

# *Flora and Fauna*

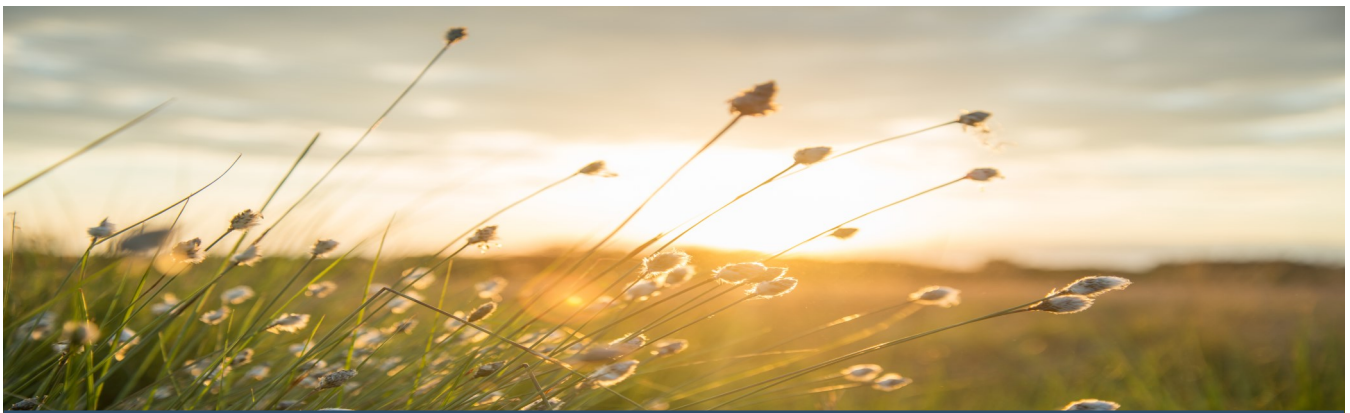
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Please send any articles,  
pictures, etc. to [MGVnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:MGVnewsletter@gmail.com). All items intended for publication  
**MUST** be submitted by the 25th of each month.

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



**NOVEMBER 5, 2017**



## MGV STATE CONVENTION 2017

Marilyn McKinley MGV

And the winner is: **MAHONING COUNTY!!** So proud of our group. We walked away with 3 awards.

Eric Barrett: Outstanding MGV Coordinator – this is a peer selected award.

Barbara Delisio: One of the top 5 MGVs in the STATE! Outstanding Master Gardener Volunteer Project -

Integrated Pest Management for medium size group and Valley Grows page in the *Vindicator*. See all the pictures. Our county also was designated as a platinum county, we surpassed all the state requirements.

Oh yes, it is nice to be recognized for excellence! I understand that Mahoning County has never won any state awards – so glad our time finally came.

State conference attendees: Barb Delisio, Peg Zeleznik, Robin Mermer, Susan McMann, Pam Baytos, Danita Davis, Marilyn McKinley, and presenter – Eric.

I attended on Friday, took a bus tour of: Oakland Nursery, the Governor's Mansion & gardens. Got to meet and talk with Hope Taft who has been very instrumental in bringing so many great gardens to the mansion. Also, went to the Columbus Topiary Park, and to Schiller Park in Columbus's Germantown. On Saturday there were several

choices for classes, I think we split up, and attended most that were offered. The Keynote speaker spoke on Rock Gardens.

Pam Bennett announced that in 2016 there were 2,984 certified MGVs in the state, who volunteered 173, 700+ hours. 49,363 continuing education hours were reported. 439 MGV interns were trained last year. Value of MGV services: \$4,00 000 which is equal to 21 full time employees.



STATE CONFERENCE ATTENDEES



**Eric and his state award for Outstanding  
MGVC Coordinator**



**Barb and her state award**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS



Way to go!

## September MGV Meeting

The new series "Traveling Without Your Suitcase" got off to a wonderful start with a presentation by Terry Cloonan on his trip to Portugal and Marilyn McKinley's photographic African Safari.

Wreaths Across America is needing help making bows for this year's presentation at North Jackson Cemetery. The first will be at 4:30pm to 6:30pm on Thursday, October 12th.

David Sprague could use some help with the Plant and Pest clinic. Even though it is officially closed until next year, data still needs to be added.

The tree at Fellows Riverside Garden has been reserved with this year's theme being "Toyland". Contact Thresa with any suggestions you may have for decorations.

A BIG WELCOME to our newest Master Gardener, Corine Hardman-Zurity. Corine comes to our neck of the woods from North Carolina and look forward to getting to know her better.

Peg Zeleznik

MGV

### Upcoming Events .....

October 7th Gardening Symposium  
October 12, 2017 Bow making for wreaths (WREATHS for VETS) starting at 4:30pm. No experience needed, helpers will be available to demonstrate how to make the bows.

October 16th Coffee with the Master Gardeners. Pam Baytos will be speaker and the topic will be "with gourds".

## September OCVN Meeting

OCVN met September 13 at Building 44 for a meeting also for the public. The program was "Dealing with the Modern Day Bambi Managing Deer Around the Home" by Marne Titchenell, OSU Extension Wildlife Specialist.

