

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

May 2024

May 1, 2024



MAY BIRTHDAYS

5 – Carolyn Fankhauser

8 – Deborah Tominey

10 – Michael McBride

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Little Lime Punch Hydrangeas are available at the Extension Office while supplies last. The cost is \$15 each or 2 for \$20.
- ❖ The Bring One Take One Committee is looking for donations of pots, containers, and baskets in good condition. Drop off at the office.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ As you are cleaning and preparing your garden spaces with the nice weather, remember there are resources available at the office. The MGV library is located in the large classroom and has books for most gardening topics free to borrow.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

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

- Volunteer request:
 - YMHA (Youngstown Metropolitan Housing Authority) sites are securing a grant to have a garden at a few of their facilities. They are looking for MGVs to guide them through the gardening process. If you are interested in helping at any of these locations, please let Kristen know.
 - Lowellville Park- W. Wood Street., Lowellville, OH 44436
 - Norton Manor- 1400 Springdale Ave, Youngstown, OH 44505
 - Vasu Manor- 137 Roosevelt Dr., Campbell, Oh 44405
 - Rebel Rescue Plant Swap, May 18th from 11 am- 3 pm at Penguin City Brewery. Looking for MGVs to help man a table and flyers, expecting over 200 attendees. Please contact Kristen if you are interested in helping.
- Speaker request
 - November 13 at 7pm- Salem Garden Club: Pumpkin floral arrangements

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 2024 has until **May 7, 2025**, 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>

MGV MINUTES

April minutes: <https://go.osu.edu/mgvminutes04-11>

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.

- May 9th
- June 13th
- July 11th
- August 8th
- September 12th
- October 10th

- November 14th
- December 12th

2024 EVENTS FOR ALL MAHONING COUNTY

Urban Fruit Tree Pruning Clinic

- Thursday, May 2nd, 6:00pm
- Location: St. Patrick's Orchard, 1420 Oak Hill Ave., Youngstown, OH 44507
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- <https://go.osu.edu/urbanfruittreepruningclinic05-02>

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

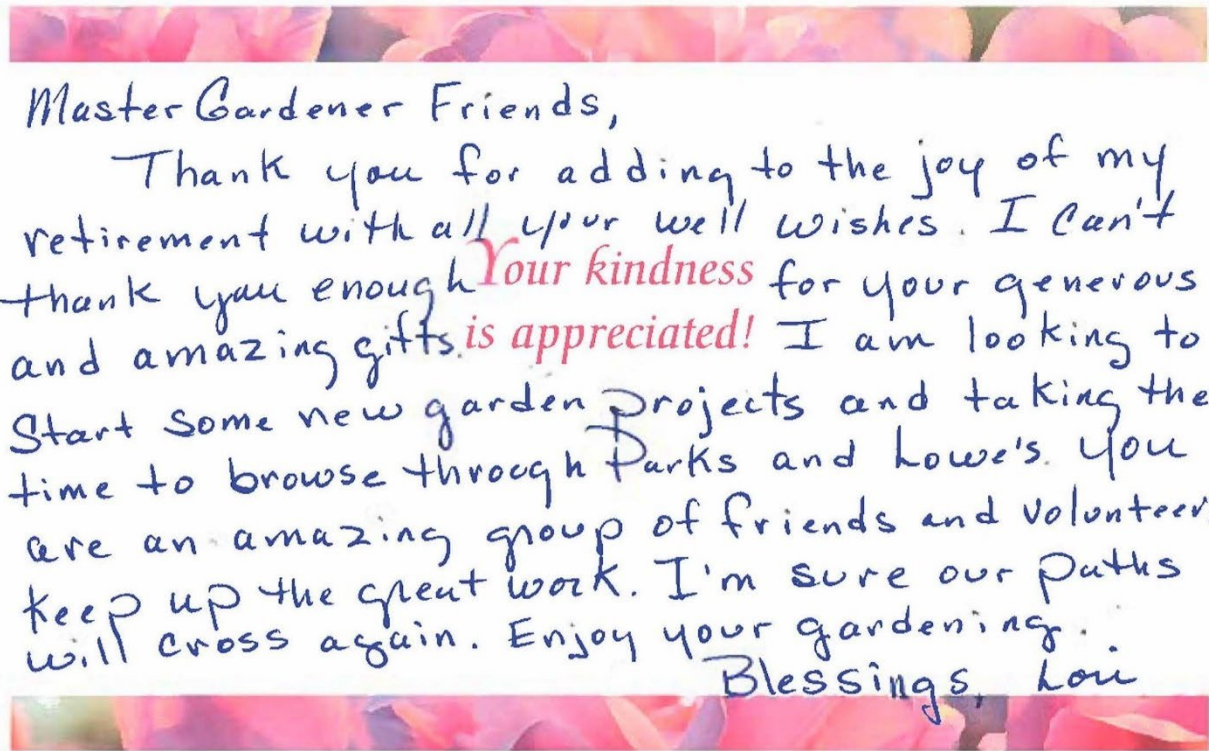
- Tuesday, December 17th, 6pm
- Location: OSU Extension Office, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, OH
- Cost: \$25
- Questions: 330-533-5538
- Details: <https://go.osu.edu/holidaycenterpiece12-17>

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>

PLANT HIGHLIGHT

Wine cups, *Callirhoe involucrata*, is a native North American ground cover plant in the Malvaceae (mallow) family. It has chalice-shaped flowers, as the common name suggests, that are magenta in color with a white spot at the base of five petals and are approximately 2 inches wide. Blooming in early summer is a sight to see. The plant grows about a foot tall and spreads about three feet. The blooms open in the morning, close in the evening, and remain closed after pollination. It is a host plant for the Gray Hairstreak butterfly and attracts native bees. It is growing and spreading in my full sun low nutrient native soil, and I love it. This is a plant for informality or spilling over a wall or bank. For more information go to <https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/articles/winecups-callirhoe-involucrata/>



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.