

News You Can Use!

September 2022

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

- Update from your Volunteer Coordinator
- A Ben Franklin "Thank You"
- Fall Plant Exchange details & registration
- Summit County Symposium: Design & Beyond
- MGVC "Update" Archive
- & 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

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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.



Update from Tammy L. Currier, Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator

Dear MGVs,

With State Conference coming up, I know you may be wondering how many CEs you will earn attending the various activities. The following is a breakdown:

- Friday will be worth up to 6 CE's - 5 hours per bus trip and 1 hour for the Opening Dinner.
- Saturday's conference will be worth 5 CE's.

As a reminder, MGV hours are due October 31st. Hopefully all of you that were lagging behind in accrual have found opportunities to get up to your required 25 hours.

At this point, barring a few shifts remaining at Ben Franklin, State Conference, FB posts, and digging & dividing your plants for Plants in the Park 2023, there are few opportunities to accrue hours if you are not an active member of a committee.

Remember, it is always easier to find opportunities when the season is in swing rather than when it has wound down.

Please reach out to me if you need assistance with entering your hours in Hands on Connect.

Thanks,

Tammy

***P.S.** Looking for answers to your burning Hands on Connect and 2022 Hour Requirement questions, please see the archive I have created at the bottom of NYCUC. It contains information from each of my updates - the information is for **INTERNS** and **ACTIVES** alike.*

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Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County Dates at a Glance:

- September 13th - **Fall Plant Exchange; REGISTER HERE!**
- September 30th - **Ohara School of Ikebana Master Demonstration at the CMA; REGISTER NOW!**
- October 7th & 8th - **State Master Gardener Conference; REGISTER NOW!**
- October 15th - **Design & Beyond Symposium; REGISTER NOW!**
- November 16th - **MGCC Annual Meeting & Intern Graduation; SAVE the Date!**
- January 20 - 28, 2023 - **Extension goes to Ecuador; Registration CLOSED.**

For more information on these dates, see below.

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**STATE
CONFERENCE - DATES
& LOCATION**

When: October 7th & 8th, 2022

Where: Cleveland Marriott East,
26300 Harvard Rd,
Warrensville Heights, OH 44122

Saturday Keynote Speaker: Tracy
DiSabato-Aust

Featuring: Bus Tours, Author
Book Signing, Vendors, State
Awards Luncheon, & more.

Register: [HERE!](#)

For more information about the
conference, follow this [LINK!](#)

CFAES OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

OCTOBER 7-8 | 2022



Master Gardener Volunteers of Cuyahoga County present
OHIO STATE MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS
2022 STATE CONFERENCE

*** Do you or a friend or family member have a business they'd love to promote in the program book for the 2022 Ohio Master Gardener Volunteer State Conference?**

Our business-size ads are only \$50 - Questions? Touch base with Kathy DeJohn (kathy4dj@yahoo.com) for deadlines and more information!

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A BIG "THANK YOU" from Pat Mraz, Ben Franklin Classroom & Gardens



Ben Franklin volunteers are so generous. We want to thank you all for your donation of school supplies and cash. We filled four shopping bags with school supplies for our two 4th grade teachers. With the money left over, we can help our teachers out if they need something later in the school year. We will be also able to buy gently used winter coats and new hats and gloves for our kids. With rising prices, your generosity will help many kids this year.

Thank you, again!
-Pat Mraz



Save the Date: Fall Plant Exchange **- Tuesday, September 13, 2022**

Last day to register is 9/9!



The MGCC Social Committee would like to invite you to the Fall Plant Exchange. Please review event details below.

What: Fall Plant Exchange

When: Tuesday, September 13th, 2022,

11:00 AM-2:00 PM **Where:** Independence

Civic Center – Kiwanis Pavilion at 6363 Selig

Drive, Independence, OH 44131

Note: This event is scheduled to begin at 11:00 am - apologies if some notices said 1:00 PM.

