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MGV CLASS of 2017
CONGRATULATIONS!!
Nice work!

You are invited to attend the Thursday May 11, 2017 MGV regular monthly meeting at 6:00 pm in the extension office.
This is our annual pot-luck and plant exchange. Please bring a dish to share and a plant to exchange. Fellow MGVS are anxious to meet you!

Marilyn’s Musings

May just might be a gardener’s favorite month, not to mention the busiest. Everywhere I look there is something that needs attention. Mind you, I don’t even plant vegetables!

My head is spinning, full of so many questions; I need to make so many decisions. The weeds are winning already, yanking out some almost daily. Do I need to fertilize my perennial beds? Moving on, the weather, the condition of my soil, the temperature of my soil, do I need more soil, will I mulch, when to order the mulch, when to plant flower seeds, or should I buy plants this year? Continuing, how am I going to keep up with weeding, do I put down layers of newspaper then mulch? I know it works, but it’s so much work to put it down. Can my old fat, arthritic body take all of this? How much can I afford to pay someone to help? Can I even find anyone to help? How much should I pay them? Should I finally try to rip out all the lemon balm and mint that I stupidly planted several years ago? I really want a native garden in my yard. Is this the year I, do it? If not now – when? How many years do I have left to enjoy it? I want a bigger cutting garden. I want more herbs. I want, I want, I want.

Every year I vow to cut back, slow down, you know the thought process! Every year, my non-gardening husband says the same thing. “I think you are crazy”. “How are you going to manage that”? So, on a sunny day, I jump on the lawn tractor and buzz around the yard – trying to sort this all out, planning my step-by-step attack. On a rainy day, well you might find me shopping at the garden center or ordering more plants. I am convinced it is an addiction. But, when thinking of the many addictions one could have, this is not so bad – right? Now, another cold snap to
slow everything down! If you are a gardener, you must be able to deal with the unexpected! I suspect, in our younger days most of us loved riding rollercoasters. Gardening is just another type of rollercoaster ride.

The 2017 MGV training class is on the home stretch. Presentations will be held on May 9th and May 16th. It would be great if as many MGVs as possible could attend, meet this new group, and show your enthusiasm as a certified MGV. A pot lunch, provided by the trainees will be served on May 9th. On May 16th lunch will be catered – if you plan to attend PLEASE let the office know – hate for you to go hungry.

The class of 2017 is an impressive group. They are so willing to learn, have been asking great questions, and I know all will be a terrific addition to our MGV group.

Our new interns have started to sign up for committees/projects. They are anxious to start earning their 50 intern hours. I ask that all committee chairpersons contact those who have signed up to volunteer on your respective committee(s) ASAP.

Mentors: A big thank you for taking the time to serve as a mentor for MGV trainees. Hopefully all mentors have met your mentee(s) by now, and will help make it an easy transition into our group.

I want you all to know, class 2017 had the privilege of hosting Pam Bennett, Director of OSU MGVs last month. Pam gave a class on herbaceous ornamentals to the new trainees. She also presented a Perennial class for the public that same evening. I got to spend some time chatting with Pam. She was very complimentary of what she has seen going on in Mahoning County. We are so very fortunate. As you all know, under Eric's leadership and the too many to count contributions, before and post 'retirement' by Bill our group has 'ramped it up’, so to speak. I am so very proud to be a part of this group. We all owe so much to these two wonderful men. Please, never miss a chance to say ‘thank you’ to Eric and Bill.

Marilyn McKinley
OSUE MGV and OCVN

May MGV Meeting

The May MGV meeting will take place on May 11th at 6:00 pm at the OSU Extension office. The meeting will be our annual member plant exchange and covered dish dinner. The meeting will feature the introduction of our seventeen new members.
So bring a dish, bring a plant and bring yourself.

Please note the early start time.

May OCVN Meeting

Our next OCVN meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 17th at 6:30 pm at the OSU Extension office. It will feature Sheila Cubick presenting Encounters Beyond the Drip Line: Coexisting with Wildlife Outside My House.

April MGV Meeting

At the April MGV meeting, Danita Davis presented a fascinating account of her Master Gardener trip to Ecuador. The adventure seemed a great mix of work and fun.
April OCVN Meeting

The April Public OCVN Program Reptiles and Amphibians of East-Northeast Ohio, by David Dimitrie and Teal Richards-Dimitrie was held at the Canfield Fairgrounds on April 11th. Despite dealing with a double-booked room and speakers caught in a Cleveland traffic jam, we had a very interesting and educational presentation highlighting many of the lizards, skinks, snakes, toads, frogs, and turtles in our area of Ohio. The 30 participants learned many interesting details about the highlighted animals’ calls and behavior, which, hopefully, will spur us to further research and investigation! Thank you to our great speakers, David and Teal!

