

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

February 2024

February 1, 2024

It's time for our 2024 year and our committees have already been hard at work executing and planning our upcoming events.

First, I would like to thank the office staff who planned and held a wonderful awards banquet for our members and their guests. A shout out also goes to all our Master Gardeners who worked hard all year to earn the funds to allow us to enjoy our award banquet.

A shout also goes to Candace for compiling and sending out our newsletter every month along with other help she gives us with handouts, flyers, etc.

We've had requests for speakers, so consider filling these spots. Remember you can have a co-partner and more importantly, take a newer member along so they can learn. This also brings up the matter of mentors for the new trainees. If you are interested in becoming a mentor let us know and attend some of the new classes to get to know the trainees so we can match similar interests. We will be offering a 2024 master gardener class!

I'll have a few ideas to look over for options for field trips at the meeting you can look over and consider.

Pam



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2- Barb Delisio

10- Marge Greenisen

3- Valeria Goncalves

10- Lynne Duchon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Columbiana County Plant and Pest Clinic needs volunteers for the 2024 season. The clinic is open April-October on Wednesdays from 12-3p. Contact Pinky with any questions at 330-227-9918.
- ❖ MGV Dues of \$10 are due by January 31st. This is a state-required payment for all members.

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 for which you are paid.

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.

Continuing Education Links (Thanks Karen and Pam)

- The Ohio State University IPM program
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzcWaLH3mx7HUKh4OF7bYPA>
- OSU Invasives
<https://beht.osu.edu/video-categories/invasive-trainings>
- Hort Happy Hour and Lunch and Learn Webinars and recordings.
<http://go.osu.edu/MGVlearn>

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

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

- Columbiana County Plant and Pest Clinic needs volunteers for the 2024 season. The clinic is open April-October on Wednesdays from 12-3p. Contact Pinky with any questions at 330-227-9918.
- Speaker request
 - February 6 at 7pm- Gardeners of Greater Youngstown: Poisonous plants
 - February 7 at 7pm- Salem Garden Club (at Smucker House): Forcing bulbs.

- April 10 at 7pm- Salem Garden Club: Composting
- April 10 at 6:30- Junior Women's League: All about MGVs (classes, events and becoming)
- June 12 at 7pm- Salem Garden Club: Butterflies and moths
- November 13 at 7pm- Salem Garden Club: Pumpkin floral arrangements

MGV MINUTES

January minutes: No minutes- see below for pictures from the 2023 MGV Banquet

MEETING CALENDARS

2024 Meetings: Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at the Mahoning Extension Office, 6 pm garden talk/socializing and meeting at 6:30 pm.

- February 8th
- March 14th
- April 11th
- May 9th
- June 13th
- July 11th
- August 8th
- September 12th
- October 10th
- November 14th
- December 12th

2024 Events for All Mahoning County Programs

Ohio Valley Giant Pumpkin Growers: Beginner Grower Seminar

- Saturday, February 3rd, 9:30am
- Location: Park's Garden Center- 9010 Youngstown-Salem Rd, Canfield, OH
- Cost: Free
- Questions: 330-717-2455
- Details: www.ovgpg.com

Morning with the Master: How to Successfully Start Plants from Seeds

- Thursday, February 15th, 10:00am
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$15
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details:

Naturalist Series: You Otter Know - Joseph Ferrara, ODNR Division of Wildlife

- Wednesday, February 21st, 6:30pm
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$5 per class or \$30 for series
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details: <https://go.osu.edu/otters02-21>

Growing Fabulous Fruit for Home Gardeners and Small Farms

- Saturday, March 9th, 9:00am
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$20
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details: <https://go.osu.edu/fabfruit>

Naturalist Series: Skulls Tell It All - Stephanie Hughes, Master Gardener Volunteer and Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist

- Wednesday, March 20th, 6:30pm
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$5 per class or \$30 for series
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details: <https://go.osu.edu/skulls03-20>

Morning with the Master: Preparing your Soil for Planting

- Thursday, March 21st, 10:00am
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$15
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details:

Garden Art Series: Rock Painting

- Wednesday, April 10th, 6:00pm
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$25
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details:

