

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

News You Can Use

For Montgomery County Master Gardener Volunteers

March 2018

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

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.

- Saturday, **March 17, 2018 – 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 8**
Backyard Vegetable Garden Workshop, Sponsored by: OSU Extension SEEDS Community Garden Program
Location: Springfield High School, 701 East Home Road, Springfield, OH 45503
Cost: \$30.00 Registration Information at: <http://go.osu.edu/vegetablegarden>
- **2018 Midwest Native Plant 10th Anniversary Conference** **REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 10**
Conference will be held on **July 27-29, 2018** at Bergamo Center, in Dayton, Ohio. The website is being updated with details daily! The Friday and Saturday night keynote banquet speakers are Melinda Myers and Jeff Lowenfels. Jeff will speak again on Sunday morning. We are excited to have many other excellent speakers and trip leaders this year.
Register Early! Sold out in just 3 hours last year! Registration Information at: <http://midwestnativeplants.org/>
- **Knollwood Garden Center & Landscaping Spring Seminars** Please call to register at 937-426-0861
3766 Dayton Xenia Road, Beavercreek, OH 45432 View the complete schedule at: www.KnollwoodGardens.com
- Saturday, **March 17, 2018 – 10 a.m.**
Rise and Shine: Waking the Perennial Garden in Spring program at Knollwood in Beavercreek
Every spring it is exciting to see the first perennials emerge from hiding and spread their leaves in the sunshine...but then what do you do to help them be their best?! Kim Hupman from Greene County Extension will discuss cutback and cleanup, pruning and dividing, transplanting and fertilization, frost protection, weed control, and more to greet them with confidence! Please call to register.
- Saturday, **March 24, 2018 – 10 a.m.**
Hope Taft: Ohio's Scenic Waterways program at Knollwood in Beavercreek
In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Ohio's Scenic Waterways, Hope Taft has a beautiful PowerPoint presentation about the history and preservation of these state treasures. You'll be introduced to parts of the state you may never have visited, and be inspired to get out and enjoy them yourself this summer! This is a wonderful program, don't miss it!
Please call to register.
- Saturday, **March 17, 2018 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – FREE ADMISSION**
Garden Expo 2018 presented by Madison County Master Gardeners
Location: First Presbyterian Church, 211 Garfield Avenue, London, OH 43140
- Saturday, **March 17, 2018 – 10 a.m.** – Educational Seminar is **FREE** (Questions: 433-7151)
Blades of Glory: Growing a Fabulous Lawn, Amanda Bennett, MGV Coordinator with OSUE Miami County
Location: Centerville High School Central Theater, 500 East Franklin Street, Centerville, OH 45458
- Tuesday, **March 27, 2018 – 6 to 8 p.m. – Cost: \$30.00** **Pre-registration is required**
Hydrangea School presented by: Hamilton County Master Gardeners
Location: Hamilton County Extension Office, 4210 Dane Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45223
The program will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact: Julie Crook: crook.46@osu.edu

ANOTHER MARCH EVENT

March 20, 2018 – 7 p.m.

Greater Montgomery County Master Gardener Association - Quarterly General Membership Meeting

Carousel Room



What's the Buzz?

It is a common odor this time of year, that pungent smell of skunk as you're driving down the road. You smell it long before you see the sad sight of one dead beside the road and long after you have left it in the rear view mirror.

Ohio's striped skunk, *Mephitis mephitis*, can be smelt in abundance this time of year. It is mating season. From mid-February through late March, skunks are out looking for a meal and a date. They are nocturnal animals about the size of a cat and roam with the confidence of someone quite capable of defending themselves from attack. Unfortunately, this means Fido's curiosity about the small, furry animal that's unconcerned with his presence will turn out badly, for him and you.

The odor from skunk musk can linger for days and is difficult to remove. There are recipes galore for removing the persistent odor. Time, along with repeated washing, will eventually clear the air.

Skunks make dens in barns, under decks and porches, woodpiles and other undisturbed areas. They could be hanging out in your yard without you being aware of them until you cross paths early one morning. Inspect outbuildings and around the outside of your house for openings allowing access to possible den sites. Use exclusion methods to discourage potential unwelcome guests by sealing off openings with ¼-inch hardware cloth, boards, metal flashing, or other sturdy barriers.

