

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

# April 2024

April 1, 2024

I want to thank everyone for the wonderful cards, well wishes, and offers of help. I really appreciate and miss all of you.

Pam



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

5 - James Merva

16 – Rhonda Harris

24 – Anissa DiLeo

10 – Nancy Brundage

23 – Peggy Griffith

10 – Bonnie Twaddle

23 – Peg Zeleznik

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ It is time to do an MGV apparel order again. If you are interested in ordering anything, please complete the survey at [https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_38Zo8MYTtxtzPoSW](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_38Zo8MYTtxtzPoSW). All orders must be sent back by **Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please pay with cash or check to the office before **Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please note there will be tax added to the order. Make checks payable to OSU Extension. If you have earned a free item please check your email.
- ❖ Mahoning County 4-H Endowment Dinner and Auction is Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at Mr. Anthony's Banquet Center, tickets can be purchased at the office for \$40 or a table of eight for \$280. Please contact the office if you have any questions.
- ❖ The Bring One Take One Committee is looking for donations of pots, containers, and baskets that are in good condition. Drop off at the office.
- ❖ Apple Trees: If you would like to order an apple tree the cost is \$20, and they will be shipped April 8th. Let Kristen know.
- ❖ Smucker House Geranium Sale – Marge Greenisen
  - Geraniums come in five colors and will be \$1.50 per plant. Sign-up sheet at the office – Orders are due May 1<sup>st</sup>. Delivery will be in mid-May. (May 20<sup>th</sup> at the office or arrange to pick them up at Marge's home.
- ❖ Entertainment Event – Marilyn McKinley: There will be a fun music Trivia Event on Monday, May 6 from 5:30-8 pm at our office. (not an OSU event) All are welcome to attend including spouses. The cost is \$5 and appetizers are appreciated. Marilyn does need us to RSVP to her **cell (973-865-7441)**. There will be door prizes! Teams are limited to 4 people.

**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
  - November 13 at 7pm- Salem Garden Club: Pumpkin floral arrangements

#### **MGV MINUTES**

March minutes: <https://go.osu.edu/mgvminutes3-14>

#### **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.

- April 11<sup>th</sup>
- May 9<sup>th</sup>
- June 13<sup>th</sup>
- July 11<sup>th</sup>
- August 8<sup>th</sup>
- September 12<sup>th</sup>
- October 10<sup>th</sup>
- November 14<sup>th</sup>
- December 12<sup>th</sup>

## **2024 EVENTS FOR ALL MAHONING COUNTY**

### *Garden Art Series: Rock Painting*

- Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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>
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### *Spring Garden Workshop 1*

- Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 6pm
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$25
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details: <https://go.osu.edu/holidaycenterpiece12-18>



Congratulations to our own  
**Lois Martin-Uscianowski**  
director/founder of the Southside

Community Garden on her nomination for the 2024 ATHENA Award. She is one of 25 women nominated the 31st annual ATHENA Award program, which celebrates the accomplishments of outstanding professional women in the Mahoning Valley. You will always have our vote!

**PLANT HIGHLIGHT**

**Honeywort**, *Cerintho major*, is an unusual annual plant in the (Boraginaceae) borage family. It lacks the hairy foliage of borage though. I've seen Honeywort at the Stan Hywet Gardens in Akron a couple of times. I was immediately drawn to it because of its blue/green foliage and purple/blue bell-shaped nodding flowers. After doing a bit of research I found that it's attractive to hummingbirds and bees. The bracts become more vivid in cooler weather. Plant in full sun to part shade in well-drained soil. Deadhead to encourage blooms. If you like blues, purples, hummingbirds, and bees, try it. The unique color would look lovely in a bouquet. Seeds can be purchased from seed catalogs such as Select Seeds or Johnny's and more.

If you want an announcement or information in the MGV Newsletter, please e-mail Candace at [Buonavolonta.1@osu.edu](mailto: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.