

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

October 2023

October 1, 2023

Dear fellow OSU Master Gardener Volunteers,

Nominations will be upon us soon for officers and committee chairpersons to lead us in the new year. I have tried my best to guide us in growing our program in its recruiting efforts. A good leader makes decisions and takes action to benefit the whole group. This is the way many animal groups cooperate to survive and thrive in nature.

If we consider wolves for instance, The leaders assume the guiding role, but let others perform duties for the pack that align with their strengths. Roles within the pack are sometimes shared, giving others the opportunity to help share the responsibility making the entire group better. The young pups learn from the adults and take on more responsibility in the pack as they age.

Communication is particularly important to a wolf pack. They communicate frequently sometimes howling as individuals, as well as a cohesive group with a unified message. While they may not communicate with each other as much when they hunt, they use different forms of communication based on the circumstances, with all of their communication serving a purpose. Most of their communication is for the betterment of the group. Wolves collaborate, moving together to obtain an objective.

Wolves are also social creatures like most of us humans. This is also why I believe so strongly in our upcoming retention effort. Many of us came here from other areas looking to find a place we belong and for others that share a common interest.

It may soon be time for me to pass on my knowledge and experience to another leader. As with the wise wolf, I will also be looking to pass on the knowledge that has helped me guide our pack. Please consider helping us all by serving as an officer or chairperson in our program.

Bob Eister

President.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Johanne Edel
- 3- Cynthia Beveridge
- 10- Diana Holzer
- 11- Marie Belfast
- 23- Karen Gates

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Potential Education Opportunities:** Please fill out this survey on training topics you would like to see offered to MGVs in the future. Some examples would be PowerPoint (creating, adding photos, saving to a USB drive), creating handouts for a class, and entering hours into HOC. Opportunities will be offered based on the survey results.

Link for survey: <https://go.osu.edu/mgveducationsurvey>

- ❖ MGV Apparel has arrived at the Extension Office, please pick up your orders ASAP.

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 30, 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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzcWaLH3mx7HUKh4OF7bYPA)

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.
- **St. Michaels Garden Guild-** 300 North Broad Street, Canfield, OH. Approx 18 adults meeting on Oct. 25 at 7 pm. Open to any topic. Let Kristen know if interested.
- **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). Let the office know if you are interested.
- **Rooted Co-Op** -Homeschool Co-op group with approx. 25 children. Requested 1/29/24 or 2/19/24. The time and location are TBD. The topics of interest are plant life cycles or insects. Let Kristen know if you are interested.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

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

- None at this time

MGV MINUTES

September minutes: <https://go.osu.edu/sept2023minutes>

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.

- 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*
 - 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*
 - 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*
 - Oct 10: Large or Small – Japanese Gardens, Stephanie Hughes: <https://go.osu.edu/japanesegarden10-10>

- *Wreaths for Our Veterans*
 - Saturday, December 2 at 10 am: 315 E Main Street, Canfield, OH 44406
 - <https://go.osu.edu/wreathsforourveterans2023>

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.