

News You Can Use

For Montgomery County Master Gardener Volunteers

November 2016

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

TIME TO RECORD 2016 OSUE MGV HOURS (2nd announcement - please note the date change)

Your 2016 volunteer hours at approved OSUE volunteer sites / projects and your continuing education hours for 2016 must be recorded in the Ohio Volunteer Management System (VMS) **by December 15, 2016**. It would be appreciated if you could record your hours as soon as possible in case there is an issue. The hours needed are as follows:

- **OSUE Master Gardener Volunteer Class of 2015** - 50 volunteer hours at approved site or project – You have 50 hours of education recorded
- **Active OSUE Master Gardener Volunteers** - 20 volunteer hours at an approved site or project and 10 continuing education hours
- **Inactive OSUE Master Gardener Volunteers** need to contact either Suzanne Mills-Wasniak, mills-wasniak.1@osu.edu or Theresa Ford, ford.835@osu.edu regarding input of their volunteer or continuing education hours.

Recertification Requirements

(Source: OSUE MGV Program Policy Statement, revised May 2016)

Once an individual has completed the necessary requirements and is certified as an Ohio MGV, he or she is not automatically a MGV for life. MGVs must be recertified each year to remain on the “active” list and maintain the MGV title. MGV Recertification is achieved by fulfilling the following requirements:

- 1) Completing a minimum of twenty (20) hours of volunteer service each year, and
- 2) Completing a minimum of ten (10) hours continuing education by any of the following options:
 - participation in State, Regional, National or International MGV Conferences.
 - participation in county or district-sponsored continuing education sessions.
 - participation in any other programs approved by the local MGV Coordinator for recertification.
- 3) Paying \$10-per-year State Support fee.
- 4) If involved with projects with care, custody, and control of minors, completing a fingerprint background check every 4 years.

Each county MGV program may set its own recertification standards above and beyond these minimum requirements.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Friday, November 4 – 10 to 11:30 a.m. – 1.5 CEUs
Coffee with the Master Gardener Volunteers – Attracting Backyard Birds
Master Gardeners of Miami County
\$10 per person includes beverages, refreshments and handouts
OSU Extension Miami County, 201 W. Main Street, Meeting Room, Troy, Ohio 45373
Pre-registration required **by Wednesday, Nov. 2nd**
Visit <http://miami.osu.edu/events/coffee-master-gardeners-attracting-backyard-birds> for details and registration form or contact Amanda Bennett at 937-440-3945 or bennett.709@osu.edu



- Saturday, November 5 – 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. – 5 CEUs
2016 Fall Seminar – Gardening Through the Seasons
Keynote Address – The Good, the Bad and the Hungry: Dealing with Wildlife Conflict
presented by Marne Titchenell, OSUE Wildlife Specialist
 Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County (MGCC)
 \$48 fee (\$50 after October 17th) – No Refunds – Bonus Bucks not accepted
 Includes four sessions, continental breakfast and a boxed lunch
 There will also be a silent auction and a quilt raffle!
 Embassy Suites Hotel, 5800 Rockside Woods Blvd., Independence, Ohio 44131
 Event details and mail-in registration at:
<http://cuyahogamg.org/MGSpecEvents/Fall%20Seminar/2016/Flyer.pdf>
 Online registration at:
<http://cuyahogamg.org/EventStore.html>
- Saturday, November 5 – Registration 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. – 5 CEUs
“Merry Gardening” Seminar
 Master Gardener Volunteers of Huron County
Keynote Speakers
 Dr. David Kramer **“Legends & Biology of Christmas Plants”**
 Sheila Joyce **“Landscape Design for the Front Yard”**
 Abby Miller **“A Fresh Look at Landscape Design”**
 Shannon Ditz **“High Value Veggies”**
 First Presbyterian Church, 21 Firelands Blvd., Norwalk, OH
 \$25 includes lunch (*your choice of veggie or meat sandwich*)
 Register online at <http://huron.osu.edu/news/merry-gardening-seminar> by **Friday, October 28th**
 419-677-6674
- Saturday, November 12 – Doors Open 8 a.m. – Registration 9 to 10 a.m. – Social Hour 5 to 6 p.m. – 5 CEUs
Native Plant Symposium
 Frisch’s Theater, Schott Education Building, Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden (CZBG)
 \$49 includes program, parking, zoo entry, lunch, snacks and social hour – Student discount \$25
Schedule
 10-10:50 Mike Berkley *Fun and Adventure with Pocket Prairies*
 10:50-11:20 Shana Byrd *Collection of Eastern North American Native Plants for Use & Study*
 11:35-12:25 Shannon Currey *Grasses & Sedges: Powerful Plants for Today’s Landscapes*
 1:15-1:45 All Speakers *Native Plants for Regional Gardens – A Battle of Wits!*
 1:45-2:34 Andrew Lane Gibson *Ohio’s Rarest Plants and Their Habitats*
 2:55-3:45 Steve Castorani *Buzz Feed: New & Underused Native Perennials for Enticing Pollinators*
 3:45-4:30 Brian Jorg *The Design and Build of CZBG’s Native Gardens*
 4:30-5:00 Phil Douglas *The Native Oak Collection at Gainesway Farm*
 Purchase tickets by midnight Wednesday, November 9th, at
http://cincinnati-zoo.org/horticulture/horticulture_events/

