

News You Can Use

For Montgomery County Master Gardener Volunteers

October 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

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 31, 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.





Upcoming Events in November



CONTINUING EDUCATION

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>

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 Pam Bennett at 937-440-3945 or bennett.709@osu.edu

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

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 or 937-224-9654 ext. 109) for CEU pre-approval.

OTHER 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

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

“News You Can Use” Committee Reports

From the Editor

There may have been some confusion in last month’s newsletter concerning membership to the Greater Montgomery County Master Gardener Association (GMCMGA). Here is the distinction.

OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteers (OSUE MGVs) must be recertified each year to remain “active.” (Please refer to the OSUE Recertification Requirements on the front page.) GMCMGA membership is optional for “active” OSUE MGVs. As a member of the GMCMGA, you will pay annual membership dues of \$15 plus a State support fee of \$10 (total \$25). GMCMGA collects the \$10 State support fee in your name.

As an “active” OSUE MGV **and** member of GMCMGA, you will have access to continuing education hours approved by the Extension Educator with registration through the GMCMGA Program Committee at little to no cost. These programs are offered in the Montgomery County area with consideration for day and evening classes to accommodate members’ schedules.

As an OSUE Master Gardener intern, you are welcome to attend Association-sponsored continuing education events and meetings. Voting rights are granted when an OSUE Master Gardener Volunteer intern certifies, joins the Association, and pays Association membership dues and State support fee for the year. As a member of GMCMGA, not only will you be eligible to enjoy the continuing education programs, you will be working alongside a group of dedicated and committed certified master gardener volunteers.

Executive Committee

Each year the OSU Extension recognizes those Master Gardener Volunteer Programs that qualify for the County Standards for Excellence award.

For the first time in our twenty year history, the GMCMGA was honored to receive the “**Gold Standard for Excellence**” plaque by meeting these qualifications:

- 1) All active members paid their state support fees in 2016
- 2) All active members reported their 2015 volunteer hours using the VMS in 2016
- 3) All files were up to date with signed volunteer policy forms on the VMS
- 4) The county conducted at least one MGV Continuing Education program in 2015 in their county
- 5) The county paid their Volunteer Insurance Service (state support fee) for all active members in 2016
- 6) MGVs who have their own separate checking account and are a 501(c)(3) organization completed an internal audit of their 2015 finances
- 7) The Association had a separate liability policy to protect it and its volunteers

This award is for all of us.
Thank you GMCMGA master gardeners
and congratulations!!



Volunteer Committee

The Washington Township project started out as a pilot program in 2001 and was to last for three years. However, the project was so successful from the standpoint of all participants that the Township Trustees decided to annually renew the contract with the Greater Montgomery County Master Gardener Association. With some variations over the years, we are now completing our fifteenth year.

The Township continually receives accolades on the public gardens. Master Gardener Volunteers not only receive great on-the-job training but also camaraderie with other master gardeners and the satisfaction on a visible job well done. The continued sponsorship fund from Washington Township Trustees makes it possible to provide advanced training for all Montgomery County MGVs. This project has proven its value for us and could be tailored to any government entity to use master gardener volunteers.

The Association truly appreciates the time and commitment given to this project and wants to thank the following members for all their efforts in making these gardens flourish and look beautiful from spring until fall.

Coordinators Ken Wright, Joan Lumpkin, Rose Monnin, Vickie Wong, Janet Hickey and Yvonne Dunphe

Garden Bed Monitors.....Karen Beal, Jude Bede, Carol Bennett, Pat Bethel, Marilyn Brackett, Jan Burke-Brown, Jan Davis, Pat Durbin, Marjie Holcomb, Carol Kramer, Sherry Leighty, Cathy Lieberman, Jan Prettyman, Jean Short, Corinne Smith, Joan Stoppelman, Kathleen Tiller, and Bootie Zengel

And a special thank you goes out to *all* the master gardeners who helped with the planting in mid-May.
We value your time, too!!

Washington Township Beds in Bloom!


Photos courtesy of Janet Hickey



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Montgomery Co. Master Gardener Volunteer Program

October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		9:00-11:30 a.m. - VA Grotto				
		2016 MGVP Intern Class 6 - 9 p.m.		2016 MGVP Intern Class 6 - 9 p.m.		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	 Columbus Day OSUE Office Open 1:30 p.m. Volunteer Committee mtg. OSUE	9:00-11:30 a.m. - VA Grotto		CONT. EDUC. Kathleen Tiller, Wicked (Down-Right Nasty) Plants 6:00 pm Carousel Rm.		
		2016 MGVP Intern Class 6 - 9 p.m.		2016 MGVP Intern Class 6 - 9 p.m.		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		9:00-11:30 a.m. - VA Grotto				
		1 p.m. Class Committee mtg. Carousel Room 2 p.m. Executive Committee mtg. Carousel Room				
		2016 MGVP Intern Class 6 - 9 p.m.		2016 MGVP Intern Class 6 - 9 p.m.		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		9:00-11:30 a.m. - VA Grotto				
		2 p.m. Program Committee mtg. OSUE				
		2016 MGVP Intern Class 6 - 9 p.m.		2016 MGVP Intern Class 6 - 9 p.m.		
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