We welcome and need your input. This is our newsletter. Let’s keep it going as strong as ever!

September 29-30th
Master Gardener Volunteer State Conference

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Visit www.mastergardener.osu.edu

Please send any articles, pictures, etc. to MGVnewsletter@gmail.com. All items intended for publication MUST be submitted by the 25th of each month.
Thank you to those who participated in any way for the BOTO in August. Hope you got some good stuff.

I am writing this before the fair. I feel like I have so little to say….the lull before the big show! I am so looking forward to seeing our MGV/OCVN display this year. This has been a HUGE project, on going for many months. Many, many thank you to Barb Delisio, for organizing and overseeing this adventure. I have no doubt that without Barb’s many years of experience and fantastic organizational skills this project might not have gotten off the ground. This turned out to be a quite a project. Thank you to all station leaders, every seed grower and to all who have been preparing for the display. I am sure this will be well received by all. Please take pictures! /send them to Bill Snyder. We are thinking that this project might be used for a state award for 2017 (in 2018). Thank you to all who helped set up, manned the booth, and helped with takedown. You are an amazing group of volunteers!!!!

PLEASE put hours into VMS! So many will be earning hours at the fair….log them NOW and as you go, don’t wait until October 31st—that is the final day to enter hours for November 2016—October 2017. I was on a conference call with Columbus the other day, one of the key issues of discussion was how to encourage MGVs to log hours, So, I told everyone we did not have much of a problem with that in Mahoning County, cause you are always on top of things! Okay guys, don’t let me down!!! If you spent time meeting, preparing for the fair, please log that under Canfield Fair, not meetings, administration, etc.

Once the fair passes, it will be onto other projects—the Fellow Christmas Tree. Thresea Harris is chairperson, no doubt we will hear from her soon. Also, the “Wreaths Across America” project. Things have changed this year. Mike Beaudis is chairperson, you will be hearing from him soon too. There will be more volunteer hours available. Then comes our annual Recognition Banquet. June Nolasco is chairperson this year.

Hope to see many MGVs at the state conference in Columbus. Don’t forget, we will be accepting an award for our Valley Grows page in the Vindicator. Yea Us! We are hoping to bring home two other awards, Barb Delisio for MGV of the year and Eric Barrett for Educator of the year!!! We have been notified that Barb and Eric are finalists. We should all be proud of our group!

Several grads of the 2017 class have already earned their 50 hours. Congratulations!!

Articles for the Vindicator are always welcome. Contact Eric to make sure someone else is not writing on the same topic.

The Plant and Pest Clinic has been really busy this season. Thanks to David and all MGVs who have put in volunteer hours. We anticipate a post Fair surge in questions and problems!

-Marilyn McKinley
OSUE MGV and OCVN

A cut-out milk carton, some dirt out back, and a packet of marigold seeds was all it took to begin my love of gardening. My dear mother inspired me to plant early on when I was about 6 or 7 years old. After the winter passed, she helped me launch my new passion in life by digging up dirt, sprinkling in seeds, and watering the sprouts emerge from the milk carton placed in a sunny window. Sometimes the simplest things in life turn out to be the most rewarding.

From our bright and beautiful marigolds, gardening challenged me more and more. I would always be intrigued how you could start another plant by a leaf or cutting. From there, it just blossomed into a full-grown hobby. Our family’s back porch was littered with macramé’ hangers with a variety of colored
mix-matched pots of miscellaneous plants dangling from them. Today, at my own home, I manage over three acres of perennial, annual, rose, herb, and vegetable gardens. I guess you can just call it my obsession. My daughter calls it her “fairyland”. My husband enjoys it immensely, however, is overwhelmed with watering if I am out of town! But I do know, my mother is the absolute proudest looking down from heaven, For me, the Master Gardener program brought my level of learning to a whole new dimension. Not only do I know many “how-to’s”, but I know the “why’s”! The depth of the training provided 360 degrees on many facts and theories I’ve always wondered about. Take for example, Phenology. I truly enjoyed this study of relationships of plants (and animals) and biological events. I love sharing my garden knowledge to my family, many nieces and nephews, friends, and anyone else that would want to listen! And if I do not have the answer, I am now skilled to find it for you.

