

News You Can Use

For Montgomery County Master Gardener Volunteers

April 2016

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

As you know, the Fair Board has been looking to relocate the fairgrounds for several years. **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

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.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

If you, in your capacity as an Ohio State University Master Gardener Volunteer, assist another entity / organization with a children's program, **please notify me as soon as possible** with the name of the program, the organization involved, the date of the program, and the location of the program. I need to register the program with the university before it occurs. If you have not already done so, please remember to complete your Abuse Recognition and Reporting Training (ARRT).

2016 MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER HELPLINE

The 2016 Master Gardener Helpline will commence operation starting the week of May 2, 2016. At the present, the days and times the helpline will be staffed at the Extension Office are still to be determined. With the relocation of the Extension office, consideration is being given to alternate locations. Anticipate new and exciting ways to answer horticultural questions from the residents of Montgomery County!

*Suzanne Mills-Wasniak, Extension Educator Agriculture and Natural Resources
Master Gardener Volunteer Program Coordinator*

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Tuesday, April 12 – 10:30 a.m. – 1 CEU
The Garden of the Future: The Next Renaissance of Horticulture
Presented by Renowned Landscape Architect Thomas Rainer
Hosted by the Garden Club of Dayton at Cox Arboretum
Registration deadline: April 8th – Susan Sauer 937-371-7964



- Thursday, April 14 – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – 5 CEUs
22nd Annual Southwest Ohio Perennial School – OSU Extension Clermont County
 Clermont County Fairgrounds' 4-H Hall, 1000 Locust Street, Owensville, OH 45160
 \$40 on/before April 1st / \$45 after April 1st (Continental breakfast, lunch and handouts included)
 Online registration:
<http://clermont.osu.edu/sites/clermont/files/imce/2016%20Registration%20Form%20%282%29.pdf>
 Gigi Neal 513-732-7070 ext. 102 or neal.331@osu.edu /
- Thursday, April 14 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – 4 CEUs
Master Gardener and Guests Event – Cincinnati Flower Show
 Yeatman's Cove, 705 E. Pete Rose Way, Cincinnati, OH 45202
 Tickets \$45 (Includes box lunch and all-day access to the Flower Show and Fine Food Show)
 To purchase tickets online: <http://cincinnatihorticulturalsociety.com/cincy-flower-show/>
- Wednesday, April 27 – 10 a.m. – 1.5 CEUs
The Amazing Washington Township Plantings, Part 1
 Yvonne Dunphe, MG, Montgomery County OSU Extension

If you attended:

Backyard Vegetable Workshop, March 19 in Springfield	6 Continuing Education Hours
Hosta College, March 19 in Piqua	1 Hour Continuing Education per Session
Sustainable Urban Landscapes Symposium, March 3 in Cincinnati.....	6 Continuing Education Hours
A World of Gardening Workshop, March 19 in Dayton	3 Continuing Education Hours
Garden Fling, April 2, in Springfield.....	4 Continuing Education Hours
Dr. Laura Deeter, April 2, in Centerville.....	1 Continuing Education Hour
Barks, Buds, & Tree Buddies, April 3 in Dayton.....	1.5 Continuing Education Hours

*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.*



Upcoming Events



Monday, May 2, and Tuesday, May 3

**Louisville Field Trip via Lakefront Lines – OSU Extension Clark County
 Yew Dell Botanical Garden Tour and Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest**

Hampton Inn (room with 2 queen beds and complimentary breakfast), 985 Chambers Blvd., Bardstown, KY
 \$145/person for Master Gardeners, family or friends (lunch and dinner costs **not** included) / **Payment due by March 15th**
 Mail check to: Master Gardeners of Clark Co., P.O. Box 158, Attn: Louisville Field Trip, Springfield, OH 45501-0158
 Must email Terry (terryreid55@yahoo.com) or Sally (daytwo@sbcglobal.net) to be included in the trip
 Depart May 2nd at 9 a.m. from the OSUE Clark Co. office back parking lot, 3130 E. Main St., Springfield, OH 45505
 Depart May 3rd at 3 p.m. for home

Thursday, May 5 – Noon to 4 p.m. and Friday, May 6 – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Up to 2 CEUs (if attending both days)

