Marilyn’s Musings

We just returned from a wonderful trip to the southwest. We visited the red rocks of Sedona, the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, and Zion National Park (my favorite). The rock formations we saw are nothing short of breath taking, created by water erosion. It really makes you stop and think about the wonders of nature. The time it took to form layers of rock, the colors, peaks and valleys is way out of our timeline. I felt like I was a sponge, trying to take it all in. I also felt so very insignificant among the towering mountains and rock formations. It makes you just want to be there, among the fabulous landscape.

While traveling we learned more about the Indians of the southwest. Learning more about their culture and beliefs has prompted me to think a lot about stewardship, sustainability, and conservation lately. Do the words mean the same thing, if not, how are they different? Seems to me that the focus of who benefits is somewhat different. Stewardship is preserving nature so people can benefit from nature and its resources. Sustainability targets the natural world, to go on, the planet must preserve, to the greatest measure possible the integrity of all natural systems. Conservation is the act of actually preserving resources. I also like these definitions of sustainability and stewardship. Sustainability: To connect with the past, present and future living. Meeting current needs without sacrificing the ability of future generations to meet their own needs by balancing environmental, economic, and social concerns. Stewardship: To appreciate and to care for all the goods of the earth. The careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care – natural resources and the people of the earth.

Without getting too deep and bogged down in philosophy it seems to me that we all have a responsibility to practice sustainability, stewardship, and conservation. Somehow if we could just understand what the native people of this great land understood about the importance of nature in everyday lives. Take time to enjoy, marvel, and respect the beauty that surrounds us, no matter the location. Makes me wonder how different this world might be if we could just pass that on to future generations.
We came back from 100 plus degree temps in the desert to water, water everywhere. I know a lot of my yard was under water while we were gone, some still is. Haven’t been able to mow all of the yard for weeks. Mosquitos are really bad. I have lost many treasured perennials to too much water. Seems like we just can’t get a break. Two super cold and snowy winters, now this. I feel so bad for the farmers of any sort, be it corn, beans, hay, etc. Corn and bean fields washed out, wheat, instead of being ‘amber waves of grain’, just kind of limp and on its side in many spots, hay left uncut, so sad. Farmers are always at the mercy of the ever-changing weather, but this year is going to be a tough one, even after the water has long gone. Gardeners are going to see things (or not see things) not seen in years. I have seen some insects that I don’t think I have ever seen before. One more thing – why do the deer need to come to my yard to feast? All the lush greenery in the woods and they team up with rabbits and go for my stuff!

Marilyn McKinley  
OSU Master Gardener Volunteer  
Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist

July MGV Meeting

The next MGV meeting will be held on Thursday, July 9th at 6:00 pm, at DJ’s Greenhouse in Transfer, PA. Enjoy a tour of DJ’s Greenhouse and Gardens where hosta abound. The owner, Dennis James will talk about what’s new while we dine in his garden pavilion. Bring a brown bag dinner. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

McDonalds, Wendy’s and Tim Horton are on the way to the gardens. Carpools will leave the Extension Office at 5 pm and the Poland Library at 5:15 pm.

July OCVN Meeting

The next OCVN meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 15th from 6:30 - 7PM at the OSUE office.

Under our new format, a program will follow the meeting from 7:00 until 8:30 pm that will be open to the public. Our featured speaker for July will be Vincent Messerly, PE, president of the Ohio Wetlands Foundation. Mr. Messerly will present Wetlands of the Valley – In Lieu Fee Wetland and Stream Mitigation. For more information see the brochure later in this newsletter.

June MGV Meeting

During our June MGV meeting, Eric discussed the new Ohio State University policy for volunteers dealing with vulnerable individuals. Eric outlined OSU policy concerning Activities and Programs with Minor Participants (Policy 1.50).

For OSU volunteers, this is mandatory training. For those who were unable to attend the program, a card summarizing procedures has been included with materials later in this newsletter.
Volunteer Voice – Marilyn McKinley

Crocosmia

Do you have this wonderful perennial in your garden? It’s a beauty! It is lively, flowing, and vibrant. I like the delicate blossoms on long slender gladiolus like leaves. Tall and upright, they are so easy to grow. They come in wonderful hot colors of red, orange and yellow. They make me think of the tropics. They are native to the southern African grasslands. My favorite species is a bright orangey red – ‘Lucifer’. They are corms, pop in the ground and enjoy. They do tend to spread, but slowly, give them room, then get ready for the show. Oh, and they are hardy! What more can you ask for.

