

News You Can Use !!

October - 2020

Here is the October 2020 issue 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, containing an update from your vice chair and coordinator, registration info on State Conference, the next Gatherings in the Garden webinar, and info on new CE opportunities. Be sure to read all the way to the end!

Beginning October 2020 - May 2021, there will be only one issue of News You Can Use per month.

If you have any questions on information found in News You Can Use - contact Kathy DeJohn at kathy4dj@yahoo.com

Help us build our social media presence by following the Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County Facebook page and by sharing it with your friends. If they share, we will expand our reach!

If you have information to share in the next News You Can Use contact Tammy L. Currier at currier.37@osu.edu.



Message from Vice Chair: State Conference - 10/22 & 23, 2020

We may not be hosting the annual State Conference in person this year, but Pam Bennett, working with our conference speakers committee, has put together a virtual State Conference for October 22-23 from 8:45 AM – 12:30 PM. Registration materials are in your email box today (10/8).

The keynote speaker, Brie Arthur, won the American Horticultural Society's first Emerging Professional award. She will be talking about "The Foodscape Revolution" and a signed copy of her book, *Growing Grains*, will be mailed to all registrants.

Three breakout sessions each day will cover big "think" topics such as climate change and trees, as well as practical lessons on growing raspberries and preserving fruits and vegetables from your garden. The cost for both days is \$40.

The annual awards program (free) will honor fellow MGVs from 6:00 – 7:30 PM on Thursday the 22nd.

You will receive 3.5 CEUs for each day's programming.

So check your mailbox for all the program details and follow this [LINK](#) to sign up.

Any questions, please reach out.

We look forward to seeing you on screen,

Kim Hawkins

Message from Your Volunteer Coordinator: **2020 Hour Update**

First, thank you to everyone that has completed logging their hours for 2020 - **96 of you have completed** so far with **130 of you to go** with **23 days left to acquire and log those hours**. If you are waiting to log your hours, please be proactive - it takes so much time to follow up with you all individually.

We know it has been one rather tumultuous year, but we appreciate everything you all have done to assist your fellow Cuyahogans as best we can given our limitations.



This edition of NYCU will be short, but sweet. It contains **4 new CE opportunities** (see below) offered by other counties, starting this Saturday the 10th.

As a reminder, you are required to achieve at least **5 dedicated volunteer hours**. In addition to your required **10 CE hours**, you may **log additional CE's as 0018_102 COVID 19 Continuing Ed in Place of Service Hours in the VMS** to achieve the balance of your **required 30 hours for 2020**.

I will be sending out an **MGV Outreach Education Repository** compiled by a fellow OSU EXT colleague for the benefit of Master Gardeners across the state. Watch your email inbox for an email sent from the VMS - this will be an important document for you to save to your desk top for easy reference.

A sincere thanks for all you do,

Tammy

If you have questions, please email me at: currier.37@osu.edu

MEET MAGGIE & JOEL RIVERA'S NEW SON: BABY ROWAN RIVERA - WHAT A CUTIE!

Nicole Debose just received these photos this AM - no stats to share yet.





Gatherings in the Garden: Overwintering Your Patio Plants

Join us on Saturday, October 10th for the next session in our popular online Gatherings in the Garden educational series.

We work hard to brighten our patios and yards with containers each spring. But as fall approaches, we need to plan which plants we want to overwinter and how we will do so. This presentation will help you succeed in maintaining your treasured plants through the winter, ready to bring back outside in the spring.

Kim Hawkins has been a Master Gardener since 2008. She has particular interests in perennials, shade gardening, and Japanese maples. Kim was named Ohio Master Gardener of the Year in 2019.



Our Gatherings in the Garden sessions will be held the second and fourth Saturdays, now through the end of the year, from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Master Gardeners will receive one CE for their participation.

Upcoming sessions:

October 24th - Pruning

November 7th - African Violets

November 21st - What Do I Do with my Holiday Plants After the Holidays?

**Please follow this [LINK](#) to register.
The cost for each program will be \$5.**

Note:

- **Registration will close on Friday, October 9th at 12:00 Noon to guarantee all paid registrants receive the Zoom link in time for the Saturday's session.**
- **Information on how to connect to the online webinar will be sent to all registrants on Friday, October 9th.**
- **Questions or concerns, contact: mgcc.event@yahoo.com**

We invite you to share this with your friends and family.

