

Flora and Fauna

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MGV – Up Front

State News: Volunteer Background Checks and Rescreening

Rescreening every four years is no longer required for MGVs, EXCEPT for individuals working on projects where they have care, custody and control (CC&C) of minors and other vulnerable populations.

MGVs not involved in CC&C projects fall under the "one and done" for background checks. Prior to training, they need to complete a First Advantage online background check; they are not required to have further background checks every four years during their time served as an MGV, unless they are involved in a project where they have CC&C of minors or vulnerable populations.

Mahoning County:

Just a reminder. Training of new MGV's and OCVN's starts next week. The trainees will be receiving lunch, and we have a big class. If you can pitch in some food for the potluck; it would be so appreciated. A bag of chips, some fruit, a pasta salad, cheese, cookies, whatever would be most welcome. The days we need lunch items are 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, and April 13th. Lunch items should arrive at the OSU extension by 11:30 am on those days. The hospitality

committee consists of Johanne Edel, Stephanie Hughes, Toni Beard, Peg Zeleznik, Carolyn Fankhauser, and Theresa Harris. Even if you are not on this committee please consider contributing to the cause.

Marilyn's Musings

This winter as a mild one but...spring is on its way! Music to any gardener's or naturalist's ear. Plans for the "best" vegetable or flower gardens dance through our daydreams. This is finally THE year I will _____ (we can all fill in that blank)!

I just returned from a trip to one of my favorite cities. San Antonio, TX. This time I made it to the Botanical Garden. Wonderful. I feel refreshed and recharged. So good to see all the colors of nature, in 75 degree weather!

This issue of *Flora And Fauna* is dedicated to learning. So many opportunities are available, most about an hour or less away. So leaf through this issue, make some notes, and make some plans to take off for a leisurely day of learning and browsing. This is the year to get out, see more, learn something new...enjoy.

Marilyn McKinley
OSUE MGV and OCVN

March MGV Meeting

Chartreuse:

An aromatic yellow or green liqueur made by Chartusian monks or a clear light green with a yellowish tinge.

Don't miss our March meeting, as our own June Nolasco will give us the scoop on chartreuse perennials. These bright plants will make any dark area of your garden shine. I haven't found any Chartusian monks to serve refreshments at June's program, but I'll keep looking.



Pam Baytos
OSUE MGV

March OCVN Meeting

OSUE Master Gardener and Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist, Stephanie Hughes will present *Knowing, Identifying and Controlling Invasive Organisms*. We will meet at the Extension office on March 16th beginning at 6:30 pm.



February MGV Meeting

Our February MGV meeting featured Hugh Earnhart presenting "*The Art of Entering a Flower Show*." We learned how to present flowers for judging, what judges are looking for, how to set up a show and how to deal with critiques. All the information should help us choose our flower entries for our own 1st. Annual Master Gardener Flower Show to be held at the July MGV meeting.



Notice: Needed – Four Cell Seed Planter Trays

Barb Delisio needs four cell seed planter trays for the Coffee with MGV program and the upcoming MGV training. If you have some to spare, please bring them to the MGV meeting on March 10th or drop them off at the OSU Extension office in Canfield.



Notice: MGV State Support Fee

Payment of the 2016 MGV State Support Fee (\$10) is due in the OSUE office before February 29, 2016.

Notice: Expect more Email Communication from OSUE

You will be receiving more MGV and OCVN emails during 2016. Watch your email closely for information, agendas, etc. Email communication will be coming from Eric, Lori, and Marilyn. Those will no email address, check your snail box.

Volunteer Voice – Marilyn McKinley

Some questions MGV'S have received

(from *Green Prints* magazine)

- A. When I moved into my new house the builder said I should water my lawn 3 times a day. How long should I continue to do this? MGV: *How long have you lived there?* Reply – 7 years!
- B. There are alien eggs hatching in my compost pile. Can you come take them away?
- C. What disease did the peach tree that I cut down last year have?
- D. I want to grow kudzu. How do I get it started?
- E. My husband cut a limb from an apple tree. Can I graft another limb on to make it look more balanced?

