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

August 2023

August 1, 2023

Dear fellow OSU Master Gardener Volunteers,

I hope you're enjoying the summer and your garden. I was recently thinking about the amount of highly processed food we Americans have available to us. Our food comes in many forms or labels, like fast foods convenience foods, and hopefully health foods.

Many of us gardeners hope to enjoy fresh and tasty food grown on our own property and under our loving care. We know what seeds and starter plants to buy, how to have the best soil, and how much water to use. We take care of our fruits and vegetables, as well as maintaining our landscape. We protect our plants from pests using proper IPM techniques.

Properly maintaining a garden is a lot of work no doubt. However, if you don't give in to the weeds and wildlife you can have a bountiful harvest. It seems nothing worthwhile in life comes to us easily.

Sorry, I have to run, my 5 kinds of lettuce, pole and bush beans, eggplants, raspberries, blackberries, and gooseberries are screaming for some water. I am late to harvest my garlic, potatoes, and onions too. Oh, anyone need a baseball bat-sized zucchini that was playing hide and seek?

Bob Eister

President



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1-Deborah Poppke 3-Kathy Martin 9- Marilyn McKinley

2-Cynthia Foust 5-Glenda House 15-Jo Ann Kaschak

3-Robert Eister 7-Gwen Gallech

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Hands On Connect: Kristen will be available on Aug 1st from 9am 6pm, to help with HOC. If you need help adding or adjusting hours stop in. No appointment is necessary. You can bring your personal computer or use one at the office.
- ❖ Great news!! Happy to announce to all that our MGV library is almost set up and will be ready to use before our August 10th meeting at the office. We will have myself and 4 of our new interns (Ryan, Diane, Donna & and Susan) who are willing to help with keeping it together. It will be simple to use for all our members. If anyone has any books that they would like to donate, just bring them to the office anytime or bring them to our next meeting. This will be a great way for all

to share and have a free source of many books that are all about gardening. The process is an easy one that is posted on the white shelving unit at the back of our meeting room. Hope to see everyone then. Happy gardening!! – Carolyn. *Please note the library is only available when the office is already open and cannot be accessed when there is already an event happening in the space.

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 18**^{th,} **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.

Helpful Links for IMP and Invasive Hours (Thanks Karen!)

<u>The Ohio State University IPM program</u> - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzcWaLH3mx7HUKh4OF7bYPA

OSU Invasives - https://beht.osu.edu/video-categories/invasive-trainings

SPEAKING AND TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

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

• 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.



If you are interested, please contact the office (330-533-5538)

Columbiana County Fair MGV Booth:

- Thurs, July 27, 6p-9p Set up
- Tues, Aug 1, 3p-7p
- Wed, Aug 2, 3p-7p (two spots open)
- Thurs, Aug 3, 3p-7p
- Friday, Aug 4, 11a-3p and 3p-7p (two spots)
- Sat, Aug 5, 11a-3p (two spots) and 3p-7p
- Sun, Aug 6, 11a-3p (two spots)
- Mon, Aug 7, 10a Tear down

Speaking of the Fair...Let me know your favorite Fair food. The first five to respond will get a prize!

BOTO Volunteers

- Fri, Aug 11 8a-12p Set-up (several needed)
- Sat, Aug 12, Event Day 8a-1p
 - Garden Tool and Treasure (two spots)
 - Exchange (two spots)
 - Carryout Help (2+ spots)
 - Clinic and Information Table (2 spots)

MGV MINUTES

July minutes: https://go.osu.edu/july2023minutes

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

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

- August 10th
- September 14thth
- October 12th
- November 9th
- December 14th
- January 11, 2024 MGV Recognition Banquet

2023 Events for All Mahoning County Programs

Upcoming Classes:

- Hands On Connect Training
 - o August 1: Come anytime between 9am-6pm (Mahoning County Extension Office)
- Naturalist Series: 6:30 pm Cost \$5 per class or \$30 for the full year
 - o 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
- 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
 - o Aug 2: Bird Feeder Wreaths, Pam: https://go.osu.edu/birdwreath08-02
 - o 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
 - o Nov 15: Holiday Container, Pam: https://go.osu.edu/holidaycontainer11-15
 - o Dec 6: Holiday Centerpiece, Pam: https://go.osu.edu/holidaycenterpiece12-06
- Mornings with the Masters 10 am Cost \$15
 - o Aug 8: Monarchs, Kary Shively: https://go.osu.edu/monarchs08-08
 - o 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



In the first half of 2023, these MGVs and MGV Interns volunteered in the Plant and Pest Clinic in either Mahoning or Columbiana, thank you for donating your time and knowledge to help our customers!

- David Sprague
- Pinky Steffen
- Natalie Fraser
- Becky Borman
- Mike McBride
- Stephanie Barkay
- Katie Shipka

- Paula Kohler
- Marie Belfast
- Linda Dolak
- Mary June Emerson
- Nancy Wloch
- Kathy Emptage
- Karen Gates

- Lil Quaranta
- Stephanie Hughes
- Bob Ferguson

Thank you

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



Anissa DiLeo was an 'Artist in Residence' at one of the homes on the Salem Historic Home Tour, on July 7 and 8. Anissa is painting the view from the backyard of the home.

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.