

## *News You Can Use*

For Montgomery County Master Gardener Volunteers

May 2016

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

### ***In light of the fluid situation re the fairgrounds move, please note that the following still applies to the OSUE office:***

*.... Our office has been notified that we need to vacate our premises by September 30, 2016. In fact, my plan is to have our relocation completed by mid-August. Because of this office move, please do not plan any Master Gardener meetings and events for the OSU Extension Office after August 31 (opening day of the 2016 County Fair). I am working with our County Administrators to relocate our office somewhere in the central Dayton vicinity. I will keep you posted as plans take better shape.*

*Betty Wingerter, County Director and Extension Educator 4-H Youth Development*

### ***2016 HORTICULTURE HOTLINE***

The MGV Helpline opens for volunteers one day each week in June through August at Extension. New this year, we will also be remote – at branches of Dayton Metro Libraries and the 2nd Street Market. The dates for Extension are now on the VMS. The dates for remote sites will be added as arrangements are made. Please check the VMS calendar to sign up. One or two volunteers can sign up for each session.

If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Anne Lawhorne at [alawhorne@woh.rr.com](mailto:alawhorne@woh.rr.com). This is a great opportunity to share gardening tips and learn more about our community.

### ***WORKSHOP SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY***

**Full Scholarships** are available for the **Warren County Diagnostic Workshop** to be held on June 10<sup>th</sup> for a limited number of Montgomery County MGVs. The workshop offers six hours of continuing education to OSUE Master Gardener Volunteers. The scholarship recipients **must be** willing to volunteer for six hours on the OSUE Master Gardener Volunteer Helpline in Montgomery County. The volunteer hours will be done at the Extension Office or at a designated remote site. Please send email of interest and willingness to commit six hours to the Helpline by May 20, 2016 to Suzanne Mills-Wasniak, [mills-wasniak.1@osu.edu](mailto:mills-wasniak.1@osu.edu). You will be notified by May 27, 2016 if you receive a scholarship.

### ***FAIRGROUNDS' AND EXTENSION FLOWER BEDS***

The Montgomery County Fairgrounds and OSU Extension Garden projects **will continue to be approved projects needing volunteers through September 30, 2016**. I will keep you apprised of developments regarding the beds, the disposition of equipment and materials in the beds, posters and books that may be available to Master Gardener Volunteers.

### ***WEGERZYN FOUNDATION MAYFAIR***

Ohio State University Extension Master Gardener Volunteers Montgomery County assisted the Wegerzyn Foundation with their annual 2016 MayFair Plant Sale. The Wegerzyn Foundation assumed Care, Custody, and Control of minors.



In 2016, there are three volunteer opportunities for OSUE Master Gardener Volunteers Montgomery County to receive volunteer hours.

1. **Public Education** – The OSUE Master Gardener Volunteer Montgomery County will assist the public with plant selections. The OSUE MGV will know the plants' environmental needs (i.e., sun / shade, wet / dry, best uses, etc.) and be able to articulate those needs to the public.
2. **Researcher** – The OSUE Master Gardener Volunteer Montgomery County will assist the Wegerzyn Foundation in researching and selecting healthy plants that will thrive in the Miami Valley environment.
3. **Plant Care** – The OSUE Master Gardener Volunteer Montgomery County may assist the Wegerzyn Foundation in the care of the selected plants prior to the sale dates. If necessary, this may include digging and repotting.

## **MGV FUNDRAISING PLANT SALE**

- Saturday, May 14 – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**Annual Spring Plant Sale – OSU Extension Master Gardeners – Greene County**  
Greene County Extension Office, 100 Fairground Road, Xenia, OH 45385  
Contact information: 937-372-9971 or [greenemgv@gmail.com](mailto:greenemgv@gmail.com)

## **MAY PROJECT SCHEDULES**

- **VA Grotto**
  - Tuesday/Wednesday weekly – Hours 9 a.m. to Noon
- **VA Grotto (Purple Heart Garden Planting)**
  - Saturday, May 14 – Hours 9 a.m. to Noon
  - Sunday, May 15 (*if needed*)
- **Washington Township Project**
  - May 16-20 – Hours 9 a.m. to Noon **and** 1 to 4:30 p.m.
    - Monday, May 16 – plants arrive (*some volunteer help needed*)
    - Tuesday, May 17 – preparation/sorting day for planting
    - Wednesday, May 18 – 1<sup>st</sup> full day of planting (*lunch provided*)
    - Thursday, May 19 – 2<sup>nd</sup> day of planting
    - Friday, May 20 – 3<sup>rd</sup> day of planting (*if needed*)

(We meet behind the Government Center garage at 9 a.m. each day and plant until 4 p.m. – Tuesday-Friday)



## ***Upcoming Events in June***



Friday, June 10 – Registration 8:30 a.m. / Program 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – 6 CEUs  
**Diagnostic Update Workshop for MGVs – OSU Extension Warren County**  
Warren County Fairgrounds, Building A (665 N. Broadway St., Lebanon, OH 45036  
\$35 includes boxed lunch, snacks and handouts  
Details and registration form at: <http://warren.osu.edu/events/mgv-diagnostic-workshop>  
Space is limited / **Registration deadline: Friday, June 3, 2016**