Sheila Cubick
OSUE MGV and OCVN

Fun Paint Class

A few months ago I brought up the idea of having a “fun paint class”. Quite a few members showed an interest so I visited Wonderstruck Market, which is located in Cornersburg (a central location for everyone). This would be a self-pay class. Canvas prices depend on the size of the class, 8-9 $40 / 10-11 $35 / 12-15 $30 / 16-23 $28 / 23-24 $25. If we book a class in the AM take $10 off the canvas rates. New this year they also have painted burlap (shaped like a flower) class for $32.

If anyone is still interested in creating a masterpiece let me know. Give me a call or send an email and I can get a count, start a list and we can get a date and time set. Sounds like an art show just waiting to happen!

Pam Baytos
OSUE MGV

MCCTC Flower & Plant Sale

A Flower & Plant Sale continues every week from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The MCCTC students in Floral Design/Landscape annual spring plant sale have flowering hanging baskets and planters (oval and round). New Guinea Impatience, 6" potted Geraniums, Coleus, Dendranthemums and non-stop begonias. Tomatoes, peppers and a wide variety of annuals are available in flats (48). They also have Christmas cactus, 10" hanging ferns and more! A variety of larger houseplants are also available. Stop by and support the students and our fellow OSUE MGV – Mary June, Floral Design/Landscape Instructor at MCCTC.

Eric

News and updates from the State OCVN Office

Sara Scudier and Sheila Cubick recently joined the State OCVN Committee. They will be helping with state initiatives including continuing education efforts. Statewide OCVN continuing education for 2017 includes the Quarterly webinars, which began on April 12 and will continue quarterly through December. For details go to: https://ocvn.osu.edu/events/1st-2017-ocvn-quarterly-webinar-series.
Also for 2017, there will be a one-day Summer Event in lieu of a full OCVN conference at the Wilderness Center on July 15. You will be able to obtain your 8 hours of continuing education and network with other OCVNs. Registration details will be posted to the website ocvn.osu.edu later this month. General information is available now at https://ocvn.osu.edu/events/ocvn-summer-event-july-15-2017. This event will be held at
The Wilderness Center
29877 Alabama Avenue Southwest
Wilmot, OH 44689
Saturday, July 15, 2017
8:30am - 4:00pm

While joining the state committee Anne Baird, State OCVN Coordinator, suggested all OCVNs join the state OCVN list serv. This site includes committee updates as well as programs and events posted by members of the list serv. This will be a great way to share and learn from other OCVNs around the state.

Information on how to subscribe to it is located on the state OCVN webpage under About Us https://ocvn.osu.edu/about-ocvn If you see a service opportunity or continuing education event posted please respond directly to the contact name listed for more information. Once you are subscribed you can use it for any information you would like to share with OCVNs. The state list-serv address is: ocvn@lists.osu.edu. This is a great way for us to keep in touch with what is going on around the state.

Sheila Cubick
OSUE MGV and OCVN

Bat Roost Monitoring Project
The Division of Wildlife is seeking volunteers for a new project that will better the understanding of bat roosting habits in Ohio. Two times during the summer, volunteers around the state will count bats emerging from roosts, whether it's a bat house, tree, barn or other building. The surveys begin 30 minutes before sunset and last until it gets too dark to see the bats.

The first survey will be conducted between May 29th and June 23rd, 2017.

The second survey will run between July 10th and July 31st, 2017.

For more information, visit: http://www.wildohio.gov/gobatty

Kendra Wecker
ODNR Division of Wildlife

Provided by Sheila Cubick
OSUE MGV and OCVN

Fair Sighted

Looking Forward to the 2017 Canfield Fair

Canfield Fair
Vegetable Garden Report

Just a reminder, There will be a Station Leaders’ meeting at 5 pm before the May 11th MGV meeting. Marilyn wants a brief review of the plans for each station. Each of you can give your quick review of what your group has done thus far. I will require a written outline or something of what's going on in your group. So please be prepared with something written and a short oral report for the general meeting. Thanks. Any questions call me.

