Some necessary changes have already been implemented due to OSU Extension policies and procedures and others are in the first steps of implementation.

1. Project sites, (our partners) have or will be receiving a copy of Ohio State University’s Civil Rights Policy. Sites are being asked to review and sign the document in order to be an “approved” site. Sites have the right not to sign the document and will not be considered an approved site by OSU Extension. The signed document will be returned to the Montgomery County Extension office and is effective for four years.

2. Project sites (our partners) have or will be asked for a project position description that defines how they see OSU MGVs being part of their respective programs and meets the mission of OSUE’s MGVs.

As some of you know, there is a 2019 Passport Component, a tour of the project sites, that the interns must complete for certification. It was a privilege to listen to the 2019 Interns’ oral presentations the last day of training. It would be remiss not to use the science-based knowledge shared by the interns for continuing education in 2020 and community outreach presentations. Interns, with assistance from their respective mentors, will develop a 25 to 30-minute presentation (this will complete the research section of the passport requirement). The interns that have already used the OSU Extension-branded MGV PowerPoint, know that they are to use science-based information, and have given a short presentation on their respective topics. Some of the presentations will be condensed into articles for the “News You Can Use.”

~ Suzanne
CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Do Not Count drive time, sign-in, breaks or lunch time as Continuing Education.

- Thursday, July 11 - 10 a.m. - 1.5 CEUs.... (Program is Full)
  **Pollinator Talk and Garden Tour - Beyond the Milkweed** - Sue Howorth, Donna Zobrist, Mont. Co. MGVs
  3055 Big Hill Road, Dayton, OH 45419

- Friday, July 12 - Registration 8:30 a.m.; Program 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - 6.0 CEUs
  **Diagnostic Workshop - Diagnostic Update for Master Gardener Volunteers**
  First Church of the Nazarene, 807 Coshohcton Ave., Mount Vernon, OH 43050
  Instructors include: Ashley Kulhanek, Pamela J. Bennett, Carri Jagger, and more
  Space is Limited so REGISTER NOW! – Deadline to register: July 8
  Contact: Sabrina Schirtzinger, schirtzinger.55@osu.edu, 740-397-0401
  Cost: $40 per person (includes lunch, snacks, and handouts)

- Saturday, July 13 - 10 a.m. - 1.5 CEUs
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- Monday, July 15 - 10 a.m. - 1.5 CEUs
  **Marie Aull Garden Talk and Tour** - Kevin Kepler
  Aullwood Garden MetroPark, 955 Aullwood Road, Dayton, OH 45414

- Saturday, July 20 - 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. - 2.0 CEUs
  **Woodland Tree & Shrub Identification** - Must RSVP for this FREE Event
  Chestnut Ridge MetroPark, Ridge Trail Parking Area, 8445 Winchester Rd. NW, Carroll, OH 43112
  Join us to learn about tree and shrub species onsite and key identifying features while enjoying a 2-mile woodland hike.
  Participants will receive a free tree identification guide. Please RSVP, event is limited to 40 participants.
  To RSVP, or for more information, please contact: Jason Van Houten, 614-265-6703, Jason.VanHouten@dnr.state.oh.us

Other Events

- Monday, August 5 - 1 to 3 p.m. - 2.0 CEUs
  **Lasagna Gardening** - Yvonne Dunphe, Montgomery County MGV
  This session will be mainly theory and held primarily inside at OSU Extension, the Calumet Center, 580 Calumet Lane, Dayton, OH 45417

- Thursday, August 8 - 10 a.m. - 1.5 CEUs
  **Butterflies in Montgomery County** - Elisabeth Rothchild
  Cox Arboretum MetroPark, 6733 Springboro Pike, Dayton, OH 45449

- Wednesday, August 14 - 10 a.m. - 1.5 CEUs........ (Program is Full)
  **Hydrangeas** - Cleve White
  5454 Plainfield Road, Dayton, OH 45432

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“Protecting Pollinators in Urban Landscapes 2019”
3rd National Conference – October 7-9, 2019
Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden
2019 registration is now open at http://protectingpollinators.org/
Montgomery County MGVs gathered the evening of June 25th for a quarterly membership meeting at OSU Extension on Calumet Lane. This was also an opportunity for the current Master Gardeners to welcome the 2019 Interns!

Suzanne Mills-Wasniak began the meeting by introducing us to new federal regulations, specifically, the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). The primary focus concerns: growing, harvesting, and post-harvest handling of produce. Foodborne illness from bacteria, viruses and parasites is a significant public health problem and, as Master Gardeners, we need to be aware of the many routes of contamination possible from soil to table. (0.25 CEU)

For the business portion of the evening, Yvonne Dunphe reviewed the Washington Township project changes that were implemented this year, and she informed the membership of the upcoming election of committee chairs in the fall. (Ballot information will be sent later in the year). Robin Mann went over the treasurer’s report, and then the 2019 Interns and all current MGVs posed for pictures!

(Aadmin. Volunteer Hours - 0.75 Vol.)

A Special Thank You to our Volunteer Support Committee for organizing this delightful Intern Reception

The mentors introduced the interns with a short bio about each intern. The interns have been out at various project sites since completing the education portion of the OSU Extension Montgomery County Master Gardener Volunteer Program requirements. They are an enthusiastic, friendly group of people and a wonderful addition to our current roster of exceptional volunteers!

A CE program, “Shrubs,” was presented on June 26th at Wegerzyn MetroParks Auditorium. Our presenter, Greg Christie, is a Certified Arborist and has a Master Nursery Certification. He has been an employee of the Siebenthaler Co. for 21 years, and brought with him a variety of shrubs and perennials to the presentation, with an emphasis on native plants.

Greg shared his vast knowledge of buying, planting, pruning, feeding, and general care and maintenance of woody perennials. He offered recommendations for plants to fit in any size garden, small and large. (1.5 CEUs)

Reminders: Here are a few important reminders for All of our OSU Ext. Montgomery County Master Gardener Volunteers and Interns.

- Enter your volunteer and continuing education hours into the VMS system.
- Wear your RED Master Gardener shirts when you are at the various OSU Extension–approved MGV events and project sites. Let the public know that you are an OSU Extension Montgomery County Master Gardener Volunteer!
- Also, wear your name badge when you are representing OSU Extension.
May was a busy month, and Montgomery County was seeing RED with Master Gardener Volunteers! We were out in our community at project sites for planting sessions, along with improving our skills in pruning and the proper division of perennials. Working with the changing weather conditions on an hourly basis, MGVs and Interns worked at our three major project sites: the VA Grotto Gardens at the Dayton VA campus, the Washington Township project (various sites in Washington Township) and at OSU Extension located on Calumet Lane in Dayton. Thanks to the project leaders for keeping us up-to-date on the fluctuating schedules. Thank You to: Susan Baker, VA Grotto Gardens; Jan Burke-Brown, Washington Township; and Suzanne Mills-Wasniak, OSU Extension.
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