

News You Can Use

For Montgomery County Master Gardener Volunteers

November 2017

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

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Saturday, November 4 – 10 a.m. – 2 CEUs
Native Plant Propagation – MEEC Staff (Marianist Environmental Education Center)
4435 E. Patterson Rd., Dayton, OH 45430 (Located on the Bergamo Center Campus)

If you are interested in staying to volunteer* after the program to practice what you have learned, we will be collecting seeds from the natural areas of Mount St. John Nature Preserve from 1-4 p.m. **Please bring a bag lunch.**

Please consider Volunteering! Volunteering will reduce the MEEC program fee for their wonderful programs provided this year.

Please dress for the location and weather. <https://www.cdc.gov/westnile/faq/repellent.html>

- ✓ The CDC recommends the use of products containing active ingredients which have been registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for use as repellents applied to skin and clothing.
- ✓ Of the products registered with the EPA, those containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, and some oil of lemon eucalyptus and para-menthane-diol products provide longer-lasting protection.
- ✓ EPA registration means that EPA does not expect the product to cause adverse effects to human health or the environment when used according to the label.

Wednesday, November 1 – 6 p.m.

Greater Montgomery County Master Gardener Association Annual Banquet Presidential Banquet Center, 4548 Presidential Way, Kettering, OH 45429

You can pay your **State Support Fee** and **Association Dues** at the banquet. Write **two** checks:

- **One** check to **OSU Extension** for \$10.00 (write in memo line: MGV State Support Fee)
Kim Hupman will be accepting State Support Fee payment (**checks only**) at the banquet.
- **One** check to **GMCMGA** for \$15.00
Payment for Association Dues accepted (**checks only**) at the Registration Table.

Tuesday, November 21 – 10 a.m.

Greater Montgomery County Master Gardener Association **Quarterly General Membership Meeting** Carousel Room



What's the Buzz?

RECERTIFICATION

It is the time of year when the questions revolve around recertification. What is recertification? How do I know if I'm recertified? What does the banner across VMS mean? And why won't it go away!?

Let's start with the **First Question**.

What is recertification? Recertification is the annual signing up to volunteer as an OSU Extension Master Gardener. If you log into VMS, on the left hand side there is a box labeled "Your Information," click on "Edit Profile." This is the information with your address, phone number, email address, gardening interest, and where you can change your password. If you look at the top, above your first name, you will see "View Reappointment Terms and Conditions." Click on it and you will see recertification paperwork. The first form is "Annual Volunteer Agreement and Request for Recertification." This is the form you sign (or click "true") to state you: 1) have completed required hours for the program year, 2) will be recertifying for the upcoming year or become inactive, 3) will sign the required paperwork, and 4) agree to volunteer the required hours in the upcoming year and report those hours (entered in VMS). The other forms you must sign (or click "true") include: "OSUE Standard of Behavior/MGV Name Usage" (*this is a contract between you and OSUE stating you will comply with these standards and only use the MGV name as they state*) and Pesticide Management Policy (*again, this is a contract governing the way you must provide the information*).

"I understand that as a Master Gardener Volunteer I am considered a volunteer representative of Ohio State University Extension. Therefore, OSU Extension will assume liability for the pest management information I provide, **only if the information is limited to accurate, documented control options approved by Ohio State University Extension for home and garden use.**"

Once you have finished each form, you are recertified!

Second Question

As you have read above, you will have completed the required hours, signed (or click "true") the forms.

Third and Fourth Questions

The banner across VMS is the cue for you to complete the yearly forms. The banner contains a link that will take you to the updated forms. Do not go through "View Reappointment Terms and Conditions." That will only show you what you have signed. This is the time of year you can change your status to "inactive," if needed. If you have clicked on the link, but the banner is still there the next time you log into VMS, click the link to make sure you have completed each form; status (recertifying or inactive), Standards of Behavior and MGV Name Usage, and Pesticide Policy.

If you have questions at any time during this process, please contact me (937-224-9654 ext. 114 or hupman.5@osu.edu).

– *Kim*

“News You Can Use” Committee Reports

Record Your Hours in the VMS

If members find they do not have enough volunteer or continuing education hours to recertify, Kim can put members in contact with remaining available projects.

Contact Kim prior to taking a Dayton MetroParks program for authorization as a viable continuing education opportunity.

State Support Fee

Make check payable to: **OSU Extension**
(In the memo line write: MGV State Support Fee)

Mail \$10 State Support Fee check to:

Kim Hupman
OSU Extension, Montgomery County
1001 S. Main Street
Dayton, OH 45409

GMCMGA Association Dues

Make check payable to: **GMCMGA**

Mail \$15 Association check to:

GMCMGA
P.O. Box 292421
Stroop Road Facility
Kettering, OH 45429

Executive Committee

2018 Executive Committee (term ending 2019)

President:	Janet Hickey
Vice-President:	Donna Zobrist
Treasurer:	Joyce Zech
Secretary:	Carol Williams

2018 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs voted in at GMCMGA Quarterly General Membership Meeting on September 19, 2017 are:

Communication:	Gail Carone
Outreach:	Sue Howorth and Debbi Riley
Program:	Judy Steiger and Pam Tilton
Volunteer Support:	Jane Falck and Joan Lumpkin

**** Check out the Greater Montgomery County Master Gardener Association's Facebook page ****
Go to www.facebook.com/gmcmga to view the latest posts and ("like" page) **OR** send science-based articles or horticultural events to infomastergardeners@gmail.com.

GMCMGA Fundraisers

Supporting GMCMGA has never been easier -- just 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.)



You can help the Greater Montgomery County Master Gardener Association raise money almost year round by participating in 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

Your participation is vital to making both Kroger and Bloomin' Bucks with Brent and Becky's Bulbs worthwhile fundraising efforts. If you have any questions, please email janet.hickey@sbcglobal.net.