Marilyn McKinley
OSU Master Gardener Volunteer
Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist

Volunteer Voice – Peggy Griffith

Confessions of a Serial Plant Killer

All my life I have been a serial plant killer, killing everything from Cacti to Air Ferns. After taking the master Gardener class last Summer I thought “Great! I can do this!” I got all excited a purchased various houseplants but, then forgot to water them. The first of the year rolled around and I thought “New Year, New Attempt”!

The first thing I did was look through a seed and plant catalog that I received in the mail. “Excellent, I can order my plants now and they won’t ship until it’s time to plant.” No brainer! I looked through the catalog and with my new learned knowledge, proceeded to pick plants for my zone and site. I decided on plants that would grow in zone 3-6 (better to be safe than sorry) and ones that could handle full sun as I have no shade in my yard except by my front porch.

I finally decided on “June-bearing Whopper Strawberries”, “Licorice Mint”, “Little Business Daylily” and “Prairie Mallow”; all of which could be planted in containers on the pool deck should the decide to be like dandelions and spread like mad. While waiting for my plants to arrive, I decided to plant a miniature fairy garden complete with a fairy swinging on an Oak tree. I chose various varieties of succulents and designed it to where it looked cute. That lasted for about a week before the cats decided the succulents had to go and that the fairy had to learn to fly. The tree is still in the container but the little fairy is nowhere to be found. 1 point for the cats, 0 points for me!

Finally, my plants arrived as promised. I followed the directions provided and planted them in my nice, new containers. Since winter decided to hang around, I kept them inside where I provided the light they needed and could remember to water them as required. I was amazed that they were growing so well until I noticed my Daylily and Prairie Mallow had bites taken out of them; second point for the cats, one-half point for me.

Winter finally broke and I was able to slowly, acclimate the plants to the great outdoors. Things were going great and then the wind and rain came. On one
particularly windy day, I decided to put
the containers on the ground so that the
wind wouldn’t blow them over. The wind
and rain stopped but then I forgot to
place them back on the railing and the
dog decided to get curious about them
and hooked the containers with her
leash while running back to the house,
causing my plants to go spilling over the
walk. One point for the dog!

I gently picked up the plants, repotted
them, added new soil and everything
seemed to fine. Yeah! Another point for
me! The Prairie Mallow, Licorice Mint
and Agastache are doing fine with
colorful blooms finally appearing. The
poor daylily still looks like a tuft of grass
but I still have high hopes for it! In the
end, the final score was: 2 points for the
cats, 1 point for the dog and 1-1/2 half
point for me. Oh well, the sun will come
out tomorrow and there is always next
year!

Peggy Griffith
OSU Master Gardener Volunteer

Volunteer Voice - Joyce Karsnak

Iron Poor Petunias

JR Peters Inc. has a fertilizer called
Jack's Classic Petunia FeED specially
formulated for what they describe as
“iron-inefficient” crops. These plants like
to grow in a lower pH between 5.4 –
5.8. Thus when watered with our
alkaline supply of tap water, the
plants are prone to deficiencies in
not only iron, but boron and other
micronutrients. This formulation used to
be only available to professional
growers but is now on sale at
independent nurseries and garden
centers. Their website says that Peters
do not sell to the big box stores.

At a spring garden clinic at Parks
Garden Center, Tim Parks said that
fairly recent testing at Meander resulted
in a pH of 10.0 and Salem’s supply at
8.5. So by the time your iron loving
flowers have been potted for some time,
the available nutrients they especially
need has leached out and/or may not be
available for uptake due to chemical
changes, resulting in yellowing and
faded leaves.

The 20-6-22 formula contains iron from
three chelate sources to keep it
available over a range of growing
medium pH values. It contains
additional magnesium for optimum
performance and low phosphorus level
to help prevent leggy growth.

It is recommended especially for
hanging baskets and
containers that are
watered often. Other
plants common to
iron-inefficiency are
calibrachoa, bacopa,
verbena, scaevola,
pansy, snapdragon,
vinca and zinnias.
This formula is NOT recommended for
geraniums or other iron sensitive crops.

