

# Flora and Fauna

The Mahoning County ANR Volunteer Newsletter  
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## Marilyn's Musings

### And She Keeps On Rambling On!

APRIL! We are getting there. Another crazy mixed up 'winter' season in NE Ohio. Seems like the unexpected has become what to expect. I am in "what to do first" mode right now. I have been so busy with so many MGv activities (like teaching classes – so much time at the computer) that I am just starting to think about outside. Of course, my ever ending 'I want this and I want to do that' list continues to grow. My husband says that list should go to the grave with me! Hum, is there a hidden meaning in there?

If you did not attend our SPRING INTO ACTION seminar and garden art sale, - you missed a great activity! It was a cold, damp day, but it was a great day for learning. Since this was Mahoning Counties' MGVs first attempt at hosting a seminar in a long time, we learned a few things about what worked and maybe what not so much. THANK YOU to all who helped with any part of this affair. I lost count of how many MGVs helped set up, baked cookies, take down, registered folks, etc. Great team effort! A HUGE THANK YOU to your fellow MGVs who taught a class or two. David, Pam, June, Lillian, Lucia, Shelia, Marilyn, Bill, Tim Parks of Parks Garden Center, and of course, the guy who

made it all happen, our outstanding leader, ERIC. I talked to MGVs from 4 other counties, thanking them for making the trip. They were very complimentary of what they saw going on here. Some asked about next year. Time to start thinking about that now!

We are at the halfway point in training the newest Mahoning MGVs. What a great group. All of them are experienced volunteers of some sort. They are eager to learn, are asking amazing questions – trying their best to keep Eric and Bill on their toes. I am anxious for you to help them feel welcome. They are asking lots of questions about committees, and are looking forward to being on our team.

### Dates to save:

*Quail Hollow plant sale* May 6 & 7<sup>th</sup>.

*Fellows plant sale* May 12, 13, & 14<sup>th</sup>.

*Holborn Herb Growers Guild Plant sale* at the Pumpkin Barn, Canfield Fairgrounds - May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Marilyn McKinley**  
OSUE MGv and OCVN

## MM Quotes – Marilyn McKinley

"Gardening is a medicine that does not need a prescription and there are no limits on refills."

**George Eliot**

## April MGV Meeting

Join us at our April meeting to hear about our own Danita Davis's adventures on her Master Gardener trip to Ecuador.

**Pam Baytos**  
OSUE MGV



→ **NOTE:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the OSU Extension office.

## April OCVN Meeting

The April OCVN meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the **Canfield Fairgrounds** (follow OSU signs). David Dimitrie from Case Western Reserve University and Teal Richards-Dimitrie from EnviroScience, Inc. will present **Reptiles and Amphibians of East-NE Ohio**.

Details can be found in the flyer attached to this newsletter.

## March MGV Meeting

Pam Baytos presented **Saving Seeds**. Pam discussed why we save seeds, how to extract and dry them and how to properly store them for planting next growing season!

## March OCVN Meeting

The March meeting was a round table meeting of OCVNs in Mahoning County. The group explored partnerships, collaborations, cooperative arrangements, and training plans for the future to assist local nature centers with volunteer training.



## ***Fair Sighted***

*Looking Forward to the 2017 Canfield Fair*

## Fair Station Meetings

The fair is a month closer! **We still need 5-gallon containers** for growing tomatoes and artichokes. I hope all stations have met and planned what their station will contain for the fair.



We will have a Station Leaders meeting before the regular MGV meeting on June 8th at 5:30 pm. At this time each station leader can explain to the group what their set up will be, what they need help with, and anything else they might need for the fair.

**CHANGE OF DATE:** Vegetable growers will meet on Monday, April 17th at 9 am to wash, spray paint & distribute containers for our vegetable plants. I know we planned to meet on Thursday, May 3rd but Lori Moff said if we are going to wash containers at the extension office we have to do it on a Monday when the Drivers Bureau is closed. Let's hope for good weather. Many of you will be planting in May and some seeds need to be germinated in the containers where they will grow. So, our meeting is changed to April 17th at 9 am. At this time you will receive your containers, soil and seed packs. We will go over the planting and germinating process. I know some of you work the Clinic on Monday, but this is the only time we'll be able to get our containers ready for seeds.

