

# NEWS YOU CAN USE

For Montgomery County Master Gardener Volunteers

January 2019

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

## What's the Buzz?

As gardeners, January's bleak landscape (and a plethora of seed catalogs!) does not deter us from dreaming of spring and the re-birth of our landscape gardens. Personally, I have been observing the snow I have shoveled in relationship to my boxwood hedge and wondering if I will see any damage come summer from the salt. Since we have all established that I am a curious geek when it comes to plant damage, no matter what has caused it, this is not a surprise. I noticed last year the population of leaf miners had gotten well out of hand, and it was time to stop using the poor hedge as an insect laboratory and treat the pest! So, how will I manage to know the correct time to treat the boxwood? Phenology, I answer.

Phenology is the study of cyclic and seasonal natural phenomena, especially in relation to climate, and plant and animal life. This means, since plant development is temperature dependent, phenological events of plants can be used to track degree-days and predict pest development. As we all are aware, knowing the phase of development in which a pest is most vulnerable is key for successful treatment. The flowering sequence of ornamental plants can be used as a biological calendar to predict pest activity and schedule pest management appointments.

So, when we see: Red Maples, Star Magnolia and Forsythia blooming – Eastern Tent caterpillar eggs are hatching; Saucer Magnolia and Bradford Pear bloom – European sawfly eggs hatch; Serviceberry blooming – watch for spruce spider mites to hatch; when the Red Buckeyes bloom – the hummingbirds are returning!



I encourage all Master Gardeners to become familiar with and use The Ohio State Phenology calendar. It is a wealth of information for a Master Gardener and a handy diagnostic tool. The website for the calendar is: <http://www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/gdd/>.

Happy Gardening!

~ Kim

Submit information for "News You Can Use" to Gail Carone: [getcarone@hotmail.com](mailto:getcarone@hotmail.com)



## **CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

*Pure programming time will count as Continuing Education.  
Do Not Count drive time, sign-in, breaks or lunch time as Continuing Education.*

- Thursday, February 7, 2019 – **7 a.m. - 5 p.m.** – Self-track CEUs (*Hamilton County*)  
**Tri-State Green Industry Conference** – Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Road, Cincinnati, OH 45246  
Registration and Trade Show begin at 7 a.m. and the last session ends at 5 p.m.  
**Early registration must be received by Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**Register online at:** <https://www.cvent.com/events/2019-tri-state-green-industry-conference/registration>

Registration fee covers: seminar materials, seminar sessions, Trade Show, full-service hot buffet lunch and break refreshments. Lunch cannot be guaranteed for late/on-site registrants. There will be a \$10 processing fee per participant for refunds prior to January 31, 2019. **There will be no refund after January 31, 2019.**



### *Upcoming Events*

**Registration is Open for the 2019 International Master Gardener Conference**

***Penn's Woods: Digging into our Roots*      June 17-21, 2019**

**Half and full day tours to area public gardens: June 16, 17, and 21, 2019  
Valley Forge Casino Resort, Valley Forge, PA**

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**Are you on the map? After 3 1/2 weeks, we have 443 registrants signed up!**

**Register NOW!!!** <http://www.cvent.com/d/hgqxlp>

**Note:** If a session is filled, it will no longer appear on the Registration site. If a Tour or Field Study Day (FSD) is filled, you will be offered a spot on the waitlist. No additional FSDs will be added; it is unlikely that additional Tours will be added.

**Lots of wonderful sessions still available.**

**Remember, you can defer your payment as long as it is paid in full by May 26th.**

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#### **Overview of fees:**

- Early Registration: \$350
- Field Study Days: \$40 per day
- Advanced Certification Training: \$50 (two afternoons)
- Welcome Reception: \$25
- Container Wars: \$10
- Music in the Garden: \$15
- Guest Admin Fee: \$35
- Tours are priced individually, ranging from \$75 – \$135

## More News . . .

Here is the **2019 Continuing Education schedule**: (\* fee for these classes)

Thurs., April 11 .....	<b>9 a.m. Tour - 10 a.m. Lecture</b> .....	Ephemerals ( <i>Limit 10</i> ) - Mount St. John (Bergamo) .....	1.5 CEU
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**(The Backup Date for the above classes is Tuesday, April 16)**

