

News You Can Use

For Montgomery County Master Gardener Volunteers

February 2018

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

The Deadline to Register for GMCMGA Continuing Education Classes is February 15th.

Please review the programs and sign up for the classes you want. Registration is due by February 15, 2018.

Please note a few of the programs can accommodate a limited number of participants.

Register early to reserve your spot.

Retain a copy of the registration form and return a copy with your check for the fee made payable to **GMCMGA** no later than **FEB. 15, 2018** to **Judy Wanamaker, 2849 Meadow Park Drive, Kettering, OH 45440**, or register online to jkw1712@aol.com with Continuing Education in the subject line.

Your cancelled check is your receipt.

What's the Buzz?

January seems to be a long, slow month. The days are short, cold and snowy. Sometimes we don't see the sun for what seem like weeks! Soon will come February, the short month, and little by little the sun will shine for a longer period of time. Everyone has heard the news report on the flu that has been sweeping our state and the rest of the country. I have some first-hand experience and have spoken with other MGVs who have been laid low by this virus. Besides pining for the sun and avoiding public places for fear of illness, what should a Master Gardener do during this time? Glad you ask!

Stretch your Growing Degree Days' muscle; before you know it, we will be accumulating Growing Degree Days. Knowing when pest start to emerge and the stage of growth is key for control. Better to be proactive than reactive when it comes to pest management for yourself and the community at large.



Dust off that garden journal you received for Christmas a couple years ago and use it! Recording your observations, phenology observations, along with the Growing Degree Days will help you to recognize the pattern from year to year. You can record your method of control; culture, mechanical or chemical, and which method was most effective. The information can help with chemical rotation to help prevent chemical resistance in pest. A garden journal is key for vegetable rotation in the garden, a reminder of the cultivars you planted and the success or failure of the cultivars. So much information contained in a small book.

For me, a garden journal is a snapshot of the past. I possess a few of my Grandfather's garden journals. When I read them, I can still hear his voice. It is a glimpse of a person I loved and respected. One day, my grandchildren will be able to catch a glimpse of me, again, from my garden journals they read during the long, dark January days.

~ Kim





Upcoming Events in March



March 20, 2018 – 7 p.m.

**Greater Montgomery County Master Gardener Association
Quarterly General Membership Meeting
Carousel Room**

As you know, a *Memorial Fund* was established in honor of Susan Pearson, long-time Master Gardener and former President of our organization. This fund will pay for memorial(s) to be placed in the Veterans Administration (VA) Grotto Gardens, a favorite volunteer venue for Susan. The GMCMGA has pledged \$100 to the memorial. You have been invited to donate to this fund as well.

I am pleased to announce that Knollwood Nursery & Garden Center has pledged \$100 for the fund and will match our donations up to an additional \$100! Susan worked at Knollwood for nearly 17 years. The expertise she gained from working at Knollwood and her education as a Master Gardener has benefited the VA Grotto Gardens tremendously. From her design and installation of the Boathouse garden; the design of the gorgeous, large pots all over the Grotto; organizing our tours and presentations; and maintaining the VA Grotto Facebook page and Daytongrottogardens.org website . . . her labors of love will forever be a part of the restoration of the Grotto Gardens.

If you would like to contribute to the *Memorial Fund*, please write a check payable to **GMCMGA**, with “*Memorial Fund*” written in the memo line, and mail to:
GMCMGA, Attn: Treasurer, P.O. Box 292421, Stroop Road Facility, Kettering OH 45429.
Joyce Zech will accept donations through the month of February.

A dedication ceremony will be held at the Grotto in mid-June.
An invitation to the dedication will be sent out in May.

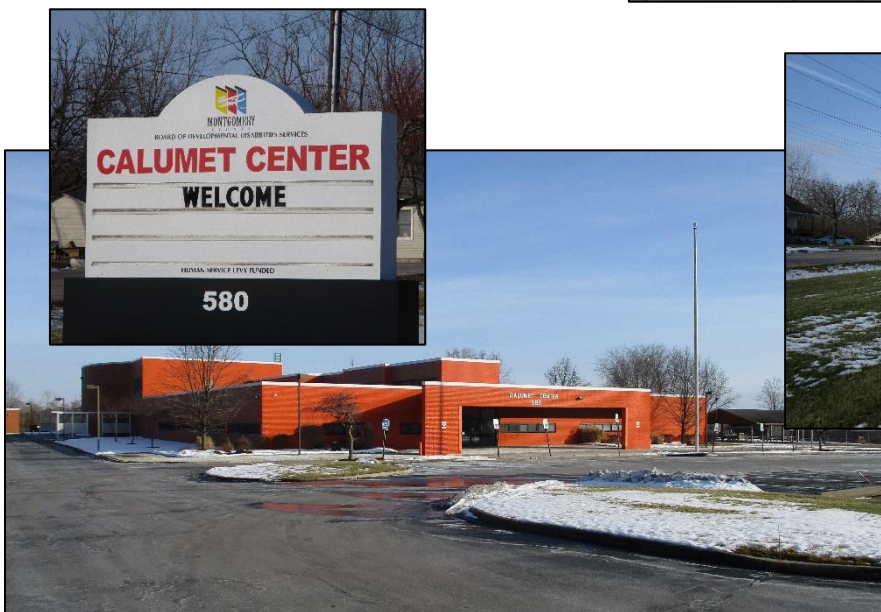
For questions regarding the dedication, please contact Susan Baker at Sbaker5@woh.rr.com.

Thank you for your support of this tribute to Susan Pearson. ~ Janet Hickey, President, GMCMGA

Submit information for “News You Can Use” to Gail Carone: getcarone@hotmail.com

Photo Album

Here are a few photos of the future Fairgrounds & Event Center of Montgomery County located in Arthur O. Fisher Park. Construction is moving forward! Also included are photos of the Calumet Center, 580 Calumet Lane, Dayton, Ohio 45417, which will be the future home of the Fairgrounds Business office and OSU Extension.



Photos courtesy of Gail Carone

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Montgomery Co. Master Gardener Volunteer Program

February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2  Groundhog Day	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 	15	16	17
18	19 OSUE office OPEN  3 p.m. Outreach Committee mtg. TBD	20 2 p.m. Executive Committee mtg. Director's Room	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			