

# News You Can Use !!

March 2019

Hello Greg,

Here is the March 2019 edition of News You Can Use !

Please grab a cup of your favorite drink and join us here for a few minutes of important news for all Master Gardeners. **In this month's newsletter, you'll find news about Hotline in the Office, new procedures for our Information cards and lots of CE and volunteering opportunities.**

If you have any **questions** on information found in News You Can Use - contact Kathy DeJohn at [kathy4dj@yahoo.com](mailto:kathy4dj@yahoo.com)

If you have **information to share** in the next News You Can Use contact Kim Hawkins at [hawkinsek@gmail.com](mailto:hawkinsek@gmail.com)

## News from Telephone Hotline

**Telephone Hotline has added Saturday to our regularly scheduled Thursday time this year. We will welcome volunteers to help both days from 10 to 1 at the Fairhill Office starting in April. We will need 28 Thursday volunteers and 28 Saturday volunteers to cover the season.**



Since Saturdays are a new feature this year, we are hoping that some MGVs who have not been able to volunteer in the past will be able to come on the weekend. The calendar and schedule are already posted on the VMS. Click on Projects on the main page under General Information. Scroll down to Telephone Hotline and follow the directions to sign up for one or more time slots. Interns will need to pair with an experienced volunteer who can teach them the ropes.

Another new feature of Telephone Hotline is the ability to remotely access voicemail questions left when we're not there. You can do this from home at your own pace and with your own computer and books.

Please consider volunteering for one or more dates and join us on the phone. For more information contact Chair Lois Rose: [dlroses@roadrunner.com](mailto:dlroses@roadrunner.com) or 216-321-6766. Advertising will begin later in March for the grand opening.

## Volunteer Coordinator Update

Interviews for our Volunteer Coordinator position will take place on March 12, 2019 and we will keep you updated on our progress as news becomes available.

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### Need Hours?

We recognize that the upcoming new annual requirement of 25 volunteer hours may pose a challenge for some MGVs, especially those of our colleagues who work full-time or may have limited mobility. So here are some ideas for weekend or time-flexible activities:

- Saturday morning Telephone Hotline (see above article).
- Pick up questions from our Hotline voicemail and respond on your own time (see above).
- The Ben Franklin demonstration gardens (children's, perennial, herb, vegetable) will be open for volunteering at least one Monday evening and one Saturday morning a month, probably beginning in April. Details TBA.
- Dig, divide, pot up, and label plants from your own garden for Plants in the Park.
- Help label the 200+ plants that Ben Franklin contributes to Plants in the Park. This happens the last week of May and can usually be arranged for an evening. Details TBA.
- Plan to work all day Saturday (6/1) at Plants in the Park. This can give you 7 or 8 hours.
- Write articles for the Trumpet Vine.

Contact Pat Koch ([patriciaakoch75@gmail.com](mailto:patriciaakoch75@gmail.com)) or Sandy Welches ([sandygorbywelches@gmail.com](mailto:sandygorbywelches@gmail.com)) with story ideas.

- Develop PowerPoint presentations for the Speakers Bureau (even if you don't want to present them). Look at the Speakers Bureau list of topics on the Master Gardener website to identify new possibilities. Contact Pat Koch ([patriciaakoch75@gmail.com](mailto:patriciaakoch75@gmail.com)).
- Join the Speakers Bureau. Many presentations are done in the evening. Contact Pat Koch.

### Did You Know ?

Pat Koch has been nominated for the Fourth Annual Beth-El Community Leadership Award. She has been mentoring and teaching parliamentary procedure to individuals who want to take the Membership Examination to become members of the National Association of Parliamentarians. Over the past 5 years she has assisted 16 individuals for this exam and to date 14 have passed the test. Pat has been a Professional Registered Parliamentarian (PRP) since 1997.



She also mentors and teaches those NAP members preparing for the Registered Parliamentarian examination. She worked with 9 individuals at her home one Thursday evening a month from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

**Congratulations Pat, for your continuing dedication to the community.**



## Spring Gardening Workshop Mahoning County – Canfield, Ohio Saturday, April 27, 9:am-3pm

Join us to get inspired for the 2019 gardening season! Learn from two keynote presentations on home landscape design and vines for the landscape.

Do a make-n-take alcohol ink tile for the garden, choose from six breakout sessions, win door prizes, and have tons of fun!

