

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

May 2023

May 1, 2023

Dear fellow OSU Master Gardener Volunteers,

I am very happy to acknowledge we successfully completed the MGV training program and have new interns that are excited about joining our committees. I express my thanks to all who supported, taught, and mentored them. Please join me in congratulating and welcoming the following interns. They are now active and will be joining us at events and meetings.

From left to right:

Barbara Copeland
Ryan Emmet-Luchansky
Diane Leonard
Beth Sanders
Bob Ferguson
Donna Nord
Pat Murphy
Susan Nutter (Not Pictured)



We are fortunate to have found more people like us who are lifelong learners. It seems to me that during and after the pandemic more people have expressed an interest in gaining knowledge. Some knowledge can be gained by researching trusted fact-based sources via the internet. Knowledge can also be acquired by attendance at educational events such as our Spring Workshop and other OSU sponsored programs.

I was very pleased to see that 33 people attended Workshop Session 1 and 30 returned an eval sheet with very positive ratings. This was a great response even though it was raining which prevented us from most outside activities. We also had two or three big distractions to contend with like the Angels for Animals sale across the street and trees exploding on the green in Canfield.

I would like to recognize all those who volunteered in so many ways to make the Spring Workshop Sessions successful. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

I sincerely hope that we can continue to offer a wide variety of high-quality educational programs as a resource for those who are looking to improve their horticultural knowledge. We will soon begin planning to recruit students for our next MGV training class.

Bob Eister

President



MAY BIRTHDAYS

5- Carolyn Fankhauser

8- Deborah Tominey

10- Michael McBride

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ MGV Apparel Order: An email with instructions to order was sent on April 24th. Orders and payment must be received by **Monday, May 15**. If you have questions, please contact Kristen.
- ❖ 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.

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

The class of 2023 has until **April 18th of 2024** to complete 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.

SPEAKING AND TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

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

- **Jewish Community Center**- If you are wanting to help, **contact Peg Zeleznik**
- **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!
- **The Islamic Academy of Youngstown** – 69 West Avondale in Youngstown, would like volunteers to help them start a garden with their students. If you are interested **contact Lana Ilain** for details.
- What is your favorite spring flower? Call or email Candace for a chance to win a prize!

MGV MINUTES

April minutes: <https://go.osu.edu/april2023minutes>

MEETING CALENDARS

2023 Meetings: Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at the Mahoning Extension Office.

- May 11th
- June 8th
- July 13th – Home of Bill and Stephanie Hughes, 6322 Giddings Rd, Rootstown, OH 44272
- August 10th
- September 14th
- October 12th
- November 9th
- December 14th
- 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*
 - May 18: Butterflies with Ashley Kulhanek: <https://go.osu.edu/butterfly05-18>
 - June 1: Mushrooms with Erika Lyon: <https://go.osu.edu/mushrooms6-1>
 - July 20: Invasive Insects with Amy Stone: <https://go.osu.edu/insects7-20>
 - August 17: Mahoning River with Stephanie Dyer: <https://go.osu.edu/mahoningriver8-17>
 - Sept 21: Coyotes with John Cepek: <https://go.osu.edu/coyote9-21>
 - 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*
 - May 3: Rain Chain, Pam Baytos: <https://go.osu.edu/rainchain05-03>
 - May 18 (Columbiana Fairgrounds): Summer Container Gardening
 - 6 pm, Call 330-424-7291 to register.
 - 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*
 - 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 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>



Beautiful Cake for the final day of the new MGV training, made by our very own MGV Anissa.

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.