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Marilyn's Musings

January 2017 – gone. I do not like February. Seems like the longest of all months to me. I need sunshine! Once we get through February it starts to look hopeful again. Even though we aren't in the gardens yet there is a lot of MGVC activity these days.



As always, January was our month for *organization*. We signed up for committees and paid our dues. Time also to select local gardens and to schedule visits for "Local Flavor." The list goes on.

This January we added more. The big Canfield Fair project for 2017 (see Barb D's article later in this newsletter) has already taken an enormous amount of time for discussion and planning. I would like to thank all the MGVCs who embraced our idea and just dived in to support this big project. There are still opportunities for volunteering with this

project. This will be a major change in our display approach from recent years. If you are not on board yet I urge you to be sure and attend the Feb. 9th meeting and sign up. This is a learning opportunity for all MGVCs and a chance to share knowledge with fair goers.

COMMITTEES: As mentioned, January was sign up month. If you were not at the last MGVC meeting, please try to attend February meeting. If that is not possible, please contact Marilyn ASAP regarding your committee choices. All approved volunteer hours are committee/project driven. We need all members to commit to at least one committee. Committee chairpersons are trying to get organized for the year. That's difficult if you don't know who you will be working with.

REPORTING HOURS: From state - too many hours are being recorded as 'meeting or administration' hours. So, if you are having/attending a meeting concerning your committee, please record those hours under that committee/project, and not as a meeting. Speaking of recording hours. I hope you are doing so on at least a monthly basis. Please don't wait until late October to record hours.

NEW MGVC TRAINING: We are in the process of reviewing applications and setting up interviews for prospective MGVC trainees. We held an open house

for anyone interested; it went very well. Hopefully we will have a great group again this year. Classes start Tuesday, March 14th. We will be providing lunch on several days. Peg Zeleznik may be asking for MGVs to show off their cooking skills.

A grant has been obtained by Jacqueline Kowalski (Summit County Extension Educator) to provide a statewide in-depth training program about community gardens. Our own Valeria Goncalves and Thresea Harris will be attending this four-session program. I am sure their years of experience with community gardening will be recognized. I'll bet our girls will teach them a thing or two!

Danita Davis and her husband are in Ecuador with Pam Bennett (State Director of OSU MGVS program). We are all anxious to hear about Danita's adventures.

Some exciting news! The OSU MGVS are entering into a relationship with Park's Garden Center. Tim Parks and his staff have agreed to be speakers at our upcoming seminars and to work with us on future projects. We are just tossing around some possibilities now. If you stop in at Parks be sure to thank Tim, Angie, and Aaron for their support of the OSU MGVS program.

Marilyn McKinley
OSUE MGVS and OCVN

→ **Ed Note:** As of the publication of this newsletter, essentially all of the MGVS have signed up for a committee. **THANK YOU.**

February MGVS Meeting

What's in a Name?

Do you ever wonder what those Latin plant names actually mean? A plant's botanical name often contains information about the plant, such as its color, shape, growth habit or origin.

During this program we will explore the meaning of many of the common descriptive terms often used in botanical nomenclature.

Our speaker will be Ellen Speicher who after graduating from YSU with a degree in Biology worked at Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Pittsburgh as Director of Horticulture before coming to Mill Creek Metroparks in 2004. She served as the Assistant Horticulture Director at Fellows Riverside Gardens from 2004-2014. She now works as a landscape consultant and horticultural speaker.

Pam Baytos
OSUE MGVS

→ **NOTE:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 9th at 6:30 pm at the OSU Extension office.

February OCVN Meeting

The February OCVN meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the **Canfield Library**. Jeff Harvey from the Mahoning Valley Audubon Society and Jim Kerr from Beaver Creek Wildlife Education Center will team up for a presentation on *Owls*.

Details can be found in the flyer attached to this newsletter.



