

**Welcome to the AGNR Volunteer Newsletter for September:
News, Events, and Activities for OCVNs and MGVs**

September 2022

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Dear fellow OSU Master Gardener Volunteers,

Back to school time. Your summer vacation is over! We all used to dread hearing these words when we were children. Did you have fun at the BOTO? We had a good turnout of MG volunteers and great public turnout. I do hope you enjoyed your summer and all your harvest of garden fruits and veggies. Our days of freezing and canning will be well worth the efforts as we move toward the cold winter months. We put away 19 quarts of green beans. Then our freezer died as we were leaving for a trip to Georgia to see our daughter. Fortunately, our son had some spare freezer space so we could save most of them.

Both Mariana's mother and my mother canned veggies and fruits in jars. We had a jar (canned food) shelf under the stairs. You could find tomatoes, beans, pickles, peaches, pears, grape jelly, chow-chow relish, red beets, and even pork in jars on those shelves. We feasted on the fruits of our labor and didn't have to worry that the electricity may go off and spoil all our food supply. Our supply chain never broke down once as I remember. The closest we came was when Dad went turkey hunting in the fall and didn't bring home a turkey at Thanksgiving. Mom even kept a canned ham on that shelf just in case.

How sustainable is your gardening and food preservation practice?

Hope to see you at the Canfield Fair!

Bob Eister

President

Please remember our requirements to be an active member are:

OBTAINING VOLUNTEER HOURS:

20 documented volunteer hours are required annually to maintain active status. Approved volunteer hours must be MGV related and may include:

- 2 hours must come from Backyard and Local Food events
- 2 hours must come from Environmental Horticulture events
- Approved projects to obtain volunteer hours are committee-driven
- If you desire to volunteer for a project not committee-driven, you must submit your request in writing for approval from an OSU Educator at the beginning of the year
- Attending monthly meetings will equal one volunteer hour (and one education hour – see below)
- Refer to the committee list and description
- You may NOT record any hours you are paid for

OBTAINING CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS:

10 documented education hours are required annually to maintain active status. Approved continuing education hours must be MGV related and may include:

- 2 hours must be from integrated pest management classes or presentations
- 2 hours must be from invasive species classes or presentations
- Attending monthly MGV meeting – where a speaker presents a program
- Attend an MGV-sponsored field trip with a specialist tour guide

OCVN HOURS

Please continue to contact Ann Baird at baird.41@osu.edu with any questions about the system or inputting hours. OCVN hours are managed by the state.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Trolley tour is available at Mill Creek Park. The cost is \$10 for adult Mahoning County residents (nonresidents \$12), \$7 for seniors (age 60 and over), and children (12 and under). Payment is due in advance to Marge. The date will be Sept. 20 at 1:30 pm.
- Mahoning County Land Bank- a non-profit agency that works closely with local governments and other partners to return abandoned, tax-delinquent property to productive use. Some of the properties become sites for native wildflowers or agricultural crops, which means there are opportunities for both MGs and OCVNs to volunteer--mulching the sunflower field, checking the apple trees' health, surveying plant animal species, giving educational talks about native wildflowers, and more. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Gary Davenport, Project Coordinator for the Land Bank (and OCVN), at 330-259-1040;1 or gdavenport@mahoninglandbank.com.
- Wreaths for Veterans is on Dec.3 at 10am. Volunteers need to be there at Ekis Cemetery at 9am. Ekis is located on Newton Falls Road off Palmyra, in Milton Township.
- Trumbull County Soil and Water Conservation District - Amy Reeher, 330-637-2056 ext. 8624, amy@trumbullohswcd.org

MGV MINUTES

Aug Minutes: <https://go.osu.edu/mgvaugminutes>

MEETING CALENDARS

2022 MGV Meetings...

Second Thursday of the Month, 6 pm garden talk/socializing. Meeting 6:30 pm. Meetings will be held at the office unless otherwise stated!

