

# News You Can Use !!

September, 2021

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Here is the September issue of News You Can Use featuring:

- Important information from your Committee Chair & Volunteer Coordinator
- info on Fall Seminar
- an MGV Program Spotlight
- news of an Irish Lord rewilding his land
- & 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)

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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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## **A Note from Kim Hawkins, Advisory Committee Chair**

**Time is running short. The deadline for reporting our volunteer and continuing education hours is October 31st. Though we don't yet have access to the new version of the VMS, I hear**

**its imminent. However, even if it went live tomorrow (not likely), there wouldn't be time to get all of us trained on how to use it. So Tammy is working out a system to collect our hours and to enter them for us.**

**As a reminder, we need a total of 30 hours this year:**

- 5 actual volunteer hours (Obviously, you can get more than 5 hours.)**
- 10 actual CE hours**
- 15 hours that can be combination of volunteering and continuing education**

**At this point, the easiest way to earn your remaining CE hours is by attending our Fall Seminar on Friday and Saturday, September 17th and 18th. "Gardening from the Forest to Your Home" will net you 5 hours and presentations from great speakers on timely topics. Click here for the detailed [schedule](#) and [registration](#).**

**If you don't think you can sit through yet another Zoom day, you have the option to attend sessions as they are presented AND, for an additional \$10, receive a link to watch all the speakers at your own pace.**

**Hope to see you there virtually!**

***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 is ¢.14 per mile.**

**Updates from Tammy L. Currier,  
Master Gardener Volunteer  
Coordinator**



Dear MGVs,

Though our new management system, Hands on Connect, should be available any day now, we have created an online form to gather your hours for 2021. The form is currently in review. Once any changes required have been made, I will be sending it out.

Once HOC (Hands on Connect) is live, you will be provided directions to log on and begin to familiarize yourself with the platform. However, you will not personally enter any hours in the system until 2022.

Cuyahoga County will be using this online form to collect your MGV hours this year only. Once I receive your completed forms, I will be entering your hours into the system on the back end.

The deadline for reporting your hours via the online form is 10/31/21.

**Thank you for your patience and cooperation,**

*Tammy*

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

*MGV's Please Go to FB & Share - We need more folks to register to keep Fall Seminar scheduled!*

**We can't think of an easier way to earn CE hours and have some fun at the same time - so come join us for all things plant at the MGCC Fall Seminar!**

**The two-day event opens Friday evening with our keynote speaker, Linda Chalker Scott, who will share how to save time and money by making the right plant selections and how to properly establish them in our gardens. Plants aren't cheap, so the more we know helps us to create long lasting beauty and save us money too.**

**The seminar continues Saturday morning with nine exciting speakers who will explore topics ranging from the relevance of planting urban forests to creating bluebird habitats, from keeping your soil healthy to the principles of no-dig gardening. The day will conclude with Charles Dowding, one of the foremost experts in his field from Somerset, UK, who will explain the benefits and how-to's for successful no-dig gardening.**

**For just \$40.00, you can join us virtually for the two-day seminar OR you can pay ten additional dollars for the opportunity to watch all 11 speakers at your own pace for \$50.00!**

**[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!**



**One of our own did FOX 8 New Day Cleveland**



**Watch as MGV, Geoffrey Black, highlights steps on bringing plants, like hibiscus & ferns, in for the winter.**

**View [HERE!](#)**

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**Gatherings in the Garden: Putting the Garden to Bed - 9/25/2021, 10:00 - 11:00 AM**



*Join us on Saturday, September 25th, for the next session in our popular online Gatherings in the Garden educational series!*

**As another gardening season winds down and winter approaches, there are basic maintenance tasks every gardener should perform to make waking their garden in spring much easier. This presentation explains the basic steps for putting the garden to bed. Topics covered will include lawns, roses, evergreens and shrubs, vegetable and perennial beds, containers, and tools.**

***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, September 24th 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, September 24th, 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 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:

**September 11th - Tree ID Walk at Spring Grove Cemetery, 10:00 - 11:30 AM - Spring Grove Cemetery, located in Medina, dates back to the 1880's. The Friends of the Cemetery, in partnership with the City of Medina, has been 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.**

