

News You Can Use !!

July, Second Edition, 2021

Hello Greg,

Here is the mid-July issue of News You Can Use featuring:

- Note from your Committee Chair
- The next Gatherings in the Garden session
- MGCC CE opportunities
- Food Preservation questions answered
- OSU Fact Sheets
- The Buzz on Bees
- & much more...

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If you have any questions on information found in News You Can Use - contact Kim Hawkins at hawkinsek@gmail.com

Help us build our social media presence by following the [Master Gardener Volunteers 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.



A Note from Kim Hawkins, Advisory Committee Chair

Are you interested in having a role in leading Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County and in representing your fellow MGVs? If so, I encourage

you to nominate yourself for a seat on the Advisory Committee. With their permission, you can also nominate an MGCV you think would be a great committee member. AC terms are three years, renewable once. We will be filling at least five slots this year.

The AC meets five times annually (January, April, June, August, & November) to consider issues large and small that affect our organization. Some are policy-related, such as starting and ending projects. Others are more operational, such as figuring out our technology challenges.

AC members are required to attend at least three of the meetings. They are expected to be regularly involved in one or more MGCC projects and are encouraged to participate in major activities such as the Fall Conference, Annual Meeting (coming this fall), Plants in the Park, etc.

Serving on the AC gives you a big picture view of our Master Gardener Volunteer program and a fuller sense of the impact we have on the community.

If you have questions or would like to nominate yourself or another MGCV, contact Kathy DeJohn, Chair of the Nominating Committee, at: Kathy4dj@yahoo.com.

Happy Summer,

Kim

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**DRIVE TIME REMINDER FROM KIM HAWKINS,
ADVISORY CHAIR:**

Now that we are increasingly able to volunteer out in the world again, please be reminded that drive time does not count toward your volunteer hours.

Do keep track of your miles, however, as they can be deducted on your federal taxes. For 2021, the rate was ¢.14 per mile.

Gatherings in the Garden: When and How Do I Harvest? and Garden Safety
- 7/17/2021, 10:00 - 11:00 AM



Join us on Saturday, July 17th, for the next session in our popular online Gatherings in the Garden educational series!

During this timely and informative session, we will address two issues that may be of concern right now:

When and How Do I Harvest?

Do you know when your vegetables are at their peak and ready to harvest? If you're unsure, we will cover the when and how for the most commonly grown vegetables. We will also answer questions about which vegetables will continue to produce throughout the season, pointing out those that can be wintered over.

Garden Safety

Are you following the best practices regarding the use of organic and non-organic pesticides in your garden? This session will provide a reminder of the basics to keep you safe in your garden.



Presenter: Christine Harris is an outstanding teacher and was the first Master Gardener from Cuyahoga County to win the award for Master Gardener of the Year at the state level. She lives on an acre of land filled with fruit trees, flower beds and vegetable plots. Christine has been a Master Gardener

Volunteer since 2004.

Cost: \$5.00

Please follow this [LINK](#) to register.

Note: Registration will close on Friday, July 16th at 2:00 PM to guarantee all paid registrants receive the Zoom link in time for Saturday's session.

Information on how to connect to the online webinar will be sent to all registrants on Friday, July 16th, after 2:00 PM.

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

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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.)

* Cuyahoga County: 2021 Upcoming Continuing Education Opportunities

New year, new CE opportunities! Please review the continuing education opportunities in Cuyahoga County in 2021. The following list includes an upcoming visit and lecture and lists some additional events in the weeks to come. So please add those you are interested in to your calendar and stay tuned for more information.



