

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

June 2023

June 1, 2023

Dear fellow OSU Master Gardener Volunteers,

Many of us have been fortunate to have people who had a positive impact on us in relation to gardening. It may have been a relative or close friend that shared their love of growing things with us as we grew up. We saw their gardens filled with vibrant colorful flowers or abundant fruits. They grew healthy vegetable crops too which fed their families.

When I was a youngster, I recall my family getting together to make grape jelly and grape juice. It seemed like a lot of messy work to me at the time, but I did enjoy opening a jar and cutting off the wax seal to get to that sweet concord grape jelly to heap up on a slice of toast. Who couldn't resist licking that spoon when you were finished eating?

We find ourselves now in a position as OSU Master Gardener Volunteers to pass on gardening knowledge to those who express an interest. How can we do this? We can speak on favorite topics to small groups in our communities. We have many programs in our community outreach to teach our neighbors and beautify the community. The Plant and Pest Clinic and Veggies and More tours are just a few examples.

As part of our recruiting and retention committee efforts, I would like to revisit our personal specialty project. This would be a spreadsheet that lists some of the primary interests and skills that our members possess. As we add new interns, we could introduce them to our existing members that share their interest in specific subject areas. For example, growing pumpkins, making maple syrup, or keeping bees.

As Eric indicated at our May MGV Meeting, many people desire to attend workshops to be educated about a variety of gardening topics. We even had OSU MGV members from other counties attend our workshop. We can work together to focus on educating those seeking gardening information using our fact-based knowledge.

Bob Eister

President



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

14- Carol E. Smith

17- Patty Kacenski

14- Jim Zeleznik

17- Judith Rodkey

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.
- ❖ Free windows available for cold frames – Contact Ryan Emmet – Luchansky at 630-835-8303

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)

- **Mahoning River Garden Club** -Interested in having someone speak on succulents and houseplants at the Struthers Library on 6/19/23 at 6 pm. Contact Kristen if you are interested.
- **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.

MGV MINUTES

May minutes: <https://go.osu.edu/may2023minutes>

What is your favorite insect? I am not a bug person but share your favorite for a chance to win a prize. Call or email Candace to participate.

MGV – FREE Hydrangea Class

Please join Eric on Friday, June 9 at 1:30pm for a FREE class on Hydrangeas for Ohio Gardens. This class is ONLY for MGVs. Get some more educational hours and learn all about hydrangeas! Please call Candace at the office to let us know you plan to attend.

MEETING CALENDARS

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

- 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*
 - 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*
 - 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*
 - 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>

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 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.