

# Flora and Fauna

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We welcome and need your input. This is our newsletter. Let's keep it going as strong as ever!

## April Birthdays

4/4 Rodney L.	4/22 Julie D
4/7 Michelle S.	4/22 Corrine H.
4/8 Lori N.	4/23 Peggy G.
4/10 Nancy B.	4/23 Peg Z.
4/10 Bonnie T.	4/24 Joan K.
4/13 Joyce K.	
4/14 Edward L.	
4/16 Rhonda H.	

## Spring Work Day At OSU

### Extension Office

**April 7, 2018**

**1pm—4 pm**

Join us to help spruce up the landscape beds at the office. We'll move a few things, cut off some perennials, move some soil from the old phenology garden and so on. Bring your tools to help prepare for spring and get a few ideas of what to do in your landscape as well!

## ***President Pam's Perspective***

***Pam Baytos***

**April**

2018 New Master Gardeners Class:

We started our new class last Thursday the 22nd. We have a full class of 20 new members who I think will fit in just fine with our group. Our classes will be every Thursday at the office (except May 10th which will be held at Fellows) Hope you can drop in and meet the new class and make them feel welcomed. Please check with Peg to make sure all the lunch dates are full. As you know....this learning stuff can make a person really hungry! Just so you know...I've already been telling master gardener stories and I forgot to "change the names to protect the innocent".

We've also been busy getting ready for our Spring Seminar. Make sure you check this newsletter for the flyer and the sign up sheet for "work" schedules and times, so you can sign up to fill in any open spaces so we can make this a success. FYI...we'll have heat in all buildings this year.

Pam Baytos—MGV

We are in need of an additional host for the April 14<sup>th</sup> training event. The training that day will be held at Berlin Lake from 10am-4pm. That day is a brown bag lunch day, so there are not a lot of duties besides signing in the trainees, taking water/apples/granola bars from the office and learning with them that day.

Please let Eric know if you are able to assist.

## **Bumble Bee Survey in Ohio this Spring**

The Goodell Lab at OSU is looking for volunteers who are able to identify bumble bees to species to help collect data on nest-hunting and foraging queen bumble bees this spring (April-June). This is part of a 2017-2018 statewide Ohio bumble bee survey funded by the Ohio Department of Transportation. The primary goal is to determine the current distribution of the endangered rusty-patched bumble bee and the yellow-banded bumble bee, a species of concern.

Volunteers in Ohio will collect data and report on:

1. Information on nest-hunting bumble bee queens
2. Timed 15-minute observations of patches of flowers where queens forage.

Find details and data collection here: <http://u.osu.edu/beelab/bumble-bee-survey/>

To participate, contact  
Jessie Lanterman at



Last summer Snookie Wolboldt of Canfield contacted the clinic about a hornets nest in her shed. The clinic identified them as European hornets. Snookie asked if the clinic would be interested in having the nest so on a warm day in February David Sprague removed the nest.

## Our Heribloom Perennial

### Karen Santee

I took a leisurely drive down to Alliance to visit with Karen Santee, class of 2003. We don't get to see enough of Karen, she is one busy lady. She works for Mt. Union University, as Facility Manager at the Huston-Brumbaugh Nature Center. Karen is responsible for gardens, buildings, public programing, and crafts. How impressive is that?!! But modestly, Karen says her job is "doing whatever needs to be done".

Karen was in a Master Gardener class of about 12 people. She says it was different then, "pretty laid back". But she does recall learning a lot and is so thankful she had the opportunity to take the class. Karen served on the Mahoning County MGV executive board for 2 years.

Karen lives on a farm in Beloit. She and her husband are former dairy farmers, now are grain farmers. They, like most of us are cutting back due to 'maturity'. They are down to just on pony. Karen is in charge of the Hay and Grain building at the Canfield Fair. Speaking of the fair, she has presented several programs for our MGV group at the fair. Karen also has often helped create wonderful posters for fair display. Karen will be conducting a seminar session at our Spring Fling program this month.

In her 'down' time Karen enjoys growing cut flowers, flower arranging, sowing, and crafts. Now here's an unexpected pleasure – she loves working with power tools! Got to admit, she is the first female I have ever heard say that.

Karen and her family (six grandkids) are active in their church, love being outside enjoying the marvels of nature.