F. How do you plant sod? Green side up or green side down?

G. I have atheists on my houseplants. How do I get rid of them?

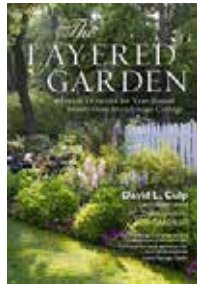
My favorite...I have a plant in my yard, don't know what it is, do you?

Marilyn McKinley
OSUE MGV and OCVN

Volunteer Voice – Joyce Karsnak

The Layered Garden

The Men's Garden Club held their 11th Annual Winter Seminar February 20, titled "Creating an Inviting Garden" and featured David L. Culp, the author of *The Layered Garden* featuring the palate of gardens he created at his home, Brandywine Cottage in Downingtown, Pennsylvania. He's an herbaceous perennials instructor at Longwood Gardens and former contributing editor to *Horticulture* magazine.



The first of two sessions was titled "The Layered Garden – Design Lessons for Year Round Beauty" and focused on what Mr. Culp described as the "passage of time," or in other words, how much pleasure can you get from one spot of garden. Design begins with placing your garden beds in relationship to their surroundings and planting for succession of bloom, color and interest from texture. Of these, texture is his focus. He said he places plants with varied texture first as the more your intersect planes, the more interest in the bed. [I have to confess – any mention of intersecting planes causes my head to go into geometry brain freeze, but I was careful to write down the speaker's words for those of you who do not have this affliction.]

The crowd laughed in agreement when

he described what it's like for him to sit through garden lectures that put the color wheel up on the screen. Instead, he said to do what *you* like – at least you'll please *one* person. He plants in trios for effect, and said it's all about balance. To illustrate, he showed a bed accented in yellow, featuring saturated colors of purple, pink and blue. That same space changed colors with the seasons as he under plants to keep color changing.

He found humor again when he said we as gardeners are never satisfied. It's too wet – it's too dry – I wish it would rain... at night. It's dealing with what we cannot control and accepting that. For example, because he doesn't spray, he under plants his roses with perennials so if the rose leaves fall from black spot, oh well.

It's not all about making every spot perfect; it's about sharing the environment with other life forms. Mr. Culp explained, showing how leaving some areas on his property as nature intended where leafless tree trunks long dead now house birds and other creatures.

He closed with saying to plant your passion. Your garden gives as much as you give it. Remember to stop to enjoy it. Enjoy each moment – one step at a time. You can do it.

In the second session with Mr. Culp, he pummeled us with slides and tips for growing what he called "Fifty (ish) Plants I Can't Live Without!" This is a guy who lives his passion.

Because no MG/OCVN article would be complete without a website reference, for more information, go to <http://www.davidculp.com/> Also his book will be available at the Canfield Library once I've returned it.

Joyce Karsnak
OSUE MGV

MGV Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2016

Peg Zeleznik

Opening

The regular meeting of the Master Gardener Volunteers was called to order at 6:30 on February 11, at the Ohio State Extension Office by Marilyn McKinley.

Program

Hugh Earnhart gave a presentation on flower shows—how to present your flowers for judging; what judges are looking for; how to set up your show; how to deal with critiques.

Old Business

State dues of \$10 must be paid by February 29th.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for committees. Some members have not signed up yet. Please get your name on the lists as the chairs need to get organized.

Remember, our organization is committee driven—any other hours have to be approved by Eric.

Open Issues

New chairperson for Local Flavor—Peggy Griffith volunteered! Thank you, Peggy!

Wreaths Across America—Looking for a new site for 2016 to replace the Poland site where we have gone for past two years.

New Business

There are going to be changes in committee designations. They will be brought up for vote at March meeting.

There is a new State Awards Committee with Marilyn McKinley, chairperson. More information on this committee will also be given at March meeting.

All current members need to be re-certified through the Volunteer Management System—same address as for recording volunteer hours. Bill went through process of re-certification. We are again encouraged to list hours as we go along.

Stephanie Hughes will be chairing the new Hospitality Committee.. We need volunteers to provide food for new Master Gardener Volunteer classes that will be starting March 16th.

Speakers Bureau Committee—Judy Rodkey, Chairperson—Request for September 7th—How to put your garden to bed in Salem, Ohio. Peg Zeleznik volunteered.

