

NEWS YOU CAN USE

For Montgomery County Master Gardener Volunteers

April 2018



We are Ohio State University Extension trained volunteers empowered to educate others with timely research-based gardening information.



Photo courtesy of Gail Carone

Ah Spring ... A time of Renewal. I always look forward to the first signal of the change of season. This photo was taken on March 7, although the blooms had appeared a few days earlier. The intertwining of the seasons is endearing, bright-yellow mini daffodils surrounded by fluffy, white snow. As you read this in April, it will officially be the spring season and many of you will be "spring cleaning" in your own garden. Remember to pace yourself . . . we have many months ahead working outside in the garden.

HAPPY SPRING!



Upcoming Events in May

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Wednesday, May 30 – 10 a.m. – 1.5 CEUs
Composting at the City of Kettering Leaf Farm, 1801 Spaulding Road, Kettering, OH 45432



Volunteer Project Opportunities

VA Grotto and Gardens

The **Grotto Garden** at the Dayton VA Medical Center is gearing up for the **2018 Volunteer Season**. Looking for a place to earn your Volunteer hours? We invite you to our annual **Grotto Volunteer Kickoff Meeting** on **Tuesday, April 10th at 9:30 a.m.** Find out what was accomplished last year and what projects and events are planned for this year! Bring a friend - this volunteer site is open to the public as well as for Master Gardeners. We have some weekend volunteer opportunities too.

Grotto Volunteer Annual Kick-off Meeting

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.
Volunteer Services Bldg. #305
On the Dayton VA Campus

Please **RSVP** to Susan Baker: sbaker5@woh.rr.com
if you plan to attend this meeting or if you need directions.
(Carpooling is recommended.) Thanks.

The Grotto Garden Volunteers are on site every Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 9 a.m. to Noon, beginning **April 17, 2018** thru November.

We are looking for a **Grotto Tour and Presentation Organizer**.
Duties and job description follow:

- **Monitor email daily** for requests from the public for tours and speaker opportunities.
- Secure guides and speakers via our bureau and maintain communication between these groups and our guides and speakers.
- Provide directions to the Grotto Gardens and be available, via email and cell phone, on scheduled days for visitors with questions (especially if they are lost!).
- **Prepare** a basic year-end report of who and how many took tours or attended a presentation.

We will provide you with all the information you need. This is a good way to earn volunteer hours if you cannot participate physically. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Susan Baker: sbaker5@woh.rr.com

Please note that the Grotto Gardens has a new contact email for groups wanting tours or presentations or just for questions regarding the Grotto:

Garden697grotto@gmail.com

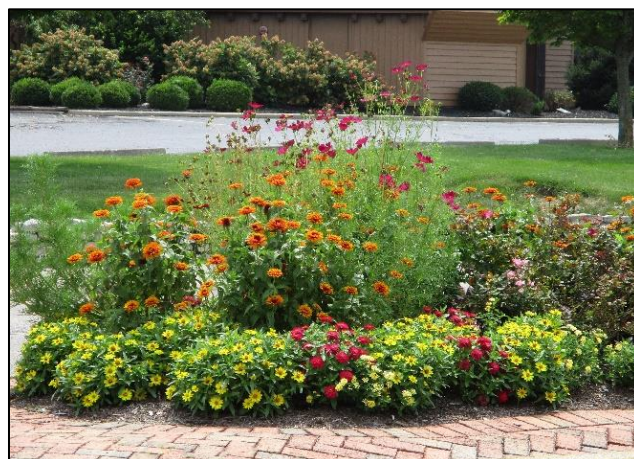


Washington Township Planting and Monitoring

Mark Your Calendars!! Phase 1 of the Washington Township project begins the week of May 14. We plant over 46 beds throughout Washington Township.

Your participation in this major fundraiser is crucial. This project provides funding for continuing education programs and association activities throughout the year.

Sorting and pre-planting maintenance begins on Tuesday, May 15, with the first full day of planting on **Wednesday, May 16**, and continuing daily until all planting is completed, which sometimes leads into the following week. You may choose to help all day or only half days. Work hours are **9 a.m. to Noon** and **1 to 4 p.m.** each day. You may contact **Jan Burke-Brown** at jan-carl@ameritech.net to schedule your work days. If you want to monitor a garden throughout the season, please contact **Vickie Wong** at bvwong48@gmail.com



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Montgomery Co. Master Gardener Volunteer Program

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 VA Grotto Volunteer Kick-off mtg. 9:30 a.m.	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 9 a.m.-Noon - VA Grotto	18 2 p.m. Executive Committee mtg. Director's Room	19	20	21
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29	30					