

News You Can Use

For Montgomery County Master Gardener Volunteers

March 2016

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

Tuesday, March 15 – 7 p.m.

Greater Montgomery County Master Gardener Association

Quarterly General Membership Meeting

Fairgrounds' Carousel Room

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Saturday, March 19 – 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (*doors open at 8:30 a.m.*) – 6 CEUs
Backyard Vegetable Garden Workshop – OSU Extension Clark Co. Master Gardeners
Springfield High School, 701 East Home Road, Springfield, OH 45503
\$30 (coffee and lunch included) / Online registration: <http://go.osu.edu/clarkvegetablegarden>
Registration deadline: March 14th – 937-521-3860
- Saturday, March 19 – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – 3.5 CEUs
A Walk Through The Garden – OSU Extension Knox Co. Master Gardeners
Memorial Theatre, 112 E. High Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050
\$25 per MGW (*bring your name badge*) / \$35 general public / Cost includes lunch
Registration deadline: March 11th – 740-397-0401

OSUE MGV BCI AND ABUSE RECOGNITION/REPORTING TRAINING (ARRT) UPDATES

- ARRT training will be conducted at the next GMCMA general membership meeting on March 15th. Online training is also available for those not attending the meeting. MGVs requiring online access to the training need to contact the OSUE Montgomery County educator.
- Montgomery County Master Gardener projects are currently being reviewed to determine which fall under the category of **C**are, **C**ustody and **C**ontrol (CC&C) of minors, which will define which MGVs will require ARRT.

Please do not announce or attend events before receiving confirmation that it's an OSUE-approved CEU event.

Contact Suzanne Mills-Wasniak (mills-wasniak.1@osu.edu or 937-224-9654 ext. 109) for CEU pre-approval.





Upcoming Events



Saturday, April 2 – 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. – 6 CEUs

The Four Seasons of Gardening “Backyards Matter” – OSU Extension Licking Co. Master Gardeners

C-TEC Licking County Campus, The Career & Technology Ctr., 150 Price Rd., Newark, OH 43055

Pre-registration \$25 (*includes muffins & coffee/tea, lunch & beverage, raffle & door prizes*) / Price at the door \$35

Online registration: <https://fourseasonsofgardening.com/> or call 740-503-5108

Saturday, April 9 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (*event registration at 8:45 a.m.*) – 6 CEUs

Spring Into Gardening Workshop – OSU Extension Putnam Co. Master Gardeners

Educational Service Center, 124 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa, OH 45875

\$35 (*includes Continental Breakfast and box lunch*)

Printable registration form available at:

http://putnam.osu.edu/sites/putnam/files/imce/Program_Pages/ANR/MG%20trifold_april%202016.pdf

Registration deadline: March 26th

Wednesday, April 27 – 10 a.m. – 1.5 CEUs

The Amazing Washington Township Plantings, Part 1

Yvonne Dunphe, MG, Montgomery County OSU Extension

Monday, May 2, and Tuesday, May 3

Louisville Field Trip via Lakefront Lines – OSU Extension Clark County

Yew Dell Botanical Garden Tour and Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest

Hampton Inn (*room with 2 queen beds and complimentary breakfast*), 985 Chambers Blvd., Bardstown, KY

\$145/person for Master Gardeners, family or friends (*lunch and dinner costs **not** included*) / **Payment due by March 15th**

Mail check to: Master Gardeners of Clark Co., P.O. Box 158, Attn: Louisville Field Trip, Springfield, OH 45501-0158

Must email Terry (terryreid55@yahoo.com) or Sally (daytwo@sbcglobal.net) to be included in the trip

Depart May 2nd at 9 a.m. from the OSUE Clark Co. office back parking lot, 3130 E. Main St., Springfield, OH 45505

Depart May 3rd at 3 p.m. for home

Thursday, May 5 – Noon to 4 p.m. and Friday, May 6 – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Up to 2 CEUs (*if attending both days*)

Master Gardener Volunteer Days

Secret Arboretum, 2122 Williams Rd., Wooster, OH 44691

Located on the OSU OARDC Wooster Campus, 1680 Madison Ave. (intersection of SR 83 South & US 250 East).

Program is FREE (*Food and lodging are **not** included*)

To register online visit: <http://u.osu.edu/secretmg/volunteer/>

Paul Snyder – Snyder.1062@osu.edu – 330-263-3761

***Submit additions, corrections and reminders for the Bulletin/Calendar to
Gail Carone: getcarone@hotmail.com by the 10th of the month***

“News You Can Use” Committee Reports

From the President

During 2015, the Greater Montgomery County Master Gardener Association accomplished several significant opportunities for growth. These achievements were:

- Wrote a 3-Year Strategic Plan that defined the goals and initiatives by which we can build a more responsive and dynamic organization;
- Approved a more comprehensive and enhanced Constitution and By-Laws that set forth how our organization operates and documented the restrictions, powers and duties of its officers and members; and
- Became a Corporation for Non-Profit that gave us the organizational stability as a legal entity, limited personal liability for its members, and bolstered Association credibility to donors who prefer to give to incorporated organizations.

***Today, we write a new chapter in
Our 20-year History
that is truly a major milestone for us.***

In a letter received from the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated January 27, 2016, it states effective November 2, 2015, *"We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from Federal income tax under the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522."*

Within the framework of this new operating model, the Association became a separate and independent tax exempt, non-profit entity from OSU Extension; however, it does not sever our partnership with OSU Extension.

Obtaining 501(c)(3) status gives the Association authority to act on its own behalf as long as we stay within the policies and guidelines of the OSU Extension MGV Program, follow Federal and State tax exempt procedures and practices, and retain a General Liability and Accident insurance policy separate from the Volunteer Liability Insurance policy offered by the OSU Extension to protect its members from financial and legal risk.

President's message (cont.)

All in all, it's been a remarkable feat to have accomplished so much in such a short time. I personally want to thank all our members for your support and dedication to our Association and for your continued confidence in its leadership.

Respectfully,

Janet Hickey, President GMCMGA

Executive Committee

New opportunities are available for our members who have an interest in joining one of the two new committees that will be established in 2016! They are:

Communication Committee Outreach Committee

If you are interested, please contact Janet Hickey or Donna Zobrist.

Class Committee

Thanks to all Association members who signed up to serve as mentors to our latest class of interns. With only ten interns in the 2015 class, we didn't utilize as many mentors this year.

"Mentoring new Master Gardener Interns helps to introduce the interns to the Greater Montgomery County Master Gardener Association (GMCMGA) and the benefits of becoming a member and working alongside fellow, seasoned Master Gardeners."

Mentors are Special People!
Thank You!



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Montgomery Co. Master Gardener Volunteer Program

March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> ★ <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>CONT.EDUC. Hands-on Pruning Classes Wednesdays, Feb. 17, 24, thru March 2, 9, 16, 23 1:00-3:00pm - OSU Extension, Troy</p> </div> ★ </div>						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Daylight Saving Time Begins	1:30 p.m. Volunteer Committee mtg. OSUE	1 p.m. Class Committee mtg. OSUE 2 p.m. Executive Committee mtg. OSUE <div style="background-color: #8e44ad; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> GCMCGA Quarterly Gen. M'ship Meeting 7:00pm Fairgrounds Carousel Room </div>	★			<div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 5px;"> CONT.EDUC. Backyard Veg. Garden Workshop 9:00am-3:30pm OSUE Clark Co. "A Walk Through The Garden" 10:00am-3:00pm OSUE Knox Co. </div>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
First Day of Spring 		4 p.m. Program Committee mtg. OSUE	★			
27	28	29	30	31		