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Marilyn's Musings

Mostly A Little Of This & A Little Of That.

Warm weather has finally made it to NE Ohio, despite a few chilly days last week. Remember just a while ago all we could do was moan and complain about the cold. Now everything seems to be exploding all at once. I don't know



about you, but I get a bit overwhelmed this time of the year. I love everything about it, the warmth, the color, the smells, the feel of the soil, hearing the birds sing,...everything. But, I always feel I am not keeping up with all that needs to be done. The aging process is

catching up with me, I just can't do some of the things I used to be able to do with ease. I gotta rest more often, I have trouble getting to the ground and even more trouble getting upright again. I still have several things on my garden 'to do list'. But, I guess it keeps me going, gives me something to look forward to. I am so thankful that I became a MGVI! At least I am learning how to do some things right!

Have you noticed the improvements around the OSU Extension Office Grounds? Lots of new plants, nice job - committee! I look forward to seeing the driveway widened and then being able to add even more plants.

If you have not been attending the "Coffee with the Master's" sessions on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, you are missing out on some good stuff. Be sure to register and join us whenever you can, so much great information to be shared. You will be amazed at some of the questions that the 'public' have. This month Sara Scudier will talk about pollinators. Sara has been working at Fellows Riverside Gardens and also with Denise Ellsworth, aka OSU's 'bee lady'. I'm sure Sara will have some great information to share. Also, Local Flavor is now in full swing, on Monday evenings. Don't miss out on this learning/teaching experience. You will walk away feeling good about what you

know and what you can share with others. Things that we just take for granted that everyone must know are not always common knowledge. Hope to see you there often.

Volunteer hours. Hope you are logging hours on line each month, it's so much easier that way. Letters have gone out reminding us about how to use VMS. I notice that some MGVS are not matching up description of your service with our committees. If nothing seems to work, please use the 'other' category. If you don't have an e-mail address please bring a copy of your recorded hours to the next MGVS meeting. I will record them for you. Please do not wait until October to request help with input of volunteer hours.

Ceila Ball shared a really neat garden magazine with me. As most of you know, I'm into herbs and flowers more than anything else. But, this magazine, **Heirloom Gardener**, is really interesting. This particular issue has a lot of information on the herbs, garlic, parsley, and basil. The history, growing tips, pests, uses, and preserving. There is a section on the flavors of Thailand, with recipes. An article on salsify caught my eye. My dad always grew this plant because he loved oysters. Supposedly this plants has that taste. I don't get it, but he loved the stuff. This is a different kind of magazine, for some interesting reading, I recommend it.

Time to start thinking about the Canfield Fair! This year we are hoping to be a bit more organized. A sign up sheet indicating who will bring (provide) what for our display will be passed around. This way we will know: 1. What to expect. 2. Who and when we expect to make it appear. 3. Who to contact if an expected thing did not appear. It always seems that there is last minute confusion re who, what, and when, hope this will help solve that issue. Our leader, Eric, is in charge of the fair this

year. I am sure we will hear from him soon as to what we are going to do. I believe the extension office will be using the theme of "National Champions", referring to the OSU Football Championship. Here's our chance to show just how good the MGVS and OCVN's from Mahoning County really are!

I have had several questions about when we are having our next MGVS training class. People are interested. How about doing some recruiting. Wouldn't it be great to have a huge class in 2016?

Marilyn McKinley

OSU Master Gardener Volunteer
Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist

June MGVS Meeting

An Evening In The Western Reserve Village And Gardens With The Holborn Herb Growers Guild

Our next MGVS meeting will be held on June 11th. We will meet at the extension office. *OSU **mandatory** training regarding vulnerable individuals will be conducted. {We will begin promptly at 6:30 pm.}*

We will then proceed to the fairgrounds and tour the Western Reserve Village and Gardens. This little gem is hidden right under our noses. Our hostesses will be members of the Holborn Herb Guild. We will have an opportunity to view the historic buildings and tour the gardens. MGVS own, Johanne Edel, is president of the Western Reserve Village. She and Carri Bookwalter, a Holborn Herb Growers Guild founder, will conduct the tours.

The Holborn Herb Growers Guild was founded in 1982. The goal of the guild is to grow herbs and inform the public about their culture and many uses. The Herb Guild awards scholarships to student pursuing a career in horticulture.

The Holborn Herb Growers Guild also maintains gardens in Boardman Park, near St James's Church. The guild holds tea in the Western Reserve Village each July. Hopefully we will have nice weather for this meeting. If it should rain we will meet in the train station in the Village.

Marilyn McKinley
OSU MGV/OCVN

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.