**Garden Art Sale all day. Handmade items by Master Gardener Volunteers.  
Register: 330-533-5538**

Check out what's happening at the workshop - <http://go.osu.edu/SpringWorkshop>

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## Upcoming Continuing Education Opportunities in Cuyahoga County

**May 1 (Wed) 8 am – 6 pm**

### **Bus Trip to Lake County Nurseries**

Site: Pick up bus at West or East side

**Klyn Nurseries:** Wagon trip to view 500 acres of the Klyn wholesale nursery.

**Lunch:** Cornerstone Brewery

**Middle Ridge Gardens:** Learn what's new for plants in 2019 and background of retail nursery. Shop great selection of annuals, baskets and perennials.

**Bluestone Perennials:** Learn the history of Bluestone, methods of propagation and commercial production. Shop Bluestone perennials at discount prices.

CE units: 3

\$40.00

[Click Here for More Information on Bus Trip](#)

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**June 15 (Sat) 1 pm – 3 pm**

### **Trip to Rust Belt Riders: Food Recycling Service**

Site: 5401 Hamilton Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114

**Presenter:** Nathan Rutz, Director of Soil

**Program:** The Soil Food Web and how to make good compost.

CE Units: 2

Limit: 40



**Registration Opening Soon !**

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## Share the Health Learning Garden Reopens April 1 at 10:00 a.m.

The garden is located at 390 County Line Road in Gates Mills. Laura Elersich has the seeds we need for this season. If anyone is interested in growing any of our seedlings for the garden this year they can contact Laura at 440-954-2340 or by email [arual74@hotmail.com](mailto:arual74@hotmail.com). It's a great way to get involved with the garden and to get some hours.

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### New Procedures for Managing the Information Cards

A note from Pat Smith, Publicity Chair, as we begin a new gardening year:

- The room off the reception area is well-stocked with all our cards for your convenience. All cards are packaged; either banded or shrink-wrapped in groups of 50. Please, please do not break the packets apart (sorting and counting them took the better part of a day for two MGVs), but take one or more intact packets as you need them.
- There is a blue binder on the table. Please fill out the date, name of card(s) taken, quantity and your name. This helps us with inventory control so we can reorder as needed and keep the stock ready for your convenience.
- Don't forget to bring a bag or box with you to put your cards in.

**Also, the receptionist no longer has any responsibility when it comes to these cards. Please do not call her and ask her to pull cards for you in advance.**

Note: card pickup is only available weekdays from 9a-1p. If you need cards outside this time, please contact Pat Smith: [patsmith211@gmail.com](mailto:patsmith211@gmail.com) or 216-469-3659.

Most gardeners have more than one gardening interest so please take at least one pack of each card with you. Also encourage gardeners to take cards for their family and friends who garden. These cards are not only educational, they are great marketing tools for us to help spread the word that we are here to help the residents of Cuyahoga County at any time.

So please...get those cards out in the public! Don't forget to take the *Gardening Questions* cards and the *Ask the Master Gardener* business cards.

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### Thanks to Home and Garden Show Volunteers

The Great Big Home and Garden Show proved again to be a wonderful opportunity for Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County to share "all things horticultural" with the public. Thirty-nine MGVs, serving in 30 time slots over the 10 days of the show interacted with 1465 people! In addition, 7 presentations were given on the Petitti stage by members of the MGCC Speakers Bureau. Setup and take down before and after the show was managed by Vicky Follen and Lorraine Bertosa. Thanks to all these people for making sure that we were well represented at the show!

--- Vicky Follen and Pat Koch, Co-chairs,  
Great Big Home and Garden Show 2019



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## Advisory Committee News

**Advisory Committee officers were elected at the November 2018 meeting:**

**Chair – Kathy DeJohn  
Vice Chair – Kim Hawkins  
Secretary – Mary Jo Rawlins  
Treasurer – Mary Clink  
Assistant Treasurer – Betti Drake**

**Other members of the Advisory Committee for 2019 are:**

**Mariella Banez  
Melanie Biche  
Carol Anne Cohen  
Jo dehaseth  
Barb Franzen  
Dave Gilronan  
Christine Harris  
Nadalene Joseph  
Ed Levine  
Teri Maurer-Lyons  
Beth Murphy  
Kip Schmidt  
Sandy Welches  
Shoshana Wodzisz  
Wendy Yasaki  
Jennifer Young**

**MGVs are invited to attend all AC meetings from 4:30 – 6:30 at the Fairhill - office, 12200 Fairhill -**

**If you plan to attend, please contact Kathy DeJohn at (440) 725-2700 or [kathy4dj@yahoo.com](mailto:kathy4dj@yahoo.com).**

**April 22  
June 17  
August 26  
November 4**

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