

## *News You Can Use*

For Montgomery County Master Gardener Volunteers

May 2017

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

### **WELCOME KIM HUPMAN**

*I am a Xenia native, and my family has a long, rich history in Greene County. My love of horticulture grows from my Grandfather's strong influence in my life. He was a well-known clock maker and an amateur horticulturalist. I spent most of my childhood "helping" him with the garden, compost bin and fruit trees, as my grandparents' back yard was adjacent to mine.*

*I pursued my interest in horticulture into college and shortly after it led me to Georgia, where I began my career at a wholesale/retail nursery. I spent 30 years at Twin Branch nursery working in many different roles including everything from sales, irrigation and even nursery manager. Along the way, I learned an enormous amount about customer service, plant knowledge and how to persuade my crew into thinking dirty jobs are fun!*

*I returned back to my hometown of Xenia approximately 5 years ago to care for my father. I was fortunate enough to be hired in an interim position at the Greene County Extension Office. I found that one temporary job in the office seemed to lead to another; I eventually was able to end that streak when I became the Horticulture Program Assistant.*

*I am thrilled to be in Montgomery County working as the Horticulture and Extension in the City Program Coordinator. My experience in Greene County will help me to settle into my job and gives me a background of experience to use to our advantage in Montgomery County.*

*Although I am very passionate about horticulture, I enjoy hiking with my Border collie mix, Lady, studying animal behavior and photography. My greatest treasures are my two grandchildren, Brock and Betzy. They love to "help" Granny with the garden, exploring plant nurseries and continually ask me to start a compost bin. I know my Grandfather would be pleased!*



*A couple of items you might want to mark on your calendar:*

- *Farm Science Review - September 19, 20 & 21 - Madison Co. - I will send more information out at a later date.*
- *MGV State Conference - Franklin County - September 29 & 30th – Columbus, Ohio*
- *2017 Diagnostic Workshops - June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Clark Co., June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Hardin Co., August 11th at Sequest Arboretum – I will send the registration information as I receive it.*

*Please don't hesitate to email me ([hupman.5@osu.edu](mailto:hupman.5@osu.edu)). I will respond!*

*Enjoy the weather!  
Kim*



## **2017 ABUSE RECOGNITION & REPORTING TRAINING (2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement)**

The subject annual training is mandatory for MGV program volunteers. The OSU Policy 1.50 training document follows the Committee Reports page for your review. The Standards of Behavior requires **your signature in blue ink**. Once completed, **either mail the signed, original document** to the OSU Extension office at 1001 S. Main St., Dayton, OH 45409, **or bring it to the office** Monday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. – **do not scan and email the document to the office.**

**\*\* The deadline to complete this requirement is Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. \*\***

Thank you for your commitment to the OSU Extension MGV program.

### **VERY IMPORTANT NOTE:**

**Volunteers with Care, Custody and Control (CCC) of minors must take the full training, as well as have a fingerprint background check at their own expense every four years. Contact Suzanne or Kim to schedule a **\*\*date/time\*\*** to view the CD at the office.**

### **SPRING HAS FINALLY ARRIVED . . .**

and, for Master Gardeners, it means scheduling time to fulfill the minimum twenty (20) volunteer service hours (including travel time) required for 2017.

If you are a 2016 Intern, an active Master Gardener, *or* an inactive Master Gardener planning to recertify in 2017, here is the contact information.

- **VA Grotto – Normal Work Days:**

- Tuesday/Wednesday weekly -- Hours 9:00 – 12:00 noon

- **VA Grotto and Garden:**

In preparation for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Patriot Freedom Festival at the VA Campus, the planting days are: (Hours 9:00 – 12:00 noon)

- Monday, May 15 – plants arrive, planting begins
- Tuesday, May 16 – 2<sup>nd</sup> day of planting
- Wednesday, May 17 – 3<sup>rd</sup> day of planting

➤ If interested in volunteering for any of these work days, please contact:

**Bob Neff at mneff1@woh.rr.com or Susan Baker at sbaker5@woh.rr.com.**

- **Washington Township Planting and Monitoring:**

Phase 1 of the project begins May 18...so mark your calendars!! Since we plant up to 46 beds, your participation in this major fundraiser is crucial. This project provides funding for our continuing education programs and association activities throughout the year.

- May 18-26 -- Hours 9:00 – 12:00 noon *and* 1:00 – 4:30 pm
  - Thursday, May 18 – plants arrive (*some volunteer help needed*)
  - Friday, May 17 – sorting and pre-planting begins
  - Monday, May 22 – 1<sup>st</sup> full day of planting (lunch provided)
  - Tuesday, May 23 – 2<sup>nd</sup> full day of planting
  - Wednesday, May 24 – 3<sup>rd</sup> full day of planting
  - Thursday, May 25 and Friday, May 26 – planting continues until finished

➤ To schedule for planting days, please contact: **Jan Burke-Brown at jan-carl@ameritech.net**

If you want to monitor a garden throughout the season, please contact:

**Vickie Wong at bvwong48@gmail.com.**

- **OSU Extension Gardens and Fairgrounds Beds Clean-Up**

With the Montgomery County Fair scheduled in July, we will again be planting and maintaining these garden beds until after the Horse Show in August. We plant and maintain 19 beds. The nice part about monitoring these beds is you can work on your own time schedule.