**Barb Delisio**  
OSUE MGV

## Volunteer Voice – Marilyn McKinley

Interesting – From *American Nurseryman* magazine 2/17. The loss of ash trees to the EAB has more consequences than just the loss of shade. A study in Cincinnati by the USDA Forest Service correlated crime rates in the city to the extent of tree loss to EAB. No direct cause and effect relationship, but several other studies have shown a positive effect of well-maintained landscapes on reducing crime rates. Replacing trees should be a priority in high crime areas.

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### At Last: 10 Easy Steps To Ruin Your Vegetable Garden

1. Plant too soon
2. Pick the wrong spot
3. Skimp on soil
4. Not harvesting
5. Plant too much
6. Ignore spacing
7. Don't stagger harvest times
8. Put off maintenance
9. Don't fence
10. Ignore little problems

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### Upcoming Events

April and May - **Events at the Huston – Brumbaugh Nature Center** can be found in the Spring 2017 newsletter at <http://go.osu.edu/HB-Sp17>

April **Events at the Mill Creek Metroparks** can be found at <http://www.millcreekmetroparks.org/events/2017-04/>

April 11 - **Reptiles & Amphibians of East-NE Ohio**, Canfield Fairgrounds (follow OSU signs), Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. David A. Dimitrie and Teal Richards-Dimitrie will guide us on a

natural history journey through the reptiles and amphibians of Trumbull, Mahoning, and Columbiana Counties. We will share life history and habitat information as well as ways to help conserve these incredible non-game creatures. Information and a registration form can be found in the flyer attached to this newsletter. <http://go.osu.edu/snakesfrogsetc>

April 18 – **Perennial School**, Canfield Fairgrounds, Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. State MGV coordinator, Pam Bennett will teach us about the best perennials that will be successful in your garden, including maintenance and care. Pam specializes in herbaceous ornamental plant trials and evaluates more than 200 varieties of annuals and two genera of ornamental grasses; she presents programs on annuals and perennials as well as other landscape topics locally, statewide, and nationally. Information and a registration form can be found in the flyer attached to this newsletter. <http://go.osu.edu/perennialschool17>

April 22 – **Fruit Tree Pruning Clinic**, White House Fruit Farm (9249 St Rt 62, Canfield), Saturday, 1 – 3:30 pm. Learn how to prune apples and peaches at the farm! The class will be held rain or shine. Dress warm for outdoor activities (rugged shoes or boots). Bring a lawn chair for seating. Home fruit production and growing books for sale. Demos by: Eric Barrett, OSU Extension, Dave Hull & David Hull, White House Fruit Farm. Information and a registration form can be found in the flyer attached to this newsletter. <http://go.osu.edu/fruitprune2017>

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### **MGV 2017 Meeting Schedule**

**April 13 – Ecuador Master Gardener Trip.** Our own Danita Davis will share her experiences.

**May 11 – Plant exchange and potluck.**

**June 8 – Tips for Taking Photos in your**

*Garden*, presented by Richard States.

**July 13 – 2nd Annual Flower Show and Garden Photo Exhibit** (photo show will tie in with our June class).

**August 3 – Home Garden Tour & Fair Planning** at Peg Zeleznik's home.

**September 14 – TBA**

**October 12 – Ikebana Demo** given by our own Cynitha Foust.

**November 9 – Fellows Tree Preparation.**

**December – ANR Volunteer Banquet**

### **OCVN 2017 Meeting Schedule**

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**May 17 – Sheila Cubick** will present *Encounters Beyond the Drip Line: Coexisting with Wildlife Outside My House*. Wednesday, 6:30 pm at the OSU Extension office.

**June 21 – Jamey Emmert**, ODNR *Encountering Wildlife: What to Know & What to Do with Seemingly Orphaned, Injured, or Conflict Critters*.

**July 19 – Jim Thornton**, Mill Creek Park Hike

**August 3 – Thursday Meeting** with MGVs. Home Garden Tour & Fair Planning at Peg Zeleznik's home.

**September 8 – Marnie Titchenell** presents *Dealing with Deer*.

**October 18 – Betty Ann Nagy** presents *Yellowstone Travels*.

**November 15 – Heather Merritt** of Birds in Flight presents *Birds of Prey*.

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OCVN - Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Program

# Reptiles & Amphibians of East-NE Ohio

Learn the life history and habitat information of the spring peepers and more at this fun event!

-David A. Dimitrie, PhD  
student, Case Western  
Reserve University  
-Teal Richards-Dimitrie,  
Herpetologist at  
EnviroScience, Inc.