**Chad Clink of Bartlett Tree Experts will lead this walk and we will do some tree identification. With over 600 trees, there is plenty to choose from at Spring Grove. Chad will also talk about the ArbNet Accreditation Program and the Friends of the Cemetery group who advocates for this special place. Because space is limited, this event is limited to Master Gardeners only. The cost is \$7.50. Master Gardeners earn 1.5 CEs. **REGISTRATION CLOSED****

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# \* Franklin County: The Human Dimensions of Pollinator Conservation

Join Dr. Sheila Colla of York University Department of Environmental Studies as she discusses "The Human Dimensions of Pollinator Conservation" in the next session of The Ohio State University Department of Entomology Seminar Series.

**When:** September 9th, 2021, 9:00 - 10:00 AM

**Where:** Zoom

(Note: Follow the link above and enter the passcode below to view webinar.)

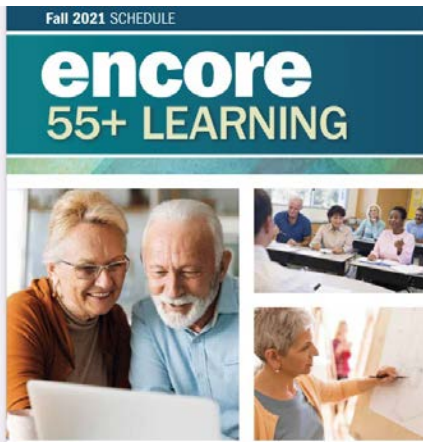
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Department of Entomology Seminar Series  
Sept 9 | 9:00pm | Zoom (password: 046647)

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY  
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**"The human dimensions of pollinator conservation"**

**Dr. Sheila Colla**  
Assistant Professor  
Environmental Studies  
York University



## MGCC Program Spotlight: Gardeners' Gazette - Tri C Encore Program Presentations

*Join us for coffee or beverage of your choice for our chat with MGCV Marge Cambareri!*

Since 2004, the MGCC has been partnering with Cuyahoga Community College's (Tri-C) Encore Program for adults age 55+ at their East, West and now Westshore campuses. Under the program title of "Gardener's Gazette", they offer seven-week courses that teach adult gardeners innovative, research-based, up-to-date, practical gardening techniques and information. With a rotation of



presenters, they aim to keep Cuyahoga County 55+ residents up to date on a variety of horticultural subject matter during Tri-C's spring and fall semesters. Each campus has an MGV facilitator and assistant to oversee and ensure successful presentations.

**The "Gardener's Gazette" has enjoyed a long run at Tri-C, proving itself quite popular. How many students do you have each semester, and do you have return students?**

Yes, it has proved popular. The program averages 30 students per semester on the East campus and up to 35 at the West Campus. Both Tri-C East and West campuses have many students who return each semester for *Gardener's Gazette*. We see about 643 residents annually, with 112 being male and 531 being female.

Our Westshore campus sessions opened in the fall of 2019, and we received 15 registrants - all female. Because of the *Gazette's* popularity on Tri-C's East and West campuses, they asked us to consider expanding into their new Westshore facility, which we gladly did. They were pleased with the Westshore community's response to *Gazette*.

**With so many students coming through the doors, do you know if any of them became Master Gardeners?**

I believe one or two. If I remember correctly, Amy Roskilly may have come into the program this way.

**With so many classes to teach, how many MGVs are participate in the program?**

Right now, we have eight MGVs who regularly are assigned positions. There are eight speakers who regularly present. However, there are 14 X 3 sessions per year, and each demands a presenter - mostly MGVs, so there are lot more MGVs who participate.

**It sounds like you're always in need of MGVs to assist. In addition to presenters, how else can MGVs participate?**

I am always looking for new topics and presentations - especially hands-on demonstrations, since we get frequent requests for them. This is an area in where MGVs could become a part of the program. I work with Pat Koch and the Speaker's Bureau for the most part with scheduling. Anyone interested in developing and presenting a topic via power point presentation must have their program accepted by Pat Koch and Maggie Rivera, our ANR educator. Pat would like presenters to do a dry run for her to be added to the Speaker's Bureau list.

