

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

March 2024

March 1, 2024

Our Vice President Stephanie has a spokesperson from the Ohio State Highway Patrol slated as our speaker this month. Topics will cover safety, fraud, BMV requirements, etc.

The BOTO committee is requesting plastic pots be made available for repotting donated plants that might arrive in plastic bags. This will not only look better but make transporting sold plants to their cars easier. You can bring them to future meetings.

Wanted to let everyone know that I'll be absent from Master Gardeners for a short time while I deal with my recent cancer diagnosis, upcoming surgery, and chemo. All events I'm responsible for are being covered. So, Carry On!!

Additionally, Our Lori is retiring!! We talked at the January meeting about taking up a collection to purchase a gift to send her off to enjoy her much deserved retirement. I won't be at the meeting, so David Sprague has stepped up to collect at our meeting. Please bring your ideas on what we might get to send her off with our love.

Thanks, Pam



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 – Mary June Emerson

3 – Linda Dolak

9 – Diane Leonard

10 – Stephanie Hughes

11 – Bill Snyder

19 – Shelia Cubic

19 – Leslie Moore

22 – Lisa Hildebrand-Kennedy

22 – Susan Nutter

23 – Charlene Hughes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ MGV Dues of \$10 are due March 14th by the end of the meeting. This is a state-required payment for all members.
- ❖ An Open House Retirement Party for Lori is being held on March 28th from 12-2 pm. Come wish her a happy retirement! If you would like, bring an appetizer to share.
- ❖ Seed packaging: We have bags of vegetable seeds that have been donated to the office. Volunteers are needed to package and label them to be used in programming including the Spring Garden Workshops. Call the office for details.
- ❖ Thank you for all for Volunteering! We have enough mentors but think about being one next class!

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)

- Speaker request
 - April 10 at 7pm- Salem Garden Club: Composting
 - June 12 at 7pm- Salem Garden Club: Butterflies and moths
 - November 13 at 7pm- Salem Garden Club: Pumpkin floral arrangements

MGV MINUTES

February minutes: <https://go.osu.edu/mgvminutes02-08>

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.

- 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

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: <https://go.osu.edu/preparingsoil>

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: <https://go.osu.edu/rockpainting04-10>

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: Free
- Questions: 330-533-5538

Morning with the Master: Floriography, The Language of Flowers

- Thursday, April 18th, 10:00am
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$15
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details: <https://go.osu.edu/floriography>

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>

Spring Garden Workshop 1

- Saturday, April 20th, 9am- 3pm
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$45
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details: <https://go.osu.edu/2024gardenworkshop1>

Fruit Tree Pruning Clinic

- Saturday, April 20th, 2:00pm
- Location: White House Fruit Farm, 9249 St. Rt. 62, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$30 for hand pruner and materials, add \$4 for saw.
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details: <https://go.osu.edu/pruningclinic04-20>

Spring Garden Workshop 2

- Saturday, April 27th, 9am- 3pm
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$45
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details: <https://go.osu.edu/2024gardenworkshop2>

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: <https://go.osu.edu/hummingbird05-08>

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: <https://go.osu.edu/topiaryturtle06-12>

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: <https://go.osu.edu/herbsnowwhat>

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: <https://go.osu.edu/colorinwinter>

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: <https://go.osu.edu/infusedvinegar08-14>

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: <https://go.osu.edu/gardeninglimitations>

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: <https://go.osu.edu/inkpot09-11>

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: Smart 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: <https://go.osu.edu/smartplants>

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: <https://go.osu.edu/holidaycards10-09>

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: <https://go.osu.edu/holidaycontainer11-13>

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: <https://go.osu.edu/gnomes11-21>

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: <https://go.osu.edu/holidaycenterpiece12-17>

Garden Art Series: Holiday Centerpiece

- Wednesday, December 18th, 6pm
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$25

- Questions: 330-533-5538
 - Details: <https://go.osu.edu/holidaycenterpiece12-18>
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GARDENING

It grounds us...gets us out of our busy heads and back into our bodies.

Alone there on our knees, we can breathe.

With our nurturing hands duly occupied, while gardening we allow ourselves.

the time and space to truly feel peace, pride, satisfaction, and joy.

I don't know who needs to hear this, but you are a great gardener. That plant who is giving you a hard time needs to step and try harder!

- Marilyn

PLANT HIGHLIGHT

Flowering Tobacco, *Nicotiana sylvestris*, is a beautiful large plant in the nightshade family. It reaches 3 to 5 feet in height and 2 feet in width. The leaves are wide, oblong, and 15 to 18 inches in length at the basal rosette and decrease in size heading up the stem. The best part of this plant is the creamy white tubular flowers in clusters that resemble fireworks, produced from June until the first frost of the season. Keep deadheaded for continuous bloom and to prevent reseeding. The flowers have a sweet fragrance, becoming stronger at night. The sphinx moth is attracted to the scent and pollinates the flowers, but they self-pollinate as well. It does best in a full-sun location with a generous amount of compost added. Visited by moths, butterflies, pollinators, and hummingbirds.

For more information and photos go to –

<https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/articles/flowering-tobacco-nicotiana-sylvestris/>

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.