2020 State Conference Update

An Update for Pam Bennett

Good afternoon Master Gardener Volunteers,

I hope you are all doing well and having a great summer. Because of Covid 19 and travel restrictions for OSU, I am having my best garden season ever! I have actually been home during the summer and have been able to take care of the garden.

As with every other conference I have had this summer, the 2020 MGV State Conference is going virtual and will be held October 22-23, 2020. We will begin each day at 8:45 a.m. with announcements and the keynote at 9:00 a.m. There will be two additional sessions following the keynote, with the program ending on both days at 1:30. We don't want to torture you with virtual sessions all day!

On Thursday night, October 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. we will have a virtual happy hour presentation with State MGV updates and the Awards Program will begin at 6:30 p.m. I am not sure exactly how we will do the awards but we have a great team helping and will figure this out.

Registration for the conference will be $40.00 - each registrant will receive a copy of the keynote speaker's book, with the opportunity to purchase her second book. We also have several great speakers and some have asked for honorariums. We feel that this cost is quite reasonable for the program that you will see. You will have the choice to go to any of the sessions, and if speakers permit, we will be recording sessions for you to review for a short period of time following the conference.

Brie Arthur is our keynote speaker for both days. She is widely recognized and is one of the up and coming horticulturists nationally. You can learn more about Brie at https://www.briegrows.com/brie-arthur She will sign her book, "Gardening with Grains" and has agreed to send each registrant a copy! You can purchase her first book, The "Foodscape Revolution" at a modest cost.

Program schedule and registration will be available around the end of September. Please hold the dates - we hope to see you virtually!