Upcoming CE's include:

July 18th - Lily Creek Gardens: Visit and Lecture, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Mark and Cynthia Druckenbrod have graciously invited Cuyahoga County Master Gardener Volunteers to visit their amazing gardens and grounds in Moreland Hills, where they hybridize Hemerocallis and Begonias and are recognized for their efforts throughout the U.S. and beyond. *MGVs will receive 2 CEs for their participation.* **REGISTRATION CLOSED**

- **July 21st - Plants and Pollinators at Mentor Marsh, 9:00 - 11:00 AM** - Mentor Marsh, one of the largest natural marshes remaining along the Lake Erie shoreline, became Ohio's first state nature preserve in 1971. We'll visit and walk through the marsh in two groups of up to 10 with guides provided by the Cleveland Museum of Natural History with a focus on plants and pollinators. During our walk, social distancing guidelines will be observed. To learn more about the history of the marsh and its restoration by the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, which began in 2004, follow this link: <https://www.cmnh.org/mentor-marsh>. The program's cost is \$7.50 and *MGVs will receive 2 CEs for their participation.* **Register: [HERE](#)**
- **August 5th - Diagnostic Walk at Ben Franklin Demonstration Garden, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM** - Join ANR educators Maggie Rivera & Jacqueline Kowalski (Summit County) for a walk through the demo garden to learn to learn about plant diseases and discuss insect damage. Remember to bring your questions and to dress appropriately since this is an outdoor event. *There is no cost and MGVs will receive 2 CE's for their participation.* **REGISTRATION CLOSED**

- **August 9th - A Day at Miller Nature Preserve, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM** - Join the Master Gardener Volunteers of Cuyahoga County at the marvelous Miller Nature Preserve in Lorain County. The day begins at 9:30 AM with registration and coffee in the Orchid Room, then features tours, talks, and lunch.

The Preserve features gardens, a Butterfly House, Walking Trails and a 5,000 square foot conservatory. Park Manager and Senior Naturalist, Linda Paull, with the help of her docents, will take us on an educational tour of the facility.

We will hear a presentation by Doug Parkinson on 2022 plant offerings from Proven Winners. Doug is an account and program development manager (and manages the Western region) for Four Star Greenhouse. Four Star is the number one supplier of Proven Winners young plants to the horticultural industry in North America.

Our own Maggie Rivera will present information on "How to Use the information on Your Soil Test". As you know, Maggie is our Agricultural and Natural Resources Educator. She has a background in environmental studies, community based food systems, and farming.

Cost:

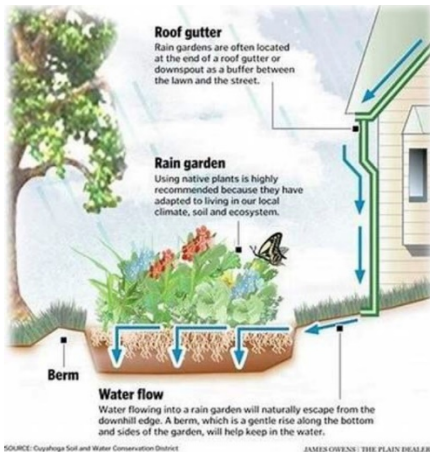
\$10.00 which includes a box lunch and morning "treats." *Master Gardener Volunteers earn 4 CEs. (No Bonus Bucks, please)*

Luncheon meal choices are:

- Turkey Wrap Sandwich
- Avocado Wrap (vegetarian option)
- Grilled Chicken Salad

(All lunches include beverage, Lays Chips, pickle and cookie)

Register: [HERE](#) - Registration closes Saturday, July 31 at 12 Noon



*** Montgomery County: Rain Garden Implementation as a Best Practice Management**

Discover how to manage storm water runoff by utilizing rain gardens. Designed to absorb rainwater that runs off a surface, such as a roof, patio, etc., they are particularly important in urban and suburban areas with their vast expanses of concrete.

When: Wednesday, July 21, 2021

Time: 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Location: Zoom

Register: [HERE](#)

Contact: Erin Miller at miller.10520@osu.edu

Note: After registration, save go.osu.edu/virtualgardening so that you may enter the webinar room the day of the presentation!

