

Welcome to the AGNR Volunteer Newsletter November - December  
News, Events and Activities for OCVNs and MGVs

# Autumn 2021

## NOTE FROM CAROL . . . MGv PRESIDENT

Hello OSU Extension Master Gardeners!

I love November! The last vestiges of autumn and the start of colder wind and temperature bring winter. Thanksgiving, my absolute favorite holiday happens in November. No better time than November for reflection on good things.

Last month's meeting is such a reflection. Thanks to ZOOM, the group watched the state conference award ceremony. Claps, smiles and cheers resounded through the meeting room as Mahoning County Master Gardener Volunteer Program won award after award. Congratulations Mahoning County Master Gardeners!

The meeting then moved into continuing education with an excellent presentation on the art and science of growing giant pumpkins. The presenter came with knowledge, handouts and gourds enough to share. I went home with really cool gourds, increased knowledge, awareness, and a beautiful deep purple pepper.

Meetings always prove to be interesting. I always go home with a goody of produce, plant, or tasty treat.

Thank you for being master gardener volunteers. You create and contribute to the successes of this amazing group of gardeners. Made up by you!

Many Blessings and Happy Thanksgiving!

Carol

**OCVN NEW TRAINING CLASS** .... will be in person and start on February 1, 2022. Those interested can call the office to get an application via email or US mail. They can access applications directly from our website at <https://go.osu.edu/ocvn2022app>

**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](mailto: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** . . . The next meeting will be our Annual Banquet to be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Canfield Fairgrounds in the New Event Center. There is no charge for volunteers and one guest. Desserts will be provided. There will also be fruit, vegetable, and cheese trays.

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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. 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 MGVS HOURS FOR 2021...**

- The time for Hands on Connect (new VMS) is finally here! You have until December 1<sup>st</sup> to enter hours. If you need to come into the office to use the internet and device, please call or email Kristen to set up a time. If you have not gone through training, please contact Kristen ASAP!

### **Occasional Quantity Cooks Training...**

If you plan on providing or cooking food for MGVS Meetings, Trainings, Classes, etc. you need to complete the training course and send the certificate to the office. The certification will be good for three years. Click this link to find the instruction sheet of how to complete OQC training

<https://go.osu.edu/activemgvs>

### **MGV MINUTES:**

October Minutes - <https://u.osu.edu/barrett.90/2021/10/22/mgv-minutes-october-2021/>

November Minutes - <https://u.osu.edu/barrett.90/2021/11/16/mgv-minutes-november-2021/>

Officer Elections and Committee Sign-Ups - [https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0SR0JoTOaPHr1gW](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0SR0JoTOaPHr1gW)

### **Greens & Cuttings 4 Holiday Containers & Holiday Centerpieces**

We need everyone's help in gathering branches, cuttings, pruning and other natural items for the five classes we will be holding in November/December.

The concept of containers – thriller, filler, and spiller – apply to our containers class. We are in most need of thrillers! Here are some ideas to cut/bring for the classes:

**Thrillers** - Corkscrew willow, red twig dogwood, tall astilbe seed heads, long taxus (yew) branches, long spruce branches, long juniper branches, holly, etc

**Fillers** – Pretty much any evergreen shrub – boxwood, taxus, juniper, arborvitae, rhododendron, anything with berries (viburnum, crabapple, etc)

**Spillers** – droopy white pine, vine pieces,

### **Dates needed:**

Monday, November 29 – biggest need. Drop off the day before or anytime on the 29<sup>th</sup> by the back door to the parking lot. Put items to the left of the door in the grass area for sorting.

Monday, December 13 – Needs for centerpieces. Can be smaller cuttings. Need lots of white/red twigs that are small in diameter and seed heads that are painted red/white. NOTE: These items need to fit into a small, tabletop arrangement

### **~MEETING CALENDARS~**

2021 MGVS Meetings...

- December 9<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm Canfield Fair Event Center
- December 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Master Gardener Wreath Program – 10:00 am
  - Eckis Cemetery – 2381 S Newton-Falls Rd North Jackson Ohio 44451

## 2021 Events –

### ***Holiday Containers***

- Date: Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>
- Time: 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm
- Charge: \$20
- Location: Mahoning County Extension Office
- To register visit: <https://go.osu.edu/holidaycontainers11-30>

### ***Holiday Centerpieces***

- Date: Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>
- Time: 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm
- Charge: \$20
- Location: Mahoning County Extension Office
- To register visit: <https://go.osu.edu/holidaycenterpieces12-15>

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

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*If you want an announcement or information in the AGNR Newsletter, please e-mail to Lori at [moff.1@osu.edu](mailto:moff.1@osu.edu) by the 23rd of the month.*



Pictures from our MGV meeting in August – our winners!! Charlene, Thresea, Marie, and Pinky.