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August Birthdays
Cynthia Foust  8/2
Bob Eister     8/3
John Perry     8/3
Glenda House   8/5
Barb Loewit    8/5
Gwen Gallech   8/7
Marilyn McKinley 8/9
Rick Patterson  8/18
Terry Shears   8/18
Ralph Beard    8/30

Flower Show Winners
President Pam’s Perspective
Pam Baytos

VMS:
We've been updating our VMS system. Members were contacted that need to complete their 50 hours to stay on the active list. You have until Oct. 1st to get your hours completed and entered into the VMS system. I'll include the list of committees and their chairs for you to find ways to earn volunteer hours.

ALSO: As my dad always told me; Do as I say not as I do!!! You would think that by now I would have learned to enter my hours at least monthly, but no....I marked things on my calendar (most of the time) so all I have to do is sit and enter dates and events and hours. Well, that might work if I didn't sometimes just write mg 2hours. So trust me!!! Make your life easy and enter your hours while things are fresh in your mind or at least keep better records than I do.

Canfield Fair:
The sign up list is full for Master Gardener Booth at the Canfield Fair. Thanks to all that signed up.

Spring Seminar:
Eric has secured Laura Deeter as our keynote speaker for the Spring Seminar. She always has a fun and entertaining presentation. We need to get a committee set so we can get an early start in planning this event. It would be great if we could increase the number of people attending our event. Bring your ideas!!!

Pam

2018 committee chairs:

Local flavor: Theresa Harris
Val Gonclaves

State awards: Marilyn McKinley

Wreaths for vets: Margaret Biroschak and Mike Beaudis

Phenology: David Sprague

Newsletter: Peggy Griffith

OSU grounds: Mike Beaudis

Hospitality: Peg Zeleznik

Recognition Banquet:
Lil Quaranta Kim Lowery

Art series: Pam Baytos Lil Quaranta

Canfield fair: Peg Zeleznik
Rhonda Harris

Community outreach: Judy Rodkey

After school west Blvd.: Barb Loewit

Fellows Christmas tree: Theresa Harris

Coffee with masters: Eric

Jr. Master Gardeners: Kary Shively Kim Lowery

BOTO: Carolyn Fankhauser Lil Quaranta Pinky Steffen

Plant pest clinic: David Sprague

Vets memorial fairgrounds: Al Leonhart

Executive Board Meeting:

Our board meetings are held to discuss active projects and new ideas to bring to the membership at our monthly meetings. At our July 26th meeting we discussed our growing membership and adding new committee/projects. I'm putting this in the newsletter to give you a heads up for our next Aug. 9th meeting. This will give you a little time to start thinking of things that we might add to our list of committee/projects. If you have an idea follow the guidelines on the
last page of our revised handbook. Two of the ideas we discussed at our meeting were adding an activity committee (organize fieldtrips, etc.) and a publicity committee (to find other ways to get the word out to public of our upcoming events). Put on your thinking caps!

Pam

MGV GARDEN TOUR
Marilyn McKinley

It was a beautiful summer day, light breeze, comfortable temperature. A few MGVs set out on a mission. A caravan left the extension office at 10:00 am. Our destination, to check out each other’s gardens. What fun! So interesting to see how much we are alike, have the same interests, yet how our gardens are so different.

On the tour was Bob Eister, Pam Baytos, Pinky Steffen, Carolyn Fankhauser, Lillian Quaranta, Valeria Gonclaves, intern, Jo-Ann Kaschak, Kary Shively, Carol Swartz, and me.

We started out with a visit to Carolyn Fankhauser’s yard. She lives in an historic Canfield home. Lovely. Carolyn has some not so common trees, very pretty flowers, and a lot of land. Let me say this, all of our yards and gardens are a work in progress. Carolyn won WFMJ’s landscape makeover a few years ago. How lucky is she?

We traveled over to my house. I think you all know I have become very interested in planting for our pollinators. My new wild area seemed to be of interest to everyone. I love how that area has attracted so many bees, butterflies, and birds. I plan to make some other portions of my yard into natural areas next year. A few years back I was fascinated by daylilies. I have 50 plus varieties, many were still in bloom that day. We had a snack, paid a lot attention to our dogs and moved on to our next stop.