My name is Cathryn Jacobs, but you can call me Cathy or simply just, Cath. I have a Bachelor’s degree from Youngstown State University in Computer Science. My husband and I own a software company called Intellitech Corporation. In my spare time, I enjoy preserving a 70 year old gardening club and currently hold the VP position of Poland Village Gardeners. We have one darling daughter, Jenna, who is currently a junior at Texas Christian University.

-Cathryn Jacobs

MGV Intern

September MGV Meeting
ROADTRIP!

You won’t have to pack a suitcase or find your passport as we travel with members Marilyn McKinley and Terry Cloonan at our September meeting! They are going to show us some highlights of their recent trips. Marilyn is taking us on a safari through Kenya and Terry will take us along on his three week travels through Portugal. So get ready to sit back and become a world traveler without leaving home.

Any member who has went on an “adventure” and wants to share with the group, contact me and we’ll arrange a time at a future meeting.

I would also like to thank all the “art people” who helped set up and worked the Art Sale at the BOTO event. We were able to add to the garden coffer.

Coming Soon...

Master Gardener Spotlight

We will be spotlighting our “Long-term Perennials” to recognize some of our most dedicated volunteers.

Marilyn might be calling
PIZZA PARTY BEFORE MEETING
Come early and enjoy a pizza party before the September Meeting! Starting at 6 p.m., pizza will be served as a way of saying THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE FAIR!

August OCVN Meeting
No information available at time of newsletter. We do apologize!

A Fantastic Fair
I can’t thank you enough for the wonderful fair display we were able to put together this year. From when we started planning in February until Labor Day, your help and dedication was unbelievable. I think everyone who walked through building 44 during the fair was blown away by our garden. The help in setting up on the Monday before the fair was way more than I even anticipated. We were done with everything by 2 in the afternoon, which was remarkable. The garden was set, the stations were beautifully done, it was all great.

The enthusiasm of all who worked the fair was very good. We have never been asked so many questions and had so many conversations with the general public. To get this in the September newsletter, I had to write it before the tear down, but I know it will be great! With everyone doing their share, we get things done in the proper time and with the proper results. Hopefully, all those who learned how to grow plants from seed will remember how challenging it was, myself included. We learned so many new and important things about growing and caring for our plants. Again, I can’t thank all of you enough for all your effort. It brought about the most amazing results.

-Barb Delisio
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BOTO Pictures
Cleveland Pollinator & Native Plant Symposium

Come and spend the day exploring the importance of increasing natural diversity and ecological resilience through designing landscapes with native plants.

**Cost:** $65 All day symposium includes breakfast, lunch and refreshments. Free parking on-campus

Registration forms can be found online at clevelandpollinatorsymposium.org/registration

**Date:** Friday, September 22, 2017

**Time:** 8:00 - 4:30 pm

**Location:** Cuyahoga Community College East Campus
4250 Richmond Road, Highland Hills, Ohio 44122

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**“Every flower is a soul blossoming in nature.”**

- Gerard De Nerval

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MGV 2017 Meeting

**September 14** — Travel Without a Suitcase

**October 12** — Ikebana Demo given by our own Cynthia Foust

**November 9** — Fellows Tree, Preparation

**December** — ANR Volunteer Banquet

OCVN 2017 Meeting Schedule

**September 8** — Marnie Titchenell presents *Dealing with Deer.*

**October 18** — Betty Ann Nagy presents *Yellowstone Travels.*

**November 15** — Heather Merritt of Birds I Flight presents *Birds of Prey*

**December** — ANR Volunteer Banquet

Upcoming Events …..

**September 13 Deer In The Yard** 6:30 pm at Canfield Fairgrounds, Building 44, just behind the main office. http://go.osu.edu/bambi

**September 18 Creating a Kitchen Garden** will be the topic of the September Coffee with the Master Gardeners series. http://go.osu.edu/kitchengarden
THE FAIR

wow!, wow!, WOW!, Oh WOW!!!!

Because I was so busy before the fair I wrote my monthly muse and submitted it early. But, I just have to applaud all who had ANYTHING to do with our display at the Canfield Fair. I have been to only 8 fairs and seen some wonderful MGV/OCVN displays but, this far and away, has been THE BEST! I have been amazed at the comments, questions, etc. I think we have been so much more engaged with the folks who visited our display. They seem interested, wanting more information, I think we gave them a desire to try container growing.

