

News You Can Use!

June 2024

Hello Shoshana,

Here is the June 2024 News You Can Use featuring:

- Update from your AC Chair, PIP Co-Chair, & Volunteer Coordinator
- Summer Sprout Distribution volunteer sign-up
- Visit the MGCC table & OSU BUGmobile at local Pollinator Week Event
- Summit County Gardens of Distinction registration
- New Ben Franklin Saturday dates for 2024
- June Foraging for Mushroom CE event
- Upcoming MGCC CE Opportunity at Phipps Conservatory, etc. MGV Road Trip
- and More...

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If you have any questions on information found in News You Can Use - contact Tammy L. Currier at currier.37@osu.edu.

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 Ellen Comeau, MGV Advisory Council Chair

Hi All,

Well, it was another really successful PIP sale this year!

Congratulations to the committee and all who volunteered. You all

just keep outdoing yourselves, and I love it.

I was able to say hi to a lot of you on Friday and even meet some MGVs I only communicate with by email.

I was asking around to see why we get such a large turnout of volunteers for this event. Was it hours? Was it fun? The answer I received the most was - fun! It's great to be around people you haven't seen in a while as well as having the opportunity to meet new volunteers. The food was good, and the weather was great. And even though there was a lot to be done, it seems enjoying the people around you makes the tasks easier.

I asked why we get such a great turnout because I want to see if we can get that kind of enthusiasm with other committees. Everyone seems to really enjoy themselves at PIP. Does that happen with other committees?

The Advisory Council will be talking to committee chairs in the near future, and before the end of the year, we'll be sending out survey questions to find out exactly how you feel about the work you do with other MGCC committees/programs you participate in. The survey will provide crucial information for the Advisory Council, as it will help in taking the next steps as we begin reviewing new programs that come up as well as any changes we may need to be make with some of our current committees.

We want that "PIP fun" to continue with whatever program you volunteer for.

The word has gone out for anyone willing to help with fundraising. If you have some thoughts/ideas you'd like to share, please contact Dave Appel. He is the Fundraising Chair. We're looking for people to toss ideas around - not someone to run a committee or event. Not yet anyway, lol.

"And why do we need money, don't we have enough?" I get that question a lot. We do have money, but we also have some big expenses. We're looking for some things that will help us be sustainable for the financial future of our organization. While we can count on PIP to contribute, we can't rely on just one event.

While Advisory Council has been doing research on past programs, we are also looking for suggestions and ideas from you - the members of this organization.

We had two spots on AC open recently due to members having to resign their positions. I'm very pleased to say both spots have been filled. I'm happy to welcome Anya Milgrom and Shoshana Wodzisz to AC. Congratulations!

I hope everyone is busy planting and working in your gardens and wish you all a successful growing year!

Thanks for reading and thanks as always for volunteering,

Ellen

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**Update from Dave Appel, MGV
PIP Co-Chair**



**Thanks to Our Amazing Plants in the Park
Volunteer Team -
Because of You, We Had a Record
Breaking Plant Sale!**

**I hope that you all have been able to catch
your breath and relax after all you did
individually and collectively to make
Plants in the Park 2024 such a
tremendous success! We are very pleased and excited to report that
our revenue accounting is complete and because of you, we reached
an all-time high of \$15,639 in total PIP sales!!!**

**Deb, Cathy and I extend our heartfelt thanks for all your help,
guidance, support and hard work - you are an awesome team and we
couldn't have done this without you all!!! What a perfect day -
gorgeous weather, a healthy variety of over 3,000 donated plants,
480 customers, brisk sales, and the pleasure of working with such a
dedicated and talented group of Master Gardeners!**

**Wishing you all some well-earned and well-deserved down time
post PIP! We can't begin to tell you how much we appreciate and
value you as our PIP volunteer team! Please stay tuned – we'll have
more details regarding our plant sale in our next issue of News You
Can Use!**

Your 2024 Plants in the Park Co-Chairs,

*Dave Appel
Deb Dougherty
Cathy Wheeler*

A Few Snapshots from Plants in the Park 2024



9:00 AM: Lined up & ready to buy! ??? Ask a Master Gardener!



Plants galore!



Goods for the Home & Garden * Lots of lovely hanging baskets!**

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**Update from Tammy L. Currier,
MGCC Volunteer Coordinator**

Dear MGVs,

Hope your gardens are growing well! I don't have any outdoor space where I live, but my houseplants are happy -



even putting out new shoots!

I'm including an update this issue to provide an hour entry review. First, you must pin any projects you volunteer for to your homepage - please see steps below to accomplish this.

To pin a project, go to your Hands on Connect homepage and scroll down to the MY COUNTIES section of the page and then click on SEARCH PROJECTS. Scroll to for example Plants in the Park (listings are alphabetical) and click on the project. Scroll down to the bottom

of the page and click on the words: ADD TO MY HOMEPAGE and follow the prompts.

