

Flora and Fauna

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Change is in the air! Please welcome Peggy Griffith. Peggy will be taking on the role as Newsletter Coordinator and we couldn't be happier. Please send any articles, pictures, etc. to 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!

It's goodbye for now:

Thank you so very much to everyone who allowed me to work on the Flora and Fauna monthly newsletter. I hope to cross paths with you all again shortly. Until then, take care!

-Hannah Dye
OSUE Intern

Thank You, Bill!

Words cannot express our gratitude towards Bill for all that he has done for the past 11 years! Although Bill will no longer be covering the newsletter, he has agreed to be the Flora & Fauna Science Editor; making sure we all continue to share university based info. Thank you also to Hannah Dye for helping with the newsletter this summer. Best wishes at OSU. Hope to see you again soon!

-Marilyn

Marilyn's Musings

August

Just a few more days – fair time! I always look forward to the Canfield Fair, but this year is special. I want to thank all Master Gardener Volunteers and Ohio Certified Naturalist Volunteers. To Barb Delisio, a very special thank you. To our 'station leaders, David Sprague, June Nolasco & Michelle Spornak, Margaret Biroshak, Katie Shipka, Pam Baytos, and of course Barb Delisio - Thank You. Dan Burns is bringing a hydroponic system for display. Your creative ways, your dedication, and arduous work are paying off.

This year planning for the fair has been very different. It started in January – not July! An idea was born, Barb stepped up and was willing to take charge. What has been accomplished over the last 8 months or so has been amazing. With so much enthusiasm, cooperation, and hard work by so many, our display will be outstanding. I think this has been a labor of love and along the way so many have learned so much. I am so proud of all of you and our organization.

Speaking of proud – well, for the first time ever, Mahoning County Master Gardener Volunteers are being recognized by the state. Our state convention is coming up in September – Have you registered? Here's the deal we have WON the excellence award for our 'Valley Grows' page in the *Vindicator*. Barb Delisio is up for Master Gardener Volunteer of the year. Eric Barrett

has been nominated for Educator of the Year! We should all be so proud and spread the word about what great things come out of our extension office. Good luck to Barb and Eric.

Hours: Please keep up with putting hours into VMS. In the next few weeks many hours will be accumulated, be sure to record them all.

Bring One Take One is coming up quickly. Got your plants to share potted up? Dig out some of

that stored away garden stuff you hate to part with but know you will not use it again. Let someone else use or display your stored treasure. Don't forget, we will be selling lots of handmade garden items. Come shop and get some bargain prices on some nice handmade stuff

Coffee with the Master Gardeners continues to be a hit. Adding the 'Arts & Crafts sessions has been a great idea. Pam and her crew have really done a wonderful job.

Please make every effort to make a little road trip out to Stephanie Hughes's home for our next meeting. She has some very interesting things to show us. See you there. SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!!

-Marilyn McKinley

OSUE MGVS and OCVN

"Every flower is a soul blossoming in nature."

-Gerard De Nerval

***MGV Class of 2017
In Their Own Words***

Terry Cloonan

I am Terry Cloonan, a member of the 2017 Master Gardener Volunteer class. This has been a great experience both in terms of the knowledge gained and the interaction with everyone involved in the program. I am an attorney and worked in banking for 30 years. I have a strong interest in arts, culture and civic engagement, and I am actively involved in many local non-profit organizations. At a more personal level I enjoy cooking, gardening and historic preservation. My partner, Ron Fankhauser, and I have an old farm house in Canfield Township that is nearly 200 years old, and like me, shows its age. Although I joined the program primarily to improve my home gardening skills, I have acquired a broader perspective of the roles we play in managing the environment,



as well as the impact it has on our communities. As a result of the MGV program I hope to become more involved in the local food movement, and look forward to participating in the activities at our local OSU extension office.

Thanks,

Terry

-Terry Cloonan

MGV Intern

Coming Soon...

**Master Gardener
Spotlight**

Beginning in September, we will begin spotlighting our “Long-term Perennials” to recognize some of our most dedicated volunteers.

Marilyn might be calling
you!



Beautiful flowers at Marilyn's home

July MGV Meeting

July OCVN Meeting

The OCVN meeting on July 19th was a hike around the Lily Pond in Mill Creek Park. The hike was led by Jim Thornton, and included the Frog Pond. It was a very hot evening. There were number of huge snapping turtles and a chorus of frogs observed by the seven participants. These was no formal meeting.

