

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

July 2023

July 1, 2023

Dear fellow OSU Master Gardener Volunteers,

I hope you have your garden planted and are getting your final touches finished before the holiday. I am seeing more colorful decorations hung to celebrate our Independence holiday. Even more red, white, and blue flowers are showing up in local gardens. These have me thinking I should do more to put some patriotic spirit in my landscape.

We gardeners can do more than just wave the flag to demonstrate our love for the good old USA. A patriotic flower garden is a fun way to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday. Red, white, and blue flowers combine to make a statement. It is an expression of love and devotion to the land in which we live.

The flowers may be perennials, annuals, or an entire bulb garden. Choose an area where the bed or containers will be seen and where flowers will get appropriate light. Amend the soil as needed and then it's time to select red, white, and blue flowers or plants.

Next year, I will begin by planting some petunias as the base, providing an affordable and easy way to build my patriotic flower garden. There are a variety of solid or striped, single or double petals, and even creeping petunias in each of our patriotic hues. These make the ultimate American flag flowers, which will grow and blend together in a tapestry salute. I have even seen them looking spectacular cascading down a set of steps or from three layered pots.

Native plants may also be used to bring in the red, white, and blue tones, and they are part of this country naturally. Few things will salute our great nation as easily as plants that are indigenous to this part of the world. I hope you will consider joining me in a floral salute to America.

Bob Eister

President



JULY BIRTHDAYS

1- Jacqueline Smith

10- Pat Fuller

21- Henrietta Lewis

5- Thresea Harris

11- Thomas Petrilla

22- Mariann Mannion

7- David Sprague

19- Shirley Hobbs

31- Robert Schulick

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- ❖ 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 MGCV-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 MGCV 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 MGCV meetings – where a speaker presents a program.
- Attend an MGCV-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)

- **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.
- **Friends of Fellows Riverside Garden-** Davis Center, looking for a Fall speaker in late September or early October for 35-80 adults. Flexible with days and times. Pollinator topic or other. If you are interested, please contact Candace.

MGV MINUTES

June minutes: <https://go.osu.edu/june2023minutes>

POLLINATOR PLOT INFORMATION

Check out the links below for information on pollinators including Specialist Bees, Bumble Bees, Butterflies, and Moths.

1. <https://u.osu.edu/plantbynumbers/resources/>
2. <https://u.osu.edu/plantbynumbers/resources-for-butterflies-and-moths/>
3. <https://u.osu.edu/plantbynumbers/resources-for-bumble-bees/>

MEETING CALENDARS

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

- **July 13th – Home of Bill and Stephanie Hughes, 6322 Giddings Rd, Rootstown, OH 44272 - Bring a chair for seating.**
- 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*
 - 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*
 - 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*
 - 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>



In the first half of 2023, these MGVs and MGV Interns have had articles published in the Vindicator, thank you for contributing to the Valley Grows section and sharing your passion and knowledge with the community!

- Marilyn McKinley
- David Sprague
- Katie Shipka
- Sara Scudier
- Pam Baytos
- Shelia Cubick
- Ron Dwinnells
- Barb DeLiso
- Merabeth Steffen
- Karen Gates
- John Schoeni
- James Merva
- Bill Snyder
- Stephanie Hughes
- Linda Dolak
- Kathy Martin
- Barb Kostelic
- Donna Nord
- Susan Nutter

Thank you!

If you should have been included on this list and do not see your name, please let me know so I can add you to my record.



Great photo of our MGV Pinky Steffen helping pull weeds at the Lisbon Pollinator Garden located at the Columbiana County Fairgrounds.

See the article here:

<https://www.morningjournalnews.com/news/local-news/2023/06/garden-work-2/>

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.