Carol Schwartz has it all. Tucked back off Racoon Rd. atop a beautiful hill is an amazing display of landscape at its very best. Carol and her husband moved back her from California not long ago. The views are spectacular, the gardens, so lovely. Another historic Canfield home and property. Next stop – LUNCH!

While in Canfield we headed over to Bob’s place. So nice! Bob has lots of berry bushes, beautiful flowers, nice vegetable garden. Bob has done so much work on his property. Made me so tired just listening to all his completed projects.

Next stop Kary Shively’s, in Austintown. A sprawling old farm, more history. Kary has included old farm equipment and machinery in her gardens. One has the feeling that you are peeking into the past while visiting the Shively property. Beautiful flowers everywhere. A healthy vegetable garden, several Hydrangeas – Eric would be so proud!

Finally, we headed out to Berlin Center to Pam’s. Many MGVs have visited this lovely property. So unique, fun, beautiful, creative. Wonderful flowers and veggie garden.

We headed back to the extension office, worn out but filled with ideas, grateful to have such wonderful friends. I so enjoyed each stop and will plan to visit these amazing gardens again. We talked about possible different locations to visit next year. We hope more MGVs and OCVNs can join the caravan. Can we come by your place?
2018 MGV MEETING SCHEDULE

August 9—Finalize plans for the fair. Peg Zeleznik’s 6595 Duck Creek Rd Berlin Center, bring an appetizer or dessert to share 6:30 pm
September 13—September Produce Challenge OSU Extension Office 6:30 pm
October 11—Sheila Cubick will present a program on her July 2017 trip to and tour of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum OSU Extension Office 6:30 pm
November 8—Fellows Christmas Tree Preparation
December 3—2018 ANR Volunteer Banquet—6pm—10pm LaRiccia Pavilion—Rotary Room at Boardman Park

2018 OCVN MEETING SCHEDULE

September 17—Adam Zorn – Citizen Science, 6:30pm-7:30pm OCVN Meeting 7:30-8:30
-Focus: Hugh & Jim – Trail Camera Ideas & Other Citizen Science
October 24—Bats https://mahoning.osu.edu/events/bats

November 5—Clarence R. Smith Mineral Museum at YSU. 6:30pm to 7:30 pm. The museum is located in the atrium of Moser Hall and home to a vast mineral collection. Details on parking will be sent to OCVNS/ placed in ANR volunteer newsletter. Please call office at 330-533-5538 to RSVP.

December 3—2018 ANR Volunteer Banquet

2018 LOCAL FLAVOR

Aug. 6 Hope for Newport Community Garden- Focus on Fruit Trees - 420 Clearmount
Aug. 13 Flying High Urban Farm & GROW 100 Broadway
Enter Broadway & Bryson, drive to end

Ohio State University Monthly Bee Lab Webinar Schedule

August 15—Elizabeth Long, OSU Entomology—Protecting Pollinators from Pesticides.
September 19—Kelley Tilmon, OSU Entomology—Pollinator Diversity in Ohio Soybeans.
October (DATE TO TBA) - Randy Mitchell, The University of Akron—The Ohio Bee Survey: In Search of the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee.

Webinars are at 9:00 am Eastern, typically on the third Wednesday of the month. All webinars are free and registration is not required.

To join a webinar, follow the link below and LOG IN AS A GUEST at about 8:55am the day of the event: http://go.osu.edu/theOSUbuzz

2018 Naturalists Series (Open to the Public)

September—Coyotes TBA
October 24—Bats by Marne Tichenell, OSU Columbus
December 2—Backyard Bird Feeding by the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania. 4:00pm to 5:00pm. Yellow Creek Park, Struthers

2018 UPCOMING EVENTS

August 13—Coffee Series—Insects—9:30 am Refreshments, 10am-12:00 pm Program—OSU Extension Office
September 19—Kelley Tilmon, OSU Entomology—Pollinator Diversity in Ohio Soybeans.
Coffee with Master Gardeners

The Coffee with the Master Gardeners meeting was held Monday, July 16 at the OSU Extension Office to a full room of tomato lovers A great presentation was given by our own, Eric Barrett. He began with a history of the tomato and proceeded to types and cultivars. He described the many things we look for in tomatoes. Eric then described the various problems that can be encounter and diseases. How to plant and stake were also discussed as well as watering. A soil test should be done to know the properties of your soil. This series is always so informative and worthwhile attending.