It may take a bit for the system to register your selection, but it will. Once it appears on your homepage, you can add the hours by clicking on the ADD HOURS box to the left of the entry on your homepage. Remember to put the title of the event you volunteered for or attended in the notes section.

I have also been receiving lots of inquiries from MGVs with questions on correcting mistakes they make entering their hours. To correct any mistakes made, please follow these steps. To edit your hours, go to the box near the top of your account page titled EDIT HOURS. It is located just above the MY COUNTIES SECTION and just below the MY HOURS section in the top third of the page.

Once you click on it you can choose the year to review and then edit any incorrect entries. You can't delete them, but you can edit the hours to zero. That is the only way to take care of incorrect hour entries. Jen, the MGV Program Manager in Columbus, is the only person with the permission to delete anything.

Let me know if you have further questions. I can always Zoom if anyone needs further assistance.

As always, thanks for all you do,

Tammy

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MGCC Dates at a Glance:

- **June 7, 2024 - *Nature's Best Hope with Douglas Tallamy*; SEE BELOW!**

- **June 8, 2024 - Forage for Mushrooms with Jerry Umanski; REGISTER HERE!**
- **June 8, 2024 - Saturdays at Ben Franklin; signup with Hedy Westra at hedywestra@ameritech.net**
- **June 15, 2024 - Phipps-Youngstown Garden Bus Tour** (Visit Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, Fellows Riverside Gardens, & L'uva Bella Winery.); **REGISTER HERE!**
- **June 19 & 20, 2024 - Volunteer with Summer Sprouts for Plant Distribution Days; REGISTER HERE!**
- **June 22, 2024 - Celebrate National Pollinator Week** *by attending a Native Plant Sale event at First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland in Shaker Heights. Experience the OSU BUGmobile, nearby pollinator gardens, and the opportunity to buy native plants. The MGCC will have a table at the event; SAVE THE DATE!*
- **June 22, 2024 - Summit County Master Gardeners' Gardens of Distinction; REGISTER HERE!**
- **June 7 - July 12 - Become a Master Rain Gardener; REGISTER HERE!**
- **August 9 - 11, 2024 - Moss Workshop at Stone Lab, Put-in-Bay; SEE BELOW!**
- **September 17, 2024 - MGCC Fall Plant Exchange; SAVE THE DATE!**
- **February 27 - March 10, 2025 - Head Down Under on a New Zealand Horticulture Study Tour; LEARN MORE!**

For more information on these dates, see descriptions below.

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MGCC Bulletin Board: Check here for requests from your fellow MGVs & partner Cuyahoga County Extension programs

- **Summer Sprouts is looking for help with Plant Distribution Days!**

To sign up for one of the dates follow the link provided below.

When:

Wednesday, June 19th / 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Thursday, June 20th / 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Where:

Morganic Gardens / E. 65th & Kenyon Avenue - just off Broadway in the Slavic Village neighborhood.

Register: [HERE](#)! (USE THIS LINK TO SIGN-UP - DO NOT EMAIL VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR TO SIGN-UP.)

Note: Log these VHs under MISCELLANEOUS and type Summer Sprout Distribution Days in the notes. Make sure to pin the MISCELLANEOUS project to your Hands on Connect homepage before attempting to log the hours. Remember - the projects are listed alphabetically.

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Celebrate National Pollinator Week with a Local Native Plant Sale Event - Saturday, June 22 - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Visit the OSU BUGmobile & the MGCC Table!*

Where: First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland / 3630 Fairmount BLVD / Shaker Heights (parking lot behind church - enter from Shelburne Road.)

For more information, see flyer below.

2024 Pollinator Week Native Plant Sale

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 10 am to 3 pm

First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland
3630 Fairmount Blvd.
Shaker Heights, OH
(enter parking lot off of Shelburne Rd.)

RAIN OR SHINE!

Cleveland Pollinators and Native Plants is celebrating Pollinator Week with a native plant sale featuring the following native plant vendors: Avonlea Gardens and Inn ☼ Leaves for Wildlife ☼ Meadow City Nursery ☼ Natives in Harmony ☼ Nick's Natives ☼ Revolution Native Plants ☼ Tim Kalan.

Ann Cicarella's Garden will be open for exploring her many pollinator gardens during the day, just across the street from the Church. 18820 Shelburne Road, Shaker Hts.