I just wanted to thank all of you who helped with the washing and painting of the pots for the vegetables to be grown in. Everyone was amazing and the job took half the time than I expected. Thanks again.
The Vegetable station will meet Tuesday, May 16th at 12:30 pm at the Extension Office. We will go over planning dates, germination process, getting seeds, transplanting and soil, etc. Please bring some container to get your soil for germination and transplanting. If you will not be able to make this meeting let me know and we have to make other arrangements. Marilee and John, if you're not going to be at the May 11th MG meeting let me know & we'll have to get together to get you your seeds for they are to be planted that week.

Hope to see all of you at the May 11th general meeting and the vegetable growers at the May 16th meeting. Any problems call me.

Barb Delisio
OSUE MGV

A few evenings ago, while my husband and I were sitting outside having dinner, we noticed a female Tufted Titmouse in my shade bed. We continued to watch as she fluttered around finding nesting materials that she carried away to one of our old pear trees. After dinner, we wanted to see just what was going on and we saw her head peeking out of an old woodpecker hole. She was making a nest for her future babies.

Kary Shively
OSUE MGV

Volunteer Voice – Kary Shively

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

May Events at the Mill Creek Metroparks can be found at http://www.millcreekmetroparks.org/events/2017-05/

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Nanette and Pinky hosing down and painting containers for the Canfield Fair vegetable garden. The hose was too heavy to be carried by only one MGV.

Photo by Lil Quaranta

Upcoming Events

Volunteer Voice – Kary Shively

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of plant families in landscapes. Time will be spent inside and outside in Secrest Arboretum examining members of various families. The program featuring Jim Chatfield and Paul Snyder will cost $15 (includes boxed lunch). Register at https://www.regonline.com/plantfamilies

May 20 – Herb and Perennial Plant Sale, Holborn Herb Growers Guild, Canfield Fairgrounds at the pumpkin barn, Saturday, 9 am – 3 pm. Cash and Check only. NOTE: No vegetable plants will be available.

May 25 – Spring Pollinators at Secrest, Secrest Arboretum, Wooster, Thursday, 10 am – 2 pm. Come to Secrest Arboretum for a hands-on half-day workshop focused on native bees. Participants will spend time in the classroom learning about pollinator biology and practicing identification skills, then we’ll stroll through the gardens in search of spring pollinators. For additional information see the flyer attached to this newsletter or visit: http://go.osu.edu/secrestbees

May 26 – Good Natured Garden Partners (GNGP) Registration Deadline, Friday, 4:30 pm. Registration form and additional information can be found in the flyer attached to this newsletter.

June Events at the Mill Creek Metroparks can be found at http://www.millcreekmetroparks.org/events/2017-06/

June 3 – Plants in the Park Plant Sale, Cuyahoga County MGVs, Saturday, 9 am – 2 pm. For more information see the flyer attached to this newsletter.

June 12 – Hypertufa Pots, a part of Master Gardener Volunteer Garden Art Series, OSU Extension – Mahoning County office, Monday, 1 - 3 pm. Pam Baytos and other OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteers will teach us to make hypertufa pots that will add beauty to our landscapes and last for many years.

Information and a registration form can be found in the flyer attached to this newsletter. http://go.osu.edu/tufapots

June 13 – Tomatoes & When and How Do I Harvest Vegetables, a part of the Breakfast Gardening Series presented by the Cuyahoga County MGVs, Independence Library, Tuesday, 10 am – 12:15 pm. Eric Barrett will show the best varieties, best growing methods and how to keep disease away to help you be a successful tomato grower. Christine Harris will show how to tell if a vegetable is at its peak for harvesting and whether continued harvesting will result in more production. The cost is $17. Further information can be found in the attached flyer.

June 19 – Native Plants for your Landscape, Coffee with the Master Gardeners Program, OSU Extension – Mahoning County office, Monday, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm. OSU Extension MGVs, Kary Shively, Peg Zeleznik and Sheila Cubick will demonstrate how to enhance your garden and landscape with native plants. Information and a registration form can be found in the flyer attached to this newsletter.

West Boulevard School

Activity has been reported from the West Boulevard School greenhouse and garden on Saturday, May 29th. Lil Quaranta reports, “When we started, we just picked up squares and pulled weeds. Then Pinky said we should lay paper and I said, yes-let’s Eric the bed.”

Photos by Lil Quaranta
MGV 2017 Meeting Schedule

May 11 – Plant exchange and potluck. OSUE office, 6:00 pm.

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 Cynthia Foust.

November 9 – Fellows Tree Preparation.