If you have never visited Houston Brumbaugh Nature Center you are missing out on a local

treasure. It is located off campus in woods on Daniel St NE (approx. 6 mi. from campus) in Minerva, OH. A wide range of nature talks, classes, and projects are offered year around. Visit nature-center@mountunion.edu for more information. You can contact Karen at the nature center at 330-823-7487. Don't be surprised to hear 'she's around here somewhere'.

Marilyn McKinley

MGV Volunteer

### 2018 MGV MEETING SCHEDULE

#### **April 12—Meet at MCCTC (6:30 pm)**

7300 North Palmyra Road, Canfield, OH—Mary June Emerson will talk on her horticulture program. Park in front or to the side of the greenhouse, enter through door #14. The students have potted their containers to sell and will be working on hanging baskets.

#### **May 10—Plant Exchange and Potluck—** OSU Extension office, 6 pm

#### **June 14—Tentative garden tour** meet at Pinky Steffen's 6:30pm

#### **July 12—Third Annual MGV flower Show,** Categories to be announced— OSU Extension Office 6:30 pm

#### **August 9—Finalize plans for the fair.** Tentative meeting at Peg Zelenik's at 6:30 pm

#### **September 13—TBA**

#### **October 11—TBA**

#### **November 8—Fellows Christmas Tree Preparation**

#### **December 3—2018 ANR Volunteer Ban-**

## 2018 OCVN MEETING

### SCHEDULE

We will be meeting the third Mondays of each month. Social Time 6:30 pm Meetings from 7:00 pm—8:00 pm

**May 21—Update on April State Advisory Board Meeting** whose agenda includes, Training Manual updates and the OCVN volunteer website. Sara Scudier and Sheila Cubick are members of this committee. Sara Scudier will talk about her trip to Costa Rica.

**July 16—Jim Thorton** will organize a field experience TBA

**September 17—Plan OCVN Training** for January-May 2019

**December 3—2018 ANR Volunteer Banquet**—6pm—10pm LaRiccia Pavilion—Rotary Room at Boardman Park

### 2018 Naturalists Series (Open to the Public)

**April 14—Ice Age Ohio** by Dale Gnidovec from OSU Orton Geological Museum — 6:30pm to 7:30pm. MetroParks Farm, Canfield

**June 26—Gardening for Pollinators** by Denise Ellsworth, OSU Dept. of Entomology— 6pm—7:30 pm. Fellows Riverside Gardens, Youngstown

**September—Coyotes** TBA

**October 24—Bats** by Marne Tichenell, OSU Columbus

**December 2—Backyard Bird Feeding** by the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania. 4:00pm to 5:00pm. Yellow Creek Park, Struthers

## 2018 UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 16—Coffee Series—Recycling in the Garden**—9:30 am Refreshments, 10am-12:00 pm Program—OSU Extension Office

**April 27—The Good, The Bad and The Hungry: Managing Wildlife Conflict Around Your Home**—9:00 am—3:00 pm OSU Mansfield, 229 Riedl Hall, 1760 University Drive, Mansfield, OH. Cost \$35—Pre-register by April 23.

**May 18—Woodland Pollinators** 9:00 am—3:00 pm OSU Mansfield, 100 Ovalwood Hall, 1760 University Drive, Mansfield, OH. Cost \$35—Pre-register by May 11

**May 21—Coffee Series—Mindfulness: Relax & Enjoy the Garden.**- 9:30 am Refreshments, 10am-12:00 pm Program—OSU Extension Office

**June 18—Coffee Series—Rain Barrels: Use and Building**—9:30 am Refreshments, 10am-12:00 pm Program—OSU Extension Office

### Ohio State University Monthly Bee Lab Webinar Schedule

**April 18—Olivia Carril**, author and scientist—Identifying Common Bees of the Great Lakes Region.

**May 16—Reed Johnson**, OSU Entomology—Where are Honey Bees Foraging in Ohio?

**June 20—Kim Flottum**, author and editor of Bee Culture Magazine—Ethics in Bee Keeping

**July 18—Ale Zomchek**, Master Beekeeping instructor.—Insect/Animal Husbandry—What You Do and Don't Do Matters!

**August 15—Elizabeth Long**, OSU Entomology—Protecting Pollinators from Pesticides.

**September 19—Kelley Tilmon**, OSU Entomology—Pollinator Diversity in Ohio Soybeans.

**October (DATE TO TBA) - Randy Mitchell**, The University of Akron—The Ohio Bee Survey: In

## Search of the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee.

Webinars are at 9:00 am Eastern, typically on the third Wednesday of the month. All webinars are free and registration is not required.