Joyce Karsnak
OSU Master Gardener Volunteer

Meeting Minutes

June MGV Meeting

Our June 11th meeting began with the
Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed
by Eric Barrett’s presentation of OSU
mandatory training regarding vulnerable
individuals.

Eric informed us that our good friend
and fellow OSU MGV, Gladys Burnett,
had moved to the Cleveland area and
would be joining the Cuyahoga MGVs.
Our loss is their really good fortune.
Marilyn gave us an update on Celia Ball and her health concerns. We all wish Celia the very best.

Marilyn asked for committee reports:

Veterans Memorial Landscaping – Al Leonhart reported beginning planting the front of the veterans memorial landscaping. He also reported a severe Canada thistle problem in the beds surrounding (especially behind) the cabin. Planting this year will be limited to the front of the log cabin.

Veterans Wreaths – Mike Beaudis reported that the ceremony this year will include Poland’s Old Church Graveyard (second year) and the Cemetery on Route 224 in Ellsworth (a new site for our WAA program.

Fellows Holiday Tree – No Report

Office Grounds – Hops frame has been assembled. Kudos to Mike Beaudis and Dan Burns. Compliments are pouring in for our office landscaping.

Youngstown Cityscape – Great success for 2015.

Local Flavor – Proceeding successfully despite the wet weather. Eric described the kits that have been assembled for use with Local Flavors sessions.

GNGP – Eric reported that reward gift cards for the Good Natured Garden Partners will be based on the number of Local Flavor meetings attended. For Example:

Attend three sessions and get a $20 gift card.
Attend six sessions and get two $20 gift cards.
Attend all sessions and get three $20 gift cards.

Newsletter – Bill Snyder is in desperate need of contributors. (So what’s new?)

Valley Grows – Vindicator wants us to furnish illustrative photos but have been reluctant to give is photo credits. Stay tuned.

PPDC-Clinic – Sign up sheets are available in the Clinic office.

Outreach (speakers bureau) – No report.

Phenology – Season progressing nicely.

BOTO – Mike Beaudis reports that 2015 BOTO event will be on Saturday, August 15th, 10:00 am – 11:30 am.

Recognition Banquet – No report.


Marketing – Next Wednesday MGV-Coffee will be Sara Scudier presenting Pollinators. On July 15th, Ashley Kulhanek will present The Bugs in Your Yard: Good, Destructive & Strange.

Next Meeting (field trip) – Tony Beard described the July MGV meeting which will involve a field trip to DJ’s Greenhouse in Transfer, PA. We are expected at 6:00 pm. We will carpool from the OSUE office or the Poland Library. The OSUE office group will leave at 5:20 pm. Those from Poland Library will leave at 5:30 pm. DJ has “a lot of Hostas.” Bring your own brown bag dinner. Lemonade will be provided.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Notice: MGV/OCVN Training
The next OSU Extension class for training Master Gardener Volunteers and Certified Volunteer Naturalists will begin on Wednesday, March 9, 2016. Applications will be accepted throughout 2015.

Notice: MGV/OCVN Programs
When attending programs at a reduced fee, MGVs and OCVNs must pre-register and pay before any listed deadline.
Upcoming Events

July 11 - Gardening Basics: Integrated Pest Management, Fellows Riverside Gardens, Saturday, 10 - 11:30 am. Bridget Beck, Garden Designer, will introduce the basics of conscientious pest management, called Integrated Pest Management (IPM). The class will teach ways to make our gardens inhospitable places for the creatures that we would like to keep our gardens free of. IPM teaches a balanced approach. We will review common pesticides and herbicides to make the gardener more aware of his or her treatment of garden pests. Register/pay by 7/9. $14; FFRG $12

July 18 - Birding the Sanctuary, Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary, Saturday, 8 - 9:30 am. Jeff Harvey of Wild Birds Unlimited will lead this walk. Boots are required. Register at Ford Nature Center by 7/17.

July 21 - Wild Suburbia Project, Huston Brumbaugh Nature Center, Tuesday, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Learn about the Nature Center’s citizen science project to collect wildlife sightings. The Wild Suburbia Project aims to better understand where and how certain species of wildlife live in proximity to human population centers and each other. The presentation would be a combination of background info on fox, coyote, bear, and bobcat, in addition to how to participate in the Wild Suburbia Project and how to coexist with local wildlife. Huston – Brumbaugh Nature Center, 330-823-7487. Registration required.

