



## Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County 2018 Programs, Events, and Committees

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### **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**

**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 (and also Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to noon for the perennial garden) throughout the growing season, behind Ben Franklin School.

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**Barb Franzen**

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



### **COMMUNITY GARDEN MENTORS**

**Barb Franzen, Chris Harris, Marianne Sachs** are coordinating this program until a permanent Chair is named.

The committee trains Master Gardener Volunteers as mentors to help community members start and grow vegetable gardens. The mentors extend the reach of the OSU Extension staff by providing support, answering questions, demonstrating gardening techniques and working one-on-one with garden leaders.

### **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. (Check as days and hours may change.)

### **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.
- **HOME AND GARDEN SHOW**  
**Vicky Follen, Pat Koch**  
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, Jennifer Young**

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.



## **FROM GARDEN TO TABLE....AND MORE!**

### **SPRING SEMINAR**

**Shoshana Wodzisz**

This is an annual one-day spring seminar typically held in April. It focuses on topics that connect us with the food we eat, plus other horticultural topics of interest to gardeners of any age. This committee plans and implements all aspects of this seminar - including finding great speakers and donors, putting creative talents to work on door prizes and raffle items, publicity and marketing, tracking registrations and budgets, arranging facilities and logistics, and sub-committee leadership.

### **BREAKFAST GARDENING SERIES**

**Mary O'Rourke, Sally Wiess**

This committee plans and implements all aspects of this series of short educational programs, including budgeting, facilities, and speakers. The series is open to the public and held in the early part of the year.

### **GRANTS COMMITTEE (Inactive in 2018)**

**Barb Franzen**

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

### **LIBRARY TALKS**

**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 AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Greg Cada, Shoshana Wodzisz**

The web site, [cuyahogamg.org](http://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**

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 Heidehman, Katherine Geraldts**

This committee coordinates and implements Master Gardener social events such as plant exchanges and tours.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**

**Hedy Westra, Connie Rebich, Ellen Comeau**

Committee members direct and monitor the implementation of the strategic plan by the various strategic planning task forces.

**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  
Jennings Center  
Judson  
MacGregor PACE  
Menorah Park  
Metro General  
Montefiore**

Hedy Westra  
Marjorie Ruhl, Bill Safos  
Jeanne Menger  
Katie Harbage  
Jeanne Menger  
Amy Shaper  
Katie Harbage



### **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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#### **MGCC Website:**

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

#### **VMS (Volunteer Management System):**

<https://ohio.volunteersystem.org>

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