Programs will be presented by members of the Library Committee and the Speakers' Bureau.

MGVs will receive one CE for this webinar#



State Conference: October 22nd-23rd, 2020

Dear Master Gardener Volunteers:

Thank you for your patience in waiting for the 2020 MGV VIRTUAL State Conference Registration. Several things came together at the same time that caused a few delays, but it's ready now!

The Conference and Awards Program is October 22-23rd. The Conference is both days from 8:45 AM - 12:30 PM and costs \$40.00. This includes a copy of Keynote Brie Arthur's book, Gardening with Grains.

The Awards Program is October 22nd from 6:00 - 7:30 PM and is free to all.

You must register for both of these events. Go to the following website for more details, Conference Schedule and registration for both.

https://mastergardener.osu.edu/MGV_StateConference

**Again, we thank you for your patience!
Sincerely,**

**Pam Bennett, State MGV Program Director
Jen Andon, State MGV Program Manager**

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES:

(Note: Cuyahoga County CE opportunities will always be listed first, followed by CE opportunities available in other Ohio counties, so remember to scroll down. New listings will be shown first followed by opportunities listed in chronological order.)

* **Greene County: Fall Gardening Made Easy - Wrapping it up is just the beginning - 10/10/2020**

Explore all things garden with the Master Gardeners of Greene County. Speakers, Laura Carroll and Susan Richardson, will discuss how to manage gardening in the fall, such as what vegetables to plant now, etc. You may even learn a quick tip or two for the established home gardener.



When: Saturday, October 10th, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Where: Online

Cost: \$3.00

Register: go.osu.edu/backyardgardening (copy this link into your browser to register)

Note: Registration Open Until: 4:00 PM, Friday October 9th

Questions: Contact Kim Hupman at hupman.5@osu.edu

Master Gardeners Volunteers will receive 1 CE for this program



*** Stark County: Botany of the Walnut & Hickory Family - 10/13/2020**

During this virtual presentation, Dr. Jennifer Clevinger of Walsh University will explore the botanical characteristics that define the Juglandaceae Family, which includes walnuts and hickories, and its economic importance.

Dr. Clevinger is in her 16th year at Walsh University where she teaches Botany, Ecology, Freshman Biology Labs, and the Human Uses of Plants. She received her bachelor's degree in Biology from Hiram College and her Ph.D. in Botany from the University of Texas at Austin, where she studied the systematics of the prairie plant, rosinweed. She lives in Hartville with her husband and three boys and is a member of the Hartville Garden Club.

When: Tuesday, October 13th, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

To Register for this event, follow this [LINK](#) - Registration is required. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing a password/passcode that is now required to access the webinar and any recordings.

Questions: Contact Heather Neikirk at neikirk.2@osu.edu / 234-348-6001, Option 1

Master Gardeners Volunteers will receive 1.5 CE for this program

*** Montgomery County:
Autumn Lawn Care -
10/14/2020**



Montgomery County invites you to join them for a discussion of lawn maintenance. Learn the basics about best turfgrass maintenance practices for a healthy well cared for lawn. The presentation will cover mowing, fertilization, weed control, aeration, and seeding, etc.

The virtual program will be presented by Joseph M. Rimelspach, Program Specialist of The Ohio State University Department of Pathology.

When: Wednesday, October 14th, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

To Register for this event, visit: go.osu.edu/virtualgardening (copy this link into your browser window to register)

Passcode: OSUE (All Caps)

Questions: Contact Erin Miller at miller.10520@osu.edu / 937-224-9654 Office

Master Gardeners Volunteers will receive 1 CE for this program



*** Greene County: Guest or Pest -
Part IV - 10/15/2020**

The wildlife in your backyard can be a welcome sight for some or a landscape nightmare for others. Join the OSU Extension Greene County Master Gardener Volunteers for a look at some of the visitors that make you wonder, whose backyard is it anyhow!

In Deer Conflict: Dealing with the Modern Day Bambi, Marnie Titchenell will review deer ecology, identification of deer damage, and options to prevent and manage deer damage to plants.

When: Thursday, October 15th, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

To Register for this event, visit: go.osu.edu/wildlifegp - registered participants will receive an email invitation to join the Zoom webinar. (Copy and paste the link above into your browser to register.)

