

# Welcome to May 2022

## *THOUGHTS FROM Robert Eister*

Dear fellow OSU Master Gardener Volunteers,

I want to thank those of you who volunteered in any capacity to support our 2022 MGV Spring Horticulture Conference sessions. Comments from our attendees were positive and we were well organized for both the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> sessions. The keynote and other speakers provided valuable insight on a variety of topics.

I also want to thank those of you who are working with Stephanie Barkay and the education committee to share your specialized knowledge as guest speakers both in house and out. I have been impressed with the detailed knowledge from our fellow Master Gardener Volunteers.

I hope you are enjoying the continuing education classes provided by our Education Committee. At our next meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> Katie Shipka will have a presentation on Bluebirds. Please try to be present for our meetings. We have a lot you may be missing.

Our award-winning clinic is open and dealing with the public on their horticulture questions. You can get volunteer hours working in the clinic in a variety of capacities.

Remember, it is important that you are tracking and entering your volunteer and continuing education hours in our Hands on Connect (HOC) computer program. It is your responsibility as an OSU MGV to enter your own hours. If you need assistance with the HOC program, please schedule time in the Extension Office.

Bob Eister

President

**Spring Seminar Notes:** Spring Gardening Workshop 1 was held April 23, Thank you to the speakers and volunteers for your contribution. If anyone has photos from the event, please share with Candace at [Buonavolonta.1@osu.edu](mailto:Buonavolonta.1@osu.edu). Looking forward to the upcoming workshop on April 30<sup>th</sup>!

**Please remember our requirements to be an active member are:**

### OBTAINING VOLUNTEER HOURS:

20 documented volunteer hours are required annually to maintain active status. Approved volunteer hours must be MGV related and may include:

- 2 hours must come from Backyard and Local Food events
- 2 hours must come from Environmental Horticulture events
- Approved projects to obtain volunteer hours are committee driven

- If you desire to volunteer for a project not committee driven, you must submit your request in writing for approval from an OSU Educator at the beginning of the year
- Attending monthly meetings will equal one volunteer hour (and one education hour – see below)
- Refer to the committee list and description
- You may NOT record any hours you are paid for

### OBTAINING CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS:

10 documented education hours are required annually to maintain active status. Approved continuing education hours must be MGV related and may include:

- 2 hours must be from integrated pest management classes or presentations
- 2 hours must be from invasive species classes or presentations
- Attending monthly MGV meeting – where a speaker presents a program
- Attend a MGV sponsored field trip with a specialist tour guide

### OCVN HOURS

Please continue to contact Ann Baird at [baird.41@osu.edu](mailto:baird.41@osu.edu) with any questions about the system or inputting hours. OCVN hours are managed by the state.

### HANDS ON CONNECT TRAINING AND HELP SESSIONS

Kristen has scheduled a few **Hands on Connect Trainings and Help Session** for the Month of May. For our Intern MGVs (new), Hands on Connect (HOC) is the system where you will log all of your hours both volunteer and continuing education. Please let Kristen know if you plan to attend at [Eisenhauer.30@osu.edu](mailto:Eisenhauer.30@osu.edu). The class dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>
  - 10:00 am to 11:00 am – Interns Account Set-Up Class
  - 11:00 am to 12:00 pm – Anyone can come for HOC help or to enter hours
- Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>
  - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm – Interns Account Set-Up Class
  - 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm – Anyone can come for HOC help or to enter hours
- Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>
  - 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm – Interns Account Set-Up Class
  - 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm – Anyone can come for HOC help or to enter hours.

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

- Diana Mullins from the Flower Show during the Canfield Fair is looking for someone to work with her during the Fair – if interested contact the office for her information.

- On Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>, there is a community fair at the Islamic Academy of Youngstown. I will be there in the morning to help set-up but have to leave for a prior commitment. I am looking for volunteers to be at the MGV/OCVN table (there will also be a 4-H table as well). You will just need to engage with public, give out seeds, and answer the event runs from 9 am to 4 pm, but I am going to do shifts of at least two people, please let me know ASAP if you are willing to volunteer!
  - Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 12 pm
    - Deborah Poppke
    - Open
  - Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> from 12 pm to 2 pm
    - Sara Scudier
    - Katie Shipka
  - Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm to 4 pm (will help tear down)
    - Open
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- As discussed at the April meeting there will be a field trip to the Ernest Warther Museum & Gardens on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>. I have attached a flyer with more information about the museum. If you are interested in going or need more information, please contact Carylton Fankhauser at 330-519-8323 or [carolyn525@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn525@gmail.com)

## MGV MINUTES

April Minutes - <https://u.osu.edu/barrett.90/2022/04/22/mgv-minutes-april-2022/>

## MEETING CALENDARS

2022 MGV Meetings...

6pm garden talk/socializing. Meeting 6:30pm

- May 12<sup>th</sup>
- June 9<sup>th</sup>
- July 14<sup>th</sup>
- August 11<sup>th</sup>
- September 8<sup>th</sup>
- October 13<sup>th</sup>
- November 10<sup>th</sup>
- December 8<sup>th</sup>