Join us in person for the 2022 Fall Plant Exchange at the Kiwanis Pavilion in Independence. Bring houseplants, perennials, vegetables, shrubs, bulbs, trees, etc.

Plants must be in their pots and labeled. Indicate the genus, species and cultivar name and any other useful information.

Ticket value is 1 to 5 tickets based on condition, labeling and value of the plant. Additional tickets may be purchased at 50 cents per ticket. Please do not bring invasive plant species.

SCHEDULE:

11:00 AM - Plant Exchange Registration & Social Hour

12:00 PM - Potluck luncheon: Everyone brings a favorite salad, dish or dessert. Please bring your own drinking water, place setting, silverware and serving utensils.

12:30 PM - Master Gardener, Jo Ann Bartsch, will talk about "Time for a Plant Exchange: NonNative to Native."

1:00 PM - Announcements

1:15 PM - Plant Auction - the most valuable plants will be auctioned.

1:30 PM - Plant Exchange

Note: Cost to the Master Gardener is a potluck contribution. If you are bringing a guest, please bring another dish to share for the guest.

For planning purposes, the last day to Register is Friday September 9, 2022 -

Register Now!

MGVS will receive ONE CE for their participation

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Big news: Maggie's Expecting!

Dear MGVs & Interns,

I wanted to share with you all that I am expecting and my due date is January 30th. If you see me, the news is undeniable, so I thought I would share it broadly. My maternity leave will likely include February, March, and April with a return in May.



Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about events that will fall during that time.

Thank you,

Maggie

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Join the Northern Ohio Chapter of the Ohara School of Ikebana for a Master Demonstration - 9/30/2022

Please join the Ohara School of Ikebana Northern Ohio Chapter in attending a magnificent demonstration of the art of Ikebana by the Headmaster of the Ohara School of Ikebana, Hiroki Ohara. He will be visiting Cleveland to honor the Chapter's 40th Anniversary.

The event will be held at the Cleveland Museum of Art located at 11150 East Boulevard in Cleveland, Ohio in the Gartner Auditorium. Tickets are \$50 (student tickets are \$20 with ID) and are available [online](#) or by calling 216-421-7350. The event is co-sponsored by the Cleveland Museum of Art and Womens Council.

For additional information, see the flyer below.



Flowers and Trees of the Four Seasons, early to mid-1700s. Watanabe Shiko (Landscape, 1683-1756). Pair of six-panel folding screens; ink, color, gold, silver, and gilding on paper; each screen: 153 x 368.5 cm. The Cleveland Museum of Art, Severance and Orta Wilson Purchase Fund, 2021.02

The Art of Ikebana: Japanese Flower Design

A demonstration by Headmaster Hiroki Ohara of the Ohara School of Ikebana in honor of four decades of the Ohara School of Ikebana Northern Ohio Chapter.

An Ohara School Ikebana demonstration is a cultural experience. It is performance art where the medium is flowers and plants. It is contemporary art where the lines and forms of minimalism are shared by an acute understanding of and reverence for nature. Moreover, it is traditional art honed by centuries of spiritual meaning and created in an atmosphere of respectful quiet and calm. You are invited to experience this benefit event.

Friday, September 30, 2022

5:00 p.m. Ikebana demonstration by Headmaster Hiroki Ohara of the Ohara School of Ikebana

4:00 p.m. Lecture by Dr. Sinéad Vilbar, curator of Japanese art at the Cleveland Museum of Art

Gartner Auditorium
The Cleveland Museum of Art

Tickets
General admission \$50
Students \$20

Sponsorships with preferred seating are available at several levels.

Reserve at cma.org/tickets or by phone at 216-421-7350.

With questions, contact womenscouncil@clevelandart.org.