Fair Sighted

Looking Forward to the 2017 Canfield Fair

Fair Preparation

I want to thank everyone who was at the last meeting for their tremendous help in getting fair preparations started. The response in signing up for various committees was amazing. If you were not able to attend the last meeting and want to sign up for a station (herbs & annuals, Perennials & bulbs, pollinators & insects, trees & shrubs and

vegetables) please call Lori at the office (330-533-55380) or join us for the February meeting.

The vegetable group met, chose the seeds we're going to plant, ordered the seeds, and talked about containers and set up. The station leaders (a MGVS in charge of each station) met and discussed the duties of the station leader and what each station is responsible for: set up of their station at the fair, getting materials ready for the display, planning who is going to do what. Each station leader is to schedule a meeting sometime in February or March with their entire group and explain what is needed from them. The perennial station group will have their meet Thurs., Feb 9th at 5 pm, before the regular MGVS meeting at 6:30. If you belong to this station or would like to join, please be at the OSU Extension office at 5 pm Thursday

The vegetable station will meet again on Thursday, March 16th at 10am to further discuss the planting of seeds, distribute the seeds and any other information needed to get started.

Again, I want to thank all of you for your support in this project.

Barb Delisio
OSUE MGVS

MGVS Class of 2016 In Their Own Words

Hello! I'm Kim Lowery, Master Gardener Volunteer Intern. I live on a very small farm in Brookfield, with my three children. We raise chickens, ducks, geese, guineas and rabbits and we also have a couple of cats and a very spoiled dog. If I have to be honest, we probably have very spoiled chickens, ducks,



geese and guineas too!

I am a Licensed Massage Therapist. My specialties are Ashiatsu massage and Thai Yoga Massage, not something you see around here too much. I own my own business and I am also taking a course to become a certified Aromatherapist. It's not just all about making things smell good!

I love gardening and learning new things about gardening, plants and nature. My favorite plants are herbs and flowers, but we always experiment with a good deal of vegetables and we grow a pretty wide variety of fruits and berries too. I am a member of the Holborn Herb Growers Guild and a 4H advisor.

I can't decide if the hardest part of gardening is keeping the weeds out of the garden or keeping the chickens out of the garden, but it's always fun. I am looking forward to learning more with the Master Gardener Volunteers and sharing that information with anyone that is willing to listen.

Kimberly Lowery
OSUE MGVS Intern

Notice: 2017 MGVS Training

Classes will begin on Tuesday, March 14th from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm and run each Tuesday until May 9th at the OSU Extension office. Please inform those who have expressed interest in becoming an Ohio State University Extension Master Gardener to visit ([http:// mahoning.osu.edu/](http://mahoning.osu.edu/)) and fill in the application available there. Send it to Ohio State University Extension - Mahoning County 490 S. Broad St., Canfield OH 44406. See the flyer attached to this newsletter for details.

Cynthia Quotes – Cynthia Foust

If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.

Marcus Tullius Cicero

Upcoming Events

February and March - **Events at the Huston – Brumbaugh Nature Center** can be found in the Spring 2017 newsletter at <http://go.osu.edu/HB-Sp17>

February **Events at the Mill Creek Metroparks** can be found at <http://www.millcreekmetroparks.org/events/2017-02/>

February 18 – **The Men's Garden Club of Youngstown Annual Winter Seminar**, *"Great Gardens Start Here,"* Fellows Riverside Gardens, Saturday. For continually updated information, visit:
<http://www.mgcy.org/Pages/WinterSeminar.aspx>

February 20 – **Growing and Caring for Succulents** Coffee with the Master Gardeners Program, OSU Extension – Mahoning County office, Monday, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm. OSU Extension MG, Carol Knock, Trumbull County Master Gardener Volunteer, will furnish us with details about succulents and how to grow the best ones possible. Each person will receive a small succulent plant. Information and a registration form can be found in the flyer attached to this newsletter.