July 24 - Botanical Mornings, Fellows Riverside Gardens, Friday, 9 - 10:00 am. Take in the beauty of the Gardens this summer with a guided walk led by Lynn Zocolo. Register/pay by 7/22. $5/class.

July 25 - Magnificent Trees Guided Walk, Fellows Riverside Gardens, Saturday, 10 - 11:00 am. Celebrate National Tree Day (July 26) and honor our local trees during this guided walk with Mandy Smith. Meet in the Davis Center Lobby. Drop-in. Free.

July 26 - Reptile Exhibit, MetroParks Farm, Sunday, 11 am - 5 pm. Members of the Northern Ohio Association of Herpetologists (NOAH) and Keith Gisser of “Herps Alive” will exhibit their menageries. Also, for the first time ever, we’ll have Sue Bixler from The Ohio State University’s Franz Theodore Stone Laboratory with a display about Lake Erie Water Snakes and other island reptilian residents. Free event. Call Ford Nature Center for details.

July 31 - Blue Moon Night Hike, Huston Brumbaugh Nature Center, Friday, 8:30 p.m. This evening marks the 2nd full moon, a.k.a blue moon, in the month of July. Walk the trails to the east end of the nature preserve to see the rising moon. Bring a flashlight, insect repellent, and water. Huston – Brumbaugh Nature Center, 330-823-7487. Registration required.

August 8 - Camera Trapping Workshop, Huston Brumbaugh Nature Center, Saturday, 2 - 4 p.m. Remote cameras, a.k.a. game cameras, are an increasingly popular tool for learning about and discovering the presence of shy, nocturnal, and rare wildlife. Learn about selecting and using remote cameras to monitor wildlife on your property. Portions of the workshop will be indoors and outdoors. Participants should be prepared for exploration on and off trail. Huston – Brumbaugh Nature Center, 330-823-7487. Registration required.

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August 28 & 29 - The Ohio MGV State Conference, Maumee Bay State Park, Friday (all day) and Saturday (all day), Lucas County will host the 2015 State
Volunteers in Action

2015 Local Flavor

Those of you who have not attended the Monday night Local Flavors program are missing some interesting responses. For example, you missed the horrified expressions on the faces of those at Rocky Ridge Community Garden when Eric demonstrated proper apple tree pruning.

Master Gardeners

2015 Meeting Schedule

July 9 – DJ’s Greenhouse Visit (Grounds Tour and Picnic), 6:30 pm. Meet at OSU Extension Office at 5:30 pm or Meet at Poland Library at 5:45 pm.

August 13 – An Evening in Dan Burn’s Garden, Details TBA.

September 10 – Cooking With Herbs, Barb Delisio. Mill Creek MetroParks Farm, 6:30 pm. There will be a charge of $5 per person for groceries.

October 8 – Winery Visit, Details TBA.

November 12 - Holiday Tree Prep Meeting OSU Extension Office, 6:30 pm.

December - Annual Recognition Banquet.

OCVN

2015 Meeting Schedule

July 15 – 6:30 - 7PM OCVN meeting. 7 - 8:30 PM, Program with Vincent Messerly, PE, President of The Ohio Wetlands Foundation, on the Wetland and Stream Mitigation Program for the Youngstown Area.

September 16 - 6:30 - 7PM OCVN meeting. 7 - 8:30 PM, Program with Kathi Vrable-Bryan, the Mahoning SWCD District Administrator, on 4R Tomorrow Project

November 18 - 6:30 - 7PM OCVN meeting. 7 - 8:30 PM, Program with Marne Titchenell, the OSU ENR Program Specialist for Wildlife, on Nest Boxes for Wildlife/Attracting Woodland Wildlife

December - Annual Recognition Banquet.

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OSU Extension Abuse Recognition and Reporting Protocol

First phone call:
   a. If child is in imminent danger (life threatening or abuse is being witnessed), call the local law enforcement authority at 911. OR
   b. If child is not in imminent danger, call Children Services Agency: 855-O-H-CHILD (855-642-4453). Municipal or county peace officers can be contacted as an alternative to Children Services. Make a note of the name and phone number, and if they'll provide it, email, of the person you talked to - you'll need this to complete the required report.