Phenology Lab—David Sprague, Chairperson—Denise Ellsworth meeting on phenology on April 6th.

Announcements

Plant sale at Millcreek Park on April 5, 6 & 7th—Volunteers Needed.

Parks Garden Center has a new education series starting March 5th—“Outdoor Living” workshop featuring Patio Bar & Grill. April 2nd—Exciting New Plants for your Landscape & How to Prune & Care for Your Old Ones; April 9th—How to create Fabulous Combo Pots with the Latest & Greatest Annuals & Perennials.

4th Annual Butterfly Festival—Community Garden—Contact Lois Martin-Uscanowski for more information

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Marilyn McKinley. The next general meeting will be at 6:30pm, March 10th in extension office.

Peg Zeleznik

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

Upcoming Events

March and April Events at the Huston – Brumbaugh Nature Center can be found in the Spring 2016 newsletter at <http://go.osu.edu/HB-Spring16>

March Events at the Mill Creek Metroparks can be found at <http://www.millcreekmetroparks.org/events/2016-03/>

March 12 – **Home Gardeners’ Workshop**, OSUE Lake County, Saturday, 8 am – 4 pm at Lakeland Community College. For more information visit:

<http://go.osu.edu/lake-16-12-03>

March 12 – **Hop Into Spring: Joys of Container Gardening**, A.I. Root Candle Company Community Room (623 W. Liberty St., Medina, OH), Saturday, 9 am – 12 pm. The Master Gardener Volunteers of Medina are hosting their annual spring program, this year focusing on Container Gardening. \$15/person. 330-725-4911. Information and a registration form are available at <http://go.osu.edu/medina-16-12-03>

March 19 - **Attracting Bees & Butterflies to the Home Garden: A Pollinators Workshop**, Union County Agricultural Center, Saturday, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. Union County Agricultural Center. Call the Union Co. Extension office at 937-644-8117 to register. Space is limited. Information is available at <http://go.osu.edu/union-16-12-03>

March 21 – **Can’t Wait for Spring? Try Starting Seeds Indoors!** Coffee with the Master Gardeners Program, OSU Extension – Mahoning County office, Monday, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm. Barb Delisio will discuss the importance of using the correct growing medium, proper lighting, and correct watering procedures for successful germination. Timing and handling of seedlings for transplanting outside will also be discussed. \$15/person, \$5 for Mahoning OSUE MGVs. 330-533-5538. Information and a registration form are available at <http://go.osu.edu/march2016coffee> The program flyer can be found attached to this newsletter.

April Events at the Mill Creek Metroparks can be found at <http://www.millcreekmetroparks.org/events/2016-04/>

April 2 – **Don’t Let the Weeds Get You Down**, 4-H Building, Lake County Fairgrounds, Saturday, 10 am. Part of the Lake County MGVs’ Meet Us in the Garden discussion and interactive demonstration series. Free Event but registration required. Phone 440-350-2206 or email MGAdmin@lakecountyohio.gov

April 2 – **Backyards Matter, Four Seasons of Gardening - Spring Conference**, The Career & Technology Education Center (150 Price Road, Newark, OH), Saturday, 8:15 am – 4 pm. Join the Licking County MGVs for a special day of planning for beautiful and bountiful gardens. \$25/person. Information at <https://fourseasonsofgardening.com>

April 9 – **Spring Into Gardening**, Educational Service Center (124 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa, OH), Saturday, 9 am – 3 pm. The Putnam County Master Gardeners are hosting their bi-annual fair. \$35/person. Printable registration forms are available online at <http://www.putnam.osu.edu>

April 18 – **Landscape Pruning**, Coffee with the Master Gardeners Program, OSU Extension – Mahoning County office, Monday, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm. Eric Barrett will answer your pressing questions about landscape pruning. Information and a registration form are available at <http://go.osu.edu/april2016coffee> The program flyer can be found attached to this newsletter.