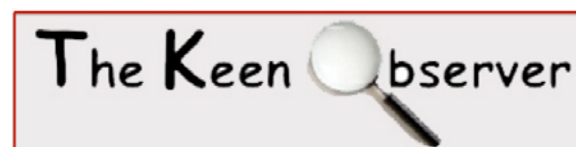
February 25 – **Turfgrass Nutrition & Weed Management Tools**, a part of Park's Educational Series for 2017, Saturday, 9:30 – 11 am. Contact Park's Garden Center for additional information.

February 28 – **Owls**, Canfield Library (43 W Main St, Canfield), Tuesday, 7 – 8:30 pm. The Mahoning County OCVNs will host this presentation by Jeff Harvey of the Mahoning Valley Audubon Society and Jim Kerr from Beaver Creek Wildlife Education Center. The event is free but space is limited. Register at the OSU Extension Office in Canfield (330-533-5538). Information and a registration form can be found in the flyer attached to this newsletter.

March **Events at the Mill Creek Metroparks** can be found at <http://www.millcreekmetroparks.org/events/2017-03/>

March 4 – **Create a Sustainable Landscape for your Backyard**, a part of Park's Educational Series for 2017, Saturday, 9:30 am – 12 pm. Contact Park's Garden Center for additional information.

March 25 – **New and Exiting Plants in the Greenhouse & Creating your own Custom Container Combos**, a part of Park's Educational Series for 2017, Saturday, 9:30 am – 12 pm. Contact Park's Garden Center for additional information.



Bob Schulick sent a fantastic photo taken locally by his friend and neighbor, Bob Coggeshall.



Photo by Bob Coggeshall



Never Too Early To Begin Tracking Growing Degree Days (GDD)



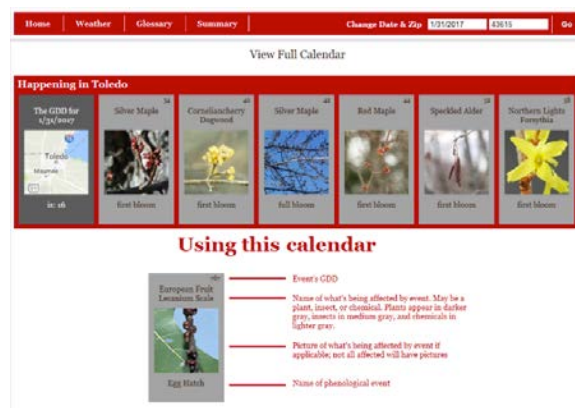
A record breaking warm-up in January is just a memory. While temperatures are feeling a bit more winter-like, it is not too earlier to begin following the Growing Degree Day Calendar online at <https://www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/gdd/>

A quick check earlier today showed that Toledo had accumulated 16 GDD units in 2017. Do you know what is happening in your part of the state? Check it out today!

Once at the website, all you will need is an Ohio zip code.



After entering your Ohio zip code, click on "Show me the Calendar" button, and you will be taken to the website's calendar page that will include the GDD, first and full bloom of plants and pest activity.

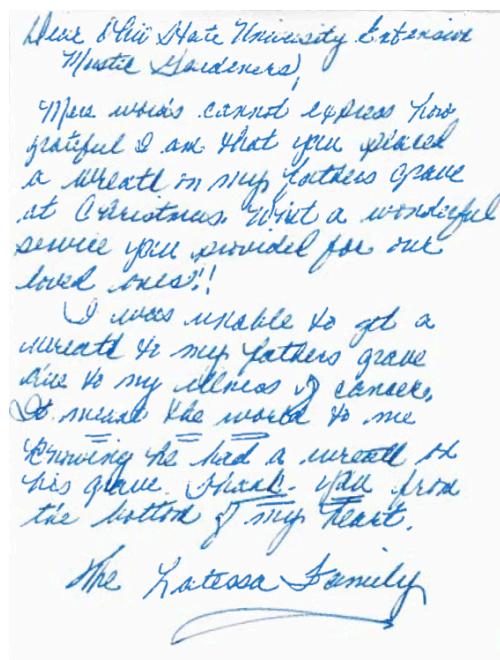


Once I see where we are in the GDD accumulation, I like to manipulate the date and see where we were a year ago, five years ago, or somewhere in between. For example, in 2016 we were at 3 GDD and in 2012 we were at 6 GDD. While there aren't usually large differences this early in the season, it is something to explore and watch as temperatures warm impacting both the development of flowers and insect pests.