Second phone call: University Police at 614-292-2121 (no matter your location in Ohio)
   a. The call to OSU Police is a part of the University's overall commitment to protecting minors.

Report: After making the two phone calls, immediately contact your MGV Coordinator.

Work with your OSUE professional to make the official report and submit it to the Office of Human Resources within one business day of making the report calls. The form is found at: http://go.osu.edu/150form

The OSU Extension professional should then email Pam Bennett, State MGV Coordinator (bennett.27@osu.edu) and Kirk Blair (blair.1@osu.edu) and alert them to the situation.

Ohio Master Gardener Crisis Communications Plan

• If warranted, call 911, police, fire, health department, utilities
• Call your immediate supervisor/department chair
  County Educator - Eric Barrett barrett.90@osu.edu
  330-533-5538
  County Director – Janice Hanna hanna.133@osu.edu
  330-533-5538
  Contact Pamela J. Bennett (bennett.27@osu.edu)
  Phone: Work: 937-521-3660    Cell: 937-408-7900
• Communications will contact University
  Communications and Legal Affairs
Local Flavor 2015—Youngstown, Ohio
Learn to Grow Vegetables: Hands on!

- **JOIN US EACH MONDAY AT 6PM**...as we gather community gardens and urban farms to answer your growing questions and share details about plants, crops and growing conditions.
- **GO GREEN**...by utilizing your land or lawn in a productive manner. Start an urban farm or community garden.
- **GIVE BACK**...by sharing with friends, neighbors and others through the season.
- **BRING**...a lawn chair for seating and notepad to take notes. AND...bring plants/disease/insects for identification.
- **ASK**...questions and learn by doing!  

**QUESTIONS?**  OSU Extension 330-533-5538 or http://mahoning.osu.edu

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Coffee with the Master Gardeners

The Bugs In Your Yard:
Good, Destructive & Strange!

Ashley Kulhanek, Extension Educator

Join OSU Extension Educator Ashley Kulhanek to learn about the insects in your garden and landscape. What are they? How do they affect your plants, shrubs and trees? Ashley will help you be a better bug detective in the garden and help you keep your plants healthy using IPM strategies. She will show you some of the strange bugs you will encounter throughout the year! The morning will start with enjoying coffee and a light breakfast with our Master Gardener Volunteers and have an opportunity to take home valuable information. This program is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Date: July 15th
9:30 am—Coffee, Donuts, and refreshments
10am-12pm—Program

Location: 490 S. Broad St.
Canfield, OH 44406

Cost: $15/person

Details: Register by July 10th
( limited seating)

Contact Phone: 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 and payment by Friday, July 10th to reserve a spot for the program. 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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Wetlands of the Valley
In Lieu Fee Wetland and Stream Mitigation Program

Vincent Messerly, PE
President of the Ohio Wetlands Foundation

Vincent Messerly, the President of the Ohio Wetlands Foundation will be here to discuss the watersheds of the Mahoning Valley and what is currently being done to protect and restore them.

Wednesday, July 15th
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Location:
The OSU Extension office
Mahoning County
490 S. Broad St.
Canfield, OH 44406

Cost: FREE

Details: Due to limited space, please call the Extension office by Monday, July 13th to reserve a spot.

Contact: 330-533-5538

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Many new research-based recommendations for canning safer and better quality food at home are available today. It is critical that home canners, beginners and experienced, are aware of and follow the latest USDA guidelines. The advantages of home canning are lost when inappropriate and unsafe procedures are used. Armed with sound information and safe equipment, the harvest of the season is yours to enjoy long into the winter season.

If you're the type of person that likes to develop new recipes this is NOT the time to do it! Canning is not the place for experiments. Always use a tested recipe and we have plenty of them to share. Another thing to remember is that dial gauges on pressure canners should be tested yearly for accuracy.

Join us for one or all four of the Food Preservation Programs!
Home Canning & Food Safety Series

It's home canning time again! For those planning to preserve food at home this summer season, it's also time to check out your equipment. Canning can be a safe and economical way to “put food by” as well as a source of enjoyment and pride for many.