Cost: \$5.00, includes educational materials

Questions: Contact Kim Hupman at hupman.5@osu.edu or at 740-289-2071, ext 115

Master Gardeners Volunteers will receive 1 CE for this program

2020 MGV Hours - Where to find the Details

Everything you need to know about getting your Volunteer and CE hours in 2020 is located on the VMS homepage. You can see the breakdown of what is required for you to get recertified, where to get both volunteer and CE hours and how to log them.



This seemed like the perfect place to easily access the info eliminating the need to search for an email from Maggie or myself. Please see the following or check the VMS homepage.

MGV Handy Guide:

- 2020 Hour Update
- Earn VH's by writing posts for Facebook
- Learn where to earn Volunteer & Continuing Education hours in 2020

Master Gardener 2020 Volunteer and Continuing Education Hour Requirements:

You will be required to achieve 30 TOTAL hours of volunteer and continued education (5 hours less than usual) in 2020 to be recertified in 2021.

- Each MGV is required to complete at least 5 hours of actual volunteer time - and more if desired, as many of you have already met and exceeded the typical requirement of 25 hours.

- Each MGV is required to complete the continuing ed requirement of 10 hours.

- Each MGV is required to complete the balance of hours required - 15 hours - as volunteer time or as CE credits as volunteer time. Please log any CE's earned above your required 10 as: [0018_102 COVID 19 Continuing Ed in Place of Service Hours](#) in the VMS.

- Each Intern is required to achieve 25 hours of volunteer time.

Facebook Posts:

Master Gardeners - you all have a LOT of knowledge, so let's build our social media presence by first liking our [Facebook page](#) and by submitting a small project for a weekly Facebook post!

Your post should be no more than 200 words and be a small garden-related tip or project for beginners, like how to start seeds, press a flower or flowers, make salsa from your garden veggies, get rid of a certain weed, etc.

You can include links to other websites, but remember that all MGV research rules apply; sources must be .edu or other credible and non-biased sources. You can include photos or images if you have them.

After you create your write-up, please send it to Tammy Currier at currier.37@osu.edu. You will receive volunteer hours for any time spent researching and writing the post. You can log these hours under "Community Service" with the description: Facebook Mini Garden Project.

Tammy will copy-edit your submissions and post each one once Maggie Rivera has fact-checked them and approved them for publication, which includes reviewing each prospective post for proper horticultural content.

Please contact Tammy at currier.37@osu.edu with questions or suggestions.

Where to earn VH's in 2020:

- **Join our Technology Team** - this is even more important, as we shift to adding webinars to our programming - reach out to Kathy DeJohn (kathy4dj@yahoo.com) or Shoshana Wodzisz (slwodzisz@yahoo.com)
- **Join our new webinar series, Gatherings in the Garden, team** - assist us with developing and presenting webinars to continue getting our valuable horticultural information out to the public - reach out to Kim Hawkins (hawkinsek@gmail.com)

- **Create presentations for Speakers Bureau - reach out to Pat Koch (patriciaakoch75@gmail.com) for topics we already have (so you don't duplicate) and guidance**
- **Write articles for NYCU or FB project posts - follow guidelines listed above and submit to Tammy L. Currier (currier.37@osu.edu)**
- **Join the Continuing Education Committee - reach out to Rita Politzer (psychorita2@aol.com) & get onboard to help plan 2021 programming, which begins in September. New programming will begin in January.**
- **Suggest other ideas - put your thinking caps on and figure out new ways we can serve our community at this time**

Where to find CE's in 2020:

- **[OSU Extension Hort Lunch & Learn Webinar Library](#)**
- **Our *Gatherings in the Garden* sessions will be held the second and fourth Saturdays, now through the end of the year, from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Master Gardeners will receive one CE for their participation. Register for upcoming session at the link above: [Overwintering Your Patio Plants \(10/10/2020\)](#) now.**
- **[OSU Extension Food Preservation Webinar Library](#)**
- **[The Ohio State University Bee Lab](#)**
- **[The Ohio State University Backyard & Garden onLine](#)**

Please contact Tammy at currier.37@osu.edu with questions or suggestions.



Grow Ohio - MGV 2020 Challenge: **Grow a Row**

News Flash:

To date, Cuyahoga County MGVs have donated over 400 pounds of produce to help their fellow Cuyahogans - way to go!