## 2022 Events for All Mahoning County Programs

### Up Coming Classes:

- *Urban Orchard Pruning Clinic*
  - Date: Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm
  - Location: St. Patrick's Orchard, 1410 Oak Hill Ave, Youngstown
  - Cost: Free
  - To Register: <https://go.osu.edu/urbanorchard>
- *Gardening For Pollinators*
  - Date: Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
  - Location: Mahoning County Extension Office
  - Cost: \$30.00 per person
  - To register visit <https://go.osu.edu/05-19pollinators>

- *Naturalist Series: Bees in Your Ohio Backyard*
  - Date: Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Time: 6:30 pm
  - Location: Mahoning County Extension Office
  - To register visit <https://go.osu.edu/05-19bees>
  
- *Garden Art Series: Botanica Cards*
  - Date: Wednesday, June 15
  - Time: 6pm
  - Location: Mahoning Extension Office
  - Taught by: Peg Zeleznik
  - Cost: \$20
  - To register visit: <https://go.osu.edu/06-15botanicalcards>
  
- *Naturalist Series: The Secrets of Tree ID*
  - Date: Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Time: 6:30 pm
  - Location: Mahoning County Extension Office
  - Speaker: Kathy Smith, Extension Program Director – Forestry
  - Cost: Free
  - To register visit <https://go.osu.edu/07-20treeid>
  
- *Garden Art Series: Air Plant Artistry*
  - Date: Wednesday, July 27
  - Time: 6 pm
  - Location: Mahoning Extension Office
  - Taught by: Patty Kacenski
  - Cost: \$20
  - To register visit: <https://go.osu.edu/07-27airplantartistry>
  
- *Garden Art Series: Container Hypertufa*
  - Date: Tuesday, August 9
  - Time: 6 pm
  - Location: Mahoning Extension Office
  - Taught by Pam Baytos
  - Cost: \$20
  - To register visit: <https://go.osu.edu/08-09hypertufacontainer>
  
- *Naturalist Series: A Concert of Crickets and Katydid*
  - Date: Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Time: 6:30 pm
  - Location: Mahoning County Extension
  - To register visit <https://go.osu.edu/cricketsandkatydids>
  
- *Garden Art Series: Fairy Garden*
  - Date: Tuesday, September 13
  - Time: 6 pm
  - Location: Mahoning Extension Office
  - Taught by Natalie Fraser
  - Cost: \$20
  - To register visit: <https://go.osu.edu/09-13fairygarden>

- *Naturalist Series: Aquatic Invasive Species in Ohio*
  - Date: Thursday, September 29th
  - Time: 6:30 pm
  - Location: Mahoning County Extension Office
  - Speaker: Eugene Braig, Program Director- Aquatic Ecosystems
  - Cost: Free
  - To register visit: <https://go.osu.edu/09-29aquaticinvasives>
  
- *Garden Art Series: For the Birds Wreath Feeder*
  - Date: Wednesday, October 5
  - Time: 6 pm
  - Location: Mahoning Extension Office
  - Taught by Pam Baytos
  - Cost: \$20
  - To register visit: <https://go.osu.edu/10-05birdwreath>
  
- *Naturalist Series: The Many Lives of Lichens*
  - Date: Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Time: 6:30 pm
  - Location: Mahoning County Extension Office
  - To register visit <https://go.osu.edu/livesoflichens>
  
- *Garden Art Series: Holiday Container*
  - Date: Tuesday, November 15
  - Time: 6 pm
  - Location: Mahoning Extension Office
  - Taught by Pam Baytos
  - Cost: \$20
  - To register visit: <https://go.osu.edu/11-15holidaycontainer>
  
- *Naturalist Series: Hunting Wild Mushrooms in Eastern Ohio*
  - Date: Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Time: 6:30 pm
  - Location: Mahoning County Extension Office
  - To register visit <https://go.osu.edu/wildmushrooms>
  
- *Garden Art Series: Holiday Container*
  - Date: Tuesday, December 13
  - Time: 6 pm
  - Location: Mahoning Extension Office
  - Taught by Pam Baytos
  - Cost: \$20
  - To register visit: <https://go.osu.edu/12-14holidaycenterpiece>

For a complete and up to date list of events please visit <https://mahoning.osu.edu/events>

**Editor's note:** Hello everyone, my name is Candace Buonavolonta, and I am happy to be working at the OSU Extension office here in Mahoning County. Just a little about me... I am a mother of three awesome kids, a softball coach and board member of Austintown Girls Softball League, and a very amateur gardener. I love to grow vegetable, hunt for mushrooms and care for my houseplants. My Ag knowledge

is limited so I am really looking forward to learning more in the coming years! As you can see below this entry, I am going to start constructing future newsletters. My email is below, please reach out if you have any questions or anything you would like added to the newsletter.

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If you want an announcement or information in the AGNR Newsletter, please e-mail to Candace at [Buonavolonta.1@osu.edu](mailto:Buonavolonta.1@osu.edu) by the 23rd of the month. We welcome articles about you – and your fellow MGVs! It is great to learn even more about our friends and colleagues.

## ENJOY THE SUNSHINE!

