

## *News You Can Use*

For Montgomery County Master Gardener Volunteers

December 2015

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

- Thursday, December 3 – 7:00pm – 1.0 CEUs  
**Gardening in the Winter**  
Yvonne Dunphe, MetroParks (Following brief GMCMGA business meeting at OSUE)

### *Reminders*

- ✓ Help the Volunteer Committee – Enter Your Hours into the VMS.

***You must enter volunteer hours no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>.***

If you need help entering your hours, **please** contact Sue Howorth or Kathy Enneking. If you have questions, contact the Extension Office.

- ✓ Watch for Recertification information from the Extension Office

### *Out and About*

***The GMCMGA is moving forward with its Strategic Plan!***

Look for specific volunteering opportunities connected with two new committees that will be formed at the beginning of the year. They are:

the Communication Committee  
and  
the Education/Outreach Committee.

*More information and job descriptions will be sent out after the first of the year.*



# *“News You Can Use” Committee Reports*

## **Program Committee**

### **Master Gardener Annual Banquet**

Everyone that attended the MG Annual Banquet on November 4<sup>th</sup> was treated to a wonderful presentation from our guest speaker, Jill Early. Jill is a Horticulturalist for the Kettering Medical Center Network facilities. She shared her thought process for incorporating perennials, annuals and container displays for every season.

## **Volunteer Committee**

### **2014 Milestones Achieved**

**500 Hours** achieved for the first time in 2014:

Murray Chelette, Donna Zobrist, Terry Calcutt,  
Jane Falck, Jeanne Keffer and Susan Baker

**750 Hours** achieved for the first time in 2014:

Pat Durbin, Sue Howorth and Judy Payne

**1,000 Hours** achieved for the first time in 2014:

Diane Harm, Bob Neff, Mariada (Bootie) Zengel,  
Christine Vagedes and Cheryl Bickel

Awards given at the Annual Banquet:

**Wayne Poplin** – *The “Whole Hearted” Award*

**Janet Hickey** and **Bob Neff** (tied) –  
*The “2015 Golden Watering Can” Award*

***Congratulations to all our Winners!***

**Submit additions, corrections and reminders for the Bulletin/Calendar to  
Gail Carone: [getcarone@hotmail.com](mailto:getcarone@hotmail.com) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month**

## **Class Committee**

### **VA Grotto Tour for 2014 Interns**

The Class Committee hosted a tour of the VA Grotto and its Gardens for the 2014 Interns on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. In addition to introducing the interns to the VA Grotto, this was an opportunity for some of last year’s interns to get better acquainted with the GMCMGA and its members in attendance, including our President, Janet Hickey. Special thanks to Chuck Dickerson for his historical tour of the VA and the Grotto, and to Susan Baker for coordinating the tour logistics. The weather was splendid, and everyone enjoyed the afternoon.



*Photograph courtesy of Susan Baker*



### **2015 Intern Class**

The 2015 Intern Class began on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, and the 50 hours of instruction will be completed on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The Class Committee and various GMCMGA members have been attending the classes to get acquainted with the 2015 Interns and to also brush up on continuing education topics covered in the class curriculum.

# OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

## Montgomery Co. Master Gardener Volunteer Program

# December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
No Committee meetings this month			Dec 3 - GMC MGA Special Membership Meeting 7:00pm - OSUE  Y.Dunphe - MetroParks Gardening in the Winter follows mtg.			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				OSU Ext. Office Closed	Christmas Day 	
27	28	29	30	31		
				 New Year's Eve		