Naturalist Series: Update on Ticks in Ohio - Tim McDermott, Extension Assistant Professor, Agriculture and Natural Resources

- Wednesday, April 17th, 6:30pm
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$5 per class or \$30 for series
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details: <https://go.osu.edu/ticks04-17>

The 24/7/365 Vegetable Garden: Hydroponics – MGV Exclusive Class

- Wednesday, April 17th, 10:30am-11:30am
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$5
- Questions: 330-533-5538

Morning with the Master: Floriography, The Language of Flowers

- Monday, April 18th, 10:00am
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$15
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details:

Hydrangea School

- Thursday, April 18th, 6:30pm
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$30
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details: <https://go.osu.edu/hydrangeas04-18>

Garden Art Series: Hummingbird Feeder

- Wednesday, May 8th, 6:00pm
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$25
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details:

Naturalist Series: Common Northeast Ohio Birds – Jason Short, Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist

- Wednesday, May 29th, 6:30pm
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$5 per class or \$30 for series
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details: <https://go.osu.edu/ohiobirds05-29>

Garden Art Series: Topiary Turtle

- Wednesday, June 12th, 6:00pm
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$25
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details:

Morning with the Master: You Planted Herbs, Now What?

- Thursday, June 20th, 10:00am
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$15
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details:

Naturalist Series: What You Didn't Learn Watching Batman - Marne Titchenell, OSU Program Director, Wildlife

- Wednesday, June 26th, 6:30pm
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$5 per class or \$30 for series
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details: <https://go.osu.edu/bats06-26>

Garden Art Series: Planted Garden Implement (Herbs)

- Wednesday, July 10th, 6pm
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$25
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details:

Naturalist Series: The Magic of Native Plants - Jen White, Portage Parks

- Wednesday, July 17th, 6:30pm
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$5 per class or \$30 for series
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details: <https://go.osu.edu/nativeplants07-17>

Morning with the Master: Color in Winter

- Thursday, July 18th, 10:00am
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$15
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details:

Garden Art Series: Infused Vinegar

- Wednesday, August 14th, 6pm
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$25
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details:

Morning with the Master: Overcoming Limitations and Challenges in Your Garden

- Thursday, August 15th, 10:00am
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$15
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details:

Naturalist Series: Ohio's Native Trees and the Roles They Play - Kathy Smith, OSU Program Director, Forestry

- Wednesday, August 21st, 6:30pm
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$5 per class or \$30 for series
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details: <https://go.osu.edu/trees08-21>

Garden Art Series: Ink Pots

- Wednesday, September 11th, 6pm
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$25
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details:

Naturalist Series: Superheroes of the Bug World - Ashley Kulhanek, OSU Extension Educator, Agriculture and Natural Resources

- Wednesday, September 18th, 6:30pm
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$5 per class or \$30 for series
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details: <https://go.osu.edu/beneficialinsects09-18>

Morning with the Master: Small Plants and Pollinators

- Thursday, September 19th, 10:00am
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$15
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details:

Garden Art Series: Holiday Cards

- Wednesday, October 9th, 6pm
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$25
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details:

Naturalist Series: Mahoning County Rocks - Diana Alexander, Geologist and YSU Adjunct Faculty, Department of Physics, Astronomy, Geology, & Environmental Sciences (PAGES).

- Wednesday, October 16th, 6:30pm
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$5 per class or \$30 for series
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details: <https://go.osu.edu/rocks10-16>

Garden Art Series: Holiday Containers

- Wednesday, November 13th, 6pm
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$25
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details:

Naturalist Series: Weather, Climate, and Climate Change Impacts on the Environment- Aaron Wilson, State Climatologist of Ohio; Assistant Professor - Ag Weather and Climate Field Specialist, Department of Extension

- Wednesday, November 20th, 6:30pm
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$5 per class or \$30 for series
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details: <https://go.osu.edu/climate11-20>

Garden Art Series: Holiday Gnomes

- Thursday, November 21st, 6pm
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$25
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details:

Garden Art Series: Holiday Centerpiece

- Tuesday, December 17th, 6pm
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$25
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details:

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- Wednesday, December 18th, 6pm
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2024

PEONY is the flower of the year.

