

# News You Can Use!

October 2022

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

- Updates from your MGCC Committee Chair & Volunteer Coordinator
- How to Get Your Crunch On
- Pollinator Habitat Web series
- New Season of HLL & HHH begins
- 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](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).



**Update from Kim Hawkins,  
MGCC Committee Chair**

**Interested in having a voice in the future direction of Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County? Want to learn more about the role of MGCC in our community and statewide? Then nominate yourself for the Advisory Committee. Elections will occur at the November 21st meeting for three-year terms beginning January 1st. We have seven spots to fill for the class of 2023 – though three current members will be running for second terms.**

**AC members attend five meetings a year where we:**

- Promote the continuity of the MGCV program and the quality of horticulture education received by our members.**
- Organize and direct the resources of the organization in providing horticultural information and education to the residents and organizations of the county.**
- Assist the Agricultural and Natural Resources Educator (ANR) and OSU Extension staff wherever appropriate.**

**AC members are expected to attend major MGCC events such as the Annual Meeting, Plants in the Park, and the Fall Conference. We also hope AC members will step up to committee leadership roles and help with one-off projects. (For instance, two current AC members volunteered to organize the “Ambassador”/Mentor program for this year’s class of interns.)**

**If you are interested or you’d like more information, contact Nominating Committee Chair Rita Politzer at [psychorita2@aol.com](mailto:psychorita2@aol.com), 216-321-7961.**

**You may also nominate another MGCV, but remember to get their permission first.**

**See you at State Conference!**

*Kim*

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## **Update from Tammy L. Currier, Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator**

Dear MGVs,

**Congratulations to our Interns - they've finished their hours! Next step - graduation! We're looking forward to celebrating their achievement during the Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County Annual Meeting to be held on November 16th, 2022, so please SAVE the DATE! The MGCC hasn't held an annual meeting since 2019, so I know**

**everyone is looking forward to getting together.**

**To all Active MGVs, just a reminder - your 25 Volunteer Hours and 10 Continuing Education Hours are due by 10/31/2022.**

Please reach out if you have any questions - [currier.37@osu.edu](mailto:currier.37@osu.edu).

Enjoy State Conference this weekend!

**Thanks,**

*Tammy*

### **P.S. Please review the following:**

**\* For those of you who love to learn (or need to earn CEs) - in addition to State Conference coming up on October 7th & 8th - the new season of OSU's horticulture webinar series - Hort Lunch & Learn & Hort Happy Hour - will begin in just two weeks. On October 5th, Dr. Tim McDermott will kick off the series with "Gardening in the Winter: Indoors and Out."**

**You will earn one hour of Continuing Education credit for each webinar you attend (or recording you watch). The series is scheduled through June of 2023 with amazing speakers and topics. Registration for presentations in 2023 will be available soon. Handouts are usually available the day before the presentation.**

**For more information and free registration, please visit this [LINK!](#)**

**\* 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.**

***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 NYCU. 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:**

- **October 5th - Gardening in the Winter: Indoors & Out; REGISTER HERE!**
- **October 7th & 8th - State Master Gardener Conference; Registration CLOSED!**
- **October 14th, 21st, 28th & November 4th & 11th - Pollinator Habitat 101 Webinar Series - REGISTER HERE!**
- **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.

**Registration:** CLOSED!

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

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**CFAES** OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

**OCTOBER 7-8 | 2022**

*Blooming Ohio*  
*A work of heart!*

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

● **SAVE THE DATE!** ●  
NOON ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022

# Join "The Crunch Heard Round the Region"!

G R E A T L A K E S



Looking for a fun way to support local farmers, nutritious foods, and resilient communities this October? Then join the annual Great Apple Crunch on October 13<sup>th</sup> - or any day in October that works for you! It's simple and easy to participate. Simply **REGISTER** to purchase local apples and get your Crunch on!

Get **FREE** Crunch stickers and a Crunch Guide when you register! Anyone can join "the Crunch heard around the region", including schools, early care and education sites, after school and 4H clubs, farmer's markets, colleges, Extension offices, and hospitals across Ohio.

Questions? Contact: [Haley Scott](#).



## Need CE's? Listen to the Upcoming Webinar Series - **Pollinator Habitat 101: An Introduction and Refresher**

 **THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**  
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AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

**POLLINATOR HABITAT 101**  
An Introduction and Refresher



### **Pollinator Habitat 101: An Introduction and Refresher**

These free, weekly webinars will air on Zoom October 14th through November 11th. All sessions are on Fridays at 10AM EASTERN and will last for approximately 60 minutes, plus questions. The same link will allow you to join each session.

**10/14:** Doug Tallamy, University of Delaware - Pollinators' Best Hope: A New Approach to Pollinator Habitat That Starts in Your Yard

**10/21:** Harland Patch, Penn State University - Creating Pollinator Gardens: the Role of Plant Choice and Design

**10/28:** Heather Holm, Author and Biologist - Creating and Managing Habitat for Native Bees

**11/4:** Matthew Shepherd, The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation - Deciding to Create a Pollinator Garden is the Easy Step -- What to do Next?