MGVs will receive ONE CE for this program

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Food Preservation - All Your Questions Answered

Gardeners and other lovers of fresh produce are often interested in extending the season's bounty by learning more about home-preserving fruits and vegetables. In OSU Extension's home food preservation workshops, the science behind home food preservation is emphasized so that everyone who cans or freezes fresh fruits and vegetables understands why certain procedures must be followed precisely to ensure a high-quality, safe product that they and their family can enjoy.

If you're interested in learning about food preservation, attend these free webinars hosted by Ohio State University Extension Family and Consumer Sciences.

Click [here for more information!](#)

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OSU Fact Sheets: A Wealth of Information

From selecting hydrangeas to growing your very own strawberries for that ultimate summer dessert - Strawberry Shortcake, the following fact sheets represent just a few published by OSU's CFAES faculty monthly. Please enjoy the following.



10 garden-relevant OSU fact sheets:

- 1.) Selecting Hydrangeas for the Home Landscape
- 2.) Growing Onions in the Garden
- 3.) Wild Mushrooms
- 4.) Ohio Bee Identification Guide
- 5.) Bacterial Diseases of Plants
- 6.) Measuring Standing Trees
- 7.) Mystery Bugs and Bites
- 8.) Role of Soil Bacteria
- 9.) Basic Principles of Pruning Backyard Grapevines
- 10.) Growing Strawberries in the Home Garden

Follow this [LINK](#) to browse additional Fact Sheets.

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Get the Buzz on All Things Bee

Join fellow bee fans for this free monthly webinar series. We'll explore the world of bees and learn together from bee experts to build skills as community scientists. Whether you're a seasoned wild bee volunteer or just beginning your bee journey, the skills learned in this series will prepare you to help our threatened pollinators.

[Click here for information and registration.](#) - scroll to bottom of webpage to register.

Master Gardeners receive ONE CE per ONE hour of instruction

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Calling All MGVS: Train to be a Master Rain Gardener with Cuyahoga Soil & Water!

Click on the image below for more information.

[REGISTER HERE!](#)



Northeast Ohio MASTER RAIN GARDENER



Rain gardens are bowl shaped gardens that work with nature to collect and filter rainwater from your property.



Train to be a Master Rain Gardener!

Learn to design and install your own rain garden and become the rain garden expert in your neighborhood. Graduates will receive a Master Rain Gardener t-shirt, a yard sign, and a certificate of completion.



Online Course: \$50
August 23 – October 1

Register: cuyahogascwd.org/programs/master-rain-gardener-class

Recorded class webinars can be watched any time
Weekly live Q&A sessions

In-Person Course: \$75

July 21 – August 25

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Holden Arboretum

Register: crwp.org/master-rain-gardener

Five in-person classes with a gap week before Class 5
Professional certification track available
See website for COVID-19 policy

Courses are open to residents of Northeast Ohio

For questions, contact:

Laura Bonnell (CRWP) at lbonnell@crwp.org or (440) 975-3870 ext. 1002

Elizabeth Hiser (Cuyahoga SWCD) at ehiser@cuyahogascwd.org or (216) 524-6580 ext. 1002