To join a webinar, follow the link below and

## March MGv Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened by a welcome from President Baytos followed by the Pledge. The speaker, Lisa Chronister, was introduced by VP Steffens who would speak on Gourds. She gave a great presentation on what she does with them. She also went to Oklahoma to learn to do Pine Needle stitching. She told us how to prepare the gourds, different types and paint them. She recommended if you are having problems pray. This is how she began working with gourds.

The regular meeting began with committee reports:

LOCAL FLAVOR AND GOOD NATURED GARDEN PARTNERS.: No report

CLINIC: Refresher Training. Thursday March 15. 10 am

FAIR: Planning Meeting March 26 6pm.

The area that we will have this year will be just the right right of the alcove by the stage area. Some of the middle can be used on days when there is not flower judging. Nutrition will be in Building 25. Robots will be in the area we had last year and flower judging will remain in the other end as in previous years.

COFFEE WITH: March 19 Garden Ponds by Stephanie Hughes. The April program is on the 16th and will be Garden Resourcefulness 101 by Carol Swartz. The

2018 schedule of topics was handed out. BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Cleanup of Extension Office Grounds March 24 from 10a to 2 pm.

HOSPITALITY: If you plan to bring food to any event, you first need to pass the Food Training test and provide a copy to Eric Barrett. Call the Extension Office for instructions on how to access the test.

AFTER SCHOOL/JR. MGv: No report.

NEWSLETTER: Send information/pictures to [mgvnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:mgvnewsletter@gmail.com) by 25th of month.

2018 GARDEN ARTS SERIES: Programs Botanical cards 3/12; Living Wreath 6/11; Alcohol ink on yupo paper 10/15 and Holiday Container 11/26.

BANQUET: It will be December 3rd at Lariccia Family Community Center in Boardman

Park. Catering will be provided by either MVR or A La Cart. Decorating will be at 5 pm Event from 6pm to 10pm.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Judy Rodney and Terry Shears will be giving a program to the Hitchcock Garden Club.

STATE AWARDS: To be submitted are the Clinic and Parks Garden Center as a friend to our group.

SPRING SEMINAR: Will be held at the Canfield Fairgrounds on April 14th from 9am to 3pm. The title of the program is "Spring into Action". There will be two Garden Arts sales and two Garden Arts projects. The buildings will be Heated. There will be weekly announcements of the program. Cost is free for speakers and \$10 for those volunteering. Lunch will be catered by Broad Street Diner. Menu will be Penne and meatballs (2), salad and green beans. Please sign up to help.

A phone call was made to Bill Snyder and we all sang Happy Birthday. Next months meeting will be at MCCTC. There is going to be a AGNR calendar for 2019. Nature pictures are needed from all four seasons. On the pictures, put your name, where taken and when



taken. The pictures will be chosen in November. The new training class begins on March 22nd. Nancy Brundage. Co-secretary MGvN/OCVN



Carol Smith wins bird house made from gourd at the 3/8/18 meeting Photo by Nancy Brundage

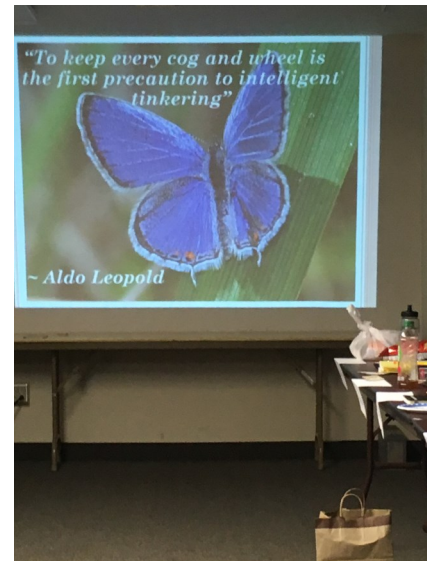
## March OCVN Meeting Minutes

The OCVN's meet March 26 at the office followed by a round table with representatives from Beaver Creek Nature Center (Cheryl Mattevi), Huston-Brumbaugh Nature Center ( Adam Zorn and Dr Chuck McClagherty) and Mill Creek MetroPark Ford Nature Center (Arika Preas).