May MGV Meeting

The May MGV meeting featured our annual member plant exchange and covered dish dinner. The meeting also featured Hugh Earnhart's *State MGV Committee Update*. The meeting was also designated as a bring-a-friend meeting, where friends and relatives with an interest in gardening were welcome.

May OCVN Meeting

Our May speaker was Dennis Clement, the coordinator for Ohio EPA Office of Environmental Education. He presented *Project WET and Healthy Water, Healthy People*. The program is focused on teaching people to understand and value water, promoting water conservation and protection for all.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE A GARDENER WHEN:

It's that time of year when we should have a little fun. How would you finish this sentence?

YOU KNOW YOU'RE A GARDENER WHEN.....

You know Sevin is not a number.

You think mulch, manure and topsoil are fine birthday gifts.

You have given Japanese beetle traps to your neighbor.

You have a decorative compost container on your kitchen counter.

You can't resist deadheading.....where ever you are.

You got a job at the garden center for the discount.

You would rather buy plants than shoes.

Your bookcase is ready to explode with garden books.

You answer questions at garden center...and you don't work there.

You've accidentally left your kids at garden center.....twice

Your neighbors only recognize you in p.j.'s rubber clogs and a cup of coffee.

You know you can fit 10 flats and 4 hanging baskets in your trunk.

You move and need a u-haul to carry all your "transplants".

You get upset when you see "neglected" plants at the nursery.

You buy a bigger truck so you can haul more mulch.

You receive plants dug up in a plastic bag for your birthday.

They know you by name at the nursery.

You've planned your vacation around a plant sale.

After reading this you nod your head knowingly.....cuz they're all true!!!

Pam Baytos
OSU Master Gardener Volunteer

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

June 10 thru June 30 – **Pollinators Exhibit**, Fellows Riverside Garden Lobby, 9 am – 5 pm. Enjoy the most amazing display of some 30,000 butterflies and moths collected locally and from faraway places by Greg Stanko. This private collection of beautifully preserved creatures will be on display in conjunction with Pollinator Month at Fellows Riverside Gardens.

June 13 - **Birding the McGuffey Preserve**, McGuffey Wildlife Preserve, Saturday, 8 - 9:30 am. Join Jeff Harvey of Wild Birds Unlimited to focus on meadow species at the McGuffey Wildlife Preserve, located in Coitsville Township, ½ mile east of Rt. 616 on McGuffey Road. Register at Ford Nature Center by 6/12.

June 14 - **Wild Suburbia Project**, Huston Brumbaugh Nature Center, Sunday, 2 - 3:30 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.

June 14 - **Preserve It!** Huston Brumbaugh Nature Center, Sunday, 2 - 4 p.m. Judi Strauss will give you the information you need to get the most out of your garden and summer produce specials. From canning basics to freezing, you'll learn how to safely store many fruits and vegetables. You'll also get recipes using fresh, frozen and canned produce. Learn how to make super salsa and pie fillings and much more. There will be plenty to sample in class and recipes for home. Registration is required and limited to 16 adults. Food fee is \$8 per person. Huston – Brumbaugh Nature Center, 330-823-7487.

June 20 - **Birding the Sanctuary**, Saturday, 8 - 9:30 am. Jeff Harvey of Wild Birds Unlimited will lead this walk at the Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary. Boots required. Register at Ford Nature Center by 6/19.

June 20 and 21 - **Garden Forum Flower Show**, Fellows Riverside Gardens, Saturday and Sunday, 9 am - 5 pm. A summer garden flower show presented by Garden Forum of Greater Youngstown that will delight all. The public is encouraged to enter.

June 20 - **Gardening Basics: Landscaping for Pollinators**, Fellows Riverside Gardens, Saturday, 1 - 2:30 pm. Pollinators are important! Our gardens can provide food, shelter and water for these amazing garden-creatures. Bridget Beck, Garden Designer, will lead the class in discovering the most common types of pollinators found in this area and how to identify them. In addition, the class will cover some popular plants pollinators prefer and how to make your garden a happy home for both plants and their pollinators! Register/pay by 6/18. \$14; FFRG \$12.

June 26 - **Botanical Mornings**, Fellows Riverside Gardens, Friday, 9 - 10 am. Take in the beauty of the Gardens in the morning this summer with a guided walk led by Lynn Zocolo. Register/pay by 6/24. \$5.

June 27 - **Growing Roses**, Fellows Riverside Gardens, Saturday, 10 - 11:30 am. Join Ellen Speicher for a tour of the Rose Garden in Fellows Riverside Gardens to learn how to grow your own beautiful roses. Topics covered will include tips on how to plant, fertilize and manage pest problems. A demonstration on rose pruning will also be given. Register/pay by 6/25. \$14; FFRG \$12.

