

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

November 2022

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Dear fellow OSU Master Gardener Volunteers,

Snow is coming, frost is in the air. This may be the last chance this year to remove or cover your plants. Time to put the garden to bed for the winter. Pull out those holiday containers. Soon all landscape will be white with snow. Do you put extra lighting outside to help chase away the dark skies of Winter? Do you like to smell the pine scent in the air? Maybe it is the pumpkin pie scent you crave. Are you ready to light the fireplace and see the smoke curling out of all our chimneys? Is your firewood dry and stacked to keep you warm this winter?

How will we get through this winter season when those cold frigid winds are blowing? Maybe meet a few good friends and share a cup of cheer. Or be brave and get in the car to drive into town and attend the next MGV meeting on November 10th. We will be nominating new chairpersons for the new year. These people will be excited and busy this winter planning some interesting events. Will you be one of the few? We choose to volunteer as MGV's to make a difference in our community. What will you do?

Please make arrangements with the office to have your picture and bio completed. We want to publish the pictorial soon.

Bob Eister

President

MGV SHIRTS

If you were not able to pick up your MGV apparel at the October meeting, you can stop by the office or wait until the November meeting.

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

- **HANDS ON CONNECT OPEN HOUSE- November 15th from 9 am to 7 pm – Small Classroom**
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 on Dec. 31.
- **Wreaths for Veterans** is on **Dec.3** at 10 am. Volunteers need to be there at Eckis 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.
- Trumbull County Soil and Water Conservation District - Amy Reeher, 330-637-2056 ext. 8624, amy@trumbullohswcd.org

MGV MINUTES

October Minutes: <https://go.osu.edu/mgvvoctminutes>

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

- November 10th
- December 8th

2023 Meetings...

- January 12th - 2022 MGV Banquet

- February 9th - Snow-out date for the 2022 MGVBanquet
- March 9th
- April 13th
- May 11th
- June 8th
- July 13th
- August 10th
- September 14th
- October 12th
- November 9th
- December 14th

2022 Events for All Mahoning County Programs

Upcoming Classes:

- *Garden Art Series: Hypertufa Container*
 - *Date: Tuesday, October 25th*
 - *Time: 6 pm*
 - *Location: Mahoning Extension Office*
 - *Taught by: Pam Baytos*
 - *Cost: \$20*
 - *To register visit: <https://go.osu.edu/10-25hypertufacontainer>*
- *Pollinator Gardens in Fall*
 - *Date: Thursday, November 3*
 - *Time: 5 – 6 pm*
 - *Location: Mahoning County Extension Office*
 - *Cost: \$10*
 - *To register visit: <http://go.osu.edu/11-3pollinators>*
- *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>

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.