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 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 MGV! 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 MGV’s 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 MGV 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 MGV’s and OCVN’s from Mahoning County really are!

I have had several questions about when we are having our next MGV 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 MGV Meeting

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

Our next MGV 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. MGV’s 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.

Volunteer Voice – Pam Baytos

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 accidently 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](http://lucas.osu.edu) and [http://mastergardener.osu.edu](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.

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

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**Volunteers in Action**

**OSU Grounds**

The OSU grounds volunteers have done an amazing job this spring. Our thanks go to Margaret Biroschak, Dan Burns and Lori Moff for their hard work. Extra special thanks are due Bob Schulick 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, Katherine Lingenfelter, Carole Martyn-Dow, Judy Rodkey and Bob Schulick.

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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.

September 16 - 6:30 - 7PM OCVN meeting.

November 18 - 6:30 - 7PM OCVN meeting.

December - Annual Recognition Banquet.

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### Local Flavor

**Learn to Grow Vegetables: Hands on!**

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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.

3rd Wednesday of Every Month
Date: June 17th
9:30 am—Coffee and Breakfast
10am-12pm—Program

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

Cost: $15/person
Details: Register by June 12th (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, 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
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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.

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**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**  

*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.
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 ______
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Drop off or mail registration to:
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