

News You Can Use !!

May 2019

Here is the end of May 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 keeping the Volunteer Management System (VMS) up-to-date; a great article about Master Gardeners in Plain Dealer; news about Plants in the Park; 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

If you have **information to share** in the next News You Can Use contact Kim Hawkins at hawkinsek@gmail.com

Attention Committee Chairs:

Please send an updated list of everyone CURRENTLY working with you on your committee project - it's important that you all tell us who is working with you. We appreciate the time this takes - know that it is important to the organization.

This will help our new Volunteer Coordinator, Tammy Currier as she continues her VMS Training.

Send your email to Kathy DeJohn (kathy4dj@yahoo.com) as soon as you are able. On a rainy day, of course ... thanks to Marianne Sachs for getting me this information already!



Congratulations to Christine Harris for working together with Plain Dealer reporter, Roxanne Washington to give us a fantastic article that appeared recently in the Plain Dealer in the Living Section and on cleveland.com.

[Click here to see the article !](#)

Need Hours?

So here are some ideas for weekend or time-flexible activities:

- **The Ben Franklin demonstration gardens (children's, perennial, herb, vegetable) will be open for volunteering every Monday evening and one Saturday morning a month. Email the chair of each garden to find out when you can volunteer at Ben Franklin!**



Please be in touch with the following garden chairs at Ben Franklin to let them know you'd like to come and volunteer. You'll find their contact information on the VMS:

Ben Franklin School Garden - Betsy Korhnak

Perennial Garden - Hedy Westra, Jan Larson and Kim Hawkins

Herb Garden - Carol Norton

Vegetable Garden - Dave Keubler, JoAnn Pallant

- **Dig, divide, pot up, and label plants from your own garden for Plants in the Park.**
- **Plan to work all day Saturday (6/1) at Plants in the Park. This can give you 7 or 8 hours. You can also get hours on Friday helping to set up. Missed the email to sign up ? [Click here to sign up !](#)**
- **Write articles for the Trumpet Vine. Contact Pat Koch (patriciaakoch75@gmail.com) or Sandy Welches (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).**
- **Join the Speakers Bureau. Many presentations are done in the evening. Contact Pat Koch.**
- **Talk with Maggie about special projects that she needs help with that can be done from home!**

Did You Know ?

Bonus bucks are available to all established Master Gardeners! Bonus bucks are earned (1 for every 50 hours of volunteer service) and can be used to provide payment for our Continuing Education opportunities!

Also, interns can begin to earn bonus bucks too! For every 50 hours they may earn over and above the 50 hours required, will earn them a bonus buck.

Generally, Bonus Bucks will be passed out at every annual meeting to all who have earned them.

Talk to Kathy DeJohn if you have questions. kathy4dj@yahoo.com



**Plants in the Park Update!!
Remind your friends and family of our
upcoming plant sale on June 1 from
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Here's some upcoming things to do!

Drop off plants starting SATURDAY, MAY 25 through THURSDAY, MAY 30th to the locations below. You can also bring plants directly to the Kiwanis Pavilion (6363 Selig Drive, Independence) on Friday, May 31, 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., or Saturday, June 1, 7:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m.

*** Remember to label your plants, just before delivery, so they don't get wet from watering or rain.**

EAST SIDE DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

**Suzanne Hartford
2589 Stratford Rd.
216-371-9791
suzannehartford@gmail.com
In back near screening**

BEACHWOOD

**Hedy Westra
2403 Brian Drive
216-464-1113
hedywestra@ameritech.net
Behind house inside deer fence. Please secure fence when you leave!**

GATES MILLS
Christine McLaughlin
1145 Hillcreek Lane
440-605-1812
christinemclaughlin@hotmail.com
End of driveway opposite garage

WEST SIDE DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

LAKWOOD
Sharon Hogan
1170 Summit Ave.
216-374-8653
sharons.hogan@gmail.com
Patio between house and garage

ROCKY RIVER
Kim Hawkins
1867 Wynwood Drive
917-453-2593
hawkinsek@gmail.com
Left side of driveway and nearby grass.

STRONGSVILLE
Bev Masek
17142 Rabbit Run Dr.
440-878-0550
bevmasek@att.net
Next to driveway under/near burning bush

Upcoming Continuing Education Opportunities in Cuyahoga County

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

Look for your registration email



June 26 (Wed) 10:00 am - Noon
Discover the Gardens, Fields, Pastures and Plots of Hale Farm & Village
Site: Hale Farm and Village, 2686 Oak Hill Road, Peninsula, OH 44264
Tour Leader: Sherri Wesner, Agriculture and Horticulture Coordinator

Program: Discover the gardens, fields, pastures and plots of Hale Farm & Village and how they provide a tangible path through the history of Ohio's Western Reserve pioneers. The tour includes the following:

Pioneer Garden: the story of subsistence farming; Hale House Dye Garden: color from nature; Herrick Kitchen Garden: foods for the 19th century table; Goldsmith Garden: an ornamental flower garden; Salt Box Herb Garden: medicinal and culinary...as well as pastures, crop fields and the Hale Farm greenhouse.

CE units: 2

Limit: 30

Committee Member: Melanie Biche

July 10 (Wed) 10:00 am –Noon, 12:30 pm -2:30 pm

Harvesting, Freezing and Drying Vegetables

Site: Garfield Heights Library

Presenter: Chris Harris MGV, and Courtney Woefl, OSUE Family and Consumer Science Agent

Program: This presentation will discuss how to harvest, freeze and dry fruits and vegetables using safe techniques.

News from the Advisory Board:

1.The Advisory Board met on April 22 2019 and discussed several items that are listed below. After some discussion a unanimous vote to approve the amendment to the Guidelines as follows:

The Guidelines, Section 16 A 2 will be amended to read:

“Master Gardener Volunteers shall complete a minimum of twenty five (25) hours of volunteer service each year in approved Master Gardener activities.”

This additional 5 hours will be required of each active Master Gardener for the 2019 year and thereafter. The hope is that all of us might consider what one additional activity can we take on to help the organization as we fulfill our mission to educate Cuyahoga County residents and add some new programming.

2.Our new volunteer coordinator, Tammy Currier was introduced to the Advisory Board in April. She will spend some weeks training with Pat Koch (who has generously agreed to oversee Tammy's training) and Kathy DeJohn on the News You Can Use. A formal introduction will be planned towards the end of June. Welcome - Tammy!

3.2020 State Conference Update -- 65 Master Gardeners have signed up to work on the various projects required to host the State Conference on Sept 11 and 12 2020 at the Doubletree Hotel in Beachwood. If you haven't signed up please contact one of the co-chairs: Shoshana Wodzisz, Sandy Welches or Kathy DeJohn.

Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County have submitted to the state their selections for state awards this year.

The awards will be announced at the 2019 State Master Gardener Conference held in Franklin county in November 2019. More detail to follows!

Cuyahoga County submitted the following name and program to be considered:

Master Gardener of the Year - Kim Hawkins

Master Gardener Project of the Year - ADHD Camp at Notre Dame College
A program for children in cooperation with the Cleveland Clinic.

Advisory Committee Members:

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, to observe and listen, please contact Kathy DeJohn at (440) 725-2700 or kathy4dj@yahoo.com.

**June 17
August 26
November 4**