

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

# July 2022

Dear fellow OSU Master Gardener Volunteers,

It seems we are at that time of year in our garden calendar when being in our garden is both a rewarding and frustrating experience. Rewarding because we are beginning to see the fruits of our hard work. The raspberries are ripe. My gooseberries are almost ripe and ready to harvest if I can get to them before the birds. The lettuce needs picking, and some beans are growing tall. However, if your garden is like my garden this year the guest pests have started arriving for the feast. I saw many chipmunks enjoying the sunflower seeds I planted for the fair.

A neighbor's woodchuck is not eating wood but is dining on my pumpkins and beans. He has been joined by a family of rabbits that have trimmed off some of my taller beans. My raspberries are great snacks for a family of visiting raccoons whose members appear to be working dusk and dawn shifts. I planted new serviceberry bushes this year and a Cayuga Viburnum (which my wife loves to see in bloom) and I have found that deer love them too. They have feasted on the tender new growth. I have now spent time and money constructing a fence around these latest additions. Guess what? The Japanese beetles have arrived! Can you spell IPM with me! Where did I put that soapy bucket of death, I used last year? Good luck with your gardening.

Bob Eister

President

## **IS BARBERRY SAFE TO PLANT?**

No! It is invasive. Just because you have it and you do not see seedlings does not mean the birds are not taking the berries out in the woods and leaving them with their droppings. Several MGVs noted these plants were given to us by SAMs Club in a recent donation. Non-native barberry (*Berberis* spp.) are invasive, shade-tolerant, deciduous woody shrubs found in Ohio and surrounding states' natural landscapes and forests. Recent research has indicated a relationship between high tick populations and the presence of the invasive shrub, making it crucial for forest and landscape managers to be able to identify it, manage it, and prevent its spread into natural and managed areas.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE INVASIVE PLANTS AT: <http://go.osu.edu/barberry>

**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](mailto: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](mailto:gdavenport@mahoninglandbank.com).
- Trumbull County Soil and Water Conservation District - Amy Reeher, 330-637-2056 ext. 8624, [amy@trumbullohswcd.org](mailto:amy@trumbullohswcd.org)

#### **MGV MINUTES**

June Minutes: <https://u.osu.edu/barrett.90/2022/06/13/mgv-minutes-for-june-9-2022/>

#### **MEETING CALENDARS**

Reminder the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the Mahoning County Extension Office. If your committee would like to have a meeting beforehand, please let the office know to ensure that there is space available.

2022 MGV Meetings...

Second Thursday of the Month, 6 pm garden talk/socializing. Meeting 6:30 pm. Meetings will be held at the office unless otherwise stated!

- 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

### Upcoming Classes:

- Fruit Tree Pruning Clinic
  - Date: Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Time: 4-6 pm
  - Location: Treez Please Community Orchard, 1327 Wick Ave
  - Speaker: Eric Barrett
  - Cost: \$30, add \$4 to substitute a pruning saw
  - To register visit: <https://mahoning.osu.edu/events/urban-pruning-clinic>
- Writing and Teaching Workshop
  - Date: Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Time: 5pm
  - Location: Mahoning County Extension Office
  - Cost: Free
  - To register visit: <https://mahoning.osu.edu/events/mgy-writing-and-teaching-workshop>
- *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>

### **Other Events and Happenings (not eligible volunteer hours)**

- Southside Community Garden is having its 10th Annual Butterfly Festival on July 16th from 1 to 4. At 104 Williamson Ave, Youngstown. Lois Martin-Uscianowski is looking for people to help prep the garden or help the day of the event. You can reach her at 330-727-8340.
  - Gardeners of Greater Youngstown is holding their 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Horticulture Show on August 20 at Fellows Riverside Gardens in Mill Creek Park. For event and judging info visit: <https://gg-yo.org/horticultural-show>
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If you want an announcement or information in the AGNR Newsletter, please e-mail 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.