Have fun exploring the phenology calendar now and explore ways to incorporate this tool in 2017 if you haven't already been using it.

Amy Stone
BYGL February 1, 2017

Thank You



MGV 2017 Meeting Schedule

February 9 – *Botanical Nomenclature "What's in a name"* presented by Ellen Speicher. OSU Extension office, 6:30 pm.

March 9 – *Saving Seeds*

April 13 – *Ecuador Master Gardener Trip*. Our own Danita Davis will share her experience.

May 11 – Plant exchange and potluck.

June 8 – *Tips for Taking Photos in your Garden*, presented by Richard States.

July 13 – 2nd Annual Flower Show and Garden Photo Exhibit (photo show will tie in with our June class).

August 3 – Home Garden Tour & Fair Planning at Peg Zeleznik's home.

September 14 – TBA

October 12 – Ikebana Demo given by our own Cynitha Foust.

November 9 – Fellows Tree Preparation.

December – ANR Volunteer Banquet

OCVN 2017 Schedule

February 28 – Owls presented by Jeff Harvey and Jim Kerr. The program will be held at the Canfield Library (43 W Main Street) from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

March 15 – Meeting, TBA

April – Program Event, TBA

May 17 – Meeting, TBA

June – Program Event, TBA

July 19 – Meeting, TBA

August 3 – Thursday Meeting with MGVs. Home Garden Tour & Fair Planning at Peg Zeleznik's home.

September – Program Event, TBA

October 18 – Meeting, TBA

November – Program Event, TBA

December – ANR Volunteer Banquet

Mahoning County Master Gardner Volunteers

Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2017

Opening

The regular meeting of the Mahoning County Master Gardner Volunteers was called to order at 6:30pm on January 12, 2017 in Ohio State Extension Office by Pam Baytos.

Program

Monthly program was tabled in lieu of organizing committees and fair business for the coming year. Barb Delisio presented the exciting new Canfield Fair display and education program for 2017. This is a great new concept that will take many volunteers to bring together. There will be display/education tables for growing vegetables, trees & shrubs, perennials, pollinators and more. Each table will have one person to organize a team of workers who will grow the plants, plan demonstrations and answer questions. Barb had enough volunteers to head up each section at this meeting. However, this team of volunteers will need additional volunteers to pull the plan together. Please contact Barb to let her know what you are interested in and where you would like to work for this years fair and she can put you in touch with your "team captain!"

Committee Business

Wreaths Across America—Mike Beaudis Chairperson—Mike has asked committee members for advice on choosing a new location for this coming year. Please email Mike with any suggestions. Also, we may purchase our wreaths locally this year due to on-going trouble with the official providers.

Recognition Banquet—Marilyn sent a big thank you to all who helped with the banquet in 2016. The new chairpersons for 2017 will be Pam Baytos and June Nolasco.

Hospitality Committee—Peg Zeleznik

Plant & Pest Clinic—David Sprague

Fair Committee—Barb Delisio & Margaret Biroschak

Coffee with Master Gardeners—Peggy Griffith & Nancy Brundage

Garden Art Series—Pam Baytos—This is a new committee that will meet 4x/year. Different afternoons and prices will vary due to cost of materials.

State Awards—Marilyn McKinley

Bring One/Take One—Nanette Walker & June Nolasco

Newsletter—Bill Snyder & Marilyn McKinley—New mentee needed to take over newsletter—volunteer please contact chairs.

