

News You Can Use!

November 2022

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

- Updates from your MGCC Committee Chair & Volunteer Coordinator
- Gatherings in the Garden request
- CE opportunity at Secrest Arboretum
- 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

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.



Update from Kim Hawkins, MGCC Committee Chair

I'm looking forward to welcoming our interns to full Master Gardener Volunteer status at the November 16th Annual Meeting. The class of 2021 has

shown themselves to be an interesting and talented group of people who have

already made very real contributions to our programs and projects. (Speaking as a Ben Franklin regular, I can say that their efforts enabled us to complete a number of large projects we've been talking about for years, but haven't had the volunteers to accomplish.)

Please plan on attending the Annual Meeting. In addition to intern graduation, we'll share dinner, recognize our MGV colleagues for milestone hour achievements, and hear Susan Betz talk about "Magical Moons and Seasonal Cycles" (for 1 CE).

If you haven't yet signed up, please do so [HERE](#).

See you at next week!

Kim

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Update from Tammy L. Currier, Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator



Dear MGVs,

Next week we celebrate our Interns and acknowledge the hour achievements of our MGVs - I know I'm looking forward to it and I hope you are too. If you haven't registered yet, please follow the link in Kim's update.

Considering the growing season is winding down (those temperatures - aren't they grand?) and 90 percent have completed and entered your hours, I'd like to offer a bit of guidance. I know we're all heading into the busy holiday season, but I'd like to tuck the following into your minds to mull over.

As we slog through the winter months, give some thought as to how you would like to earn your 25 hour requirement in 2023. In other words, do some planning, some strategizing.

Is there an MGCC project you would like to take part in? Take leadership in? Make a difference in? If so, contact the committee chair and join the committee. Or, reach out to the leads of Hotline on the Road Crocker/Shaker/Botanical Garden and commit a few Saturdays. The Ben Franklin Demo Garden team is always in need of volunteers. And, if you haven't been, go visit.

And for those of you working full time, we know work gets crazy, so consider opportunities you can do at home to maintain your status as an MGCV:

- Participate in Telephone Hotline (task completed from the comfort of your own home).
- Join the Ask a Master Gardener team (questions answered online - also done from the comfort of your own home).
- Become a member of the Tech Team - you could be a Zoom host (also from the comfort of your home).
- Assist community gardens by becoming a Community Garden Mentor - mostly you respond to phone calls.
- Be a regular contributor to the MGCC Facebook page.

And, last but not least, commit to at least glancing at NYCUC - it is an important communication tool where we share volunteer and CE opportunities, as well as state Master Gardener Volunteer expectations/requirements.

For 2023 & beyond, your volunteer requirements are as follows: **25 Volunteer Hours/10 Continuing Education Hours**, due 10/31/2023.

Please reach out if you have any questions - currier.37@osu.edu.

Thank you for ALL you do!

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:

- November 16th - **MGCC Annual Meeting & Intern Graduation; REGISTER HERE!**
- November 16th - **Relationships Matter: Plant Style; REGISTER HERE!**
- January 20 - 28, 2023 - **Extension goes to Ecuador; Registration CLOSED.**

For more information on these dates, see below.

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Did you know one of your own was recognized at the State Level?

By now, you've probably heard the State Master Gardener Volunteer Conference in October was a big success and a real feather in our county's cap. But did you know one of your own was recognized at the state level?

Yes, MGV Kathy DeJohn was chosen as State Master Gardener Volunteer of the Year! So, next time you see her give her a pat on the back. It takes a lot of

hours and leadership to keep the MGCC humming. Congratulations, Kathy - thanks for all you do!



Join the Gatherings in the Garden Team



"Gatherings in the Garden" will start again in January. Anyone interested in more information or committee membership, please contact Chris Hudak with interest

at cahudak@gmail.com or 216.978.2724. If you were on the Committee last year and would like to continue, please let me know.

The Committee will do the following:

- 1.) Schedule Gatherings in the Garden presentations (via Zoom) for 2023.
- 2.) Contact Speakers and line up a schedule.
- 3.) Notify Tech Team about the schedule and the presentations.
- 4.) Make decisions about extending the series.
- 5.) Collect suggestions for new topics to be developed.

The first meeting will be in the evening, the first week of December via Zoom."





Finding Their Roots: Plant Style

To understand plants, it's important to understand them at the familial level. The upcoming symposium, **Relationships Matter: Plant Style**, at Secrest Arboretum in Wooster will make the connections between plants and families and why that

matters.

Description:

Plant families are a fundamental way to understand plant relationships, from what plants did entomologists study to see if they were susceptible to emerald ash borer (fellow members along with ash in the olive family), to which plants are susceptible to bacterial fireblight (members like apples and pears in the rose family), from which plants might you be able to graft one plant to another (only plants in the same family) to which plants such as blueberries are in the rhododendron family and thus tend to thrive only in acid soils?

Join us for our **Plant Family School** to explore the details of the nightshade or tomato family, the surprising numbers of important plants in the asparagus family, the identification and simple classification of the plants in the pine family so prominent in the winter landscape – what is the difference between pine and spruce and fir and hemlock?

Date: November 16th, 2022

Time: 9: 00 AM -3:00 PM

Location: Secrest Welcome and Education Center, 1680 Madison Avenue, Wooster, OH 44691 1680 Madison Ave

Cost: \$40.00 (lunch included)

Register: [HERE](#)

MGVS will receive FIVE CEs for this program

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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

Next year, new CE opportunities! Please review the current Cuyahoga County continuing education opportunities.



Upcoming MGCC CE Opportunities:

- 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 MG.*

HANDS ON CONNECT TIPS:

- 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 - Otherwise, the information you see does not directly pertain to you.

- **The Roster is located under the heading - MY COUNTIES. The Roster is in the third grey box to the right.**
- **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. Contact information for every Master Gardener is located under the ROSTER in Hands on Connect.**
- **Do NOT not use the Hands on Connect sign-up feature – 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.**
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- **Take the time to familiarize yourself with the site - you can't break it and it will be much easier to use once you've clicked on a few links. You can't get the lay of the land, so to speak, until you explore.**

2023 Hour Requirements: 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.

DON'T DELAY - start earning hours as soon as you can in 2023! 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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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**
- 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

Next Advisory Committee Meeting is Monday, November 21st, 2022 at 4:30 PM.

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