

# News You Can Use !!

August, 2nd Edition, 2021

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Here is the August, 2nd Edition, issue of News You Can Use featuring:

- A clarification and information from your Volunteer Coordinator
- Descriptions of Fall Seminar sessions
- Summary of the next Gatherings in the Garden session
- Information on an upcoming CE opportunity in Medina
- & 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](mailto: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](mailto:currier.37@osu.edu).

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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 is ¢.14 per mile.

## News from Tammy L. Currier, Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator



Dear MGVs,

Since the information I shared at the beginning of the month was so important, I thought I would share it again here.

I also wanted to clarify the "Tech Bags" I referred to in my earlier August update are the MGCC "Computer Bags", which contain the computers, projectors, etc. needed for presentations. Hope that clears up any confusion. : )

### Hours:

I also hope you have been finding opportunities to volunteer! As I explained earlier this month, your hours are due by **10/31**. The state has once again made it as easy as last year to meet your requirements. Please do not wait until the last minute. It is much easier to get hours when there are things happening than when not.

Maggie still needs six additional volunteers (she needs 13 in all) for the Tree of Life event on Friday, September 24th, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, at Luke Easter Park in Cleveland. Please email me if you would like to volunteer - [currier.37@osu.edu](mailto:currier.37@osu.edu)

### Breakdown of 2021 Hourly Requirements:

You are required to **complete 30 hours**, which the following equation demonstrates:

**10 CEs + 5 dedicated or actual VHs** (obviously you can log more if you have completed more) + **15 CEs as VHs** = 30 hours total

(During non-pandemic years, Cuyahoga MGVs are required to complete 35 hours.)

## **Volunteer Management System - Hands on Connect/Salesforce:**

I recognize you may be wondering about the new volunteer management system and we have not yet been given a definitive date. Just know as soon as we are able, we will begin training you. Do not fret, however, whatever work arrounds we need to create to get your hours in - whether you yourself input them or someone else does - know they are due by 10/31. We hope you have been keeping good records. : )

## **Computer Bag Checkout:**

As more and more events are coming our way, whether from Speakers Bureau or Continuing Education programming, MGVs are in need of our Computer Bags & their requisite contents. We felt it would be a good time to apprise, as well as remind, you all of the procedure to check out the bags. It is as follows:

- 1.) When you know you are going to need one of the bags, please call Michelle Zmarzly, our Extension office associate, at 330-599-7727 to reserve the bag.
- 2.) Make an appointment with Michelle between 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, M-F, to check out the bag. During check out, you need to sign the bag out in the log book kept near the equipment cabinet.
- 3.) When your presentation is over, please return the bag to Michelle at the office between the hours of 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, M-F. Please note in the log book you have returned the bag.

We're currently attempting to locate the computer bags, so if you have one please let us know. We now have two at the office for folks to check out and know we have five in total. Please let myself or Michelle, our office assistant, know if you have one of them.

## **Grow Ohio:**

If you'd like to participate in Grow Ohio this year as a way to earn some VH's, you can still plant a few pots of cool weather crops to harvest and donate in the fall. Please know the guidelines to accrue VHs requires that you report what you grew, the poundage, and where you donated the produce. Also, make note of the number of hours it takes for you to sow, tend, harvest, donate, etc.

## **MGCC Facebook page:**

Please support the Master Gardener Volunteers of Cuyahoga County Facebook page by submitting a paragraph or two (try to keep it to 200 words) to post on the page. For inspiration, please visit the [page](#) and send me your

idea(s) before you begin your research to make sure someone else hasn't thought of the same great idea! : )

Researching and writing a few posts is a great way to earn a few volunteer hours.

If you have any questions about the information I have shared here, please let me know.

**A BIG Thanks for all you do!**

Tammy  
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## Fall Seminar: Gardening From the Forest to Your Home - A Virtual Fall, 9/17-18, 2021

*Join the Master Gardener Volunteers of Cuyahoga County for Fall Seminar 2021*

**F**rom houseplants to herbal libations, our lineup of speakers from across the US and abroad will lead you through a host of interesting sessions, including “No Dig Gardening” from UK sensation, Mr. Charles Dowding.

- Master Gardeners will earn 5 CEs
- Open to the Public

**REGISTER** for the entire day or register to listen to each session at your convenience. Follow this **LINK** to learn more!