**11/11:** Shana Byrd, The Dawes Arboretum - Getting Started with Wildflower Patches, Flower Strips, and Meadows

This program is funded in part by a USDA/NIFA Integrated Pest Management Pollinator Health grant.

\* Coordinated by Denise Ellsworth, OSU Department of Entomology

This event will be presented with automated closed captions. If you wish to request traditional CART services or other accommodations, please contact Denise Ellsworth at [ellsworth.2@osu.edu](mailto:ellsworth.2@osu.edu). Requests made by 10/10/22 will allow us to provide seamless access, but the university will make every effort to meet requests made after this date.

**REGISTER: [HERE!](#)**

**Dates & Time:**

- Oct 14, 2022 - 10:00 AM
- Oct 21, 2022 - 10:00 AM
- Oct 28, 2022 - 10:00 AM
- Nov 4, 2022 - 10:00 AM
- Nov 11, 2022 - 10:00 AM

Time shows in Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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

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## Check out this Genius Idea: Garden Sleeves!

I know the garden season is winding down, but I came across this great product from Farmers Defense on Instagram and thought I'd share. It seems like a genius way to protect your arms when you're gardening or working around your property.

For more information, please see the following:

Farmers Sleeves offer unparalleled protection of arms and skin for any farmer, gardener, or outdoor worker. Say goodbye to irritated skin and sunburns in the garden. Our sleeves offer cooling comfort and protection against the elements outdoors.



These Farmers Sleeves are made from REPREVE® eco-dynamic fabric, made from recycled materials, with moisture-wicking qualities that keep you cool and dry.

Great for:

- Farming
- Gardening
- Landscaping

Offers:

- UPF 50+ protection against harmful UV rays
- Protection against skin allergens and scratches
- Alternative to thick clothing

Material:

- 85% REPREVE® Polyester
- 15% spandex
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To learn more, check out their [WEBSITE!](#)

**Note:** I am not getting any kind of kick-back for recommending - just thought they might be helpful!

**Enjoy!**

*Tammy*

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## **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!

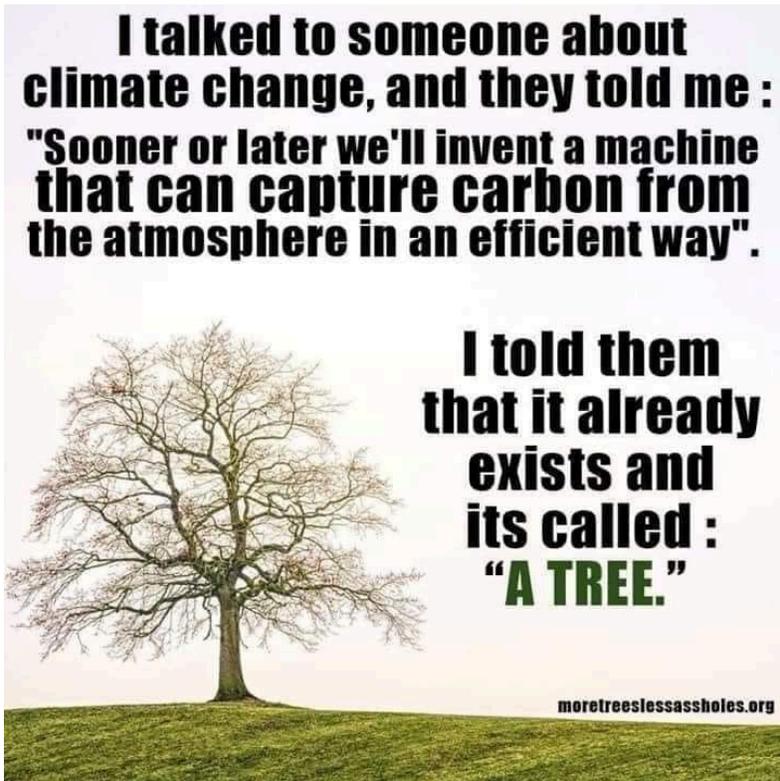
[Register Now!](#)

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

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**News You Can Use Funnies: Don't Miss this Article!**

Following up on this "Funny" (below) shared last month, check out this article from OSU on carbon sequestration. Apparently, climate change is turning trees into good for us gluttons. Read the article: [HERE!](#)



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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: 2022 Upcoming Continuing Education Opportunities

**N**ext year, new CE opportunities! Please review the current 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

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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.*

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:currier.37@osu.edu).

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**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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**Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County  
2022 Advisory Committee Members:**

**Chair – Kim Hawkins  
Vice Chair – Melanie Biche  
Secretary – Mary Ann Dyer  
Treasurer – Gretchen Faro  
Assistant Treasurer - Cheryl Dever**

**Members/Term Ending Year**

**2022**

**Melanie Biche  
Ruth Connell  
Barbara Franzen  
Rita Politzer  
Kathy Quinn  
Shayna Sharpe  
Sandy Welches**

**2023**

**Dave Appel  
Beth Conroy  
Mary Ann Dyer  
Deb Hanzel  
Mary Jo Rawlins  
Amy Shaper  
Cathy Wheeler**

**2024**

**Claudia Gordon  
Valerie Harrison  
Kim Hawkins  
Ed Levine  
Beth Murphy  
Deborah Osgood  
Gretchen Faro**

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

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