- September 8th At the Smucker House (purple house) 271 S. Broadway St.
- October 13th
- November 10th
- December 8th

2022 Events for All Mahoning County Programs

Upcoming Classes:

***Note the date changes for Garden Art Fairy Gardens and Bird Wreath Feeder**

- *Garden Art Series: For the Birds Wreath Feeder*
 - Date: Tuesday, September 13
 - Time: 6 pm
 - Location: Mahoning Extension Office
 - Taught by Pam Baytos
 - Cost: \$20
 - To register visit: <https://go.osu.edu/10-05birdwreath>
- *Naturalist Series: Aquatic Invasive Species in Ohio*
 - Date: Thursday, September 29th
 - Time: 6:30 pm
 - Location: Mahoning County Extension Office
 - Speaker: Eugene Braig, Program Director- Aquatic Ecosystems
 - Cost: Free
 - To register visit: <https://go.osu.edu/09-29aquaticinvasives>
- *Garden Art Series: Fairy Garden*
 - Date: Wednesday, October 5
 - Time: 6 pm
 - Location: Mahoning Extension Office
 - Taught by Natalie Fraser
 - Cost: \$20
 - To register visit: <https://go.osu.edu/09-13fairygarden>
- *Naturalist Series: The Many Lives of Lichens*
 - Date: Thursday, October 20th
 - Time: 6:30 pm
 - Location: Mahoning County Extension Office
 - To register visit <https://go.osu.edu/livesoflichens>
- *Garden Art Series: Holiday Container*
 - Date: Tuesday, November 15
 - Time: 6 pm
 - Location: Mahoning Extension Office
 - Taught by Pam Baytos
 - Cost: \$20
 - To register visit: <https://go.osu.edu/11-15holidaycontainer>
- *Naturalist Series: Hunting Wild Mushrooms in Eastern Ohio*
 - Date: Thursday, November 17th
 - Time: 6:30 pm
 - Location: Mahoning County Extension Office
 - To register visit <https://go.osu.edu/wildmushrooms>
- *Garden Art Series: Holiday Container*
 - Date: Tuesday, December 13

- Time: 6 pm
- Location: Mahoning Extension Office
- Taught by Pam Baytos
- Cost: \$20
- To register visit: <https://go.osu.edu/12-14holidaycenterpiece>

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

Spotlight is On Mike Beaudis

Seems like we have known Mike for a long time (MGV class of 2012), but he has not been one to talk much about himself. Well, I know some stuff – I will share.

Mike was born and raised in Youngstown. The family moved to Austintown when he was 4 years old and has lived there since. Mike attended Woodside Elementary, Immaculate Heart of Mary, and graduated from Fitch in 1964. Mike has been retired for 11 years. Mike is older than he looks!

He attended YSU, earning a BS in Civil Engineering. He studied Civil Engineering because he liked math and science. He became a licensed Professional in Ohio and Texas. His first job was as a janitor's helper and earned a dollar an hour. Work history includes GE Assembly, Commercial Shearing (designed tunnel supports), St E's Hospital (managed new construction and remodeling), and Vista Window Co (designed windows and sunrooms).

Hobbies: gardening and taking care of their lawn. He belongs to the Gardeners of Greater Youngstown and the Marine Corps League. He says he is not superstitious. He is afraid of nothing – except losing electricity in the winter. Favorite food – pizza. First car: 56 Chevy

He traveled while in the service. Favorite places are Rome and Mount Vesuvius. He doesn't like to travel anymore – too many interesting places close to home. He expects to be doing the same things in 5 years as he does now.

His dream place to live is here, with his wife, 2 children, and 5 grandchildren.

Favorite color is blue, favorite flower marigold.

Like a true valley native, Mike grows tomatoes and peppers.

Has had 3 dogs over the years, named Nephew, Arnie, and Bailey.

Mike has overseen the Mahoning OSU grounds for years. With Mike in charge, things around the building look better every year. Mike also heads up the Wreaths for Veterans project. Thank you, Mike

~By Marilyn McKinley

Photos from BOTO held on August 20, 2022



If you want an announcement or information in the AGNR Newsletter, please e-mail Candace at Buonavolonta.1@osu.edu by the 23rd of the month. We welcome articles about you – and your fellow MGVs! It is great to learn even more about our friends and colleagues.