Remember to never handle wildlife, if you suspect you have an unwelcome squatter; contact a professional nuisance wildlife removal company. If you try to handle the situation yourself, you may end up, well, skunked in more ways than one!

~ Kim

OSU Extension Impact Areas

Health and Wellness

Our lifespan is determined by our genetic makeup, our behaviors, and the environment in which we live. While our genetic code is fixed, we can change our behaviors and our immediate surroundings. OSU Extension has nationally recognized programs that help people make healthy choices and catalyze the creation of healthy homes, schools, workplaces, and communities.

Job Skills and Careers

A commitment to lifelong learning is critical to remaining relevant in one's chosen field of work. The programs of OSU Extension not only help individuals acquire the skills they need in their current jobs, but those they will need in the future positions to which they aspire.

Thriving Across the Life Span

From infancy to later life, OSU Extension is committed to helping individuals flourish within families and the various social structures in which they live. Perhaps most notably, Ohio 4-H uses a youth development approach to help young people develop characteristics that build a foundation for a positive adulthood.

Sustainable Food Systems

A sustainable food system benefits producers, protects the environment, and feeds a growing world population. Meanwhile, changing consumer preferences continually influence the type of products that producers are expected to bring to market. OSU Extension brings science-based information to the process of making decisions about food and the way it is produced, processed, distributed, stored, prepared, and consumed.

Engaged Ohioans, Vibrant Communities

Human capital can be described as the knowledge, skills, and experience possessed by a group of individuals. Mobilizing people in ways that produce shared benefits is a key to creating vibrant communities. OSU Extension helps community residents gain the knowledge and skills they need to engage in meaningful dialogue focused on positive change and collective impact that meets local needs.

Environmental Quality

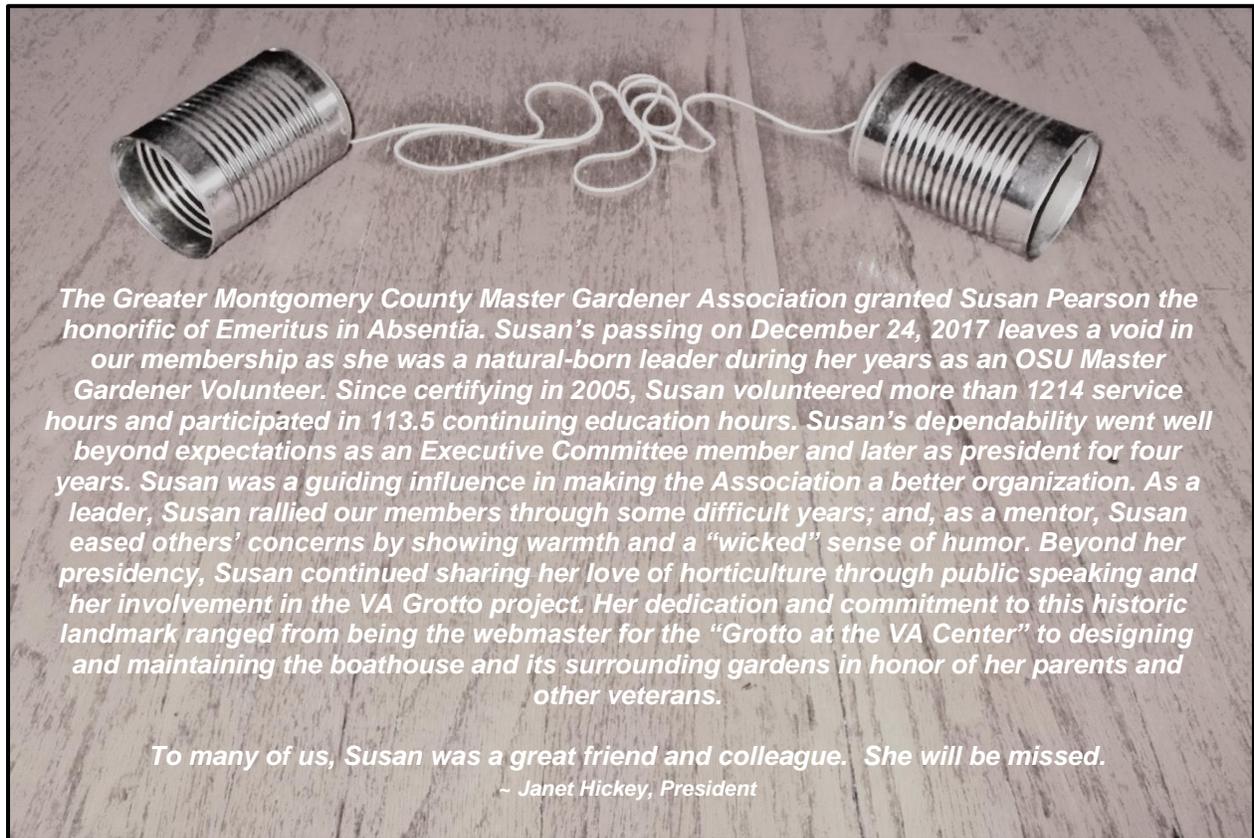
OSU Extension programs help people make informed choices and lead local efforts aimed at maintaining or improving environmental quality for future generations. Through their involvement in these programs, participants gain a greater understanding of their role in a global community and become stewards of the planet.