YARROW is the herb of the year.

PURPLE SWEET POTATO is the vegetable of the year.

A wise man once said:

HATE has 4 letters but so does LOVE.

ENEMIES has 7 letters but so does FRIENDS.

LYING has 5 letters but so does TRUTH.

CRY has 3 letters but so does JOY.

NEGATIVITY has 10 letters but so does POSITIVITY.

Something to think about: The words HEART and EARTH have the same letters.

PLANT HIGHLIGHT

If you're looking for a unique and lovely front of the border plant, I have a suggestion. Blue-eyed grass (*Sisyrinchium* spp.). Blooms of tiny ½" blue star shaped flowers with a touch of yellow in the center grace the top of the blades of green that look like grass. However, this plant is not grass and is in the Iridaceae (Iris) family. It is native to our area. They reach a height of 4 to 12 inches blooming in May to June. The flowers are only open in sunshine. The bladelike stems remain grassy tufts all season. Site in full sun in well-drained soil.

For more information go to – <https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/articles/blue-eyed-grass-sisyrinchium/>

2023 MGV Appreciation Banquet:





DORCE "SAM" BURKLEY, 86

CANFIELD - Dorce "Sam" Burkley, 86, passed away Sunday, Oct. 23, 2016.

He was born on March 31, 1930, in Payne, son of Raymond and Edith Burkley.

After a term with the U.S. Navy, Sam, with the help of his then fiancée, Marilyn, diligently studied to pass the Ohio State Highway Patrol exam and enjoyed a 15 year career with that agency. This also resulted in the relocation of him and his bride from his home in western Ohio to the Canfield Patrol Post. After leaving the patrol post, he enjoyed a long, successful career as an insurance adjuster for State Auto Insurance Company and earned the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter designation.

He was a past volunteer fireman and board member of the Canfield Joint Fire District. He was a past elder and deacon at the Canfield Presbyterian Church and a longtime member of the church choir. Sam was also a member of the Canfield Conservation Club.

Sam was a man of many talents and interests. He and Marilyn both loved to travel and took their family on many camping vacation adventures, visiting almost all of the states in the United States. In later years, Sam and Marilyn traveled to Australia and Europe. They belonged to the Scampers Camping group and enjoyed monthly outings, often including their lucky grandchildren. For over 20 years, they enjoyed spending their winters in Florida as active members of Alligator Park in Punta Gorda, Fla.

Sam also loved to golf and earned a hole-in-one at Diamond Back Golf Course. He was a talented woodworker and crafted numerous, beautiful pieces for family and others. He and Marilyn were both avid card players who formed lifelong friendships with other couples in their bridge club.

Besides his family, however, his greatest love was music. He was a talented guitarist and played with several area bands, as well as using his beautiful singing voice as a popular square dance caller.

Sam leaves to cherish his memory, his three daughters, Susan



"Together Again"

(Michael) Welsh, Jill (Gail) McCullough and Dana (Richard) Beil. He also leaves his seven grandchildren, of whom he was exceptionally proud, Ryan (Michelle) McCullough, Matt (Jonathan Emerson) Coonrod, Erin (Brian) Maley, Brooke (Ryan) Anderson, Ian Beil, Carter (Tesla) Beil, and Adelyn Beil; and great-grandchildren Siena and Kate Maley, and Julian, Miles and Silas McCullough.

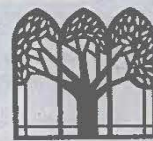
Also surviving are his sisters, Orlea Seely, Veda Crawford, Lorean McCollum and Lula (Lennis) Saylor; brother Duane Burkley; sister-in-law Joan Alt; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn; his parents; and his son-in-law, Michael Coonrod.

Calling hours will be held at the Canfield Presbyterian Church, 140 W. Main St., on Thursday, Oct. 27, from 4 to 7 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 28, one hour prior to the funeral services beginning at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at Canfield Village Cemetery.

The family request any memorial contributions be made to the Canfield Presbyterian Church organ renovation fund.

Family and friends may visit www.lanefuneralhomes.com to send condolences.



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