**Tuesday, April 11**  
**6:30-8:30pm FREE!**

**Location:** Canfield Fairgrounds (follow OSU signs)  
**Cost:** FREE – Space limited, reservations required  
**Details:** Register ASAP  
**Contact:** 330-533-5538

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION.** Registration includes the program and handouts.

Please mail to 490 S. Broad St. Canfield, OH 44406, fax (330-533-2424), or drop off the registration to the OSU Extension Office in Canfield. The program is filled on a “first come, first served basis.”

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## Featuring

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# Fruit Tree Pruning Clinic

## Saturday, April 22, 2017, 1pm

Learn how to prune apples and peaches at the farm!

The class will be held rain or shine. Dress warm for outdoor activities (rugged shoes or boots). Bring a lawn chair for seating. Home fruit production and growing books for sale.

Demos by: Eric Barrett, OSU Extension, Dave Hull & David Hull, White House Fruit Farm



- 1:00 Introduction and Overview of Tools
- 1:15 Pruning New Fruit Trees
- 2:00 Pruning Established Trees
- 2:45 Questions, Evaluations, Door Prizes
- 3:00 Optional Blueberry Pruning
- 3:30 Adjourn



**White House**  
*Fruit Farm*

**Location**  
White House Fruit Farm  
9249 St Rt 62 (Youngstown-Salem Rd.)  
Canfield, OH 44406

**Pre-Registration Required.** A \$20 registration fee per person includes a set of hand pruners (or folding pruning saw for lefties) and handouts explaining the pruning process.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

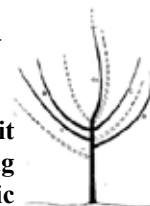
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Complete Registration, Detach and Return with \$20 check. Make check payable to OSU Extension and mail to: **OSU Extension Mahoning County, 490 S. Broad St. Canfield, OH 44406. 330-533-5538**

**Fruit  
Pruning  
Clinic**





## Coffee with the Master Gardeners

# Creating an Edible Landscape

Your landscape is already there, why not make it dual-purpose? Join the Mahoning County Master Gardener Volunteers to learn how to make your landscape not only beautiful, but edible as well!

**Speakers:** Kary Shively, Merabeth Steffen, and Lucia Haddad, Mahoning County Master Gardener Volunteers

**Monday, April 24**

9:30 am—Coffee, Donuts, Refreshments

10 am-12 pm—Program

**Location:** 490 S. Broad St. Canfield, OH

**Cost:** \$15/person

**Details:** Register ASAP – Seating is limited

**Contact:** 330-533-5538

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Master Gardener Volunteers Present

# Grow Great Veggies!

Join us to learn all about growing the best veggies in your garden, including Q&A time with the experts!

**Tuesday, April 25**  
**6-9pm**

**Location** Canfield Fairgrounds (follow OSU signs)  
**Cost** \$20 includes a growing vegetable publication, refreshments and seeds. Reservations required.  
**Contact** 330-533-5538

- 6:00pm Registration & Refreshments  
6:30pm Planting & Seeding Demonstration – Barb Delisio, OSUE Master Gardener Volunteer  
7:15pm Breakout Sessions  
Tomatoes – Tim Parks, Parks Garden Center  
What's in the Bag? Soil Ammendments –David Sprague & Bill Snyder  
Lettuce, Peas & Other Greens – Peg Zeleznik, OSUE Master Gardener Volunteer  
All the 'other' vegetables – Eric Barrett, OSU Extension  
8:15pm Ask the Expert Panel – Bring your questions for a lively discussion!  
9:00pm Adjourn

**REGISTRATION** includes the program, a growing vegetables publication and seed packet.  
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**330-533-5538**

**Location:** Canfield Fairgrounds, Building 44 – follow signs  
7265 Columbiana-Canfield Rd, Canfield, OH

**Cost:** \$30/Person – includes a plant to take home

**Details:** Space is limited. Register early.

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION.** Registration includes the program and handouts. Please mail completed registration form to OSU Extension, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, Ohio, or drop off the registration to the OSU Extension Office. The program is filled on a first come, first served basis.

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**Registration includes handouts and a hydrangea plant to take home for your landscape.**

\$30 per person to register \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Speakers:** Susan McMann, Mahoning County Master Gardener Volunteer



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