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AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

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<http://go.osu.edu/cfaesdiversity>.



Worthwhile Fundraising Efforts to benefit GMCMGA

If you have any questions, please email janet.hickey@sbcglobal.net.

Brent Heath from Brent and Beck's Bulbs will present this program and workshop on Thursday, October 2, 2018 at Wegerzyn Gardens & MetroParks Auditorium

Bloomin' Bucks with Brent and Becky's Bulbs. Here's how to earn "bucks" for GMCMGA:

1. Go online to <http://www.bloominbucks.com>
2. Scroll down and select our non-profit, the **Greater Montgomery County Master Gardener Association**
3. Hit "Go"
4. You will go to a special REMINDER page. Read it and click YES to continue
5. You will be taken to the Brent and Becky's Bulbs website where a portion of every dollar you spend goes to support our organization
6. If you have questions, call Brent and Becky's Bulbs at 877-661-2852

Shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! Here's how to enroll:

Visit **KrogerCommunityRewards.com** (secure website)

1. Sign in to your online account or create an account
2. Add your Kroger Plus Card to link your purchases to the rewards program
3. Find and select our organization – **# 79593 Greater Montgomery County Master Gardener Association**
4. Click "**Enroll!**"
5. Once a member enrolls his or her card, all linked Kroger Plus Cards within that household will begin earning funds for our organization
6. Members will need to re-enroll his or her Kroger Plus Card on an annual basis, during the month of April

Kroger limits a participating household's earned rewards to a maximum of \$300 quarterly and a participating organization's earned rewards to a maximum of \$50,000 quarterly. GMCMGA will receive a check quarterly from the Kroger Reward Program.

(All proceeds derived from the Kroger Community Rewards must be used for charitable purposes within the communities Kroger serves and cannot be used for political, legal, or administrative purposes.)

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

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Montgomery Co. Master Gardener Volunteer Program

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10 <div style="background-color: #c8e6c9; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Registration Opens for 2018 Midwest Native Plant Conference</div>
11 	12	13	14	15	16	17 <div style="background-color: #c8e6c9; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Check out 1st page of "News" for all CEU events.</div>
18	19	20 2 p.m. Executive Committee mtg. Director's Room <div style="background-color: #e1bee7; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">GCMGA Qtrly. Gen. Membership Meeting 7 p.m. Carousel Room</div> 	21	22	23	24 <div style="background-color: #c8e6c9; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Hope Taft Program Knollwood Garden Center Beavercreek, OH 10 a.m.</div>
25	26	27 2 p.m. Program Committee mtg. Director's Room <div style="background-color: #c8e6c9; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Hydrangea School Hamilton Co. Ext Office Cincinnati, OH 6-8 p.m.</div>	28	29	30	31