

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

September 2023

September 1, 2023

Dear fellow OSU Master Gardener Volunteers,

What a busy season we as MGVs are having! We have a lot of events all taking place in a short time period. First up we had our Bring One Take One event on a clear sunny morning. A wonderful free event for the public that was well attended. Our BOTO event provided us with an opportunity to raise public awareness and earn some money for our program. I wish to extend my sincere appreciation and thanks for all assisting in this event. The event goes by quickly, but much effort and assistance were needed. Starting with plant care and craft making to organizing and staffing the event. We also appreciate those photos that were shared for this event.

We also had staff representing us this year at both the Columbiana and Canfield Fair. Many hours are spent caring for plants to place in our fair booth. Our theme for this year included a sensory garden that had elements to stimulate all our senses. You may have been able to hear the wind chimes and water feature calling you to our oasis. We appreciate all the MGVs who volunteered to staff our booth and greet the public at both fairs.

We are also planning to have an MGV Recruiting "Open House" event on September 27, 2023, from 3 to 5 PM. We plan to have 2 sessions, 3 and 4 PM. They will be conducted in an informal (Round Robin) style. An MGV will be asked to work as a guide to walk the public through our different stations. MGV's at the stations will be explaining our committees and events. I will be contacting the committee chairs for possible materials and suggested volunteers.

We will need many MGVs to sign up for a slot to welcome the public, register, guide, and educate them about the positive benefits of our program. Please consider helping us by serving as volunteers for this event. A sign-up sheet with designated task areas will be available soon.

Bob Eister

President



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

18- Diane Rood

19- Merabeth Steffen

21- Chester Kaschak

28- Becky Borman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Fair Packets that are not picked up by Friday at 4 p.m. will be left with the Extension parking lot attendant as the office is closed Sat, Sun, and Monday.**
- ❖ MGVS Apparel has arrived at the Extension Office, please pick up your orders ASAP.
- ❖ MGVS Open House will be held at our OSU Extension office on Wednesday, September 27th from 3-5 pm
- ❖ Anissa's is looking for donations for the upcoming Garden Art Class – Infused Vinegar with Garden Fresh being held on September 20th. Donations of freshly picked bunches of herbs, labeled and clean can be dropped off at the Extension Office. Some examples are basil, chervil, dill, marjoram, oregano, rosemary, sage, tarragon, thyme, garlic, chilies, onion, savory, fennel, nasturtium, parsley, bay, lemon balm.
- ❖ Marge Greenisen announced the Mum sale for Smucker House at the last MGVS meeting. Mums are \$15 with delivery to Smucker House on Saturday, Sept 9th. Contact Smuckerhousesalem@gmail.com for information on ordering and payment.
- ❖ The Gardeners of Greater Youngstown 58th Annual Horticulture Show Aug 26-27 at Fellows Gardens. There are nine categories of flowers and vegetables to enter if you are interested, for more information call Rodney Toth at 330-530-7090.
- ❖ Trumbull County MGVS are holding an Ice Cream Social and Open House on September 2, 2023, from 1-3 p.m. This event is free to attend and is held at 520 W. Main Street, Cortland- in the gardens.

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 MGVS-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 MGVS 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 MGVS meetings – where a speaker presents a program.
- Attend an MGVS-sponsored field trip with a specialist tour guide.

MGVS Intern Hours

The class of 2023 has until **April 18th, 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!)

The Ohio State University IPM program - <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.
- **The Gasser Chair Company** needs information and education classes to start a community garden possibly in existing raised beds. The employees of the company will take care of the garden. Let Kristen know if you are interested in helping them.
- **The Gathering Place**- Senior center is looking for a speaker in April, May, or June to speak on "planting in spring", for 40-50 adults and will be held at the Lord of Life Lutheran (Canfield).

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

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

- No opportunities to share at this time, but for a chance to win a prize...What is your favorite Fall flavor? Are you a Pumpkin or Apple person?

MGV MINUTES

August minutes: <https://go.osu.edu/aug2023minutes>

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.

- 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*
 - 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**
 - 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**
 - 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.