

**Welcome to the Master Gardener Volunteer Newsletter:
News, Events, and Activities for MGVs**

March 2023

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Dear fellow OSU Master Gardener Volunteers,

What makes most Master Gardeners enthusiastic and happy? When you plant your garden, and it exceeds your expectations may be one time. Do you feel better eating your harvest and seeing or smelling those wonderful flowers? We all need to learn how to give proper care so our MGV program can continue to grow just like our gardens.

What are our expectations for our MGV program? We should want to learn to do things better and build social relationships so we can work together to improve our community. Fun, good food, and friendship make our work easier and the load seem lighter. I for one appreciate the work that our good cooks and hospitality committee provides.

I also appreciate all those MGVs that are working in our best interest and are so consistent in their efforts. We must continue to encourage and support one another. Our member's efforts are a very important part of our program. Our skills in Teaching, Writing, Speaking, Organizing, Crafting, Researching, and Cooking are just some of the ways our members contribute to making our program better. Thank you for doing all you do!

This is why we as volunteers decide where we want to put our time and effort. We decide to work as part of a committee to accomplish a task, which leads to a successful event. Good event participation should point to a successful program. We build a good foundation through participation then renovate our program by continuing education and enhance the program to recruit others, thereby sustaining it.

I was glad to see 47 members in attendance for our February meeting. Everyone seems to enjoy our fellowship together, gaining knowledge, and making new friends. We are all old enough to have experiences in gardening and life. Take time to share something about yourself too. Maybe you can assist someone else. We all needed some guidance or help at one time or another. Attend programs and get involved with community outreach. I believe our program can have a greater positive impact if we are willing to share just a little more of ourselves with others. My thanks go out to the dedicated MGVs, Chairpersons, Officers, and OSU Staff who have created and sustained our award-winning program.

Bob Eister

President

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2- Mary June Emerson

11- Bill Snyder

19- Leslie Moore

3- Linda Dolak

17-Ron Dwinells

22-Lisa Hildebrand- Kennedy

10- Stephanie Hughes

19- Shelia Cubick

23- Charlene Hughes



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ The \$10 yearly MGV dues are due by **March 1st** to the Office. This can be cash or check, please make checks payable to OSU Extension. These are required state dues.
- ❖ We need empty baby food jars to be used for an upcoming class. If you have any that you can donate, please bring them to the office. Thank you!
- ❖ MGV Training has started for the MGV class of 2023, if you would like to attend a class as a refresher or continuing education hours, please let Candace know so we can plan for the correct number of attendees.
- ❖ Committee Chairs if you would like to have a meeting at the office, please contact Candace or Kristen in advance to ensure we have a meeting space. If you would like to have a ZOOM meeting for your committee, the office can also help set this up.
 - Think about convenience for your committee members can you hold the meeting during training class so they can meet with their committee and gain CE hours?

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 meetings – where a speaker presents a program.
- Attend an MGV-sponsored field trip with a specialist tour guide.

MGV Intern Hours

You have until **April 24th** to complete your 50 volunteer hours and enter into Hands On Connect. Only after the completion of your 50 volunteer hours will you be considered an Active Master Gardener. Please let Kristen know if you have any questions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Eric is looking for four volunteers to assist with the Fruit Tree Pruning Clinic at White House Fruit Farm on **April 22**. The program is 2-4pm, but volunteers would need to arrive at 12:45. Duties include registration, drawing for door prizes, helping folks as we go the orchard, etc. Yes, this is the same day as one of our Spring Workshops, but there are only so many Saturdays in the spring for these events. Please email him at barrett.90@osu.edu to let him know of your interest.
- Attached to the Newsletter are the volunteer sign-up sheets for Morning with the Masters, Garden Art, and MGV Training. Please contact Candace if you would like to volunteer in any of those spots.

SPEAKING AND TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested, please contact Kristen (Eisenhauer.30@osu.edu)

- Green Leaves Garden Club: Wednesday, May 10th at 7 pm.
 - o Container gardening is the preferred topic, 15 adults expected.
 - o Address will be at a private residence in Canfield.