**What is the process for getting involved?**

Any MG that wants to become involved should contact me, and I will be glad to set up times for them to visit our Friday, 11:00 AM classes (50 minutes) at the campus of their choice. We use "rovers" for days when a facilitator or assistant at a campus is ill or not able to attend and would like some backups.

**You've covered a lot of topics through the years. Other than the MGVs and ANR educators from Cuyahoga and beyond, have you had guest lecturers? If so, what organizations have participated?**

Yes, folks from the following organizations have presented: the Ohio Rose Society, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland Botanical Gardens, Ohio Dahlia Society, Cuyahoga and Medina County Soil Conservation Districts, various adjoining county MGVs and ANRs, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and many others. And of course our partnership with Cuyahoga Community College.

**What is the most unusual thing that has happened in your tenure with the program?**

COVID! After Spring semester was cancelled last year after everything was already in place, we had to pivot. We did manage to get four virtual sessions presented in August, September, and October via WebEx. Pat Smith, Rita Politzer, and I (facilitators at the campuses) each did the presentations for one month. Marilyn Hallenburg, MaryJo Rawlins, Ed Levine and Ellen Thibo complete the facilitators and assistant list. Vicky Follen has also helped in the past making up folders for the students.

**With 2020 and part of 2021 behind us, what do you have coming up this fall?**

We will be having only four weeks at the West and East campuses, and Westshore will have two sessions of four weeks each. "Gardening in the Shade", "African Violets and Houseplants", "Color Through the Seasons", "Alliums and Other Onions", and "Forcing Bulbs" are scheduled so far. I am still looking for someone to create and present "Your Fall Calendar" and "Lawn Care" which could include putting in a new lawn.

**And lastly, why do you participate in the Gardeners Gazette?**

I became involved because I believe that MGVs should be educating the public, and this is a terrific way to do this for the senior population. I was an educator in my career, and this is a natural continuation for me.

To learn more about Encore, follow this [LINK](#).

If you'd like to participate in Gardener's Gazette, please reach out to Marge at the following email address: [mitch1606@ameritech.net](mailto:mitch1606@ameritech.net)

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## **In Ireland, a Death Metal Music-Loving Baron Returns His Irish Estate Back to Nature**



Lord Randal Plunkett, seen in the company of his Jack Russell terriers, began rewilding the estate he inherited seven years ago. PATRIC BOLGER/GUARDIAN/EYEVINE/REDUX

### **The carnivore-turned-vegan lord has rewilded hundreds of acres, boosting biodiversity—and drawing criticism.**

**RANDAL PLUNKETT STRIDES THROUGH THE** hip-high grass of Dunsany, a 650-hectare (1,600-acre) estate in the middle of Ireland, trailed by an invisible swarm of midges and his four Jack Russell terriers: Tiny, Lumpy, Chow, and Beavis & Butt-Head. The cattle and sheep are long gone, so too are the lawns and many of the crops. In their place is a riot of shrubs, flowers, and trees, along with insects and creatures that call this fledgling wilderness their home. It is probably Ireland's most ambitious attempt at rewilding on private land, an attempt to recreate a vanished landscape in a swath of County Meath, 20 miles northwest of Dublin.

To read more of this article by Rory Carroll published on **AUGUST 23, 2021** in Atlas Obscura, follow this [\*\*LINK\*\*](#).

*This story was originally published in The Guardian and appears here as part of the Climate Desk collaboration.*

-submitted by MGCC Coordinator, Tammy L. Currier

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**Hiking and Sustainability** is part of the SAVE (Sustainable Action through Video Engagement) video series from Ohio State University. This video series focuses on helping people live more sustainably within their homes and communities and promote simple everyday actions people can take to conserve and protect our environment.

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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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Treasurer – Mary Jo Rawlins  
Assistant Treasurer - Anna Stroup**

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**2021**

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Christine Harris (2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
Kim Hawkins (2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
Heidi Giordano  
Ed Levine  
Beth Murphy  
Shoshana Wodzsiz (2<sup>nd</sup> term)**

**2022**

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Barbara Franzen  
Pat Koch  
Rita Politzer  
Kathy Quinn (2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
Sandy Welches (2<sup>nd</sup> term)**

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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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