3 REQUESTS

1. To Barb and her station leaders, I cannot find words to adequately thank you for what you have done. I do have a favor to ask. Would Barb, station leaders take a few moments to jot down a few notes about this display> What was wonderful, what was not, what we should do again, what we should never even consider doing again. I am proposing that the station leaders collect this information for the folks on their committee, summarize it and send it to Eric, please cc me. I think we should do this next week, while things are fresh in our minds. This critique will be so valuable for future fair displays.

2. To anyone who took pictures at the fair, PLEASE send those pics to Bill. Bill will compile and store them for future use.

3. Start thinking about next year! I think the fact that we started planning this so early was a huge reason this was so successful! Do not hesitate to submit your ideas at anytime. Tomorrow would be great!

THANK YOU

ODDS AND ENDS

MGV NOMINATIONS

MGVs will be electing new officers at the NOVEMBER meeting. Interested? Check your Mahoning Handbook for requirements and “job” description. If you are interested in being considered email ERIC.

Travel without a suitcase.

Several MGVs & OCVNs have traveled the world. If you have traveled and would like to share - either a short 15 min. at a MGV meeting or write an article for the monthly Flora and Fauna. Let Pam Baytos know if you would like to present at a meeting. Send newsletter articles to mgvnewsletter@gmail.com (Peggy Griffith).

We will kick off this new feature at the September meeting with Terry Cloonan (Portugal) and Marilyn McKinley (Kenya)
REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 30, 2017
(All the 30th, Add $0.00)

NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AT DOOR
8:00-3:30am. Registration & Continental Breakfast.

We serve an assortment of muffins, breads, hot coffee & tea. Please enjoy these in the classrooms.
Refreshments are not permitted in the auditorium.

Thank you.

Name: ____________________________

Email: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________

Phone: ____________________________

Check one: __________ Gardening Public
______________ Master Gardener from ____________ County

Lunch is $7.00 Mark one:
□ Ham & Swiss Croissant
□ Turkey & Provolone Croissant
□ Chicken Salad Croissant

Gluten-Free Lunch (served with water)
□ Chef Salad with Chicken

Symposium $25.00 $________
Late Fee $5.00 $________
(Late fee is per person after Sept 30)
Lunch $7.00 $________

Total Enclosed $________

(make both sides of your check)

Mail this form with $25.00 payment to:
Cathy Monson, 75465 State Ave NW
North Canton, OH 44720

Check payable to Master Gardeners of Stark County

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Janet Macunovich

Janet Macunovich is a professional gardener, designer, author and educator. She began designing for others in 1980, teaching a college garden design course in 1987, and published her first book in 1990.

Janet has made presentations to the Perennial Plant Association, Chicago Botanic Gardens, Niagara Falls School of Horticulture Alumni and the Tennessee Nursery & Landscape Association.

Janet's formal education in gardening and design includes hundreds of hours of seminars and workshops at botanical gardens and educational institutions in several States. She has completed the Michigan State University Extension gardening program and is active in the community as an Advanced Master Gardener. Janet will give two talks.

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Suggestions for trees, shrubs and perennials that not only look great together for their seasonal colors but also for their combined forms, textures and foliage characteristics.

50 YEARS OF BOTANICA

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DEMONSTRATIONS

ART IN THE GARDEN
by Donna McDill
Portage County Master Gardener

Art enhances any garden. Donna believes that whether its store bought, home-made or Mother Nature’s best, art can be found or added to any garden to give it a little extra interest and hopefully a smile from its viewers. She will show examples of what she’s created in her own gardens and give you some ideas to create something of your own using cement or hypertufa along with some up-cycled materials and your own imagination.

Donna calls herself a “Hoselicious” and has about 300 varieties of Hosta among lots of perennials in her many gardens. She is a member and past-President of Midland Hosta Society and on the board of the Great Lakes Hosta Society where she has also taught hypertufa classes.

KOKEDAMA
by Caroline Katsikakis
Stark County Master Gardener

Kokedama is a form of Japanese garden art that is centuries old and tied into the practice of bonsai. It is a living planter as well as a distinctive display piece. It can be fixed to a piece of driftwood or bark, suspended from a string or nestled in a clear, attractive container. Caroline will show you how to make this interesting accent for your own home.