Master Gardener Volunteer Days

Secret Arboretum, 2122 Williams Rd., Wooster, OH 44691
 Located on the OSU OARDC Wooster Campus, 1680 Madison Ave. (intersection of SR 83 South & US 250 East)
 Program is FREE (Food and lodging are **not** included)
 To register online visit: <http://u.osu.edu/secretmg/volunteer/>
 Paul Snyder – Snyder.1062@osu.edu – 330-263-3761

“News You Can Use” Committee Reports

Executive Committee

On March 8, 2016, Bob Neff went to Washington, D.C. to receive a **very prestigious award** on behalf of The OSU Extension Montgomery County Master Gardener Volunteer Program.

Along with the Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) and The American Veterans Heritage Center (AVHC), The OSUE Montgomery County Master Gardener volunteers were awarded the **“Chairman’s Award for Achievement in Historic Preservation”** for the VA Grotto restoration project.



The National Historic Preservation Act, signed by President Lyndon Johnson in 1966, established the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP). The council consists of 23 members from various federal agencies, local and state governments, and three public and outside organizations. All but two of the members are appointed by the President.

Today, more than 125,000 historic projects are reviewed each year, and the ACHP selects one for the **Chairman’s Award**. The Dayton VA Grotto restoration project is the **first** Ohio project selected for the award since it was established in 1966. And, most importantly, it is an OSUE Montgomery County Master Gardener project!

Thank you to Suzanne Mills-Wasniak, OSU Educator, for approving the project back in 2013, and to Bob Neff for his dedication, commitment and vision to move the Grotto project forward at an unprecedented pace. And a very special thank you to all the numerous volunteers who gave their time and talent ... making the VA Grotto project the huge success it has become. From project leaders to water haulers, this could not have been accomplished without you! **Congratulations!**

March 15th Meeting Highlights

The GMCMGA’s quarterly general membership meeting was held on March 15, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Fairgrounds’ Carousel Room. There were 51 members in attendance. We were updated on projects and events for the spring season, including Washington Township plantings (May 17-20) and the planting of the Purple Heart Garden at the VA Grotto (TBA). Bob Neff shared with us his recollection of the award presentation in Washington, D.C. (Photo at left.)

This meeting counts as 0.5 (1/2 hr.) volunteer time; activity: GMCMGA quarterly membership meeting; project name: executive board.

Also, Suzanne Mills-Wasniak conducted the Abuse Recognition and Reporting Training (ARRT) for those in attendance. *This training counts as 1.5 hrs. CEUs; activity: Abuse Recognition and Reporting Training (ARRT); project name: continuing education.*

You may complete this training online if you were unable to attend the meeting. The online ARRT training is accessible via the VMS home page (under State Links) so it can be completed in the convenience of your home. **PLEASE NOTE:** Try a different search engine (e.g., Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, etc.) if interactive items won’t work.

It is the responsibility of each MGV to notify Suzanne via email when they complete the online training, at which time she may administer a quiz.

If you are unable to complete the online training and did not attend the training on 3-15-16, please contact Suzanne (mills-wasniak.1@osu.edu) to schedule a time to complete the training at the Extension Office. Please complete the online training or arrange to do the training at the Extension Office by April 15, 2016.

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



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OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Montgomery Co. Master Gardener Volunteer Program

April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		CONT. EDUC. SW Ohio Perennial School 8:00 am-4:00 pm OSUE Clermont County <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 5px auto;"/> Cincinnati Flower Show 10:00 am-2:00 pm Yeatman's Cove				1	2
3	4	9:00-11:30 a.m. - VA Grotto		7	8	9	
10	11 1:30 p.m. Volunteer Committee mtg. OSUE	9:00-11:30 a.m. - VA Grotto		14 	15	16	
17	18	9:00-11:30 a.m. - VA Grotto		21	22 <i>Earth Day</i>	23	
24	25	9:00-11:30 a.m. - VA Grotto		28	29	30	
		26 2 p.m. Program Committee mtg. OSUE	CONT. EDUC. Yvonne Dunphe "The Amazing Washington Twp. Plantings" Part 1 10:00 am OSUE				