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Wednesday, November 2 – 6:30 p.m.
GMCMGA Annual Banquet
 Presidential Banquet Center, 4548 Presidential Way, Kettering, Ohio 45429

Tuesday, November 15 – 10 a.m.
GMCMGA Quarterly General Membership Meeting
 OSU Extension

REMINDER: Please strive to record your volunteer and continuing education hours in the VMS by December 1st to allow time for OSUE staff to review the entries and address possible issues before the mid-December deadline.

Thank you!

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

“News You Can Use” Committee Reports

During a special continuing education presentation offered on September 22nd, our speaker, Melinda Myers mentioned the 2017 Perennial Plant of the Year, *Asclepias tuberosa*.

Commonly known as “Butterfly weed”, this plant (and others in the family *Asclepiadaceae*) play a major part in the life of Monarch butterflies.

Here is an article from the *insects.about.com* website:

“Monarch butterflies eat nectar from flowers, just as other butterflies do. Butterfly mouthparts are made for drinking nectar. If you look at a monarch butterfly’s head, you will see its proboscis, a long “straw,” curled up below its mouth. When it lands on a flower, it can unfurl the proboscis, stick it down into the flower, and suck up the sweet fluid.

If you’re planting a garden for monarch butterflies, try to provide a variety of flowers that bloom throughout the months when monarchs visit your area. Fall flowers are particularly important, as migrating monarchs need plenty of energy to make the long journey south. Monarchs are large butterflies, and prefer larger flowers with flat surfaces they can stand on while nectaring. Try planting some of their favorite perennials, and you’re sure to see monarchs all summer long.

Monarch caterpillars eat the leaves of milkweed plants, which belong to the family *Asclepiadaceae*. Monarchs are specialist feeders, meaning they will only eat a specific kind of plant (milkweeds), and cannot survive without it.

Monarch butterflies gain an important defense against predators by feeding on milkweed as caterpillars. Milkweed plants contain toxic steroids, known as cardenolides, which are bitter-tasting. Through metamorphosis, the monarchs store the cardenolides and emerge as adults with the steroids still in their bodies.

The caterpillars can tolerate the toxins, but their predators find the taste and effect more than unpleasant. Birds that attempt to eat monarchs will often regurgitate, and quickly learn that those orange and black butterflies don’t make a good meal.

*Common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*) often grows along roadsides and in fields, where mowing practices may cut down the milkweed just as the caterpillars are feeding. Butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) is a showy, bright orange perennial that gardeners usually prefer for their flower beds. But don’t limit yourself to these two common species; there are dozens of milkweed varieties to plant, and monarch caterpillars will munch them all. Monarch Watch has a nice guide to milkweeds for adventurous butterfly gardeners who want to try something different.”*

The Perennial Plant Association (PPA) selects a plant each year to wear the title “Perennial Plant of the Year”. Our own, Helen Sloan, MG, compiled a list of the past winners. Here they are:

- 2016 - *Anemone xhybrida* ‘Honorine Jobert’ (Japanese anemone)
- 2015 - *Geranium* ‘Biokovo’ (dwarf cranesbill)
- 2014 - *Panicum virgatum* ‘Northwind’ (tall switch grass)
- 2013 - *Polygonatum odoratum* ‘Variegatum’ (soloman’s seal)
- 2012 - *Brunnera macrophylla* ‘Jack Frost’ (siberian bugloss)
- 2011 - *Amsonia hubrichtii* (Arkansas blue star)
- 2010 - *Baptisia australis* (blue false indigo)
- 2009 - *Hakonechloa macra* ‘Aureola’ (golden hakone grass)
- 2008 - *Geranium* ‘Rozanne’ (cranesbill geranium)
- 2007 - *Nepeta* ‘Walker’s Low’ (blue catmint)
- 2006 - *Dianthus gratianopolitanus* ‘Feuerhexe’ (firewitch cheddar pink)
- 2005 - *Helleborus xhybridus* (lenten rose)
- 2004 - *Athyrium niponicum* ‘Pictum’ (Japanese painted fern)
- 2003 - *Leucanthemum* ‘Becky’ (shasta daisy)