### Fall Seminar Sessions:

**A 12-Step Program to a Sustainable Landscape** – As gardeners are we relying on horticultural practices that are out-of-date, out-of-place, or scientifically unsound? Learn how to select quality plant material and prepare it for urban survival with the best installation and management practices. **Speaker:** Dr. Linda Chalker-Scott, Professor of Horticulture, Washington State University; Author of award-winning *The Informed Gardener* and five other books and Great Course Instructor, WA

**Urban Forests** – Join us for a presentation on the pros and cons of planting pocket forests. Do they prove beneficial? And, if it not, discover alternatives you can implement on empty urban lots or in your own backyard. **Speaker:** Dr. Jim McGlone, Urban Forest Conservationist, VA

**Houseplants 101** – Are you a wonderful gardener, but struggle with houseplants? This session will present a hands-on demo covering all the basics for growing and caring for houseplants. **Speaker:** Pam Bennett, Associate Professor of Horticulture, Ohio State University; State Master Gardener Volunteer Program Director, OH

**Hortus Mustus** – When it comes to plants, do you love the new and unusual? Or feel compelled to collect plants? If so, Hortus Mustus is the session is for you! Discover new plants and ‘forgotten gems’ that should be planted more frequently, including one or two that are different and maybe harder to grow. **Speaker:** Dr. Laura Deeter, Professor of Horticulture, Ohio State University/Agricultural Technical Institute, OH

**Return of the Bluebird** – Learn how instrumental the Holden Arboretum was in the successful recovery of the Eastern Bluebird. Tips will also be provided on creating safe and attractive nesting options for homeowner backyards. **Speaker:** Mike Watson, Conservation Biologist, Holden Forests and Gardens, OH

**An Engineer's Approach to Houseplant Care** - Not sure what bright, indirect light means? Unsure how much and when to water? That's OK! Here, with a healthy dose of reality and humor, you'll get advice, data, and facts to help make you an expert in all thing's houseplant. **Speaker:** Darryl Cheng, Author, “The New Plant Parent” and creator of The Houseplant Journal, Canada

**Getting by with a Little Help from My Friends: Soil microbes and their important role in plant conversation** - Soil microbes help plants acquire nutrients and resist disease. This class reveals the role of friendly microbes in the health of forest wildflowers and how that role can improve the success of your wildflower gardening. **Speaker:** Dr. David Burke, Vice President, Science and Conservation, Holden Arboretum, OH

**Herbal Liquors and Libations** – With cocktails in mind, Ms. Boutelier gives us an information packed PowerPoint and demonstration of the techniques used in the making of herbal liqueurs and libations. Cheers! **Speaker:** Debbie Boutelier, Past President, Herb Society of America, AL

**Maximizing Texture in the Garden** - While blooms and color are great in a garden - they fade. Visual texture never does. Whether bold or fine, adding visual texture to our gardens provides interest throughout the seasons. This

session will focus on plants that contribute textural interest as a primary feature. **Speaker:** Mark Dwyer, Horticulturist, Landscape Designer, WI

**No Dig Gardening** - Gardening and You tube sensation Charles Dowding joins us all the way from England to show us the no dig garden - which he asserts is easier, less expensive, better for the land and less work to maintain. Do not miss this final session of the day! **Speaker:** Charles Dowding, Author, UK

## **REGISTER HERE!**

All attendees will receive the following:

- a virtual swag bag containing local and national garden coupons
- the option to buy tickets to win a beautiful handmade quilt
- the opportunity to win garden book giveaways

**Please join us September 17th-18th, 2021!**

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### **Gatherings in the Garden: Vines - 8/28/2021, 10:00 - 11:00 AM**

*Join us on Saturday, August 28th, for the next session in our popular online Gatherings in the Garden educational series!*

**V**ines are often neglected in landscape design. However, they are a versatile addition that can serve to add vertical interest to your property. Some vines can also serve as an excellent ground cover. Join us in learning the many uses of vines and the characteristics of some of our favorite varieties.



**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

**Register:** follow this [LINK](#)

**Note:** Registration will close on Friday, August 27th 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, August 27th, after 2:00 PM.