Wednesday, June 15 – 1:00 pm – 1.5 CEUs  
**Caladiums: Color for Shady Spots and Some Not So Shady**  
Chuck Dickerson, MGV -- OSUE

Saturday, June 18 – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Miami County in Bloom Garden Tour – “Secret Garden” Theme  
OSU Miami County Master Gardener Volunteers**

\$10 pre-sale or \$15 the day of the tour

For ticket sale locations visit: <http://miami.osu.edu/events/miami-co>

Call 937-440-3945 or email Amanda Bennett at [bennett.709@osu.edu](mailto:bennett.709@osu.edu) with questions.

Tuesday, June 21 – 10 a.m.

**GMCMGA Quarterly General Membership Meeting**

Thursday, June 23 – 10:30 am – 1.5 CEUs

**Gardening for Pollinators**

Denise Ellsworth, OSU Educator – Auditorium of Wegerzyn Gardens and MetroPark

Tuesday, June 28 – 6 p.m.

**GMCMGA Annual Mixer “Hawaiian Luau”  
at Hills and Dales Papaw Shelter**

Wednesday, June 29 – 11:00 am – 2.0 CEUs

**Megan Meier, Certified Green Roof Professional -- The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio**

Chadwick Arboretum and Learning Center

*(Lunch can be purchased at the Dairy Store in the Parker Food Service Building adjacent to Howlett Hall, or brown bagging is an option with picnic tables available. Paid parking is available across from the learning gardens on Woody Hayes Dr. and on Fyffe Rd. We will meet in front of Howlett Hall at 10:50 a.m.)*

*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](mailto:mills-wasniak.1@osu.edu) or 937-224-9654 ext. 109) for CEU pre-approval.*



## *“News You Can Use” Committee Reports*

### **Executive Committee**

The **Communication Committee** positions have been filled and committee members will meet in May.

The **Outreach Committee** still needs three volunteers to complete the committee. Any members who are interested in research and development of education modules, or have the inclination and willingness to host and present training/educational courses that will be open to members and the general public, are encouraged to contact Janet Hickey or Donna Zobrist for more information.

### **Contact Information**

Washington Township – sign up to plant:

Joan Lumpkin (937) 293-4637

Washington Township – sign up to monitor beds:

Vickie Wong (937) 281-0838

VA Grotto –

Bob Neff (937) 434-5744

If you are interested in helping with the **Fairgrounds Beds** or **Extension Beds**, please contact:


Janet Hickey (937) 433-5391

Donna Zobrist (937) 233-3481

# OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

## Montgomery Co. Master Gardener Volunteer Program

# May 2016

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Monday                                                                                                               | Tuesday                                                                                        | Wednesday                     | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Friday | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2                                                                                                                    | 3                                                                                              | 4                             | 5<br><div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">9:00-Noon<br/>OSU Ext.<br/>Bed<br/>Clean-up</div><br> | 6      | 7<br><div style="background-color: #c8e6c9; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">"Plant<br/>Sell-ebraction"<br/>9 a.m.-1 p.m.<br/>Snyder Park<br/>Clubhouse<br/>Springfield,<br/>Ohio</div> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 8<br>                                                                                                                                                  | 9<br>1:30 p.m.<br>Volunteer<br>Committee mtg.<br>OSUE                                                                | 9 a.m.-Noon - VA Grotto                                                                        |                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 12     | 13                                                                                                                                                                                           | 14<br><div style="background-color: #e1bee7; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">VA Grotto<br/>"Purple Heart<br/>Garden"<br/>Planting</div><br><div style="background-color: #c8e6c9; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">"Spring Plant<br/>Sale"<br/>10 a.m.-1 p.m.<br/>OSUE Greene<br/>Co.</div> |
| 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 16                                                                                                                   | 9 a.m.-Noon - VA Grotto                                                                        |                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 19     | 20                                                                                                                                                                                           | 21                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 9 a.m.-Noon and 1-4:30 p.m. <b>Washington Twp. Planting:</b><br><b>Monday</b> - plants arrive; <b>Tuesday</b> - prep/sorting day;<br><b>Wednesday</b> - planting (lunch provided); <b>Thursday</b> - planting; <b>Friday</b> (if needed) |                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                |                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |        |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                      | 17<br>1 p.m. Class<br>Committee mtg.<br>OSUE<br><br>2 p.m. Executive<br>Committee mtg.<br>OSUE | 18                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |        |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 22                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 23                                                                                                                   | 9 a.m.-Noon - VA Grotto                                                                        |                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 26     | 27                                                                                                                                                                                           | 28                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                      | 24<br>2 p.m. Program<br>Committee mtg.<br>OSUE                                                 | 25                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |        |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 29                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 30<br><br>(OSUE<br>office closed) | 31                                                                                             | 9 a.m.-12:00 noon - VA Grotto |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |        |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |