

# News You Can Use!

January 2023

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

- Meet Your New ANR Educator
- Update from your Volunteer Coordinator
- CE opportunity from the Western Reserve Land Conservancy
- News about the Callery Pear & other invasive species
- Info on how to be a Redbud Observer
- MGVC "Update" Archive
- & more...

\*NYCU is published once a month October - April; twice a month May - September.

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).



## Greetings from Morning Robinson, your new ANR Educator

Hello! My name is Morning Starr Robinson, and I am a graduate of Tuskegee University with a B.S. in Animal, Poultry and Veterinary Science. I have three chickens, three dogs, two cats, a turtle and bees at home and my special interests are sustainable agriculture and biodiverse populations. My goal is to spark interest in agriculture and natural resources in urban neighborhoods with the help of OSUE and the Master

Gardeners of Cuyahoga County.

**I look forward to connecting and working with the MGCC!**

*-Morning*

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



Dear MGVs,

New year - new opportunities and a new ANR Educator, Morning Robinson! Morning will be instituting MGV Office Hours, so stay tuned for more information.

Please review the following:

- Hour Requirements: **25 Volunteer Hours / 10 Continuing Education Hours**
- Hours Due: **10/31/2023**
- Watch for **NYCU** & take the time to read it - it comes out monthly October - April; twice a month May - September.
- Lastly, **don't wait until August / September to get hours**. They are so many ways to earn hours - even from your own home, so don't delay.

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

**Thank you,**

*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 NYCU. It contains information from each of my updates.***

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### MGCC Dates at a Glance:

- January 11th - **Inviting Biodiversity into our Gardens from the Western Reserve Land Conservancy; Register [HERE!](#)**
- January 12th - **Soil is a Key Component to Gardening Success; Register [HERE!](#)**
- January 20 - 28, 2023 - **Extension goes to Ecuador; Registration CLOSED.**

**For more information on these dates, see below.**

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## **CE OPPORTUNITY: Inviting Biodiversity into our Gardens from the Western Reserve Land Conservancy**

**We're pleased to announce the return of "Inviting Biodiversity into Our Gardens," a five-part virtual symposium that will inspire homeowners, horticulturists, naturalists, educators, landscape designers, and others to learn more about the value of using native plants and trees to establish and maintain healthy habitats. Renee Boranka, Manager of Conservation Education and Outreach at the Western Reserve Land Conservancy has joined forces with colleagues Ann Cicarella of the Cleveland Pollinator and Native Plant Symposium, and Judy Semroc of**

**NatureSpark, to bring you this series which features nationally and regionally renowned experts to help you create vibrant, ecologically resilient gardens and greenspaces that benefit pollinators and wildlife.**

**Registration is now open for Session 1: Creating Resilient, Functional, and Beautiful Biodiverse Landscapes, taking place as a zoom webinar on Wednesday, January 11 from 1 to 3 PM Eastern Time.**

**\* This first session will feature presentations from Jeff Lorenz, the founder of Refugia Design, and Claudia West, principal at Phyto Studio. Jeff and his team specialize in transforming lawns into dynamic plant communities and Claudia will take you behind the scenes of the planning and construction of the Pollinator and Bird Garden at The Arboretum at Penn State—which took years of collaborative research.**

**Please note that all sessions of "Inviting Biodiversity into Our Gardens" will be recorded, and links will be shared with those who register.**

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

**Questions? Contact: [rboronka@wrlandconservancy.org](mailto:rboronka@wrlandconservancy.org)**

**MGVs will receive TWO CE's for this session**

**-submitted by Pat Mraz, MGV 2007**

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## **The Ball Drops on Callery Pear in 2023!**

**Callery Pear sales are coming to an END. As of January 7th, 2023, Callery Pear, *Pyrus calleryana* and its cultivars will no longer be able to be bought or sold in Ohio. This is the end of the 5 year grace period set forth by the Ohio Department of Agriculture from January 7th, 2018.**

