

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

# April 2023

*April 1, 2023*

Dear fellow OSU Master Gardener Volunteers,

I decided to become an OSU Master Gardener in 2016 because I wanted to learn more about fact-based gardening methods and join with others to share what we know. I have enjoyed my time as a member in our group. As an officer, I must plan for the future and ask how can we improve?

We have come to the conclusion that we should address the recruiting and retention of our members. If you read the March meeting minutes you will see, I proposed a new subcommittee and asked for a vote to move forward with the creation of this group which was approved. The new subcommittee is named **Recruiting and Retention**. We will need MGVs that are good communicators and organizers to help. MGVs have begun to sign up to be part of this committee, you can email me at [robert.h.eister@gmail.com](mailto:robert.h.eister@gmail.com) if you wish to join and I will let Kristen know to add your name. We will schedule a meeting in May for committee members to provide input on how to structure the committee and address how we want to recruit more members and retain our current members. Please share your ideas and thoughts.

My suggestion would be to begin recruiting by scheduling an open house multiple times a year to introduce the public to who we are and what we do. Retention could be addressed by contacting anyone who has missed attending multiple meetings or needs assistance. I think it would be nice to call the few we have not seen this year to let them know they are not forgotten. Let's be the kind of organization that takes the best care of our members, both new and senior.

Bob Eister

President



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4- Rodney Lewis

5- James Merva

10- Nancy Brundage

10- Bonnie Twaddle

16- Rhonda Harris

23- Peg Griffith

24- Anissa DiLeo

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ 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!
- ❖ 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 25<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:barrett.90@osu.edu) to let him know of your interest.

- There are volunteer opportunities still available for Morning with the Masters, Garden Art, and MGV Training:
  - o MGV Hospitality- 4/4 Main dish, 4/11 Side dish, dessert, 4/18 Main dish.
  - o Garden Art help – 4/5 one spot, 6/7 three spots, 11/15 four spots, 12/6 three spots
  - o Mornings with Masters – bake goods needed 4/11, 6/13, 8/8, 10/10
- Spring Workshop: Let Candace know if you would like to sign up for one of the open volunteer spots.
  - o Thursday, April 20th - 2 workers to fill goody bags.
  - o Friday, April 21st - 1 worker to set up rooms.

## SPEAKING AND TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

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

- **Jewish Community Center**- would like three different topics on different days for youth ages 3 to 5 years old. Topics include Butterflies/Pollinators, Bugs, and Planting seeds. There would be about 15-20 kids for 30 minutes.
- **Broadway Recovery Services**- need some guidance on getting a garden started. They would like to do raised beds with vegetables including tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, zucchini, onions, and lettuce. Plus a few flowers as well!

## MGV MINUTES

March minutes: <https://go.osu.edu/march2023minutes>

## MEETING CALENDARS

### 2023 Meetings

- April 13<sup>th</sup>
- May 11<sup>th</sup>
- June 8<sup>th</sup>
- July 13<sup>th</sup>
- August 10<sup>th</sup>
- September 14<sup>th</sup>
- October 12<sup>th</sup>
- November 9<sup>th</sup>
- December 14<sup>th</sup>
- January 11, 2024 – MGV Recognition Banquet

## 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 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>

- 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](https://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**
  - 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>
- **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>

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If you want an announcement or information in the MGV 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.