The next program is August 13 at 9:30 am social time (with wonderful refreshments) and the program at 10 am. Our own, Nancy Wloch, will be giving a program on insects. Hope to see you there. Call office for reservations. Nancy Brundage MG volunteer

July OCVN Meeting Minutes

The July OCVN meeting was our annual field trip. This year, Chairman of field trips Jim Thornton, took us to the Lower Bears Den picnic area in Mill Creek MetroPark.

Despite a heavy downpour about an hour before the trip, a good number of OCVN’s and guests attended. Many were members of the 2018 class. So nice to see and meet them. Thanks to Eric, we had ice cream from Handle’s. (Is that why everyone came?) Thank you, Eric. It was soo good.

Following eating ice cream, we had a short business meeting prior to the walk.

Eric Barrett said there was good attendance at all 3 programs by Jim Chatfield on trees.

Sheila Cubick gave a report on the State Conference that was recently held in Lake County. 4 OCVN’s attended. Look for Sheila’s article in this newsletter. For hours, don’t count travel as travel, wrap it into volunteer hours, not education. If anyone has a problem recording hours online, Sheila, Sara Scudier and Cynthia Frost will be happy to help you. Nothing is currently known about the Jr. OCVN program with Mill Creek MetroPark.

Upcoming member programs are:

CITIZEN SCIENCE: 9/17/18. Adam Zorn will present a program on I Naturalist. Bring your I phones and I pads. Did you know your I phone can be converted to a magnifier?

> BANQUET: 12/3. It is a fun event with the Master Gardeners. Plan to attend. Too few OCVN’s come. We need better numbers there.

Upcoming Public Programs with Mill Creek MetroPark:

10/14/18. Bats by Marne Tichenell at MetroPark Farm
12/2/18. Birds. Information TBA
2 or 3/19. Dale Gnidovec, OSU Orion Museum. TBD. This is a program you WILL NOT WANT TO MISS. This speakers is fantastic. He did the program on the Ice Age this year.
5/7/19 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Tree Communication and Natural Defenses. Dr Enrico Bonello OSU. Fellows Riverside Gardens.
6/20/19. 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Coyotes in Northeast Ohio. Jon Cepek. Cleveland MetroParks. Mill Creek MetroPark Farm
8/10/19. 7:30 to 9:30 pm. A Concert of Crickets and Katydids. Dr Lisa Rainsong. Mill Creek MetroPark Farm
11/5/19. 6:30 to 8:00 pm Birds of Prey. Heather Merritt. Mill Creek MetroPark Farm

The committee for the banquet is looking for donations for the silent auction. Any donations should be taken to the office. Signups were done for working the Canfield Fair. One OCVN is to be on each shift. There was good feedback from this years class of OCVN’s on the program. Bill Snyder is on the mend. Jim Thornton then led a hike in the aea.
July MGV Meeting Minutes

The July meeting was our annual flower show. Many beautiful flowers and plants were brought in by members. Prior to the start of the meeting, members voted by placing chips in a container in front of their favorites. The winners were announced after the meeting.

President Baytos opened the meeting and the pledge was given. Committee reports were given:

BOTO: will be held 8/11 at the pumpkin barn at the Canfield Fairgrounds. Arrivals will begin arriving at 9:30 am. Chairman Lil Quaranta would like to have some rules this year that will be printed on the flyer.

CLEANUP AROUND OFFICE: Mike Beaudis said it will be on Tuesday from 4 to 9 pm. Bring gloves.

LOCAL FLAVOR: Thresea Harris reported it will be on Monday.

FAIR: Rhonda Harris said poster information should be sent to Haley at the office. The stage is 7 feet long. Signs will be above the tables. The next committee meeting is 7/30 at 1 pm. The signup sheet to work the 4 hour shift was passed around. 1 slot of the 4 will be for an OCVN. The theme is “Grandma’s Backyard Garden”.

VINDY ARTICLES: Are needed. Send topic ideas to Eric.

SPEAKERS: St. Charles Garden Club is looking for speakers for 4 & 5/19. Speakers volunteered right away.

BANQUET: Lil said donations are needed for the silent auction. We have the baskets and will be filled sometime in November. Cathryn Jacobs has volunteered to make 15 centerpieces (Thank You). The banquet is 12/3.

A new membership list is available online. September meeting will be a produce contest. Mike Beaudis thanked Peg and Jim Zeleznik for the flowers that were planted around the office. Carol Smith spoke about the wellness Walk that will be held 8/11.

Workers are needed for OSU table. A Garden Tour Caravan will be 7/18 leaving the office at 10 am. Tour will go to several members homes with lunch at Panera’s. Rhonda Harris works at Fairhaven and has started a garden club with raised beds. A new Handbook was distributed with a few changes, mainly on pages 13-18 regarding committees. Columbiana County fair is 7/30-8/6. Master Gardeners from Columbiana will have a display. Coffee with MG’s is 7/16. Topic Tomatoes by Eric Barrett.

Wreaths will be 2nd Saturday in December in North Jackson.

The flower show winners were: CUT ANNUAL: Nasturtium, Barb Delisio; CUT PERENNIAL: Button Bush, Keri Shively; FOLIAGE, Swiss Chard, Stephanie Barkay, HOUSE PLANT: African Violet, Carol Smith. And.

Drum Roll. BEST IN SHOW: Kary Shively’s Button Bush. Congratulations to all.

Nancy Brundage. Co-Secretary

Best of Show—Kary Shively
**OCVNS In Their Own Words**

**Kathryn Young**

I was born and raised in upstate New York to a large Irish family. We spent most of our summers camping in the cool Adirondack Mountains which inspired my love for nature and the great outdoors. I graduated with an accounting degree from St. Bonaventure University located along the Allegheny River and upon graduation was commissioned as an Army officer. After I left the Army, I worked in public accounting for a few years until I became a full-time stay at home mom. I have three beautiful children and I am so pleased that they are nature enthusiasts as well. I look forward to sharing what I've learned in OCVN and helping to be the spark for others in the future.

**Kathy Banks**

I have been interested in nature from a very young age. I grew up in Bessemer, PA, which is a half hour east of Youngstown. Being outside was a natural activity growing up in a rural community.

Today, I enjoy bike riding in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, kayaking at Cook’s Forest and enjoy the sunset at Walnut Beach in Ashtabula. My work is in education with special needs students. I hope to tailor some programs to their needs.

I hope to volunteer at the Metro Park Farm, Fellow Riverside gardens or at community events.

**Mark Williams**

My name is Mark Williams, a retired Registered Nurse who developed my love of the outdoors while growing up roaming the neighboring woods and fields in Beaver Township.

I felt that a formal course would expand my learning opportunities and open me up to even more possibilities for knowledge, hence my presence in the OCVN course.

My introduction to gardening came at a very early age courtesy of my parents, who were both children of the Great Depression. They were quickly taught the invaluable lesson that the best way to prevent an empty belly was to raise your own food. My dad used to tell me that as long as you’ve got a little land, there’s no excuse for going hungry.

As I’ve grown older with orthopedic ailments too numerous to mention, I have scaled back my gardening to a few raised beds whose higher elevation offer the advantage of meeting me half-way, so to speak. We raise pretty much the standard things; tomatoes, peppers, beans, with occasional frustrating forays into the cruciferous varieties and giant pumpkins.

**Rick Patterson**

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 wonderful childhood memories of small game hunting in the woods and fields and fishing in the creeks and lakes of Carroll County along with my older brother and father. I spent most of my youthful summers boating on a lot of the lakes of Northeastern Ohio. My wife and I have now become avid hikers, and have hiked not only some of the great trails of Ohio but other areas of the country as well.

I have joined the OCVN to gain more knowledge about nature and the environment. My hope is to be able to give back to Ohio and the country what it gave to me most of my life; a great place to experience the outdoors.

**Rosemary Glod**

I grew up in the Youngstown, Ohio area living in both rural and urban settings. My introduction to the natural world began during the part of my childhood when I lived on a horse farm. I was free to roam and explore the fields and woodlands surrounding my home. Since that time, I have developed a great appreciation of the natural world. I continue to feel a close connection to that world by spend-
Sandy Landis

I am a lifelong resident of Northeast Ohio where I found my love for nature. My hobbies include bicycling, kayaking, hiking, and just about anything that will get me outdoors. My father was instrumental in creating my interest in all things natural. As a child, I "helped" him in his vegetable garden where I learned about plants, insects, soil, animals, and weather. I discovered the OCVN training program through a flyer posted at a local retailer. After attending the introductory class, I immediately knew it was a journey I was destined to take. My biggest takeaway from OCVN training is how much everything in nature is dependent upon each other. And even the most minute change will eventually impact the whole environment. Since the training, I find myself more mindful of how important even the smallest piece can be. My appreciation for nature has advanced to a whole new level. I am looking forward to a fulfilling volunteer experience where I can expand my knowledge and promote the beauty of nature.

