 pm
 - o 1501 McGuffey Rd. Youngstown, OH
- *Make and Take Garden Art: Leaf Casting*
 - o Wednesday, August 11th @ 5:00 pm
 - o To register visit: <https://go.osu.edu/leafcasting8-11>
- *Local Flavor: Flying High GROW Urban Farm*
 - o Monday, August 16th @ 6:00 pm
 - o 100 Broadway Ave. Youngstown, OH
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- *Make and Take Garden Art: Miniature Gardens*
 - o Wednesday, September 29th @ 5:00 pm
 - o To register visit: <https://go.osu.edu/miniaturegardens>

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

