

News You Can Use

For Montgomery County Master Gardener Volunteers

July 2017

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

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Wednesday, July 12 – **10 a.m.** – 1.5 CEUs
Hydro-Growers Farm Tour – Dean Sink, Farmer/Owner
455 Mowry Road, Pleasant Hill, OH 45359
- Wednesday, July 12 – **12:30 p.m.** – 1.5 CEUs
Lange Estate Tour – Bob Liames, Horticulturist and Groundskeeper
3505 Calumet Road, Ludlow Falls, OH 45339
**Please Bring a Brown Bag Lunch to Enjoy on the Grounds at Noon*
- Tuesday, July 18 – **10 a.m.** – 2 CEUs
Clark County Trial Gardens – Pamela Bennett, OSU Ext. Horticulturist and State MGV Coordinator
Snyder Park Gardens and Arboretum, 1900 Snyder Park Road, Springfield, OH 45504
**Bring Your Lunch to Enjoy on the Grounds if Going on to Hartman Tour*
- Tuesday, July 18 – **1 p.m.** – 1 CEU
Hartman Rock Garden Tour – OSU Ext. Pamela Bennett, Horticulturist and State MGV Coordinator
1905 Russell Ave., Springfield, OH 45506
- Wednesday, July 26 – **9 a.m.** – 1.5 CEUs
Regenerating Suburbia, a Garden Tour by Nadia Malarkey – Home of Sheryl Schooley
370 Spring Glen Drive, Yellow Springs, OH 45387



Upcoming Events in August



- Wednesday, August 9 – **6:30 p.m.** – 2 CEUs
Tour a Created Eastern Tallgrass Prairie – MEEC Staff (Marianist Environmental Education Center)
4435 E. Patterson Rd., Dayton, OH 45430 (Located on the Bergamo Center Campus)
**Please dress for the weather*
- Thursday, August 17 – **1 p.m.** – 1.5 CEUs
Basics of Tree Hazard Identification – Mark A. Webber, Board-Certified Master Arborist
Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum, 118 Woodland Ave., Dayton, OH 45409
**This event will require walking on paved and unpaved surfaces. Wear lightweight clothing and good walking shoes.*



Continuing Education in Review

On June 2nd, Bruce Brethauer, Central Ohio Cactus & Succulent Society, presented “Awesome Succulents for the Connoisseur and Curious” at the Auditorium of Wegerzyn Gardens and MetroPark. Bruce took us on a journey by introducing us to a wide variety of cacti, milkweed, kalanchoe and other succulents and shared his knowledge along with beautiful photos of his own collection. 51 Master Gardeners from Montgomery County, 14 MGV’s from other local counties, and 26 people from the general public attended this program. (1.5 CEUs for MGVs)



June 22nd found us at the Marianist Environmental Education Center (MEEC) located on the Bergamo Center campus to learn about “Tallgrass Prairie Ecology”. The presentation covered the decline of the prairie ecosystem and the efforts that have taken place since the late 1980s to reestablish this natural habitat.



Many Thanks to our MEEC hosts – Leanne, Michele, Lynn and Tara

Then, June 20th, after the GMCMA quarterly general membership meeting, Rita Lane, Clark Co. MGV, shared her experience of her mission trip to Ecuador with other Ohio Master Gardener Volunteers. From removing sod to create new vegetable gardens, planting vegetables and ornamentals, acclimating to the climate and altitude, and sampling the local cuisine, Rita, through her presentation, was able to give us a new perspective of gardening practices in another part of the world. (.75 CEUs for MGVs)



Photos courtesy of Gail Carone & Rita Lane



After our class, we were invited on a short walk to visit a once barren site that has been transformed with the introduction of over 38 species of native Ohio prairie perennials. This earthwork, known as the Sacred Embrace, is a living art form constructed in 1997 with the intent of restoring a natural harmony to the land and teaching us the interdependent relationships that result from natural selection over time. (3.0 CEUs for MGVs)

“News You Can Use” Committee Reports



Photos courtesy of Gail Carone

A group of OSU Extension Montgomery County Master Gardeners stayed after a meeting on June 20th to pose for a picture in front of the extension office and extension gardens. It was a beautiful day to stop and smell the roses in the extension garden which is planted, weeded, mulched and maintained by a group of dedicated Montgomery County MGVs.



GCMCMGA Awards were announced at the Annual Mixer.

The winner of the **Unsung Hero Award** was given to Jan Burke-Brown.

The **Wholehearted Award** was presented to Jeanne Keffer.

The **OSU Ext. Office Volunteer Award** was given to Gail Carone.

Congratulations to all three winners!

*** Check out the Greater Montgomery County Master Gardener Association Facebook page ***

Go to www.facebook.com/gmcmga to view the latest posts and if you have photos or information to share, please email to infomastergardeners@gmail.com.

The Volunteer Support Committee delivered another “picture perfect” evening at the GCMCMGA annual mixer on June 27, 2017. The theme this year was “Western Roundup” and members polished up their cowboy boots and dusted off their ten gallon hats to join in the theme of the evening. The Saloon served sarsaparilla and the grub rivaled that of the best chuck wagon in any state!



“Congratulations to . . .”

Brooke Foster, GMCMGA Horticulture Scholarship Recipient



Brooke Foster accepting scholarship from committee members, Janet Hickey and Bob Neff

Photo courtesy of Gail Carone

Brooke Foster, a 2017 graduate of Trotwood-Madison High School, is the first recipient of the Greater Montgomery County Master Gardener Association horticulture scholarship. The scholarship (\$1,000) was presented at the GMCMGA quarterly membership meeting on June 20, 2017.

Brooke, a National Honor Society member, graduated with a 4.2 GPA and will be attending Central State University with a major in Sustainable Agriculture. She became interested in horticulture working with the City Beets program, and her specialty is growing healthy nutritional foods.

Recipients of the scholarship must be a Montgomery County resident enrolled in a horticulture program. Members of the scholarship committee were Janet Hickey, Bob Neff and Joyce Zech.



Mariada (Bootie) Zengel, Emeritus Honoree

The Greater Montgomery County Master Gardener Association wishes to congratulate Mariada (Bootie) Zengel on becoming the Association's newest Emeritus honoree. Bootie volunteered 1,109 service hours and participated in 161.5 continuing education hours since she certified in 2005. Her dependability went well beyond expectations when she served on the Executive Committee as Treasurer for two terms (2012 – 2016).

Over the years, Bootie has been an avid supporter of the Master Gardener Volunteer program. She, along with her husband Adam, contributed many hours to Washington Township's planting and cleanup days. Bootie was a constant in our organization who could always be relied on to do whatever was asked of her.

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

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Montgomery Co. Master Gardener Volunteer Program

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 9:00-11:30 a.m. - VA Grotto  Independence Day OSUE closed	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 9:00-11:30 a.m. - VA Grotto	12 CONT. EDUC. Hydro-Growers Farm Tour 10 a.m. Lange Estate Tour 12:30 p.m. <i>Bring own lunch</i>	13	14	15
Montgomery County Fair July 10-15						
16	17	18 9:00-11:30 a.m. - VA Grotto CONT. EDUC. Clark County Trial Gardens Snyder Park 10 a.m. Hartman Rock Garden Tour 1 p.m. <i>Bring own lunch</i>	19 2 p.m. Executive Committee mtg. Wright Library sm. conf. room	20	21	22
23	24	25 9:00-11:30 a.m. - VA Grotto 2 p.m. Program Committee mtg. OSUE	26 CONT. EDUC. Regenerating Suburbia Garden Tour 9 a.m. Home of Sheryl Schooley	27	28	29
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