- 2002 - *Phlox paniculata* ‘David’ (summer phlox)
- 2001 - *Calamagrostis acutiflora* ‘Karl Foerster’ (feather reed grass)
- 2000 - *Scabiosa columbaria* ‘Butterfly Blue’ (dwarf pincushion flower)
- 1999 - *Rudbeckia fulgida* var. *sullivantii* ‘Goldsturm’ (goldsturm black-eyed susan)
- 1998 - *Echinacea purpurea* ‘Magnus’ (purple coneflower)
- 1997 - *Salvia* ‘Mainacht’ (salvia may night)
- 1996 - *Penstemon digitalis* ‘Husker Red’ (beard-tongue)
- 1995 - *Perovskia atriplicifolia* (Russian Sage)
- 1994 - *Astilbe* ‘Sprite’ (dwarf astilbe)
- 1993 - *Veronica* ‘Sunny Border Blue’ (hybrid speedwell)
- 1992 - *Coreopsis verticillata* ‘Moonbeam’ (threadleaf coreopsis)
- 1991 - *Heuchera micrantha* ‘Palace Purple’ (coralbell)
- 1990 - *Phlox stolonifera* (creeping woodland phlox)

Visit www.perennialplant.org for more information on these plants.

Program Committee

Our last continuing education (CE) program was on Oct. 13th. Here is a recap of the CE programs that were presented in 2016.

Please enter your CE hours into the VMS (for the programs you attended) **and** enter your volunteer hours before December 15th.

- April 27 - The Amazing Washington Twp. Plantings, Part 1 1.5 CE
- June 15 - Caladiums: Color for Shady Spots And Some Not Shady 1.5 CE
- June 23 - Gardening for Pollinators 1.5 CE
- June 29 - Chadwick Arboretum & Learning Center - Columbus, OH 2.0 CE
- July 14 - Feng Shui Garden Tour, Home of Susan Ediss 1.5 CE
- July 20 - Garden Tour and Tea, Home of John & Sally Beals 1.5 CE
- Aug. 11 - The Amazing Washington Twp. “Plantings in Bloom” Part 2 1.5 CE
- Aug. 16 - What’s Happening in My Garden? 1.5 CE
- Sept. 13 - Diversity & Inclusion Training (May be applied to 2016 or 2017 CE hours.) 5.0 CE
- Sept. 20 - Diversity & Inclusion Training (May be applied to 2016 or 2017 CE hours.) 5.0 CE
- Sept. 22 - Low Maintenance, Big Impact Perennial Gardens and Garden Renovations for Any Size Garden 3.5 CE
- Oct. 13 - Wicked (Down-Right) Nasty Plants 1.5 CE



Remember, to recertify as an MG, you must achieve the following requirements: completing a minimum of 20 hours volunteer service (includes travel time) each year at approved project sites **and** completing a minimum of 10 hours of advanced continuing education (no travel time).

You will receive the CE program schedule for 2017 in your packet at the GMCMA Annual Banquet on Nov. 2nd. Please review our exciting programs offered for 2017. Program descriptions, dates and registration information are included in the packet.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Montgomery Co. Master Gardener Volunteer Program

November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		<p>2016 MGVP Intern Class 6 - 9 p.m.</p>	<p>G M C M G A Annual Banquet 6:30 pm Presidential Banquet Ctr. Kettering, OH</p>	<p>2016 MGVP Intern Class 6 - 9 p.m.</p>	<p>Coffee with the MGVs "Attracting Backyard Birds" 10-11:30 am OSUE Miami Co., Troy, OH</p>	<p>2016 Fall Seminar 8:15 am to 3:30 pm MGVs of Cuyahoga Co., Independence, OH</p> <p>"Merry Gardening" Seminar 9-2:45 pm MGVs of Huron Co., Norwalk, OH</p>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
 Daylight Savings Time Begins		 <i>Election Day</i> 2016 MGVP Intern Class 6 - 9 p.m.		2016 MGVP Intern Class 6 - 9 p.m.		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	1:30 p.m. Volunteer Committee mtg. OSUE	<p>G M C M G A Quarterly General Membership Meeting 10:00 am OSUE</p>				
		1 p.m. Class Committee mtg. Carousel Room 2 p.m. Executive Committee mtg. Carousel Room				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		2 p.m. Program Committee mtg. OSUE				
27	28	29	30			