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 Conference. For more information watch: <http://lucas.osu.edu> and <http://mastergardener.osu.edu>.

September 10 – **Earthworms: The Big Picture**, Dr. Bruce Snyder, Kansas State University, Thursday, 7:00 pm. This will be the first program in the Summit County Master Gardener Memorial Lecture Series. Fairlawn Community Center, 3486 S. Smith Road, Fairlawn, Ohio. This is a Master Gardener Only event. *More information will be available in mid summer.*

**Volunteers are not paid,
not because they are worthless,
but because they are priceless.**

Volunteers in Action

OSU Grounds

The OSU grounds volunteers have done an amazing job this spring. Our thanks go to Margaret Biroshak, Dan Burns and Lori Moff for their hard work. Extra special thanks are due Bob Schlick and Mike Beaudis for work beyond the call of duty.

Streetscape 2015: Bloom or Bust

The volunteers participating in Streetscape 2015 included our own MGVs Rosemary Fuller, Valeria Goncalves, Thresea Harris. Glenda House, Marge Lardas, Katherin

Lingenfelter, Carole Martyn-Dow, Judy Rodkey and Bob Schlick.



Photo by Thresea Harris



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Photo by Bob Schlick



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Thank you all.

West Boulevard Elementary Honors OSUE MGVs

The students and staff of the West Boulevard Elementary School planted a tree dedicated to our volunteers for their help during the 2014 - 2015 school year.

Program leader Barb Loewit accepted the award for the MGVs.



2015 GNGP and Local Flavor

A chilly June 1st marked the beginning of the Local Flavors schedule and the start of the Good Natured Garden Partners program for 2015, both at the Iron Roots Urban Farm.



Master Gardeners 2015 Meeting Schedule

June 11 – *Visit to Western Reserve Village*, Herb Guild Members. Meet at the OSU Extension Office, 6:30 pm.

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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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>**

June 1	Iron Roots Urban Farm	Park at: 822 Billingsgate Ave, Youngstown
June 8	Mineral Springs Community Garden	723 Mineral Springs Ave (near Glenwood)
June 15	Dorothy Day House	620 Belmont Ave
June 22	St. Pat's Community Garden	1420 Oak Hill Ave
June 29	Rocky Ridge Community Garden	116 S Hazelwood Ave
July 6	Hope for Newport Community Garden	420 Clearmount
July 13	Jubilee Garden	150 Lafayette
July 20	Southern Park Stables 4-H Community Garden	126 Washington Blvd., Boardman
July 27	East High Garden	474 Bennington Ave
Aug. 3	St. Paul's Community Garden	3906 E. Calla Rd, New Middletown, off Rt. 170 s. of Poland
Aug. 10	Fairgreen Neighborhood Garden	230 Fairgreen Ave (on corner)
Aug. 17	Flying High Urban Farm & GROW	100 Broadway, Enter Broadway & Bryson, drive to end

These events are sponsored in part by OSU Extension, Mahoning County and the **Mahoning Valley Food Policy Coalition**



Coffee with the Master Gardeners

Attracting Pollinators To Your Backyard

Sara Scudier, OSU Extension Mahoning County Master Gardener Volunteer and Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist

Join OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteer and Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist – Sara Scudier - as she shares her expertise on our native pollinators and the plants in your garden. Learn what the best perennials and shrubs are for attracting pollinators and what plants to avoid. Your garden will be beautiful—and attractive for our native insects!

In this short session, we will explore native pollinators, enjoy 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**.

3 rd Wednesday of Every	:	Location: 490 S. Broad St.
Month		Canfield, OH 44406
Date: June 17 th		Cost: \$15/person
9:30 am—Coffee and	:	Details: Register by June 12 th
Breakfast		(limited seating)
10am-12pm—Program		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, June 12th** to reserve a spot for the program. The program is filled on a “first come, first served basis.”

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Number Attending: _____ 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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Bring One......Take One

Flower & Seed Exchange

Saturday, August 15, 2015

9:00am-10:30am

Bring plants @ 9:00am for ID and to view selection

Plant Exchange starts exactly @ 10 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.

2015 Bring One...Take One

August 15, 2015 - Saturday

Canfield Fairgrounds at 9am

South of Canfield on SR 46

Plant Exchange starts exactly @ 10 am



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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.



Preserving the Harvest



A Monthly "How To" Home Canning Series
June-September 2015



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!*



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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: McMahan Hall, Mill Creek MetroParks,
7574 Columbiana-Canfield Rd. Canfield, Ohio 44406**



Registration Form

Classes held at McMahan 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:

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