The Womens Council of the Cleveland Museum of Art in collaboration with the CMA will present a lecture-demonstration of Ikebana technique (developed in the 16th century) showcasing various floral arrangements and styles by Mr. Hiroki Ohara, fifth-generation headmaster of the Ohara School of Ikebana. Headmaster will be assisted by the Ohara professor Akhiro Nishi; both guests are traveling from Japan to Cleveland for this special event.

Join us before the event at 4:00 p.m. in the John C. and Sally S. Morley Family Foundation Lecture Hall for a free lecture with Dr. Sinéad Vilbar, curator of Japanese art, on the roots of Ikebana in the arts, entitled "Expression in Flower: Ikebana Interpretations in Japanese Painting." Seating is limited.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Womens Council's annual gift to the Cleveland Museum of Art.



The Womens Council
The Cleveland Museum of Art

MGVs earn ONE CE per ONE hour of programming



Summit County Master Gardeners cordially invite you to attend: Design & Beyond 2022

All who enjoy gardening are invited to attend this annual symposium featuring renowned gardening experts.

Date: Saturday October 15th, 2022

Time: Doors open at 8:00 AM

- Keynote speaker program starts at 9:00 AM
- Program ends at 4:00 PM

Location: Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 129 South Union Street, Akron, OH 44304

Cost: \$55

Keynote Speaker: Kerry Ann Mendez, award-winning speaker, garden designer and author, will present two programs for us focusing on time-saving gardening techniques, workhorse plants, and sustainable practices. She will be presenting:

**"Budget-Wise Gardener"
&
"Hydrangeas Demystified"**

In addition, Ken Huth, who has been involved with Bonsai for over 25 years, will be presenting:

"The Art of Bonsai"

with a live demonstration of a Bonsai Forest.

Your ticket includes an Oatmeal Breakfast Bar and Buffet Lunch - Soup, Salad and Dessert Bar.

We will also have an Artisan Crafts Raffle, Door Prizes, and a 50/50 Raffle, as well as Book Sales and Signing.

For details on our two great speakers and their topics click [HERE!](#)

***Please note that all ticket sales are final unless the event is cancelled.**

We are keenly aware of COVID concerns. We will follow all applicable guidelines. Thank you!

Register Now!

MGVS will receive **FIVE CEs** for this symposium.



Learn how to ID a Tree

"Trees are poems that the earth writes upon the sky." – Kahlil Gibran

If you're into trees, the following is a great resource from OSU. Please follow this [LINK](#) to access videos to learn about the characteristics used to identify one tree species from another.



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: 2022 Upcoming Continuing Education Opportunities

New year, new CE opportunities! Please review the following Cuyahoga County continuing education opportunities.

Upcoming MGCC CE Opportunities:

- State Conference - October 7th & 8th
- See you next year with all new CE events!

MGVs earn **ONE CE** per **ONE** hour of programming



Become a Master Rain Gardener

Learn how to manage rain water to your benefit!

Please click on the image below to learn more and to register.



Northeast Ohio
MASTER RAIN GARDENER PROGRAM



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.



CHILDREN WITH A RAIN GARDEN



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SOIL & WATER
Conservation District

<p>SUMMER IN-PERSON COURSE: \$75 Five in-person classes over a six-week period. Aug. 3 - Sept. 7, 2022 At Penitentiary Glen Reservation Contact: Kaylee Acres at kacres@crwp.org</p>	<p>FALL ONLINE COURSE: \$50 Recorded class webinars watched at your convenience with live Q&A sessions every week. Sept. 5 - Oct. 7, 2022 Contact: Kate Chapel at kchapel@cuyahogawcd.org</p>
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Professional certification available for summer course.
Master Rain Gardener certificate, t-shirt, and sign provided upon course completion.



TO REGISTER:
visit
neomasterraingardener.org

Coordination and delivery of the Master Rain Gardener Program in 2022 will be funded by NEORSO, Lake SMD, US EPA, Ohio EPA, Ohio Environmental Education Fund, and the George Gund Foundation.



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MGVs will receive 10 CEs for this course.