Wed., April 24 .....	1 p.m. ....	Vegetable Gardening - Wegerzyn MetroPark .....	1.5 CEU
Wed., June 26.....	1 p.m. ....	Shrubs - Wegerzyn MetroPark .....	1.5 CEU
Thurs., July 11 .....	10 a.m. ....	Pollinators - 3055 Big Hill Road .....	1.5 CEU
Sat., July 13 .....	10 a.m. ....	Pollinators - 3055 Big Hill Road .....	1.5 CEU
Mon., July 15 .....	10 a.m. ....	Marie Aull Garden - Wegerzyn MetroPark.....	1.5 CEU
Mon., Aug. 5, 12 & 19 .....	1 - 3 p.m. ....	Lasagna Gardening Series - OSU Extension, Calumet Center .....	6.0 CEU
Thurs., Aug. 8 .....	10 a.m. ....	Butterflies in Montgomery County - Cox Arboretum MetroPark.....	1.5 CEU
Wed., Aug. 14 .....	10 a.m. ....	Hydrangeas ( <i>Limit 30</i> ) - 5454 Plainfield Road .....	1.5 CEU
Thurs., Sept. 12 .....	9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. ...	*Food Revolution - Walnut Grove Country Club.....	4.0 CEU
Wed., Oct. 9.....	6:30 - 8 p.m. ....	Orchids - TBD .....	1.5 CEU

**\*\* All detailed program information included on the registration form/packet \*\***

***The Deadline to Register for GMCMGA Continuing Education Classes is February 15, 2019.***

Please review the programs and sign up for the classes you want. Registration is due by February 15, 2019.

***Please note that 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 for your records and **Return a Copy** with your check for the fee made payable to **GMCMGA** no later than **FEB. 15, 2019**, to **Judy Wanamaker, 2849 Meadow Park Drive, Kettering, OH 45440**, or register online to Judy Wanamaker at [jkw1712@aol.com](mailto:jkw1712@aol.com) with **Continuing Education** in the subject line. Your cancelled check is your receipt.

The Greater Montgomery County Master Gardener Association wishes to congratulate Bobbette Fluck on becoming the Association's newest Emeritus honoree. Bobbette volunteered 2,101 service hours and participated in 231 continuing education hours since she certified in 2004.

Her dependability went well beyond expectations as a team player on the Volunteer Committee from 2006 to 2016. She served on the Executive Committee and was Volunteer Committee co-chair from 2011 to 2014.

As an OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteer, Bobbette excelled at serving her mission as an educator. Bobbette taught physically handicapped clients at United Rehabilitation Center how to garden, helped plan and design the Wegerzyn Children's Garden, and gave garden talks to nursing homes, senior groups, garden clubs, and school groups. In 2006, Bobbette taught classes at the Wegerzyn City Beets youth club.

Most notably, in 2008 Bobbette received the OSU State Conference award, the "**Outstanding Master Gardener Volunteer Project Excellence Award-Special Audiences**" as well as the Berry Award for serving clients with disabilities at the United Rehabilitation Center.

We thank Bobbette for her dedication and commitment to the community and to our Association and welcome her to Emeritus status.

***Congratulations, Bobbette!!***

# What is the Name of that Perennial?

## Culinary Sage *Salvia officinalis*

**Common Name:** culinary sage  
**Type:** Herbaceous perennial  
**Family:** Salvia  
**Zone:** 4 to 8  
**Height:** 2 to 3 feet  
**Spread:** 2 to 3 feet  
**Bloom Time:** Mid-summer  
**Bloom Description:** purple flowers  
**Sun:** Full sun  
**Water:** Medium  
**Maintenance:** Low  
**Suggested Use:** Naturalize

**Description:** Sage is a shrubby, perennial plant that grows to about 2-3 feet tall. Foliage is gray-green with a pebbly texture. As it ages, it has a tendency to sprawl. Spikes of purple flowers appear in mid-summer.

**Culture:** Sage prefers a full sun location in soils that are well prepared with compost. For sage to perform as a perennial, it must have very well drained soil especially over the winter. Sage can be grown from seeds or cuttings. Cuttings are preferred as seeds may take several years to produce harvestable plants. As plants age, they become woody and benefit from being replaced in order to maintain quality foliage for culinary use. Prune plants back in the spring just as new growth resumes. Sage is also useful as an ornamental plant in containers or in the garden.

**Harvest:** Leaves can be harvested through the season as needed. Cut 6-8 inch long stems for drying. Leaves can then be removed and stored in a sealed container. Sage can keep for up to



two weeks when dry leaves are loosely packed in plastic and stored in the refrigerator.

**Use:** Leaves are used in fish, pork and poultry dishes. Also with vegetables and in sausages.

**Indoor Culture:** Cuttings taken in the summer can easily be rooted and potted for use indoors during the winter. Place pots in a sunny location for best growth.

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**Montgomery Co. Master Gardener Volunteer Program**

# January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		 New Year's Day <i>OSUE office closed</i>	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	 Martin Luther King Jr. Day <i>OSUE office closed</i>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		