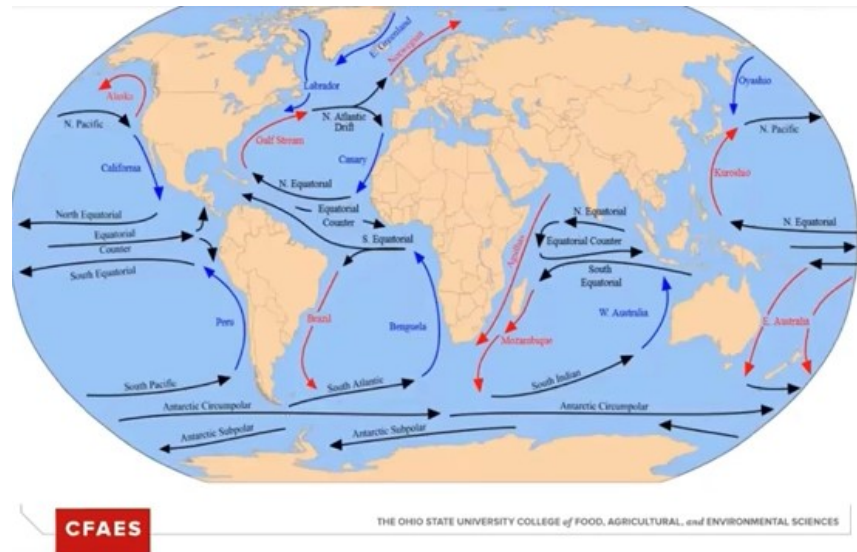


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Earth is Our Home: A Video Series



The latest installment in OSU Associate Professor - Thomas W. Blaine's video series *Earth is our Home* shows how planet Earth nearly returned to ice age conditions between about 14,000 and 11,000 years ago. This episode in Earth's climate history is a very good example of how "natural" climate change can and does occur. The drastic change is believed to have been brought about by a catastrophic failure in Earth's ocean circulation, and this video is called "Ocean Currents and Gyres Part 2". You can find the 30 minute program here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WXPgOWuWKIA>. Part of the reason this topic is important is because numerous researchers have argued that current human activity could disrupt ocean currents again in the not too distant future, perhaps bringing about consequences for climate that have important implications for our planet, and in turn, for us.

If you did not get the chance, and wish to see how the ocean currents work under normal circumstances, follow this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nzl2UBACMIo&list=PL-NSWPUhldRQuQSpSneL4hcG1BkDNI7YY&index=10>

In order to locate the entire series on YouTube, follow this link: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-NSWPUhldRQuQSpSneL4hcG1BkDNI7YY>.

This series covers everything from Earth's climate history over the past 600 million years to how the El Nino/La Nina cycle (the Southern Oscillation) works.



Hort Lunch & Learn & Hort Happy Hour continue in 2021!



The Horticultural Lunch & Learn (HLL) & Horticultural Happy Hour (HHH) series born out of COVID 19 are continuing in 2021. Check the list below for a roster of topics.

To view one of the webinars, follow this [LINK](#).

You can also listen to 2020 sessions by visiting the [Spring Webinar Series](#) webpage, If you have a hankering for garden knowledge or inspiration, visit the page. It's easy to press play & learn while you do the dishes, fold the laundry, or cook. Interesting material always helps make mundane, but necessary tasks more pleasant.

The list of 2021 topics includes:

- Bees, Pesticides and Politics**
- Plant Cannibals**
- Therapeutic Horticulture**
- Strawberries**
- Jumping Worms**
- Ticks**
- Lavender**
- Foliar Diseases of Landscape Ornamentals**
- Glyphosate**
- Monarch Conservation**

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**Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County
2021 Advisory Committee Members:**

**Chair – Kim Hawkins
Vice Chair – Beth Murphy
Secretary – Heidi Giordano
Treasurer – Mary Jo Rawlins
Assistant Treasurer - Anna Stroup**

**Members/Term Ending Year
2021**

**Kathy DeJohn (2nd term)
Christine Harris (2nd term)
Kim Hawkins (2nd term)
Heidi Giordano
Ed Levine
Beth Murphy
Shoshana Wodzsiz (2nd term)**

2022

**Melanie Biche (2nd term)
Ruth Connell
Barbara Franzen
Pat Koch
Rita Politzer
Kathy Quinn (2nd term)
Sandy Welches (2nd term)**

2023

**Dave Appel
Beth Conroy
Mary Ann Dyer
Mary Jo Rawlins (2nd term)
Amy Shaper
Cathy Wheeler
Jennifer Young (2nd term)**

Representative on State Advisory Committee – Ellen Comeau

If you plan to attend to observe and listen, or if you'd like to be placed on the agenda (time permitting) please contact Kim Hawkins at hawkinsek@gmail.com

Next Advisory Committee Meeting is Monday, June 21, 2021 at 4:30 PM.

Upcoming AC Meetings:

**June 21
August 16
November 15**

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