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MGV Coordinator "Important Info" Archive: *Please use this ongoing archive to access important and helpful information shared by myself to assist you in being an effective Intern & MGV.*

INTERNS: A note about volunteer hours and Interns for State Conference coming up in October. I've received a few emails inquiring if Interns can count time spent volunteering at State Conference in their 50 hour total and YOU CAN! The State Conference Committee and I have come with a procedure to count the hours though you will be completing them past your 50 hour deadline.

Stay Tuned and the committee will share the process with you when the call for volunteers goes out late summer.

If you'd like to get a jump on signing up, reach out to Sandy Welches at sandygorbywelches@gmail.com to pledge hours. Please know - save for emergencies - the Master Gardeners will expect you to honor the pledge and show up. This is an extremely important event for the MGCC and they will need all hands enthusiastically on deck.

Any questions, please reach out: currier.37@osu.edu.

Note: Please review the following information, as it is pertinent for all MGVs and Interns.

Off the top, a word about using Hands on Connect to sign up for projects. **Do NOT** count on this feature of Hands on Connect – it is more a function of the system than a sign-up tool. Expressing interest basically pins the project to your page and allows you to then log any volunteer time spent.

If/when you are interested in a project you **need to reach out directly** to the chair in charge of that project to sign up. For instance, if you wanted to work with the Community Garden Mentors, you would reach out to Emily Roll. If you wanted to volunteer at the Cuyahoga County Fair, you would email Gail Holzman. Contact information for every Master Gardener and Intern is located under the ROSTER in Hands on Connect.

TO access anything in Hands on Connect related to your account with Cuyahoga, you MUST sign in. Otherwise, the information you see does not directly pertain to you.

As for volunteer shifts at Hotline on the Road (Shaker, Crocker, CBG), all these shifts are full.

Any INTERN needing to fulfill your Hotline on the Road requirement will need to sign up for a shift at the Cuyahoga County Fair with Gail Holzman. The fair takes place in August. Her contact info is located in the Hands on Connect ROSTER.

PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING HANDS ON CONNECT TIPS:

Lots of you have reached out for help with Hands on Connect - the following are a few tips on navigating the site.

- Accessing Hands on Connect: - **BOOKMARK** the following link: <https://mgvolunteers.osu.edu/> - doing so will provide easy access to the site and you won't have to reach out to me. :))
- **REMEMBER** to log-in - the log-in button is in the upper right corner.
- The Roster is located under the heading - MY COUNTIES. The Roster is in the third grey box to the right.
- Take the time to familiarize yourself with the site - you can't break it and it will be much easier to work with once you've clicked on a few links or two. You can't get the lay of the land, so to speak, until you explore.

2022 Hour Requirements: 2022 hour requirements return to pre-COVID expectations - **25 Volunteer Hours / 10 Continuing Education Hours.**

Your volunteer and continuing education hours should be earned participating in county and OSU Extension sponsored activities and continuing education opportunities. The goal is to support our county's projects benefitting the public and to gain OSU Extension-approved, science-based knowledge.

Intern Hours due: 9/30/2022

MGV Hours due: 10/31/2022

DON'T DELAY - start earning hours today! It's always easier to accrue hours when our programming is in partial to full swing than to wait until our programming has wound down and hours are due to try and scramble to find hours to fulfill your requirements.

Please keep the information shared above for easy access.

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

Thanks for all you do,
- Tammy

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Continuing Education Webinars from CFAES



With lots of interesting sessions - CFAES Lunch & Learn and Happy Hour webinar sessions are the perfect way to expand your horticultural knowledge, as well as your knowledge of the natural world - all while earning required CE's.

Follow this [LINK](#) to learn more, register, and access the recordings!

To access 2020 webinars, follow this link: [2020 Spring Lunch & Learn and Happy Hour Webinar Series](#)

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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, November 21st, 2022 at 4:30 PM.

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