August MGV Meeting

The next MGV meeting will be held at Stephanie Hughes house on August 10th. Please bring a snack to share and a chair.

GPS address:

9877 Cable Line Rd, Diamond Ohio

DIRECTIONS:

I-76 W to exit#48 for SR 225

Turn RIGHT at end of ramp, heading north on SR 225

At 3 miles, watch for a cemetery on right. Cable Line Rd. is right after the cemetery. TURN RIGHT

Go just less than one mile to Stephanie's house #9877 on the LEFT (north side)

CARPOOLING

Meet at OSU Extension at 5:45 – we will leave there at 5:50pm

Barb will give an update on the fair. June will share final details about Bring One, Take One, for August 12. Pam will share details about the plant sale on Saturday as well.

Please let us know if you plan to carpool – we'll let you know who's planning to as well.

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Cleveland Pollinator & Native Plant Symposium

Come and spend the day exploring the importance of increasing natural diversity and ecological resilience through designing landscapes with native plants.

Cost: \$65 All day symposium includes breakfast, lunch and refreshments. Free parking on-campus

Registration forms can be found online at clevelandpollinatorsymposium.org/registration

Registration forms due by September 21st

Date: Friday, September 22, 2017

Time: 8:00 - 4:30 pm

Location: Cuyahoga Community College
East Campus
4250 Richmond Road,
Highland Hills, Ohio 44122



Fair Sighted

Looking Forward to the 2017 Canfield Fair

We're 21 days until fair set up. Eric will gather a group to set up tables, charts, etc at 9 am on Monday August 28th at the Extension Office. All plants and other decorative things can be brought in at 11:30. At this time all the tables and other props will be in place. Our backyard scene will be in place. Then the vegetable

garden can be placed and all the informative things needed at all the other stations. Hopefully all your plants will survive their trip to the fair. There were questions about watering the plants. Margaret will water the plants in the evening. This will allow any water on the floor to evaporate over night.

I just want to thank everyone for their tremendous effort in this wonderful project. It will definitely be a fair "set up" to remember. Any question about the vegetable plants you can call me at 330-707-1866 or e-mail at dan.barb@zoominternet.net or call Eric at the office at 330-533-5538. Again thank all of you for your help in this project.

-Barb Delisio
MGV Volunteer

Upcoming Events

August Events at the Mill Creek Metroparks can be found at <http://www.millcreekmetroparks.org/events/2017-08/>

August Events at the Huston-Brumbaugh Nature Center can be found in the Summer 2017 newsletter at <http://go.osu.edu/HB-Su17>

August 12—Bring One-Take One (BOTO) Flower and Seed Exchange, Canfield Fairgrounds (next to the Pumpkin Bldg.), Saturday, 10-11:30 am. Our annual plant exchange is open to the general public. Information and exchange rules can be found at <http://go.osu.edu/boto>

Upcoming Events Continued.....

August 12 **Garden Art Sale**, Canfield Fairgrounds—Pumpkin Building, Saturday, 10-11:30 am. Join the OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteers for a sale of the unusual and whimsical for your garden! Handmade hypertufa pots, concrete leaf castings and other whimsical and colorful items will highlight the selection. This event will be held in conjunction with our Bring One-Take One (BOTO) program. Information can be found at <http://go.osu.edu/gardenartsale>

August 12 **Those Pesky Weeds**, Coffee with the Master Gardeners Program, OSU Extension has been cancelled.

MGV Meeting Schedule

August 10 Home Garden Tour and Fair Planning at Stephanie Hughes

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

August 10 Thursday Meeting with MGV's. Home Garden Tour and Fair Planning at Stephanie Hughes

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

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

December— ANR Volunteer Banquet

——-ODDS AND ENDS——

If anyone is interested, the MCCTC Horticulture para-pro (classroom aide) position is open for this coming school year. Preferably someone with landscape maintenance and power equipment operation experience would be best. If interested contact Ralph Sandy at MCCTC. phone [330-729-](tel:330-729-)

Don't forget Canfield Fair is right around the corner.....

The fair is from Wednesday, August 30th through Monday, September 4th.

The MGV/OCVN Display is in the Expo Building #44 located on the fairgrounds.

Three shifts each day: 10 am– 2pm.
2pm—6pm and 6pm—10pm

Sign ups are available, Call the Extension office and ask for Kathy or Lori at 330-533-5538 . Please don't sign up for more than 2 time slots and do not send an email or leave a message.