- **COVID-19 Means more people will need your help!**
- **Help feed the hungry in your community - one garden at a time!**
- **Help others grow their own food - one plant at a time!**
- **There's still time for you to participate - plant your own late fall veggies; see details below!**

**Since 2016, Ohio MGVs have donated
Over 200,000 pounds of produce!**

The 2020 Grow Ohio Challenge will look a little different this year due to the global pandemic COVID-19, so let's get creative. Since we're all home, why not "grow a row" in your own garden earmarked for donation. It could be one square foot of space or a couple of extra pots with tomatoes or other vegetables. Though a good portion of summer has passed us by, you could plant a mid-summer/fall garden. You could also invite your neighbors, maintaining a 6-foot distance, of course, to join you in helping feed the hungry. They can leave whatever they grow at your front door so you can donate it along with your own.

Please remember to weigh your donations before you take them to a non-profit group, like the Cleveland Hunger Network, or local soup kitchen. Nothing fancy is required - a bathroom scale or old baby scale will do. Please keep track of the poundage donated and number of contacts you encountered and report it to: currier.37@osu.edu

And remember, this is not just about donating food, but also about feeling productive and helpful as a volunteer. If you decide to put in a row or plant a few pots earmarked for donation, you can record the hours you spend, planting, tending, watering, weighing, and donating under the Grow Ohio

project listing in the VMS. To guesstimate the time you spend in the garden, take the amount of time spent tending, etc. and divide it by the number of rows or pots and you'll have an idea of what to record for your time spent on your donation row or donation pots.

Want to learn more, check out these interesting resources:

- [America's Grow a Row](#)
- [Dayton and Montgomery County Food Equity](#)
- [Plant a Row for the Hungry](#)
- [Greater Cincinnati Regional Food Policy Council](#)

Contact Tammy at currier.37@osu.edu with any questions you may have.

MGVS - Keep those FB Project Posts Coming

Thank you to each of the MGVs that have sent in projects for posting on the OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteers of Cuyahoga County FB page. For inspiration, we will continue to share recent posts. The post featured here was submitted by Mary Jo Rawlins.

We continue to accept submissions, so please send yours along. We recognize creating posts for social media may seem like a poor substitute for actual gardening, but it does offer MGCCs the opportunity to continue to educate during this unprecedented time. In addition, you have the opportunity to earn required VHs.

For instructions on how to submit, please see the article below this entry entitled: **Get on Board: Earn Volunteer Hours Writing Posts for Facebook.**



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Gardening on a Dime

During these uncertain times you may have looked at your barren garden space and reflected on your empty wallet! Annuals are beautiful, but what can we do today that is affordable and will... [More](#)



9 Likes

To read the rest of this post, please visit: [Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County Facebook page](#) and follow us to help build our social media presence.



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Facebook Post Timeline:

Mondays - promote Hotline & share recent Hotline question and MGV answer

Wednesdays - share MGV Project Post

Fridays - promote upcoming programming or share MGV Project Post

Come on, MGVs, let's get writing and liking our Facebook page to expand our social media presence and increase our brand awareness! Don't worry if you're not the best writer in the world - that's what a copy editor is for. You don't have to be ON Facebook yourself help us with our social media presence!

For more information on how to earn Volunteer Hours in 2020, please see the following article.

Internet Search Tips: Useful Info from a Fellow MGV

If you're using Google or another search engine, the following tips will help return unbiased, research-based information.

**Google Search Strategy for MG
Hotline and Diagnostics
"Unbiased, research-based information"**

- Do a Google search.
- Now that you have results, select "Settings," scroll down and click on "advanced search."



- A new page comes up.
 - Scroll down the page and find the box that asks for:
"site or domain:"
 - Type in: .edu OR .gov
- [You can enter more limiters for instance "last update" for more current information.]
- Press Enter for results.

KEEP IN MIND: Limiting search domains to .edu and .gov will give the most UNBIASED, research-based results in most (but not all, so use common sense) situations.

Be sure the information you choose is for your zone and climate.

A CAVEAT FROM THIS LIBRARIAN:

The domains .com .org or .net are not reliable limiters because of the commercial focus: most are selling something and are usually not a source of unbiased, research-based information.

This can be a powerful strategy for personal Internet research as well. For instance, when researching medical and health issues, start searches that are limited to .gov domain.

Please share this information tool with our clients.