Some of Ms. Titchenell recommendations were: Repellent (odor or taste), Habitat Modification, Scare tactics, and Exclusion. She also spoke some on pollinator plants (some herbs avoided by deer). It was a very informative program attended by about 40 people.

Nancy D. Brundage.

OCVN Volunteer Naturalist

### MGV 2017 Meeting Schedule

**October 12**—Ikebana Demo given by our own Cynthia Foust

**November 9**—Fellows Tree, Preparation

**December 5** -ANR Volunteer Banquet at Tavola

### OCVN 2017 Meeting Schedule

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

**November 15**— Heather Merritt of Birds In Flight presents *Birds of Prey*

**December 5**— ANR Volunteer Banquet

## *MGV Class of 2017*



### *In Their Own Words*

My name is Rick Patterson and I am a retired steel and titanium mill maintenance supervisor. I live in Canfield with my wife, Judy. We have one daughter, Jennifer, her husband, Chris and (3) grandchildren who live in Cincinnati.

I grew up in a rural area of Carroll County, Ohio. I have great childhood memories of tending the family garden and picking strawberries at the local berry farm for 6 cents a quart for some spending money. My grandmother had an old saying when it came to gardening. She said, "You eat what you can and what you can't eat you can." Back then the family gardens were pretty important when it came to having vegetables through the winter.

After retiring (2) years ago I felt a need to do something physical that included being outdoors. I started doing some part time landscaping but wanted to do

some volunteer work as well. When I saw that the OSU Extension Office was looking for Master Gardener Volunteers that seemed like a good fit for me. Since joining the program, I have received and researched a great deal of information with the help and guidance of the OSU Extension Office's excellent experts and educators. I hope in time to be a more comfortable contributor to the program. For now, I am happy to have acquired some skills to point people in the right direction.

Thanks, Rick

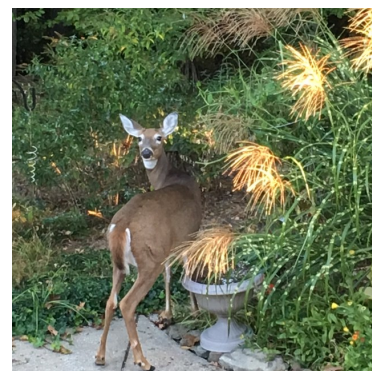
## **——-ODDS AND ENDS——**

### **MGV NOMINATIONS**

**MGVs will be electing new officers at the NOVEMBER meeting.**

**Interested? Check your Mahoning Handbook for requirements and "job" description.**

**If you are interested in being considered e-mail ERIC.**



"Everything you can imagine is real"

-Pablo Picasso-

# OUR HEIRLOOM PERENNIALS

By Marilyn McKinley

## An Afternoon with Bessie

Bessie Anderson – class of 1994.

What a charming and interesting lady! A force not to mess with! I recently had the privilege of chatting with Bessie. I learned that we had a lot in common. Maybe all gardeners do. Bessie exudes determination, independence, a can and will do spirit, a gentle heart, civic pride, a quick smile, a bit of “I’ll show you” attitude, and well, got to say it, downright orneriness!

Bessie and her husband, told me about there 62 years together. I heard about their first date. Godfrey, has an English accent, which back a few years was apparently a bit thicker. It was New Year’s Eve, Bessie says she could not understand a word he said. But at midnight he kissed her – she understood that! Bessie is a Youngstown – northside- gal, went to Harding, Hayes, and Rayen schools. Her first job was in her father’s furniture store (Reichart’s) as an elevator operator. She went to Miami University and majored in music, piano is her instrument, also played clarinet and was in the marching band.

Bessie fondly recalled her mother’s

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beautiful rose garden, although she always loved being out of doors, Tom Boy Bessie, never touched it. Her first garden was 4 x10 feet, flowers only. Bessie tells a story about keeping the birds from eating all the cherries. She cut stripes of aluminum foil and fastened them to the branches, they had a bumper crop of cherries that year.

Mr. Anderson was a builder. He told about building an apartment complex and wanting Bessie to put flowers at the entrance, as to attract good people. After all, how can someone who loves flowers be bad?

Bessie shared her love for garden design and talked about getting her hands in the soil. Bessie has designed many gardens. This lady has planted trees all over the northside. If driven down the right street, Bessie can spot one of her trees that started as a 12-inch sapling.

I learned about beautification projects all over Liberty. Projects were financed by recycling aluminum cans! Miss Bessie planted the first Knock Out roses in the area. She talked about having a greenhouse and starting 100 flats of flowers – from seed.

In her younger days Bessie was a golfer – her best score 81, for 18 holes! She designed, and planted all the gardens at Squaw Creek Country Club.

Bessie sadly told me about not being able

to garden last year, due to health reasons. She is very hopeful that come next year she will be perched on her 5-gallon bucket, with the rotating seat perched on top, planting and weeding to her hearts content. By the way, Bessie always has pruning shears in her purse.

Below – Bessie and two of her creations for this year.