Highlights from the Ohio State Master Gardener Conference

A perfect weekend unfolded for the 2017 Ohio State Master Gardener Conference "Grow Your Own Way" held on Friday, Sept. 29, and Saturday, Sept. 30, at OSU Campus, Columbus, Ohio

Friday was a day of learning, and MGVs could choose from four different day-long bus tours or four different half-day campus tours. The Oakland Nursery Tour included a trip to The Ohio Governor's Residence and Heritage Garden in Columbus.

Ohio's official Botanical Garden of native plants, the Heritage Garden, showcases Ohio's natural history in a series of gardens representing Ohio's five major physiographic regions.



Top Photo: MGVs stop to take a picture with First Lady, Hope Taft.

(Photos courtesy of Gail Carone)

Left Photo: This stone was contributed to the County Walkway at the Heritage Garden.



The stone Montgomery County contributed is a piece of "Dayton Marble," locally quarried between 1847 and 1850 for construction of the Old Court House. Located in downtown Dayton, the Old Court House is one of Ohio's most significant buildings of Greek revival architecture. It was "built to last the ages" and continues to be the heart and soul of our community.

To learn more about the Governor's Residence and read the history of the County Stones in the Heritage Garden, go to www.governorsresidence.ohio.org and highlight Heritage Garden, click on virtual tours, and then click County Walk Tour.

Another stop was to the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens where we had a delicious, buffet lunch in the Wells Barn, which is a new 12,000 square foot facility that provides a dedicated space for the Conservatory's expanding outreach and education programs. The hand-hewn timber frame from a 200 year-old Richland County barn has been reconstructed as the framework for this facility. After lunch, we were treated to a guided tour of the grounds and the conservatory.

This structure and garden is located in the Garden Campus near the Wells Barn.



Above is a photo of the exhibit "Topiaries at the Conservatory: Wild Wonders" in autumnal splendor.

Below: Vibrant glass artwork by Dave Chihuly on display



To learn more or plan a visit, go to www.fpconservatory.org

Highlights from the Ohio State Master Gardener Conference – Continued

Saturday was another full day at the conference with opening keynote speaker, Pam Bennett, Assistant Professor with The Ohio State University; Pam also serves as the State Master Gardener Volunteer Program Director. Pam's presentation, *Diversity in Nature*, taught us the importance of incorporating different plant and tree species in our landscapes.



The Ohio Master Gardener Awards Presentation immediately followed Pam's program. Montgomery County was nominated OSUE Outstanding MGCV Project for Historic Dayton VA.

Our own Bob Neff was nominated for OSUE Outstanding Master Gardener Volunteer!



After the awards were given, the morning breakout session offered seven different programs from which to choose with topics ranging from *Fitness for the Gardener*, *Climate Change in Ohio*, *Love Hydrangeas?* and *Plant Propagation*, to name a few.

A special **Thank You** goes out to the **Master Gardener Volunteers of Franklin County** for hosting the **2017 State Conference!** It was a delightful event shared with fellow Master Gardeners from across the state!



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Lunch was followed with a keynote speaker/presentation:

Joseph Tychonievich –
Rock Gardening: Reimagining a Classic Style

Joseph was named by Organic Gardening Magazine as one of ". . . six young horticulturists who are helping to shape how America gardens."

The afternoon session also had seven different programs to choose from with topics like: *Gardening in Ecuador*, *Making a Hypertufa*, *OMG . . . GMO's*, and *A Gene Bank for Flowers*, among others.

The capstone presenter was Melinda Myers, and this Saturday presentation was titled: *"Planning and Planting the Fall Garden."* (Melinda was also the keynote presenter on Friday night, which included book signings, trade show, a reception with complimentary appetizers, wine, and beer, and a dinner.)

Our wonderful Program Committee scheduled Melinda Myers as a continuing education program back on September 22, 2016. That presentation -- *Low Maintenance Big Impact Perennial Gardens and Garden Renovations for Any Size Landscape*, was open to other county Master Gardener Volunteers and the general public, was one of GMCMGA's first Program/Outreach endeavors, and was a great success.



The MGVs attending from Montgomery County were: Jeanne Keffer, Joan Lumpkin, Kim Hupman, Jane Falck, Bob Neff, Sue Howorth and Gail Carone.

(Photos courtesy of Yen Hanes & Gail Carone)

The 2017 Conference wrapped with an invitation to *Save the Date* for the **2018 Ohio State Master Gardener Conference**, which will be held on Sept. 29, 2018 in Cincinnati, Ohio at the Sharonville Convention Center.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Montgomery Co. Master Gardener Volunteer Program

November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
		9:00-11:30 a.m. - VA Grotto				CONT. EDUC. Native Plant Propagation 10 a.m. MEEC*
			GCMCGA Annual Banquet 6 p.m. Presidential Banquet Ctr. Kettering, OH			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
 <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i>		9:00-11:30 a.m. - VA Grotto			<i>OSUE Office CLOSED in observance of Veterans Day</i>	
						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	1:30 p.m. Volunteer Support Committee mtg. TBD	9:00-11:30 a.m. - VA Grotto				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		9:00-11:30 a.m. - VA Grotto				
		GCMCGA Quarterly General Membership Meeting 10 a.m. Carousel Room		 Happy Thanksgiving		
		2 p.m. Executive Committee mtg. Director's Room		<i>OSUE Office CLOSED in observance of Thanksgiving</i>		
26	27	28	29	30		
		9:00-11:30 a.m. - VA Grotto				
		2 p.m. Program Committee mtg. Carousel Room				

* Marianist Environmental Education Center (Bergamo)