But, there are some basic rules of thumb worth remembering that will help ensure a safe, quality preserved product. When canning low acid vegetables, meat or a combination of vegetables (like spaghetti sauce), a pressure canner is the only way to preserve these foods safely. High-acid foods such as fruits, pickles, salsa, jams and jellies can be safely processed using a boiling water bath canner. It is also recommended that the acidity level of low-acid foods such as tomatoes be raised by adding an acid to the product. This can be accomplished by adding lemon juice or citric acid to the jars.

Learn about how to safely home preserve food using a boiling water bath and a pressure canner. This class is geared to teach those who are new to home canning the basics and provide a refresher to experienced home canners. Participants may also have their pressure canners tested for safety and dial gauge pressure canners tested for accuracy before the programs.

Program Series Details

Date/ Topic:
Wednesday, June 24 – Jams & Jellies
Thursday, July 30– Canning Basics
Wednesday, August 12– Canning Tomatoes
Wednesday September 16– Drying & Dehydrating

Programs are 1:00-2:30 p.m. ~ Cost is $15.00 per session or $50.00 for all four sessions. Classes are open to the public

Location: McMahon Hall, Mill Creek MetroParks, 7574 Columbiana-Canfield Rd. Canfield, Ohio 44406

Registration Form

Classes held at McMahon Hall, Mill Creek MetroParks, begin at 1:00 p.m.

Canner testing is available. Call to schedule. No charge for canner testing.

Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________
Phone ________________________________
Email ________________________________

I plan on attending:
June 24 Jams & Jellies _____
July 30 Canning Basics _____
August 12 Canning Tomatoes _____
September 16 Drying & Dehydrating _____

Drop off or mail registration to:
OSU Extension- Mahoning County, 490 S Broad St. Canfield, OH 44406

Or call 30-533-5538

OSU Extension: Empowerment Through Education

Sponsored by OSU Extension- Mahoning County
Taught by Beth Stefura, OSU Extension Mahoning Co.
Family & Consumer Sciences Educator
Bring One... ↔...Take One

Flower & Seed Exchange

Saturday, August 15, 2015
10:00am-11:30am

Bring plants @ 10:00am for ID and to view selection
Plant Exchange starts exactly @ 11 am

Location: Canfield Fairgrounds next to the Pumpkin Building

Bring either a plant, seeds or bulbs to share...
Label each plant so the new owner will know the name, planting Instructions, color, bloom seasons, etc. Houseplants are welcome! Rules to allow for fairness are on the reverse side of this flyer.

Containers, Tools & Garden Art Exchange...
If you have extra shovels, gardening tools, aprons, ceramic pots, unopened soil & fertilizer and garden decorations bring them along and see what you can exchange for it! These items must be in good condition, clean and useable.

Name that Plant!
Master Gardener Volunteers and staff will help you with plant identification and labeling. We’ll get you the common and botanical name. No invasive plants permitted.

Bring Your Gardening Questions
Have your gardening questions answered by Master Gardener Volunteers at the event.

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Rules for the Exchange:
To maintain fairness for all participants:

1. Each person bringing an item will be asked to obtain one plant, bulb or seed package at the ringing of the bell;
2. If additional items remain, each person will be asked to obtain a second item at the next ringing of the bell
3. If additional items remain, each person will be asked to obtain a third item at the next ringing of the bell
4. And so on until all items have been distributed fairly.

Come enjoy the morning with fellow gardeners in and around the Mahoning Valley.

*Plant Tip:* Transplant perennials in early spring just after growth starts or in early September. To relocate perennials during the main growing season, remove all flowers and cut back foliage. Water frequently as needed for good establishment.

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2015 Bring One...Take One
August 15, 2015 - Saturday
Canfield Fairgrounds at 10am
South of Canfield on SR 46
Plant Exchange starts exactly @ 11 am

*Plant Tip:* Avoid selecting plants in bloom unless you must be assured of a specific color. Remove any flowers at planting time to promote root establishment.
2015 State Master Gardener Volunteer Conference

August 28 and 29, 2015
Maumee Bay State Park
1750 Park Road
Oregon, Ohio – Lucas County

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Beautiful location on the water
- Friday – three terrific tour options
- Friday Dinner – MGV awards dinner
- Friday Night – bonfire by the bay
- Saturday – keynote address and concurrent sessions
- Vendors, silent auction items, networking, celebrating, and more!