Caroline has a degree in Architecture and is a member of the Canton Garden Center, the Herb Society at Hoover Historical Center, the Garden Club of Ohio and a Stark County Master Gardener.

Her design sense in her own beautifully cultivated garden was showcased in last years Garden Tour.

MINI GARDENS IN CONTAINERS
by Barb Miller, Owner, Miller’s Greenhouse

Barb and Jerry Miller have been in the greenhouse business in Hartville, Ohio, for 33 years growing annuals and bedding plants, herbs, perennials and most recently, lots of succulent Miller’s Greenhouse is known for having a wide variety of plants and some that are hard to find.

They specialize in doing custom container planting for their customers.

Garden clubs are welcome to schedule a date to have a club meeting at the greenhouse. In 2014, Millers began a partnership with GentleBrook, a nonprofit providing services for families with disabilities. The Millers have three married children and seven grandchildren. Barb is totally happy whenever she can play in the dirt and plant something beautiful.

CREATE A BEAUTIFUL TERRARIUM
by Melissa Stewart
Stark & Summit County Master Gardener

Ering your garden indoors. You can have a beautiful garden in your home with minimal effort. A terrarium can be any kind of garden and it leaves little fingers and pets from pouncing on your new exotic orchid or playing in your fairy garden.

Melinda has been interested in gardening from a young age. She is a member of Canton Garden Center, the Herb Society at Hoover Historical Center, Garden Club of Ohio and is a landscape design Master Consultant for National Garden Clubs.

Melinda has been a Master Gardener in Stark and Summit counties for 20 years and has given informal talks and workshops on various subjects for garden clubs and MGV’s in the Stark and Summit county areas.

Fall Decor Sale

Mums, Kale & Cabbage...$5.00
Pumpkins Medium Size...$4.00

Visit our Gift Basket Raffle Table

You Olde Garden Shoppe

Your favorite shopping place for wonderful recycled gardening products and decor.
Master Gardener Volunteer
Garden Art Series

Holiday Containers
Join us to take a look at turning your pots into holiday masterpieces! We’ll cover form and style, along with finding and using several kinds of greenery, berries and other cuttings from your landscape. Go beyond the filler, thriller and spiller to turn your pots and planters into stunning displays for the holiday season. NOTE: Bring up to a 12” diameter pot to fill during the class to get a leg up on your holiday designs.

November 2017

Location: 490 S. Broad St. Canfield, OH
Cost: $20/person
Details: Register ASAP – Seating is limited
Contact: 330-533-5538

REGISTRATION INFORMATION. Registration includes the program, coffee and a light snack, 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 515): ___________ Amount Enclosed: ___________

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Public Welcome

Gardening Symposium
Grow your Garden with Us
An annual gardening educational event for the general public sponsored by the Stark County Master Gardener Volunteer Program

Saturday, October 7, 2017

R.G. Drage Career Technical Center
2800 Richville Rd SE, Massillon
8:00am – 2:30pm  $25

- Gardening speakers
- Demonstrations
- Mums & pumpkin sale
- Raffle

- Vendors
- Ye Olde Garden Shoppe
- FREE breakfast
- Lunch

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She established The Michigan School of Gardening, where she was a director and senior instructor. The school provided classes and a two-year horticultural curriculum to over 2,000 students in southeast Michigan from 1996 to 2008.

Janet's formal education in gardening and design includes hundreds of hours of seminars and workshops at botanical gardens and educational institutions in several States. She has completed the Michigan State University Extension gardening program and is active in the community as an Advanced Master Gardener. She sees education as a lifelong process and continues it for herself in formal classes, industry seminars, Agriculture Department programs, books, videotapes, articles, and discussions with students in her classes.

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Great Plant Combinations: The Best Perennials, Trees and Shrubs

Most designers aim for year-round interest, but sometimes the design process gets bogged down in looking for color alone. Here are suggestions for trees, shrubs and perennials that not only look great together for their seasonal colors but also for their combined forms, textures and foliage characteristics.
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The Best Investment You Can Make In Your Garden!

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