**Questions or concerns, contact:** [mgcc.event@yahoo.com](mailto: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

**N**ew year, new CE opportunities! Please review the continuing education opportunities in Cuyahoga County in 2021. The following list includes upcoming CE opportunities as they arise. Sign up as you see them, as registration has been closing out quickly.

**Upcoming CE's include:**

- **September 11th - Attend Tree ID Walk at Spring Grove Cemetery, 10:00 - 11:30 AM** - Join the MGCC & Chad Clink of Bartlett Tree Experts for a walk through Spring Grove Cemetery (founded in the 1880s) in Medina. Recently awarded Level II Accreditation by the ArbNet Accreditation Program and The Morton Arboretum for achieving particular standards for professional practices deemed important for arboreta and botanic gardens, this charming cemetery contains over 600 trees, offering lots to identify and discuss. Chad will also talk about the ArbNet Accreditation Program and the Friends of the Cemetery group that advocates for this very special place. *The cost for the event is \$7.50 & Master Gardeners earn 1.5 CE's for their participation* - **[REGISTER HERE](#)**

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**Learn About Fish Farming: Great Lakes Aquaculture Days, 8/31-9/2/2021**

Ohio Sea Grant and the Great Lakes Aquaculture Collaborative invite you to learn more about aquaculture (fish farming) in the Great Lakes region with virtual farm tours and live question and answer sessions with farmers!

**Are you someone who just barely knows what aquaculture is, and wants to learn more? How about someone who is thinking about opening an aquaculture facility? Or do you own your own aquaculture facility and are looking for networking and inspiration? Great Lakes Aquaculture Days 2021 is for you!**

**When: August 31<sup>st</sup> – September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3:00 PM and 4:00 PM each day (EDT)**



**Where:** Via Zoom webinar technology

**How:** Free registration at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/GLAD2021/>

**What:** Each day we will feature a successful Great Lakes region aquaculture farm with a virtual tour, followed by a live interview and Q&A. Schedule includes (all times Eastern):

- August 31st, 3:00 PM: Branch River Trout Hatchery - Raceways in combination with Winery - 4:00 PM: Cedar Brook Trout Farm – Trout Raceways in Michigan
- September 1st, 3:00 PM: Hickling's Fish Farm - Bass and Trout Raceways and Ponds in New York

4:00 PM: Ozark Fisheries - Pond and Recirculating Aquaculture Systems in Indiana (and MO)

- Sept 2nd, 3:00 PM: Ripple Rock Fish Farms - Recirculating Aquaculture System in Ohio

4:00 PM: Lincoln Bait LLC - Bait Farm in Minnesota

This event is sponsored by the Great Lakes Aquaculture Collaborative, a network of aquaculture experts from the Sea Grant National College programs across the Great Lakes region. Feel free to attend the tours and interviews that sound most interesting to you or attend them all! Also share widely with those who may be interested.

Questions can be directed to Elliot Nelson at [elliottne@msu.edu](mailto:elliottne@msu.edu)

**NO CEs available for this series, just sharing in case anyone has an interest**

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## **New Garden from Dutch Landscape Design Master, Piet Oudolf, Opens in Germany**

Piet Oudolf creates a garden for all seasons at the Vitra campus in Weil am Rhein, Germany: Wallpaper magazine took a sneak first peek of the garden design project, now open to the public



A view of Piet Oudolf's Vitra garden in May 2021 as it was beginning to bloom, with Herzog & de Meuron's VitraHaus in the backdrop. Photography: Julien Lanoo

**R**enowned Dutch landscape designer Piet Oudolf has created a lush 4,000 square meter perennial garden for Vitra, bringing a touch of nature to the company's headquarters in the southern German town of Weil am Rhein. Its opening could not be more perfectly timed: having endured long stretches of domestic confinement in the past year, we now crave gardens, fresh air, and horizons afforded by wide open spaces.

To read more, follow this [LINK](#) to Wallpaper magazine's article about Oudolf's latest achievement.

-submitted by Carolyn Hufford, MGV

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## 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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**Amy Shaper**

**Cathy Wheeler**

**Jennifer Young (2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:hawkinsek@gmail.com)**

**Next Advisory Committee Meeting is Monday, November 15, 2021 at 4:30 PM.**

**Upcoming AC Meetings:  
November 15**

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