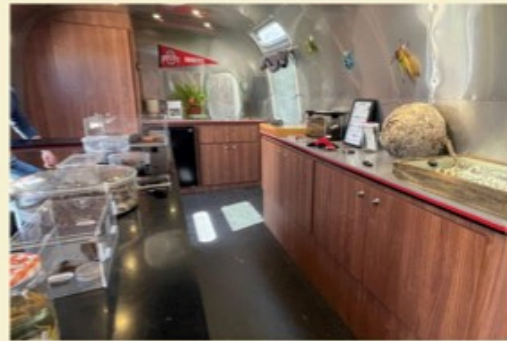
Also featured are ecological focused organizations: Cleveland Museum of Natural History ☼ Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District ☼ LEAP ☼ Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County ☼ Nature in My Backyard ☼ Quiet Cleveland Heights, Rust Belt Riders ☼ Xerces Society.

Plus enjoy family-friendly activities, artisanal crafts, music and pollinator art crafts for children.



We are very thrilled to welcome the spectacular Ohio State University BUGmobile from OSU in Columbus, OH!

The **BUGmobile** is a new mobile insect zoo — a dynamic educational outreach vehicle that is a one-of-a-kind, modified 28-foot-long Airstream trailer. You can see and hold live insects, examine pinned insects under microscopes and learn about insects in safe and controlled environment. You don't want to miss this incredible experience!



Summit County Master Gardeners 2024 TOUR OF GARDENS



Summit County Master Gardeners 2024 Tour of Gardens

Come explore six exceptional gardens to support Summit County Master Gardeners community projects.

Explore and enjoy six exceptional gardens in the self-guided Summit County Master Gardeners annual Tour of Gardens.

All June 22nd ticket holders are invited to shop the wide variety of Master Gardener-grown plants and garden items at the Posie Shoppe and New-to-You Boutique.

Proceeds will support Summit County Master Gardeners projects, programs, and initiatives promoting local research-based education and good gardening practices.

New this year are virtual tour options! Purchase general tour tickets online for \$25 each with an option to add the Virtual Tour for \$10 more.

Or, if you are unable to attend the Tour in-person, purchase the Virtual Tour-only for \$20 each. The Virtual Tour includes two bonus gardens! Click the buttons below to register.

Important Details

- **Advance sale tickets only.**
- **No tickets sold event day.**
- **Each in-person guest must have a ticket.**
- **The Tour is not universally accessible.**
- **The Tour is held rain or shine.**
- **Check-in starts promptly at 9:00 AM, but not before.**
- **There are No Refunds on any tickets.**

When: The In-Person Tour is Saturday, Jun 22, 2024 - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Note: The Virtual Tour will be available to view from June 28-July 5 via email link.

Where: Check-in for in-person ticket holders is at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Parking Lot, 1361 W. Market Street, Akron, OH 44313. YOU MUST CHECK IN BETWEEN 9:00 AM AND NOON!

- [In-Person Tour with Virtual option](#)
- [Virtual Tour ONLY](#)

We hope to see you at the 2024 Tour of Gardens!

Sincerely,

The Tour of Gardens Committee
Summit County Master Gardeners

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Saturdays in the Ben Franklin Demo Gardens are Back!

For MGVs who need weekend hours, we will be in the garden from 9-12 on the second Saturday of every month beginning in June: **6/8, 7/13, 8/10, 9/14, 10/12.**

If you would like to work on one or more of these dates, you must let Hedy Westra know a few days in advance at

hedywestra@ameritech.net. A senior MGV will be there if we know people are coming. If we

don't hear from anyone, we'll be home pulling our own weeds. Thursday mornings in the garden began on April 25th. Barring heavy rain, we will be there from 9-12 every Thursday. No need to let us know; just show up with your gloves, favorite hand tools, and a bag to take home the weeds.

Hope to see you in our beautiful gardens at least once this season. Hedy Westra, Susan Pandoli, Allen Maragliano, Kim Hawkins, Perennial and Herb Garden Co-Chairs
-submitted by Kim Hawkins, MGV 2008



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Head Down Under with Franklin County ANR Educator - Mike Hogan!

When: February 27 - March 10, 2025

What: New Zealand Horticulture Study Tour

Details:

- Per person based on double occupancy (20 minimum travelers) - \$4,975
- Single room supplement - \$975

- Payment Schedule:
 - June 15, 2024 - Registration deadline
 - June 30, 2024 - \$1,000 non refundable deposit
 - November 1, 2024 - Final payment due
 - *3% transaction fee for all credit cards

- View the [ITINERARY](#)

- **Included:**
 - Accommodations
 - Bus Transportation
 - Guide
 - Tours/Technical Visits
 - Entrance fees that are included are noted in the above itinerary
 - Meals as indicated on the itinerary
 - B= Breakfast
 - L= Lunch
 - D= Dinner
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- **Not Included:**
 - International Airfare
 - Domestic Airfares in New Zealand
 - Gratuities for guide & driver
 - Cost of valid U.S. passport or other documents necessary for international travel
 - Alcoholic beverages
 - Travel insurance coverage (highly recommended)
 - Airline seat upgrades
 - Excess baggage fees
 - Souvenirs
 - Leisure activities on free days
 - Hotel charges for incidentals, including telephone calls, pay per view movies, mini bars, and snack trays, personal laundry, room service, and hotel penalties for smoking in hotel rooms.

