

Welcome to the AGNR Volunteer Newsletter for June:
News, Events, and Activities for OCVNs and MGVs

June 2022

Join us for some of the upcoming classes!

Dear fellow OSU Master Gardener Volunteers,

If you are like me and I know most of you are, you are in love with this time of year. You have by now planned for your garden. Purchased your seeds and planted them. Visited the garden center to purchase seedlings and larger plants. Revised your garden plan because you found something new or interesting while shopping and then purchased way too many plants. You also shopped for new pots or tools and whimsy items to add to your vast collection. All this took a lot of time and work, but your garden is almost ready to become that beautiful space that you saw through your mind's eye. Almost time to relax and enjoy watching everything grow.

Did you remember to plant enough plants? We need to share a few of those delicious veggies, flowers, and berries with our neighbors, both humans, and wildlife. We will also be needing plants for the BOTO event. White and /or yellow flowers are needed for the Fair in August. Maybe grow a few more yellow sunflowers in pots to share at the Fair.

Bob Eister

President

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 an MGV sponsored field trip with a specialist tour guide

OCVN HOURS

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

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.
- Mahoning County Land Bank- a non-profit agency that works closely with local governments and other partners to return abandoned, tax-delinquent property to productive use. Some of the properties become sites for native wildflowers or agricultural crops, which means there are opportunities for both MGs and OCVNs to volunteer--mulching the sunflower field, checking the apple trees' health, surveying plant animal species, giving educational talks about native wildflowers, and more. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Gary Davenport, Project Coordinator for the Land Bank (and OCVN), at 330-259-1040;1 or gdavenport@mahoninglandbank.com.
- Trumbull County Soil and Water Conservation District - Amy Reeher, 330-637-2056 ext. 8624, amy@trumbullohswcd.org
- Veggies and More Tour:
Events are Monday nights at 6 pm
 - June 6th
 1. Lana Ilain
 2. Marie Belfast
 3. Open
 4. Open
 - June 13th Avondale Sunflower Planting
 1. Lil
 2. Open
 3. Open
 4. Open
 - June 20th Jubilee Garden @ Tod Lane
 1. Rhonda Harris
 2. Mike Beaudis
 3. Open
 4. Open
 - June 27th Treez Please Community Orchard
 1. Rhonda Harris

- 2. Mike Beaudis
- 3. Open
- 4. Open
- July 11th Flying High G.R.O.W. Urban Farm
 - 1. Patty Kacenski
 - 2. Open
 - 3. Open
 - 4. Open
- July 18th Dorothy Day House Garden
 - 1. Pinky Steffen
 - 2. Karen Gates
 - 3. Lil
 - 4. Mariann Mannion
- July 25th Fairgreen Neighborhood Garden
 - 1. Open
 - 2. Open
 - 3. Open
 - 4. Open
- August 1st Ohio Ave Butterfly Garden
 - 1. Kary Shively
 - 2. Debbie Tominey
 - 3. Open
 - 4. Open
- August 8th McGuffey Centre Garden
 - 1. Open
 - 2. Open
 - 3. Open
 - 4. Open
- August 15th Saint Pat's Garden
 - 5. Rhonda Harris
 - 6. Natalie Fraser
 - 7. Open
 - 8. Open

Contact Kristen to sign up to work at one of the Veggies and More locations at eisenhauer.30@osu.edu

MGV MINUTES

May Minutes - <https://u.osu.edu/barrett.90/2022/05/19/mgv-minutes-for-may-12-2022/>

Email Pam Baytos:

Hi, it's me again. Having a new garden art class this fall Wreath for the Birds. I planted broomcorn and sunflowers for this, if you have space plant something that can be cut in the fall that the birds will eat. Seedheads from sunflower, coneflower, goldenrod and thistle, amaranth, flax, broomcorn, quaking oat grass, or other plants that produce seed heads favored by birds. Fresh cut flowers and berries such as bittersweet, juniper sumac, and viburnum for color. If you already have anything already planted in your garden, please donate it to this class. I'm trying to offer something new.

Spotlight is on!

Judy Rodkey

I was born in Youngstown, moved to Springfield Missouri then Independence Missouri, returning to Youngstown at age 5. Moved to Kenton Ohio ages 9-11. Returned to Youngstown in 1957. I have lived here ever since. Growing up I attended 9 schools and lived in 11 homes. Lost my father and sister in an auto accident in 1961 and have remained in the Youngstown area ever since.

After graduating from Cardinal Mooney HS. I attended Choffin School of Practical Nursing. Married Robert in 1967 and had 3 daughters. I attended YSU and graduated with an associate degree in nursing in 1985. I began nursing in labor and delivery and after working in several fields of nursing I finished retiring from labor and delivery in 2011.

My interest in gardening prompted me to take the Volunteer Master Gardener Classes in 2012.

My daughters gave me a raised planter. I planted tomatoes and green peppers in a 3 ft by 3 ft by 1 ft planter. The plants grew very well but as the tomato plants began to bear fruit the plants began lifting from the soil. My neighbor and I staked the plants with bungee cords to get them through the season.

I enjoy gardening, quilting, and working with children and the elderly. I belong to Austintown Junior Women's League and participate in service projects for the betterment of our community. Playing cards and bingo with friends.

With my husband, we have visited our daughters in Florida, Amsterdam, Arizona, Oregon, California, Georgia, Washington State, and Vermont. We enjoy cruising to Hawaii, Alaska, the Caribbean, and the eastern seacoast of the USA and Canada.

Favorite flower: hydrangea
Favorite food: crab legs

Favorite color: blue
Favorite place to live: Ohio

My Goal or motto is to keep busy and learn something new every day!

MEETING CALENDARS

2022 MGCV Meetings...

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

- June 9th
- July 14th
- August 11th
- September 8th
- October 13th
- November 10th
- December 8th

2022 Events for All Mahoning County Programs

Upcoming Classes:

- Naturalist series, protecting the Alleghany alligator (Hellbender)
 - Date: Tuesday, June 14
 - Time: 6:30-7:30
 - Location: Mahoning Extension Office
 - Speaker: Joshua Emanuelson with Ohio Hellbender Partnership
 - Cost: Free

- To register visit: <https://go.osu.edu/06-14hellbender>
- **Garden Art Series: BotanicaCards**
 - 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 20th
 - 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 16th
 - 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 20th
 - 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 17th
 - 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>

If you want an announcement or information in the AGNR Newsletter, please e-mail Candace at 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!