➤ We don't have a set schedule for this project yet; however, if you are interested in clean up, planting or maintaining these demonstration beds, please contact:

**Donna Zobrist at donna45424@yahoo.com or Janet Hickey at janet.hickey@sbcglobal.net.**

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

- Thursday & Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> – Up to 2 CEUs  
**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide Master Gardener Workday: Secrest Arboretum**  
1680 Madison Avenue, Wooster, OH 44691  
Paul Snyder – [snyder.1062@osu.edu](mailto:snyder.1062@osu.edu) – 330-263-3671

## **ANOTHER MAY EVENT**

### **44<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MAYFAIR PLANT SALE**

#### **MEMBERS-ONLY PREVIEW NIGHT**

**Friday, May 5 – 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

*(Bring your member card, renew, or join as a new member at the door!)*

#### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Saturday, May 6 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Sunday, May 7 – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

#### **LOCATION**

Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave., Dayton, OH 45414

*For more information visit [www.WegerzynGardensFoundation.org](http://www.WegerzynGardensFoundation.org)*



## **Upcoming Events in June**



## **C.E. OPPORTUNITIES**

Friday, June 2 – 10:30 a.m. – 1.5 CEUs

***Awesome Succulents for the Connoisseur & Curious***  
***Bruce Brethauer, Central Ohio Cactus & Succulent Society***

Auditorium of Wegerzyn Gardens and MetroPark, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave., Dayton, OH 45414

Thursday, June 22 – 9:30 a.m. – 3 CEUs

***Tallgrass Prairie Ecology – MEEC Staff (Marianist Environmental Education Center)***  
4435 E. Patterson Rd., Dayton, OH 45430 *(located on the Bergamo Center campus)*

## **OTHER JUNE EVENTS**

Tuesday, June 20 – 10 a.m.

***GMCMGA QUARTERLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING***  
***OSU Extension Office***

Tuesday, June 27 – 10 a.m.

***GMCMGA Annual Mixer***  
Hills & Dales MetroPark, Paw Paw Shelter

# What's the Buzz?

You have probably heard the buzz of carpenter bees. Especially if you, like me, have an untreated, wood outbuilding or wood post for your mail box.

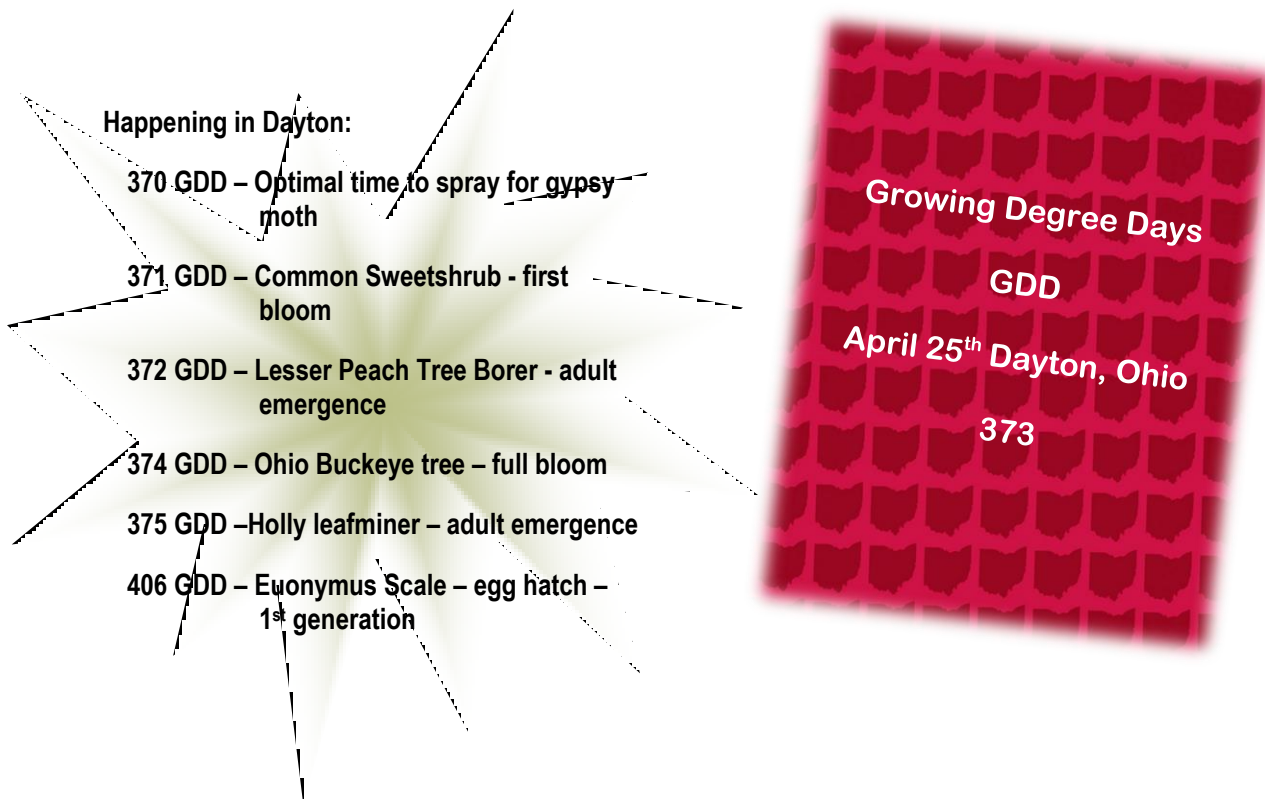
Carpenter bees that have over-wintered as adults usually emerge in April or May. They mate and the female excavate tunnels to lay their eggs in. The larvae feed on a ball of pollen the female left in the tunnel and emerge in the late summer as adults.