Yvonne E. Fayard

I started out at the age of 8 with my Aunt Julie and my cousin Diana to enjoy and appreciate gardening. As an active child, I spent a lot of time outdoors (no computer or iPad available). This continued throughout my formative and adult years. In 2002, I pursued a Master Gardener certification at Fellows Riverside Gardens. Additionally, I am a member of a local garden club. My recent interests are Great Lakes Shoreline conservation and exploration.
September Produce Challenge

For the past three years, flower/foliage/houseplant growers have competed at the July meeting. This year we are adding a produce show. You will be asked to complete a card with the name of the variety of each of your entries (for example, Better Boy tomato). Your name will not be on your entries. Fellow MGVs will place a chip in a pot in front of their favorite in each category. Prizes will be awarded for first place (the most chips) in each category.

You may enter as many of the categories as you like, but only one entry per category.

- Plate of 3 tomatoes, same or mixed varieties
- Plate of 3 peppers, same or mixed varieties
- Plate of 3 squash, same or mixed varieties
- Gourds/pumpkins 3, same or mixed varieties
- Herb bouquet
- Three of one kind of any other vegetable, variety may be mixed

Join in the fun and show off the results of all your hard work (watering) this summer.

OCVN November Meeting Directions

1. There is both meter and regular street parking available on Lincoln Avenue on a first come, first-served basis. Moser Hall, the location of the museum, is located on Lincoln Avenue.
2. The Wick Parking Deck, located on Wick Avenue, is available to guests at a charge of $5 per vehicle. There is a pedestrian bridge that crosses Wick Avenue from the parking deck. Parking on Lincoln Avenue would likely be preferable, as it has the potential to be free and is very close to the museum. However, spaces might be limited. Parking in the Wick Deck, while not a very long walk, would be pricey unless carpooling is an option for the OVCNs. On a side note, the $5 charge for the Wick Deck would grant the vehicle all day access to visitor parking on campus, should that appeal to anybody in the group.

Below is a campus map with Moser Hall circled in red, doors to enter Moser Hall highlighted in yellow, and both parking options noted in blue.
Permaculture & Sustainable Gardening
Join Portage County OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteers, Mary Lou Holly and Pamm McDowell as they discuss the principles of Permaculture design and creating a more holistic garden. They will give tips and advice for less weeding, attracting beneficial insect and animals using plant guilds to protect gardens, and rain water harvesting to reduce water needs. The program will also cover the importance of planting perennial vegetables, fruit, and flowers as part of embracing Permaculture and sustainability.

Saturday, August 4, 2018 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

This free program is being held at the Soil and Water Conservation District at 6970 State Route 88 in Ravenna. To register, call 330-296-6432 or email Christensen.227@osu.edu.
COFFEE WITH THE MASTER GARDENERS

Insects
What role do insects play in gardening? To learn more about this topic join us on Monday, August 13 to learn more about role insects can have in garden success.

Speaker: Nancy Wloch, Master Gardener Volunteer

Monday, August 13
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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Herbal Harvest
Growing your own herbs is a fun and aromatic way to spice up your home. But, proper harvesting is key to successful herb gardening! Join us to learn more about herbal harvest.

Speaker: Pam Baytos, Master Gardener Volunteer

Monday, September 17
9:30 am—Coffee, Donuts, Refreshments
10 am-12 pm—Program

Location: 490 S. Broad St. Canfield, OH
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COFFEE WITH THE MASTER GARDENERS

Mason Bees
Discover all the fun facts about Mason Bees including their “mason-like” homes and pollination habits.
SPEAKER: Lil Quaranta, Master Gardener Volunteer

Monday, October 15
9:30 am—Coffee, Donuts, Refreshments
10am-12pm—Program

Location: 490 S. Broad St. Canfield, OH
Cost: $15/person
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