Phenology—David Sprague

Fellows Riverside Garden Tree Decorating (Community Outreach)—Thresea Harris

Local Flavor—Thresea Harris, Valeria Goncalves & Cynthia Foust

Grounds Committee—Margaret Biroschak & Bob Schulick

Speakers (Community Outreach)—Judy Rodkey, Cynthia Foust

Veterans Memorial (Community Outreach)—Al Leonhart

Cityscape (Community Outreach)—Bob Schulick

Open Issues

Yearly Dues--\$10 due now. This money goes to Ohio State for insurance fees, etc. It is not for our local group. All Master Gardeners must pay yearly dues. Interns do not have to pay for this year. If you have questions, please contact extension office.

All Master Gardeners must sign and return a new form showing you are aware of the “Neglect and Abuse” policies of Ohio State and have been instructed on what to do should a situation arise. (Call Eric)

All Master Gardeners must re-certify. This is done on the same website that is used for recording volunteer hours. If you have any questions, please call the Extension office.

New Business

Barb Loewit has asked for volunteers at West Blvd. School to help with new gardening program. This is an afterschool program that will start on Wednesday, Feb. 15th from 2:00pm -3:45pm. Please contact Barb if you are available. Eric announced that with the new 4-H director, there would be a new committee for working with the Go Plant program. This program is aimed at 3rd grade students. We also have a local Boy Scout who will be building Grow Light Kits to go with the Go Plant program. There has already been interest shown by some local schools. More volunteers will be needed. Please contact Barb or Eric for more information.

Announcements

The State Master Gardener Conference for 2017 will be held the 3rd Saturday in September in the Columbus area.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 by Pam Baytos. The next general meeting will be at 6:00pm, February 9th at the Extension office.

Minutes submitted by: Peg Zeleznik

Coffee with the Master Gardeners

Growing and Caring for Succulents

Learn the details about succulents and how to grow the best ones possible!
Each person will receive a small succulent plant!

SPEAKER: Carol Knock, Trumbull County Master Gardener

Volunteer

Monday, February 20

9:30 am—Coffee, Donuts, Refreshments

10am-12pm—Program

Location: 490 S. Broad St. Canfield, OH

Cost: \$15/person

Details: Register ASAP – Seating is limited

Contact: 330-533-5538

REGISTRATION INFORMATION. Registration includes the program, coffee and a light breakfast, and handouts. Please mail to 490 S. Broad St. Canfield, OH 44406, fax (330-533-2424), or drop off the registration to the OSU Extension Office. The program is filled on a “first come, first served basis.”

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Number Attending (x \$15): _____ Amount Enclosed: _____



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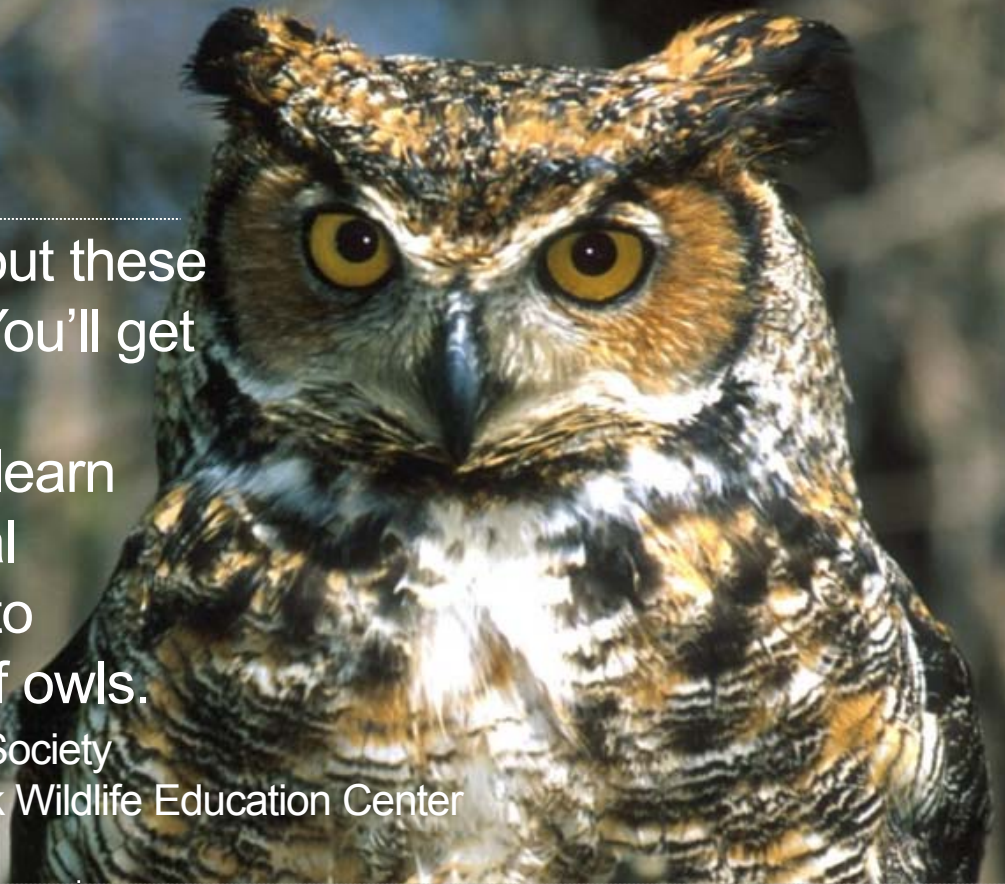
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OCVN - Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Program

Owls

Join us to learn about these amazing animals! You'll get an up close look at mounted owls and learn their calls. Two local experts will join us to explore the world of owls.

- Jeff Harvey, Audubon Society
- Jim Kerr, Beaver Creek Wildlife Education Center



Tuesday, February 28

7:00-8:30pm FREE!

Location: Canfield Library, 43 W Main St, Canfield, OH

Cost: FREE – Space limited, reservations required

Details: Register ASAP

Contact: 330-533-5538

REGISTRATION INFORMATION. Registration includes the program and handouts.

Please mail to 490 S. Broad St. Canfield, OH 44406, fax (330-533-2424), or drop off the registration to the OSU Extension Office in Canfield. The program is filled on a “first come, first served basis.”

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Master Gardener Volunteer Program

If you have a strong interest in gardening and enjoy helping others,
you are invited to apply to become an
Ohio State University Extension Master Gardener Volunteer!



2017 Training - March 14 – May 9

Tuesdays – 9am – 3pm

Training Topics include:

- ☐ Soil & Fertility, Fruits and Vegetables
- ☐ Annuals & Bulbs; Perennials; Lawns; Fruit
- ☐ Working with the public & communication skills
- ☐ Botany & Plant Pathology Basics
- ☐ Herbs & Their Uses; Plant Propagation
- ☐ Entomology, Pest Management, Houseplants

Fee \$175

Includes: Most Lunches
during training, 4" Training
Manual, Materials, polo
shirt and Supplies for
training classes

TO APPLY:

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or call 330-533-5538

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Save the Date

Hydrangea School

Join Eric Barrett to discover the world of hydrangeas. Learn about types, care, pruning and bloom times. You'll receive a quick reference chart to take to the garden center and a hydrangea plant to take home.

Monday, May 1

6:30-8:30pm

330-533-5538

Location: Canfield Fairgrounds, Building 44 – follow signs
7265 Columbiana-Canfield Rd, Canfield, OH
Cost: \$30/Person – includes a plant to take home
Details: Space is limited. Register early.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION. Registration includes the program and handouts. Please mail completed registration form to OSU Extension, 490 S. Broad St, Canfield, Ohio, or drop off the registration to the OSU Extension Office. The program is filled on a first come, first served basis.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Registration includes handouts and a hydrangea plant to take home for your landscape.

\$30 per person to register \$ _____ **Total Enclosed \$** _____

Please make checks payable to OSU Extension. For questions, please call OSU Extension at 330-533-5538.



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Compliments of Pam Baytos

Seed packet pattern