December – ANR Volunteer Banquet

OCVN 2017 Meeting Schedule

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.

December – ANR Volunteer Banquet

April Keen Observations:

Coffee with Master Gardeners

Lucia, Pinky and Kary treated us to an exceptional program about creating an Edible Landscape.

The discussion was followed by an amazing demonstration of just how edible landscape items can be.

Spring into Action

The program proved to be a great success. Even the presentations in unheated Building 44 (Ice Station Zebra) were very well received.

It is rumored that the grim reaper attended one of Marilyn’s sessions.
Mahoning County Master Gardner Volunteers
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2017

Opening
The regular meeting of the Mahoning County Master Gardner Volunteers was called to order at 6:30 pm on April 13, 2017 in Ohio State Extension Office by Pam Baytos. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Marilyn McKinley.

Program
Our monthly program speaker was Danita Davis. She and her husband were part of a group of 18 Master Gardeners who went to Ecuador this spring. She gave a wonderful program on her gardening experiences as well as many other interesting facts and side trips while visiting this beautiful country.

Old Business
The “Spring into Action” seminar went well. There were 80 people at the workshop. We need to work on getting more involvement! Just a quick note—will need to make sure there are heaters in the buildings for any other programs at the fairgrounds.

Committee Business
Fair Committee—Barb Delisio Chairperson—Veggies are growing. Meeting from May 3rd changed to April 17th at 9am. Sorting and washing pots—need lots of help. All groups have met. Leaders meeting in May—will ask for summary so volunteers can get involved. Station Leaders will meet June 1st at 5:30pm.

Hospitality Committee—Peg Zeleznik—Many volunteers have brought food for the new MGV lunches. There are only a few empty spaces left. Thanks to everyone who has participated. It is greatly appreciated.

Plant & Pest Clinic—David Sprague—Clinic is open and very busy. Need help! Open on Mondays & Thursday from 9-12—data entry needs done any time!

Coffee with Master Gardeners—Peggy Griffith & Nancy Brundage—April’s class will be on Edible Landscapes.

Garden Art Series—Pam Baytos & Lillian Quaranta—20 people participated in the first class with a waiting list! A new date will be set for another class on the alcohol inks. Hypertufa class will be held on June 12th from 1-3.

Vindicator Articles—Eric—New articles needed!

Newsletter—Bill Snyder & Marilyn McKinley—Always looking for articles.
Speakers (Community Outreach)—Judy Rodkey, Cynthia Foust—Speaker needed on June 12th—Container Gardening; June or July—Boardman Library—Native/Local Plants

Cityscape (Community Outreach)—Bob Schulick—Cityscape will be held on June 3rd, 2017. More information will be coming later.

Phenology—David Sprague—Still waiting on drainage project—on hold.

Announcements

Just a reminder that our May meeting is our Potluck dinner as well as our Bring One/Take One for members only. This meeting will also be the first meeting with the new Master Gardener Volunteers from the classes this spring.

Perennial School workshop with Pam Bennett will be at the fairgrounds on Tuesday, April 18th from 6:30-8:30. Cost is $20. Note: There is no discount for Master Gardeners when we bring in outside speakers.

Pruning Clinic is April 22nd at White House Fruit Farm.

Veggie Seminar is April 25th from 6:30-8:30. Cost is $20. You will get to bring home what you plant.

Hydrangea Seminar is May 1st.

4-H Endowment Fund dinner and Silent Auction on April 29th. Tickets are $20. Come out and support 4-H!

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 by Pam Baytos. The next general meeting will be at 6:30pm, May 11th at the Extension office.

Minutes submitted by: Peg Zeleznik
Coffee with the Master Gardeners

Gardening Ideas for Children

A garden is a place full of learning, and is a great avenue for children to get creative and learn all about plants and other organisms that live in the garden. Come enjoy some coffee and learn about gardening with children with the Mahoning County Master Gardener Volunteers.

Speaker: Sheila Cubick, Mahoning County Master Gardener Volunteer

Monday, May 15

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

REGISTRATION INFORMATION. Registration for Coffee with the Master Gardeners includes the program, coffee and a light breakfast, 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. The program is filled on a “first come, first served basis.”

Name: ____________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
Email: _____________________________________________ Phone: ________________________________
Number Attending (x $15): __________________________ Amount Enclosed: __________________________
Come to Secrest Arboretum for a hands-on half-day workshop focused on native bees. Participants will spend time in the classroom learning about pollinator biology and practicing identification skills, then we'll stroll through the gardens in search of spring pollinators.