- Carolyn L. Hufford, M.L.I.S., MGVI 1996



FYI: Additional Zoom Security Measures Coming July 30th

In an effort to increase security and privacy for the Ohio State community, all CarmenZoom meetings will require a passcode beginning July 30th, and the change will prevent users from turning off the passcode going forward.

Passcodes will be applied to previously scheduled meetings and Personal Meeting ID links. If you have any upcoming meetings without a passcode, you will need to edit those meetings, as well as your Personal Meeting ID. Updating your Zoom meetings before July 30th will create a much smoother experience for your attendees.

Read more: <https://it.osu.edu/news/2020/07/09/additional-zoom-security-measures-coming-july-30>

Questions, contact: carmenzoom@osu.edu

Zoom Meeting Protocol:

So, we've gone from blooming tulips to blooming sunflowers to falling leaves and social distancing measures continue. And, we're still as busy behind the scenes, keeping things rolling. Please review our Zoom Meeting Protocol for any upcoming meetings you may have.



A.) Zoom Protocol: To keep us meeting, planning and educating (at a distance of course), Maggie has worked with your Volunteer Coordinator and the MGV Leadership to develop a protocol you can use to request a zoom meeting for MGV purposes.

*** Please note that you should NOT use Zoom to hold meetings with the public without going through the following process.**

Zoom Meeting Request and Dispatch

****Do not use zoom to hold meetings with the public without going through the following process** The one and only exception is MGV Community Garden Mentors with community gardeners they are mentoring.**

To request a Zoom meeting for MGV purposes please follow these steps:

Contact Tammy Currier via email (currier.37@osu.edu) to request a Zoom meeting; title the email “_(your name)_ Requesting Zoom Meeting” and submit the following information.

1. Meeting type: For the Public OR MGV Internal Meeting
2. **What MGV Committee is this meeting on behalf of?**
3. Title of Meeting, Date & Time
4. **Tammy will then take that request and send it to our Zoom Team. Once Tammy has confirmed the assignment, she will connect you (the requester) with the Zoom Team Member via email.**
5. You will work with the Zoom Team Member to schedule the meeting and receive meeting information that you can share with your meeting attendees. The Zoom Team Member will also be present during your meeting to help with any technical issues that may arise.

Please allow two weeks for the Zoom meeting to be dispatched and created. Keep in mind Tammy's part-time hours, Monday 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM; Tuesday – 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM; Wednesday – 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM; & Thursday – 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM.

Any questions, contact: rivera.482@osu.edu / 330-599-7710

Digital Learning: Basic Zoom Instructions & Best Practices

As our Master Gardener / Extension programming shifts to the virtual realm for the time being, please review the following instructions on how to use the Zoom software.



1. If it is your first time using Zoom, you will be prompted to download the software. Enter your first name, last name, email address, and county. Once you have entered the data, hit the Register button and a screen will return informing you your registration has been approved.
2. **Click on the Join a Meeting button and input the Webinar ID or meeting code of the lecture you've registered for and click Join. Once you've clicked on Join you will be ready to view your chosen webinar.**
3. If for some reason this procedure doesn't work, you can return to the original link and click it again. Once the software has been downloaded, it should take you where you need to go.
4. **Remember to pay attention to the date and time of the webinar or meeting you register for, as you will not be allowed to join the meeting until the start time. You can register ahead of time, but not join until the designated time, typically 30 minutes ahead of the start time.**
5. If the host has not muted participants' sound / microphone, please do so before the meeting goes live, as the background noise is very disruptive to the speaker and your fellow listeners.
6. **Since you are utilizing teleconferencing software, make sure to set yourself up in an appropriate location with good lighting away from items you wouldn't want anyone to see, like a pile of laundry or dirty dishes or an unmade bed or you get the picture.**

Good Luck and Happy Zooming!

2020 Advisory Committee Members:

**Chair – Kathy DeJohn
Vice Chair – Kim Hawkins
Secretary – Heidi Giordano
Treasurer – Mary Jo Rawlins**

Other members of the Advisory Committee for 2020 are:

**Melanie Biche
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Beth Murphy
Rita Politzer
Kathleen Quinn
Sandy Welches
Shoshana Wodzisz
Jennifer Young**

If you plan to attend to observe and listen, or if you'd like to be placed on the agenda (time permitting) please contact Kathy DeJohn at (440) 725-2700 or kathy4dj@yahoo.com

Next Advisory Committee Meeting is Monday August 17 at 4:30 pm

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