**Here is the full list of invasives listed in the article (link below):**



- (1) *Ailanthus altissima*, tree-of-heaven;**
- (2) *Alliaria petiolata*, garlic mustard**
- (3) *Berberis vulgaris*, common barberry;**
- (4) *Butomus umbellatus*, flowering rush;**
- (5) *Celastrus orbiculatus*, oriental bittersweet;**
- (6) *Centaurea stoebe* ssp. *Micranthos*, spotted knapweed;**
- (7) *Dipsacus fullonum*, common teasel;**
- (8) *Dipsacus laciniatus*, cutleaf teasel;**
- (9) *Egeria densa* Brazilian, elodea;**
- (10) *Elaeagnus angustifolia*, russian olive;**
- (11) *Elaeagnus umbellata*, autumn olive;**
- (12) *Epilobium hirsutum*; hairy willow herb;**
- (13) *Frangula alnus*, glossy buckthorn;**
- (14) *Heracleum mantegazzianum*, giant hogweed;**
- (15) *Hesperis matronalis*, dame's rocket;**
- (16) *Hydrilla verticillata*, hydrilla;**
- (17) *Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*, european frog-bit;**
- (18) *Lonicera japonica*, japanese honeysuckle;**
- (19) *Lonicera maackii*, amur honeysuckle;**
- (20) *Lonicera morrowii*, morrow's honeysuckle;**
- (21) *Lonicera tatarica*, tatarian honeysuckle;**
- (22) *Lythrum salicaria*, purple loosestrife;**
- (23) *Lythrum virgatum*, european wand loosestrife;**
- (24) *Microstegium vimineum*, japanese stiltgrass;**
- (25) *Myriophyllum aquaticum*, parrotfeather;**
- (26) *Myriophyllum spicatum*, eurasian water-milfoil;**
- (27) *Nymphoides peltata*, yellow floating heart;**
- (28) *Phragmites australis*, common reed;**
- (29) *Potamogeton crispus*, curly-leaved pondweed;**
- (30) *Pueraria montana* var. *lobata*, kudzu;**
- (31) *Pyrus calleryana*, callery pear;**
- (32) *Ranunculus ficaria*, fig buttercup/lesser celandine;**
- (33) *Rhamnus cathartica*, european buckthorn;**
- (34) *Rosa multiflora*; multiflora rose**
- (35) *Trapa natans*, water chestnut;**
- (36) *Typha angustifolia*, narrow-leaved cattail;**
- (37) *Typha x glauca*, hybrid cattail; and**
- (38) *Vincetoxicum nigrum*, black dog-strangling vine, black swallowwort.**

**To read the full article, follow this [LINK!](#)**

**-submitted by Lois Rose, MGV 1998**

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## Be a Redbud Observer - How? Read on.

The National Museum of Natural History in Washington D.C. is offering a free, online, one-hour long training session on how to become a redbud observer for [The Redbud Phenology Project](#).

**When:** January 5, 2023 (1PM Eastern USA time, noon Central time, 11AM Mountain time, 10AM Pacific time).

**Where:** Zoom

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

**Note:** Since the program is on 1/5 and NYCU has just gone out, reach out to [Jorge Santiago-Blay](#) at [blayj@si.edu](mailto:blayj@si.edu) to express interest. He should be able to share the session as it is being recorded.

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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: 2023 Upcoming Continuing Education Opportunities

**N**ew year, new CE opportunities! Please review the 2023 roster of Cuyahoga County continuing education opportunities.

### Upcoming 2023 MGCC CE Opportunities w/ projected dates:

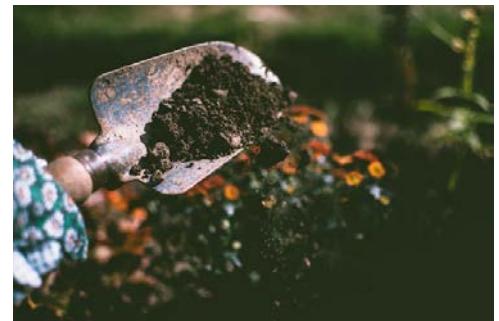
- Mulberry Creek gardens with talk and shopping; April 11th
- Stan Hywet gardens with tour of grounds, house? (and lunch); early summer
- Green Circle Growers; possibly September
- Brian Thompson visit with talk by Christine Züst; DTBD
- Kilbuck Mushroom farm, Burbank; DTBD
- Climate change seminar - possible critical issues; February/March
- Spice Gardens farm visit/cooking demo Cuyahoga valley w/Ben Bebenroth, Spice Acres; DTBD
- Small vegetable farming, distributing in Huron, Farmer John Milan; DTBD
- Ben Franklin diagnostic walk; August

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

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## \* Greene County: Soil is a Key Component to Gardening Success

In winter, not a lot is growing outside, but this is the right time of the year to think about how to improve garden and lawn soil before new seeds are planted or new plants emerge. Join us Ed Brown, OSU Extension Athens County, talk about ways to improve your soil for a more successful spring. Ed Brown is the OSU Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator in Athens County. He also heads up the Home Vegetable Trials throughout Ohio by engaging homeowners as citizen scientists to grow and report on vegetable seeds you purchase through the Athens County Extension office.



Registration is required for this program and will close at 4:00 pm on January 12<sup>th</sup> to ensure all registered participants receive the Zoom link. The link will be sent at 4:15 pm. Check your

spam/junk mail if you do not see it in your inbox. Email Kim Hupman at [hupman.5@osu.edu](mailto:hupman.5@osu.edu) or Trevor Corboy at [corboy.3@osu.edu](mailto:corboy.3@osu.edu) if you have not received the link by 5:30 pm.

**When:** January 12, 2023, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Where:** Zoom

**Cost:** \$5.00

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

**Note:** Registration will close at 4:00 pm on January 12<sup>th</sup> to ensure all registered participants receive the Zoom link.

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 MGV.*

**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.
- 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 benefiting 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.

**BUSY CAREER or HOME LIFE & WANT TO REMAIN AN MGV?** - 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 MGV:

- 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.

**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  
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Deborah Osgood**

**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, January 23, 2023 at 4:30 PM.**

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