This program will focus on some of our most common pollinators, including their biology, identification and life history. We will also consider practical steps everyone can take to create or enhance habitat, including plant selection and simple design elements.

By creating a patchwork of spaces to provide food and shelter for pollinators, we can positively impact the health and survival of these important creatures.

Location: Secrest Arboretum, Wooster (Miller Pavilion, #5 on the map)
Time: 10AM to 2PM
Cost: $10, payable at the door, but you MUST register:

http://go.osu.edu/SecrestBees

Please bring your lunch. Dress comfortably and for the weather.

Questions? Please contact Denise Ellsworth at: ellsworth.2@osu.edu

Hope to see you later this month in Wooster!

Denise

Denise Ellsworth
Ohio State Extension, Department of Entomology ellsworth.2@osu.edu
A “Growing Challenge”
Youth to pair up with an adult to form a team.
Teams will compete for prizes and recognition in one of several categories:
- Vegetable Categories
- Floral/Herb Categories
- Display Categories

Program Dates & Events

GNGP Kick-Off
June 5th, 2017 @ 5:00 pm
Iron Roots
Park at 822 Billingsgate Ave, just off Canfield Rd, just east of Mill Creek Mill

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Local Flavor – Learn to Grow Vegetables
Attend programs each and every Monday from June 5-August 14

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Year-End Garden Party
August 14th, 2017
3:30 pm
Flying High
100 Broadway
100 Broadway, Enter Broadway & Bryson, drive inside fence to end where concrete raised beds are located (Old Cafaro Hospital)

Registration Deadline:
May 26, 2017

Mail to:
Ohio State University Extension
Mahoning County
c/o Good Natured Garden Partners
490 S Broad St
Canfield OH 44406

Phone: 330-533-5538
Fax: 330-533-2424

Participants will gain an appreciation of plants and an understanding of food production.

EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION

CFAES provides research and related educational programs to clientele on a nondiscriminatory basis. For more information: go.osu.edu/cfaesdiversity
Good Natured Garden Partners (GNGP)

Good Natured Garden Partners is a collaboration with schools and youth programs of the Mahoning Valley. Youth will team up with an adult to form a ‘growing team’. Teams could be sponsored by community organizations. These teams will plant a garden, participate in the Local Flavor – Learn to Grow Vegetables Garden Series on Monday nights all summer, and then compete for prizes and recognition at a Garden Party in August.

Program Requirement Checklist:

- REGISTER - Submit the Garden Partners Registration Form by May 26th.
- ATTEND KICK OFF EVENT - Come to Iron Roots Urban farm on June 5th, plus two additional Local Flavor Event. Participation in three events are required to be a partner and receive awards.
- SECURE GARDEN SITE - Find a garden location and inform the Extension office of size, address.
- PLANT - Care for plants all summer long.
- SHOW & TELL - Enter your produce at the annual Garden Party on August 14th at Flying High Urban Farm. A ‘Requirements & Garden Party Award Categories’ sheet is available for each team.
- PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT - Adults will need to fill out a volunteer form and complete a BCI report to participate and receive awards.

Other Opportunities:

- You will receive additional prizes/awards for attending other Local Flavor Series between June 5th and August 14th.
- A FREE Soil testing every THREE years for gardens. Bring in a cup of dry soil to our office in early spring for analysis.
- Partners are encouraged to enter their produce and flowers in the Canfield Fair & Men’s Garden Club Shows. For details and deadlines, go to: www.canfieldfair.com and http://www.mgcy.org

Good Natured Garden Partners strives to:

- Foster positive youth development
- Enhance positive relationships
- Develop a sense of ownership
- Generate an appreciation of plants
- Understanding of food production
- Reward positive behavior and achievement
Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County

PLANT SALE

Plants in the Park

Saturday, June 3, 2017
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FREE Admission

• Unique Patio Containers.
• Perennials, Vegetables and Herbs.
• Annuals, Houseplants and Trees.
• We help you find the perfect plants for your garden!
• Ask the Master Gardeners all your gardening questions.
• Plus much, much more.....

City of Independence Complex, 6363 Selig Drive, Kiwanis Pavilion

THOUSAND OF GREAT PLANTS AT REALLY LOW PRICES!