April 23 – **Fruit Tree Pruning Clinic**, White House Fruit Farm, Saturday, 1 – 4 pm. Learn how to prune fruit trees, (apples, peaches), as well as blueberries and brambles. The class will be held rain or shine. Dress warm for outdoor activities (rugged shoes or boots). *Bring a lawn chair if you would like a seat.* We will have home fruit production and other gardening publications for sale. Demonstration and program by Eric Barrett, OSU Extension Mahoning County and Dave Hull & David Hull, White House Fruit Farm. Information and a registration form are available at <http://go.osu.edu/fruitprune2016> The program flyer can be found attached to this newsletter.

MGV 2016 Meeting Schedule (Tentative)

March 10 - Our own perennial guru June Nolasco will present a program on *Chartreuse Perennials*, OSU Extension Office, 6:30 pm.

April 14 - Our fearless leader Eric will cover the available kits for master gardeners to use when presenting programs and also the 1.50 Talk. OSU Extension Office, 6:30 pm.

May 12 - Plant Exchange and Pot Luck Dinner, OSUE office, 6:30 pm.

June 9 - A trip to Kreidler's Gardens in Homeworth. Owner Barry will give a presentation on New and Unusual Plants. Times for carpooling TBA

July 14 - *1st. Annual Master Gardener Flower Show*, details TBA

August 11 - A Home Garden Tour to be held at Eric's where we will also hold our Fair Planning meeting.

September 8 - Tentative Hypertufa Class OSU Extension Office, 6:30 pm.

October 13 - TBA

November 10 - We will work on the Fellows Christmas Tree decorations OSU Extension Office, 6:30 pm.

December - Recognition Banquet TBA

OCVN 2016 Meeting Schedule (VERY Tentative)

March 16 – *Invasives*, Stephanie Hughes, OSUE office, 6:30 pm.

April 20 – *Coyotes*, Stan Gerht

May 18 – *Bald Eagles*, Jim Kavelatis

June 15 – *Millcreek Trolley Cohasset Express Field Trip*

July 20 – *Quail Hollow Park* – Field Trip

August 17 – *Fair Preparation*

September 21 – *Beaver Township Nature Preserve Field Trip*, Scott Conway

October 19 – *Amphibians*, Gregory Lipps

November 16 – *Deer*, Marne Titchenell

December - Recognition Banquet TBA

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Volunteers in Action

David Sprague was our featured speaker for the February Coffee with the Master Gardeners. David presented “*Soil Amendments: What is in all those bags at the garden center and what do they do?*”



Remembering Celia Ball.....

OSU MGV Celia Ball passed away Feb. 24th. Celia was indeed one of a kind. I will always remember her silly grin and



can do attitude. She grew up in Baltimore, was a Debutant in Baltimore society circles. Yet, she was one of the most down to earth people I ever met. Celia said she never felt comfortable participating in the life she was born into and decided what she wanted to have more than anything was to be who she was. That she did! She loved gardening, anything that was nature related, crafts, all kinds of needlework, canning and preserving foods. She certainly did things “her way”. So with fond memories we say goodbye to Celia.

Marilyn McKinley

Coffee with the Master Gardeners



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- Barb Delisio
OSU Extension Master
Gardener Volunteer

Monday, March 21st

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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Coffee with the Master Gardeners

Landscape Pruning



-Eric Barrett, OSU Extension Educator
Agriculture and Natural Resources

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Saturday Afternoon Agenda

- 1:00 Introduction and Overview of Tools
- 1:30 Pruning New Fruit Trees
- 2:15 Pruning Established Trees
- 3:00 Pruning Brambles and Blueberries
- 3:45 Questions, Evaluations, Door Prizes
- 4:00 Adjourn



Location

White House Fruit Farm
9249 St Rt 62 (Youngstown-Salem Rd.)
Canfield, OH 44406

Sponsor & Registration

Ohio State University Extension
Information 330.533.5538
<http://mahoning.osu.edu>



Pre-Registration Required. A \$20 registration fee per person includes a set of **hand pruners or folding pruning saw** and handouts explaining the pruning process.

Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Day Phone _____
 E-mail _____

Complete Registration, Detach and Return with \$20 check. Make check payable to OSU Extension and mail to: **OSU Extension Mahoning County, 490 S. Broad St. Canfield, OH 44406**

Fruit Pruning Clinic

