



Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County 2017 Programs, Events, and Committees

ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Members are elected.)

Jo deHaseth, Chair; Kathy DeJohn, Vice Chair

The Advisory Committee oversees the Master Gardener Program and advises and assists the OSU Extension Horticultural Agent as appropriate. Members serve three-year terms and meet at least quarterly. Meetings are open to all Master Gardener Volunteers of Cuyahoga County.

ASK A MG – EMAIL DIAGNOSTICS

Carolyn Hufford

Master Gardener Diagnosticians answer horticultural questions submitted through the state-wide extension Ask a Master Gardener program.

BASIC TRAINING AND MENTORING

Cathy Barr

This committee provides outreach and training for the new Master Gardener Volunteer class. Activities include: organize and implement information nights, brochures and interviews, and assist with class activities.

BEN FRANKLIN CHILDREN'S AND HORTICULTURE PROGRAM

Vivian Soltes, Betsy Korhnak

Volunteers are welcome for this all-year program, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., at the Ben Franklin School, including indoor classroom sessions with all fourth graders and outdoor sessions working with students, as well as summer maintenance of the garden.

BEN FRANKLIN PERENNIAL, VEGETABLE AND HERB GARDEN

Kim Hawkins, Jan Larsen, Hedy Westra (Perennial); Dave Kuebler and Jo Ann Pallant (Vegetable); Rita Robinson (Herb)

The Ben Franklin School Demonstration Gardens are always in need of volunteers for seasonal work preparing and maintaining the gardens. Plan and maintain the gardens and present public demonstrations. Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. - noon, throughout the growing season, behind Ben Franklin School.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Hedy Westra, Lynn Sniderman

This committee develops and presents continuing education programs for Master Gardener Volunteers' continuing education requirements. The committee meets in fall to plan following year.

HOTLINE

Kip Schmidt, Lois Rose

Volunteers staff the telephone Horticulture Hotline on Monday (March 16 - Thanksgiving) and Thursday mornings at the OSU Extension Office from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. to answer gardening questions from the public.



COMMUNITY GARDENS (not OSU Extension Summer Sprout Gardens)

- **NORTH OLMSTED COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Rita Robinson

The North Olmsted Community Garden is located behind the City's Oxcart Food Pantry at 26277 Butternut Ridge Road.

- **NORTH ROYALTON COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Pat Mraz

The North Royalton Community Garden, near City Hall, opened in 2010, for its first year of operations. The Garden was constructed as an Eagle Scout project, with City and private support. Master Gardeners were instrumental in its development and plan to maintain an on-going mentoring and educational presence to assist the gardeners and other area gardeners.

- **ROCKY RIVER COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Teresa Kowalski

The Rocky River Community Garden is located behind City Hall and north of the Rocky River Senior Center. Master Gardeners were instrumental in its development and maintain an on-going mentoring and educational presence to assist the gardeners and other area gardeners.

COMMUNITY GARDEN MENTORS (OSU Extension Summer Sprout Gardens)

Barb Franzen, Chris Harris, Maryanne Sachs

Christine Harris and Marianne Sachs are coordinating this program until a permanent Chair is named.

Volunteer with OSU Extension's Community Gardening Program. A diverse group of people and garden groups participate in gardens across Cuyahoga County. Provide workshops on herbs, vegetables, winter gardening, etc. Assist in community and market gardens, and help the gardeners in preparing proposals to submit for presentations at the American Community Gardening Association's State Conference. See MGCC Guidelines (available on website) for Community Gardening Volunteer Hours.

HOTLINE ON THE ROAD

- **CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDENS – Ask a Master Gardener**

Sandy Welches

Volunteers staff the Master Gardener Volunteer booth and answer questions from the public.

- **CUYAHOGA COUNTY FAIR**

Gail Holzman

This committee plans and implements Master Gardener Volunteer participation in the Cuyahoga County Fair annually. Responsibilities include organizing, setup, staffing and teardown.

- **FABULOUS FOOD SHOW**

Vicky Follen

This committee plans and implements Master Gardener Volunteer time at the Fabulous Food Show annually. Responsibilities include organizing, setup, staffing and teardown.



FARMERS MARKETS

- **Crocker Park**
Kris Brown
Volunteers staff a Master Gardener Volunteer booth, answering questions and sometimes making presentations. Dates are: May through September, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- **Shaker Square**
Ellen Comeau
Volunteers staff a Master Gardener Volunteer booth, answering questions and sometimes making presentations. Dates are: May through September, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

FALL SEMINAR

Sandy Welches, Donna Schneider

This is an annual one-day seminar on horticultural topics of interest to gardeners, homeowners and Master Gardener Volunteers. Volunteers plan and implement all aspects of the Seminar, including budgeting, facilities and speakers.

GARDEN TO TABLE

Shoshana Wodzisz

This committee plans and implements all aspects of the annual Spring Seminar, including budgeting, facilities, and speakers.