Proceeds from this event support the many Master Gardener projects offered at no charge to the residents of Cuyahoga County.
Hypertufa Pots
Learn to make hypertufa pots that will add beauty to your landscape and last for many years.
Pam Baytos & the OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteers

Monday, June 12
1-3pm

Location: 490 S. Broad St. Canfield, OH
Cost: $25/person if pre-paid
Price at door is $30 if space available.
Details: Register ASAP – Seating is limited
Contact: 330-533-5538

REGISTRATION INFORMATION. Registration includes the program and materials for project to take home. Mail to 490 S. Broad St. Canfield, OH 44406, fax (330-533-2424), or drop off the registration to the OSU Extension Office. The program is filled on a “first come, first served basis.” Prepay price is $25. If the fee is not prepaid before the event, the price is $30 at the door.

Name: _______________________________________________________
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Email: ____________________________________________ Phone: ___________________________
Number Attending (x $20): ________________________ Amount Enclosed: __________________________
Breakfast Gardening Series  
*Presented by*  
Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County

Home grown is always better. This series of three sessions is designed for anyone interested in home gardening and enjoying the bounty it brings. Whether yours is a traditional backyard garden or employs raised beds or containers, OSU Educators and Master Gardener Volunteers will provide information on how to plan and grow your summer garden.

The cost includes a delicious breakfast prepared by Master Gardener Volunteers featuring scones, savory and sweet muffins and sausage rolls, fresh fruit, and deviled eggs. There will be a take-home gift at each session. Attend one session or the entire series (at reduced cost).

**When:** Tuesdays  
- April 4  
- May 9  
- June 13

**Where:**  
Independence Library  
6361 Selig Drive  
Independence, Ohio 44131

**Agenda**  
Registration / breakfast 10-10:30 a.m.  
Program 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

**Cost:** $17 per session / $45 for all 3 sessions - Registration deadline (first session) March 29  
Master Gardener Bonus Bucks will not be accepted - 2 Continuing Education Credits

**April 4, 2017**  
**Blueberries / Herbs**  
*Tim Malinich, Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Educator, Erie County*

An expert in small fruit production, Tim will discuss the varieties of health-promoting and delicious blueberries and other small fruit that do well in our area, and the basics of growing them in your home garden.

*Jo Ann Bartsch, Cuyahoga County Master Gardener Volunteer*

This presentation is aimed for gardeners who want to try growing herbs – primarily for use in cooking. You’ll find out what you need to know to grow them, how easy it is, and which are the best ones to get you started.

**May 9, 2017**  
**Microgreens / Container Vegetable Gardening**  
*Jacqueline Kowalski, Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Educator, Summit County*

Growing microgreens can be a fun way to incorporate these nutritional powerhouses into your diet year round. Jacqueline will discuss equipment, variety selection, and production practices. Good agricultural practices and post-harvest concerns will also be reviewed. Each participant will receive microgreen seeds to try at home.

*Christine Harris, Cuyahoga County Master Gardener Volunteer*

Topics include the basic requirements, types and sizes of containers, cultural practices and tips for growing popular vegetables.

**June 13, 2017**  
**Tomatoes / When and How Do I Harvest Vegetables?**  
*Eric Barrett, Assistant Professor and OSU Extension Educator, Mahoning County*

Everyone’s favorite garden plant – the tomato! Learn the best varieties, best growing methods and how to keep disease away to help you be a successful tomato grower.

*Christine Harris, Cuyahoga County Master Gardener Volunteer*

How to tell if a vegetable is at its peak for harvesting and whether continued harvesting will result in more production.

**Registration**  
Return this form with your check payable to:  
Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County  
P.O. Box 603330  
Cleveland, OH 44103  
or  
Pay online by credit card or PayPal at [http://www.cuyahogamg.org/EventStore](http://www.cuyahogamg.org/EventStore)

Proceeds from this event support the many programs offered at no cost to residents of Cuyahoga County.

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Ohio Master Gardener Volunteers are Ohio State University trained volunteers empowered to educate others with timely, research-based gardening information.
Coffee with the Master Gardeners

Native Plants for your Landscape
Join the Master Gardener Volunteers to learn how to enhance your garden and landscape with native plants!

Speakers: Kary Shively, Peg Zeleznik, & Sheila Cubick, Mahoning County Master Gardener Volunteers

Monday, June 19
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

REGISTRATION INFORMATION. Registration for Coffee with the Master Gardeners includes the program, coffee and a light breakfast, 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. The program is filled on a “first come, first served basis.”

Name: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________
Email: __________________________ Phone: __________________________
Number Attending (x $15): __________________________ Amount Enclosed: __________________________

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