## CANFIELD FAIR 2017 MEMORIES



## Coffee with the Master Gardeners

### Working with Gourds

Join us to learn about the origin, growing, harvesting and crafting of gourds. After this class, you will know how to grow your own festive fall decorations for years to come!

**Speaker: Pam Baytos, Master Gardener Volunteer**

**Monday, October 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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Master Gardener Volunteer  
*Garden Art Series*



## Holiday Containers

Join us to a look at turning your pots into holiday masterpieces! We'll cover form and style, along with finding and using several kinds of greenery, berries and other cuttings from your landscape. Go beyond the filler, thriller and spiller to turn your pots and planters into stunning displays for the holiday season. **NOTE: Bring up to a 12" diameter pot to fill during the class to get a leg up on your holiday designs.**

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**2 p.m. - Program**

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### FALL SEMINAR

# Gardening Through The Seasons

The Best Investment You Can Make  
In Your Garden!



**Saturday, November 4, 2017**

**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

*Parma-Snow Library, Parma, 2121 Snow Road*

Keynote: Marne Titchenell, OSU Wildlife Expert

### **"Landscaping for Wildlife"**

*Attract wonderful wildlife and deter unwanted critters*

*Also, Reforesting the "Forest City": The Cleveland Tree Plan, Macro Nature Photography, The Japanese Maple Garden, Four-Season Color, Monet in the Garden, Creating an English Garden and The Top 10 Design Principles*

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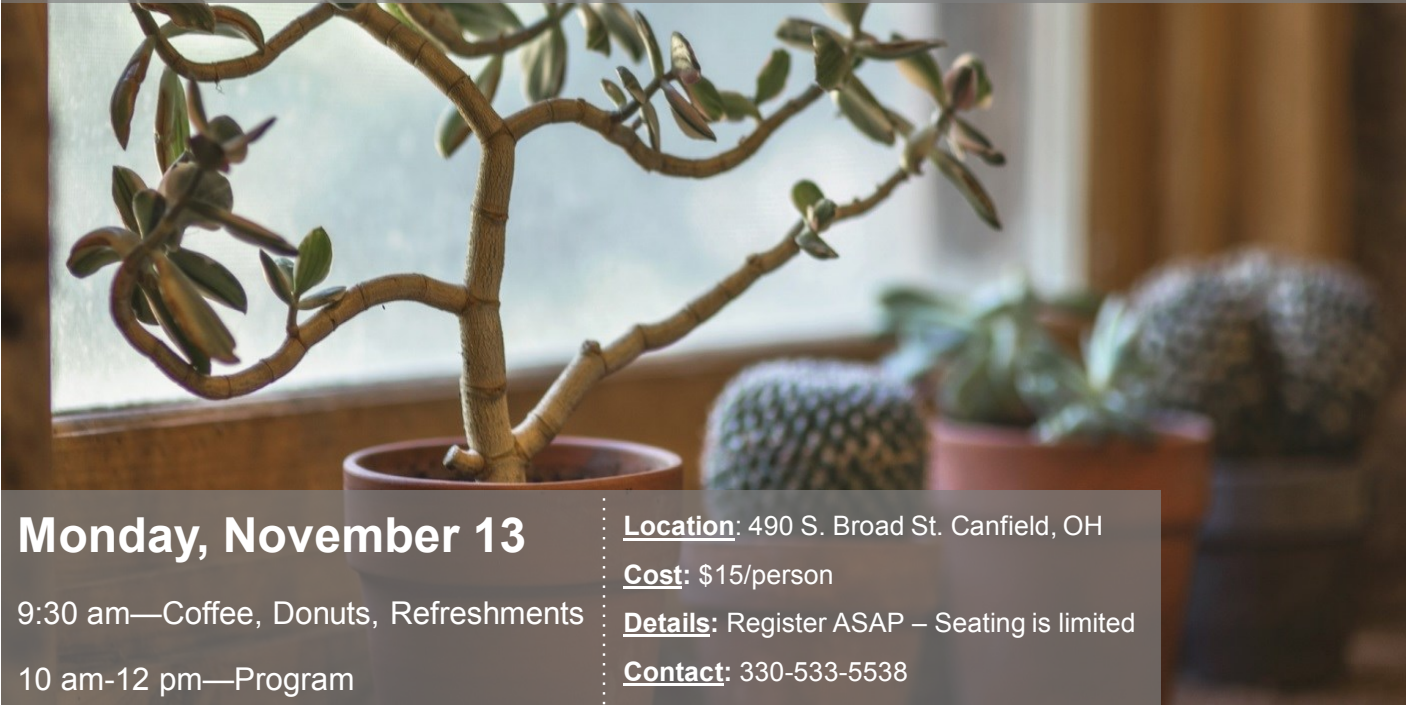
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## Coffee with the Master Gardeners

# Winter Fun with Houseplants

Looking to spruce up the house this winter? If so, join us to learn all about winter houseplants. During this class, you will learn how to grow and care for your houseplants, and will also pot a plant to take home.

**Speaker: Dan Burns and Rhonda Harris, Master Gardener Volunteers**



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