The male bee tends to act aggressive, but they lack the stingers to back up their hovering antics. The females have stingers and have been known to sting while readying their nest.

Carpenter bees can be controlled by plugging old nesting tunnels before they are utilized, treating or painting wood on outbuildings, eaves, fascia and other outdoor wood or with chemical controls.

Remember, only use chemicals labeled for carpenter bees for control. Pesticides are poisonous. Always read and apply according to label directions. The label is law.

For more information: <https://entomology.ca.uky.edu/ef611>



Submit information for "News You Can Use" to Gail Carone: [getcarone@hotmail.com](mailto:getcarone@hotmail.com)

# “News You Can Use” Committee Reports

## Special “Welcome” to Kim Hupman

GMC MGA welcomes Kim Hupman as the Horticulture Program Coordinator for the OSU Extension Montgomery County Master Gardener Volunteer Program and Extension in the City Coordinator.

## Program & Outreach Committees

On March 30, Master Gardeners were treated to a very informative talk by Denise Ellsworth from The Ohio State University Extension/Entomology Department on Phenology. Phenology is the study of biological phenomena and their relationship to weather and climate. Phenological events include bird migration, blooming of wildflowers and trees, and the seasonal appearance of insects. The research data shows the development rate of plants and insects is temperature dependent. If you google GDD OSU you will get Ohio's Phenology Calendar, growing degree day (GDD). This site is quite useful in helping determine growing degree days and phenology in your area. *Check it out!*

*This program was open to the public for a nominal fee through the Outreach Committee and approved for 1.5 CEUs for Master Gardeners in attendance.*



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

Go to [www.facebook.com/gmcmga](http://www.facebook.com/gmcmga) to view the latest posts, and if you have photos or information to share, please email to [infomastergardeners@gmail.com](mailto:infomastergardeners@gmail.com).

## Volunteer Support Committee

The Volunteer Support Committee, (formerly the Volunteer and Class Committees) merger was approved at the February 21, 2017 Executive Committee meeting and will consist of five members: co-chairs from the former Volunteer and Class Committees (Sue Howorth and Jane Falck) and two members who sat on those committees (Karen Veve and Rose Monnin) plus one other member from the Association membership or from one of the former committees.

Reasons for merging the two committees:

- The job descriptions of both committees have been substantially reduced over the past few years with operational changes instituted by the OSUE Educator.
- OSU Extension wants the percentage of administration volunteer hours reduced.

Five categories of teams will report to the co-chairs of the Volunteer Support Committee:

- OSUE MGV Recognition
- Intern Training Support
- Mentor
- Sandra Spees Memorial Scholarship
- June Mixer



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# OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

## Montgomery Co. Master Gardener Volunteer Program

# May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
		9:00-12:00 noon - VA Grotto			MayFair Plant Sale <i>Members Only</i> 5 - 7 p.m.	MayFair Plant Sale <i>Open to Public</i> 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
MayFair Plant Sale <i>Open to Public</i> 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	2:00 p.m. Volunteer Support Committee mtg. - OSUE	9:00-12:00 noon - VA Grotto		OSU Extension Gardens and Fairgrounds Beds: Schedule for clean-up and planting TBD.		
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
	9:00-12:00 noon. - VA Grotto		Washington Twp. Planting: Thursday - plants arrive, (some volunteer help needed). Friday - sorting and pre-planting begins.			
			2 p.m. Executive Committee mtg. OSUE			
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
	9:00-12:00 noon - VA Grotto		9:00-noon and 1:00-4:30 Washington Twp. Planting: Monday - 1st full day of planting (lunch provided); Tuesday - 2nd full day of planting; Wednesday - 3rd full day of planting; Thursday and Friday - planting continues until finished.			
		2 p.m. Program Committee mtg. OSUE	Fairgrounds' plants arrive			
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			
	 OSUE office closed	9:00-12:00 noon - VA Grotto				