During the business meeting, the guiding statement was discussed. There are currently 16 trainees . Their final presentations will be from 10am to 4pm on May 19th at the extension office. If you plan to attend, please call the office and tell them as lunch will be provided. It is a good class. Representing our group on the State Board are Sheila Cubick and Sara Scudier. The State Conference will be June 8 and 9 in

Lake County. There was discussion on putting hours on the web site the "core group" as opposed to where volunteer. A Jr. OCVN manual has been written and Mill Creek Metro-Park will do a pilot program. Months we will be meeting (regular meetings, not public) will be January, March, May and September. The MAY MEETING WILL BE ON THE 21ST , 6:30pm social time and 7pm for the meeting. Nancy Brundage, Stephanie Hughes and Barb Loewit will work on the display for the Fair.

The representatives from the above mentioned organizations came and introductions were made. There was a discussion on Encouraging Cooperation, Volunteer Needs, and Educational Programs. The goal is to get people excited about nature education  
Nancy Brundage OCVN



From PowerPoint by Marne Tichenell from program "ecological concepts" to OCVN training. Photo by Nancy



Pictures from the Garden Art Series—  
Botanical Cards taught by Peg Zeleznik—MGV

# **The Good, The Bad and The Hungry: Managing Wildlife Conflict Around Your Home**

**Friday, April 27, 2018 – 9:00am – 3:00pm**

**Ohio State Mansfield  
229 Riedl Hall  
1760 University Drive  
Mansfield, Ohio 44906**

Cost \$35 per person

Fee includes lunch and packet of literature

Pre-registration is required by April 23, 2018

<http://woodlandstewards.osu.edu>

Registration sites:

<https://woodlandstewards.osu.edu/events/good-bad-and-hungry-managing-wildlife-conflict-around-your-home>

<https://www.cvent.com/events/the-good-the-bad-and-the-hungry-managing-wildlife-conflict-around-your-home/registration-8daafb3ca557414da446ba0d04d94c8e.aspx?fqp=true>

While the growth of cities and suburban areas can displace some wildlife,

many species actually thrive in these areas. Viewing these species as they

travel through your backyard can be enjoyable, but sometimes conflict

arises—usually in the form of eaten plants, dug up bulbs, burrows under porches, or holes in the lawn. Fortunately, most wildlife damage can be managed with the right techniques and strategies.

Learn tools to manage and lessen the damage that can occur living with a variety of species and the best strategies to lessen that damage.



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# Spring Into Action!

## Spring Horticulture Seminar

Keynote: Melinda Carmichael  
Beech Creek Botanical Garden &  
Nature Preserve

**Schedule on reverse side**

**Saturday, April 14**  
**9am-3pm**

**Location:** Canfield Fairgrounds,  
7265 Columbiana-Canfield Rd, Canfield, OH 44406

**Cost:** \$40/person includes hot lunch & proceedings

**Details:** Register ASAP **Contact:** 330-533-5538

A keynote, 2 Make & Takes, 10 breakout sessions and tons of fun! **Class schedule on reverse side.**

Two make-and-take classes – alcohol ink tiles and hypertufa pots will be offered as sessions.

Garden Art Sale all day. Handmade items by Master Gardener Volunteers.

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION.** Registration includes hot lunch, sessions, proceedings handouts from all sessions, and make and take items (limited availability). Early Registration Deadline: April 9

Mail this form with \$40 registration fee to: 490 S. Broad St. Canfield, OH 44406, fax (330-533-2424)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending (x \$40): \_\_\_\_\_ Make & Take? 1 or 2 \_\_\_\_\_



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# Naturalist Series: Ice Age Ohio

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14 • 6:30 – 7:30 P.M.**

Join Dale Gnidovec from OSU Orton Geological Museum to learn about Ice Age Ohio. Participants will have the opportunity to explore glacial effects on the land, the animals that lived in Ohio, and take a look at a dig near Findlay.

**LOCATION: Metroparks Farm**

**7574 Columbiana – Canfield**

**Rd., Canfield OH**

**CONTACT: 330-533-7572**

**COST: FREE**

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**REGISTRATION INFORMATION.** Registration includes 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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Coffee with the Master Gardeners

# Recycling in the Garden

Speaker: Carol , Master Gardener Volunteer

**Monday, April 16**

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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## Coffee with the Master Gardeners

### Prairie Gardens

What is a prairie Garden? We will discuss how to chose and prepare a site, plant selection, and maintenance for your home prairie garden.

Speaker: Peg Zeleznik & Kary Shively, Master Gardener Volunteers

**Monday, May 21**

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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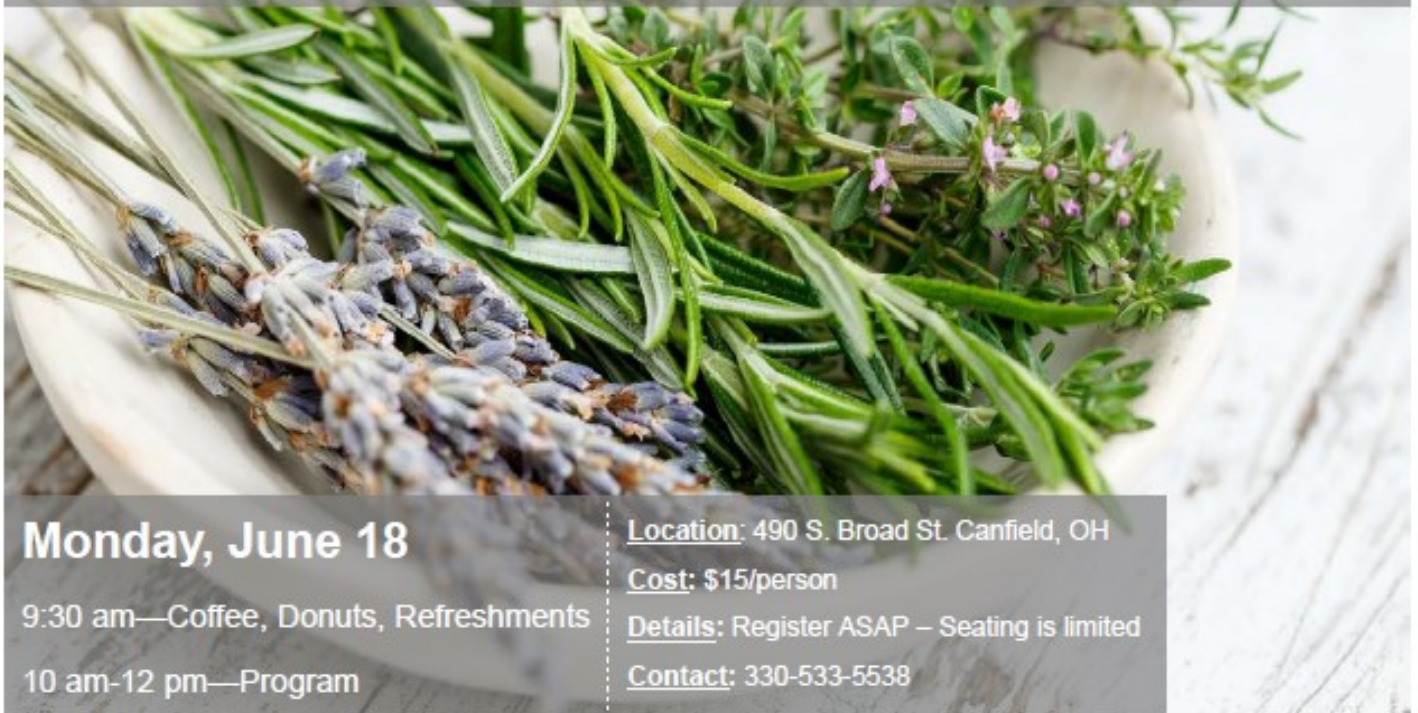
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## Coffee with the Master Gardeners

# Herbs for Pollinator Conservation

What is your role in Pollinator conservation? Learn what types of herbs to plant that can attract pollinators and ensure they will stick around for generations.

**Speaker: Marilyn McKinley, Master Gardener Volunteer**



**Monday, June 18**

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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