

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

# October 2022

Dear fellow OSU Master Gardener Volunteers,

Harvest time is here. Your backyard is changing again, the growing season is over! Your flowers are fading, but the leaves and trees will soon present an eye-catching spectacle of color! Some leaves are shifting color from green to butter yellow, while others are already taking on those Fall colors we love of pink, orange and red. The pumpkins are mature and easily spotted in the farm fields. The corn stalks are dry and the leaves are making that crackling sound as the wind blows over them. Time to put our regular garden to bed or go into extended season hoop gardening. I plan to still be harvesting lettuce into mid-December from my hoop area.

Soon Halloween will bring cute little monsters of all sorts to our homes front door demanding their share of candy. Who can refuse their pleas? In the olden days, all the masked marauders asked for was an apple or pear from one of our backyard trees. My best prize I remember receiving as a young lad at Halloween was from the older person in the neighborhood who handed out nickel coins. I could then take that coin and exchange it for 5 or more pieces of my choice of penny candy. Now, the treats have to be processed and wrapped in chocolate, then packaged for individual distribution. Maybe I will get a roll of nickels from the bank. Let's see how the newer generation responds to some hard currency instead of hard candy or all that gooey chocolate! Happy Trick or Treating.

Bob Eister

President

## MGV SHIRTS

Apparel will be distributed at the October MGV meeting. Payment is required before you can take your shirts.

**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 MGCV 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 MGCV meeting – where a speaker presents a program
- Attend an MGCV-sponsored field trip with a specialist tour guide

## OCVN HOURS

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

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

- **HANDS ON CONNECT OPEN HOUSE- November 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 7 pm**  
Kristen will be holding an open house to help anyone enter their hours or fix their HOC accounts. You can come at any time as there is no set agenda, it is to answer your questions. There will be WiFi available. Feel free to bring your own device or use an iPad here at the office. This will be the last event before hours are due.
- **Wreaths for Veterans** is on **Dec.3** at 10 am. Volunteers need to be there at Ekis Cemetery at 9 am. Eckis is located at 2381 S. Newton Falls Rd., Diamond, OH 44412.
- 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](mailto:gdavenport@mahoninglandbank.com).
- Trumbull County Soil and Water Conservation District - Amy Reeher, 330-637-2056 ext. 8624, [amy@trumbullohswcd.org](mailto:amy@trumbullohswcd.org)

## **MGV MINUTES**

September Minutes: <https://u.osu.edu/barrett.90/2022/09/20/418/>

## **MEETING CALENDARS**

2022 MGCV 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

- October 13<sup>th</sup>
- November 10<sup>th</sup>
- December 8<sup>th</sup>

## 2022 Events for All Mahoning County Programs

### Upcoming Classes:

#### **\*Note the rescheduled date for the Hypertufa Container**

- *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>
  
- *Garden Art Series: Hypertufa Container*
  - *Date: Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>*
  - *Time: 6 pm*
  - *Location: Mahoning Extension Office*
  - *Taught by: Pam Baytos*
  - *Cost: \$20*
  - *To register visit: <https://go.osu.edu/10-25hypertufacontainer>*
  
- *Naturalist Series: The Many Lives of Lichens*
  - Date: Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>
  - 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 17<sup>th</sup>
  - 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 Rhonda Harris

Rhonda was born and raised in Niles, OH. She reports that her work experiences have been all over the board. First job was in retail.

Rhonda attended college where she studied accounting, business management, and nursing – while working as a waitress. She then worked in the accounting department at a small local business. Then back to retail selling produce and seasonal products. She has done that for over twenty years. She also has worked as a cabinet worker., plastic pot packer, and caregiver.

When it comes to superstitions, she doesn't have any. Rhonda's faith is strong and important to her.

She does worry about not having the time to enjoy people and places.

Rhonda is a salad lover, finds the colors of the fruits and vegetables intriguing. Added bonus is nutrition.

Doesn't watch a lot of TV but does read a lot. A favorite movie is the "Notebook".

She has traveled to Hawaii, California, West Virginia, Massachusetts, and North Carolina.

Hobbies are gardening, cooking, baking, arts and crafts, and sowing.

Rhonda has been involved in many MGCV projects – Canfield Fair, Jr. MGCV's, and Hospitality

~Submitted by Marilyn McKinley MGCV

### Photos from Canfield Fair 2022, MGCV display








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If you want an announcement or information in the AGNR Newsletter, please e-mail Candace at [Buonavolonta.1@osu.edu](mailto: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.