GRANTS COMMITTEE

Barb Franzen

Volunteers review the merits of different opportunities and based on resources and committee findings, grants can be awarded.

LIBRARY

Rosie Daniels, Donna Schneider

This committee develops MGV-sponsored educational programs annually for presentation at libraries in Cuyahoga County. Responsibilities include planning, scheduling, set-up and take-down. Contact Rosie Daniels and Donna Schneider.

PLANTS IN THE PARK

Lois Rose, Carol Anne Cohen, Kim Hawkins

Plants in the Park: A Garden Day plant sale is held annually. In addition to time spent preparing and setting up for the sale, Master Gardener Volunteers and others also contribute a wide variety of plants for this fundraiser. Volunteers are needed prior to and on the day of the event, usually on the first Saturday in June.

PUBLICITY

Pat Smith

This committee develops and distributes press releases and other communications about Master Gardener Volunteers and the Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County and its programs.



RESOURCES

Kris Brown

This committee sponsors the Speakers Bureau and Web Site, oversees preparation of Speakers Bureau programs, and review's needs, procures and maintains resources for the Master Gardener Program, including books, web site, and computer, projector and portable public address system.

SPEAKERS BUREAU

Pat Koch

Master Gardener Volunteers present educational programs, as well as prepare new programs for presentation. (Part of the Resource Committee) For a description of the present offerings, see website. To be a presenter or to suggest new programs for development, contact Pat Koch.

WEBSITE

Greg Cada, Shoshana Wodzisz

The web site, cuyahogamg.org, is maintained to provide the public an overview of the Master Gardener Program and its educational programs and events available to the public, and to provide Master Gardener Volunteers with timely information and news pertaining to the MG Program and advanced training, volunteering and social opportunities and events

SHARE THE HEALTH GARDEN

Laura Elersich, Wendy Riek

The Share the Health Garden at the Gates Mills Environmental Education Center, 390 County Line Road in Gates Mills is seeking participation by Master Gardeners who want to grow vegetables, as well as educate youths about gardening. There is no set time requirement for volunteering.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Bob Heidleman, Katherine Gerald

This committee coordinates and implements Master Gardener social events such as plant exchanges, the Halloween Party and tours.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Hedy Westra, Connie Rebich, Ellen Comeau

Committee members define the Master Gardener Program direction and objectives. Members also assist in allocating resources to pursue the program strategy.

THERAPEUTIC HORTICULTURE

Volunteers are always needed for the on-going horticultural therapy program. Assist a Horticultural Therapist with programs for patients in nursing homes and rehabilitation centers in Cuyahoga County, and work directly with patients on a regular basis. Various times available at the following locations.

CCF Children's Hospital Hedy Westra	Renaissance Pat Koch	Menorah Park Jeanne Menger
MacGregor PACE Katie Harbage	Montifiore Katie Harbage	Judson Jeanne Menger



TRI-C ENCORE PROGRAM

Marge Cambareri

Volunteers are needed to give presentations at individual (or more) sessions of the Tri-C Encore Program. For further information or to propose topics and volunteer to be a presenter, contact Marge Cambareri.

TRUMPET VINE

Sandy Welches, Editor; w/ Pat Koch, Graphics Design Editor; Sandy Jones, Copy Editor

Bi-monthly Trumpet Vine offers Master Gardener Volunteers a variety of horticulture information timed for the season and publicizes events and news about the MG program and members.

WILLOTT IRIS GARDEN

Contact Person: Bob Pindell, member of North East Ohio Iris Society

The Willott Iris Garden at the City's Rockefeller Park Greenhouse was created in commemoration of Master Gardeners Anthony (Tony) Willott and his wife Dorothy Willott, both of whom became nationally renowned for the hybridizing of irises. They maintained an iris garden for years at the City Greenhouse. Following Tony's death in 2008, a consortium of Cleveland horticultural organizations, also including The Ohio State University Extension, the North East Ohio Iris Society, the Cleveland Botanical Garden, the Cleveland Garden Club (Gardeners of America Cleveland Chapter), and the Rockefeller Park Greenhouse and its Friends, agreed to establish a commemorative iris garden on part of the site of the previous Willott iris garden plot. Volunteers assist with spring, summer and fall garden activities: weeding, pruning, dividing, labeling. For information and to volunteer, contact Pat Koch, MGCV.



Pat Koch

Volunteer Coordinator, Cuyahoga County Master Gardener Program

Pat is the contact person for those who have questions or need help regarding the MG program. She works with committees, recruits MGVs to assist committees and programs, provides support services for events and projects, assists in Basic Training and mentors and works to involve new interns as well as longer-term MGVs.

Pat is at the OSU Extension Office on most Wednesdays.

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<http://www.cuyahogamg.org/OMGVolCenter/OMGVolCtr.html>

VMS (Volunteer Management System):

<https://ohio.volunteersystem.org>