MGV MINUTES

February minutes: <https://go.osu.edu/feb2023minutes>

MEETING CALENDARS

2023 Meetings

- March 9th
- April 13th
- May 11th
- June 8th
- July 13th
- August 10th
- September 14th
- October 12th
- November 9th
- December 14th

2023 Events for All Mahoning County Programs

Upcoming Classes:

- *Naturalist Series: 6:30 pm Cost \$5 per class or \$30 for the full year*
 - o March 16: Vernal Pools with Marne Titchenell: <https://go.osu.edu/vernalpools3-16>
 - o April 20: Fishing at Lake Milton: <https://go.osu.edu/fishing04-20>
 - o May 18: Butterflies with Ashley Kulhanek: <https://go.osu.edu/butterfly05-18>
 - o June 1: Mushrooms with Erika Lyon: <https://go.osu.edu/mushrooms6-1>
 - o July 20: Invasive Insects with Amy Stone: <https://go.osu.edu/insects7-20>
 - o August 17: Mahoning River with Stephanie Dyer: <https://go.osu.edu/mahoningriver8-17>
 - o Sept 21: Coyotes with John Cepek: <https://go.osu.edu/coyote9-21>
 - o Oct 19: Edible landscapes with Jen White: <https://go.osu.edu/ediblelandscape10-19>
 - o November 16: Arrowheads / Native American Tools with Thomas Delvaux: <https://go.osu.edu/artifacts11-16>

- **Garden Art Series: 6 pm Cost \$25**
 - April 5: Flower Pressing, Peg Zeleznik: <https://go.osu.edu/flowerpress04-05>
 - May 3: Rain Chain, Pam Baytos: <https://go.osu.edu/rainchain05-03>
 - June 7: Air Plants, Patty K, and Steph H: <https://go.osu.edu/airplants06-07>
 - July 5: Fairy Gardens with Natalie: <https://go.osu.edu/fairygarden07-05>
 - Aug 2: Bird Feeder Wreaths, Pam: <https://go.osu.edu/birdwreath08-02>
 - Sept 20: Infused Vinegar with Fresh Herbs, Anissa: go.osu.edu/infusedvinegar09-20
 - Oct 4: Mosaic Lady Bug Garden Stone, Anissa: <https://go.osu.edu/ladybug10-04>
 - Nov 15: Holiday Container, Pam: <https://go.osu.edu/holidaycontainer11-15>
 - Dec 6: Holiday Centerpiece, Pam: <https://go.osu.edu/holidaycenterpiece12-06>

- **Mornings with the Masters 10 am Cost \$15**
 - March 14: Seed Starting, Peg Z: <https://go.osu.edu/startingseeds03-14>
 - April 11: Growing Degree Days, David Sprague: <https://go.osu.edu/degreedays04-11>
 - May 9: Everything About Herbs – Carol Woodring: <https://go.osu.edu/herbs05-09>
 - June 13: Herbal Teas, Carol E. Smith: <https://go.osu.edu/herbalsandteas06-13>
 - July 11: Essential Oils, Marilyn McKinley: <https://go.osu.edu/essentialoils07-11>
 - Aug 8: Monarchs, Kary Shively: <https://go.osu.edu/monarchs08-08>
 - Sept 12: Sensory Garden, Kathy Emptage: <https://go.osu.edu/sensorygarden09-12>
 - Oct 10: Large or Small – Japanese Gardens, Stephanie Hughes: <https://go.osu.edu/japanesegarden10-10>

- **Spring Garden Workshop 1**
 - Date: Saturday, April 22
 - Time: 9 am – 3 pm
 - Location: Mahoning Extension Office
 - <https://go.osu.edu/2023springworkshop1>

- **Landscape Pruning Clinics**
 - Date: Monday, March 27
 - Time: 2pm or 6pm (choice)
 - Location: Mahoning Extension Office
 - <http://go.osu.edu/landscape3-27>

- **Urban Fruit Tree Pruning Clinic**
 - Date: Wednesday, March 29
 - Time: 6-7pm
 - Location: St. Patrick's Orchard – 1420 Oak Hill Ave
 - <https://go.osu.edu/urbanorchard3-29>

- **Fruit Tree Pruning Clinic**
 - Date: Saturday, April 22, 2023
 - Time: 2pm
 - Location: White House Fruit Farms – 9249 State Route 62
 - <https://go.osu.edu/fruittreep pruning>

- **Spring Garden Workshop 2**
 - Date: April 29
 - Time: 9 am – 3 pm
 - Location: Mahoning Extension Office

- <https://go.osu.edu/2023springworkshop2>

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

As we get closer to nice weather, let me know what your favorite thing is to grow for a chance to win a prize.

If you want an announcement or information in the MGV 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.