Follow this [LINK](#) to register!



Study Moss on Put-in-Bay with OSU!



Mosses are small and intriguing plants that occur in nearly all ecosystems, sometimes abundantly so. They are a species-rich group that is often overlooked, even by skilled botanists, because of a need to use magnification to see their identification features. This workshop, geared to educators, botanically oriented amateur naturalists, and natural resource professionals engaged in land stewardship, will teach the hand lens and microscope skills required to key out unknown specimens, as well as enable field-recognition of the most common genera.

Location

Stone Laboratory | Put-In-Bay

Dates

August 9-11

Instructors

Robert Klips, Ph.D.
Associate Professor Emeritus

Lisa Kutschbach-Brohl
Chair, Lake Erie Islands Conservancy

Cost

\$500 (includes workshop fees, room and meals)



Scan to QR code to learn more and apply.

Still have questions? Contact us at: ohioseagrant@osu.edu



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



For more information about the **Through the Garden Gate Tour**, follow this [LINK!](#)

-submitted by Sandy Gates, MGV 2005



*** Cuyahoga County: 2024 CE Opportunities**

See below for 2024's CE opportunities.

- **June 8th - Spend two hours learning how to forage for mushrooms and then apply your knowledge during a foraging session with your instructor, Jerry Umanski - REGISTER [HERE!](#)**



Upcoming Opportunities:

- **DTBD - Cleveland State University rooftop gardening demonstration with MGV's own Judith Ausherman.**
- **July 9th - Fungus Among Us & Other Plant Diseases - learn about fungus with Tim Malinich. This is an excellent class for MGVs that volunteer with any of the Hotline or public facing MGV events.**
- **July 15th - Learn about native plant care and development at Meadow City Nursery.**
- **August 1st - Perennials and Vegetables with MGVs own Kim Hawkins and Hedy Westra at Ben Franklin Demo Gardens.**
- **DTBD - Diagnostic Walk with Ann Chanon, Maggie Rivera, and Morning Robinson at Ben Franklin Demo Gardens.**
- **August 21st - Pruning Instruction with MGVs own Lois Rose at The Orchard at Fairhill.**

Other events include:

- **June 15th - Phipps Conservatory bus trip - see above.**



Meet Summit in the Garden - see listings below!

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Meet Me in the Garden 2024

F. A. Seiberling Nature Realm
Visitors Center
1828 Smith Road / Akron, Ohio

A FREE EDUCATIONAL SERIES

Presented by the **Summit County Master Gardeners**
Join us each month for a lively discussion on a variety of gardening topics.
Programs will be held inside unless otherwise noted. Come early. Space is limited.

May

Wednesday, **May 22**, 2024
7:00 pm

Gardening As We Age

Learn about best gardening practices, ergonomic tools and other ideas in order to garden productively as our abilities change.

Presented by
Laura Akgerman
Disability Services Coordinator
Ohio AgrAbility and OSU Extension



June

Wednesday, **June 26**, 2024
7:00 pm



Growing a Great Cutting Garden

Discover some of Stan Hywet's favorite flowers and plants for floral arranging as well as tips and techniques for growing your own.

Presented by
Brian Gregory
Senior Horticulturist,
Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens

July

Wednesday, **July 24**, 2024
7:00 pm

Tree Planting and Young Tree Care For Long-Term Success

Learn how trees are grown in nurseries and how to choose the right root ball type, proper planting and care for each situation.



Presented by
Tina Graver
Board Certified Master Arborist and
Certified Treecare Safety Professional

August

Wednesday, **August 28**, 2024
7:00 pm



Healthy Trees for 1 to 100 Acres

A brief introduction of forest management for small woodlots considering wildlife, aesthetics and timber management.

Presented by
Michael Hovatter
PA Regional Forester with LandVest



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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.

Visit the following links to register for current webinars and to listen to past webinars:

- [2022-2023 Webinars](#)
- [2021-2022 Webinars](#)
- [2020-2021 Webinars](#)

Happy Learning!

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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 MGVC.*

Need help finding MGCC Projects or Roster? Follow these steps:

- Log into this [LINK](#)
- Scroll down to **MY COUNTIES**
- Click on the grey box titled: **SEARCH PROJECTS** to locate full list of current MGCC projects. Click on the title of the project to access description.
- Click on the grey box titled: **ROSTER** (located to the right of the **SEARCH PROJECTS** box) to locate the names, status, phone, and email addresses of your fellow MGVCs.

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 Volunteer is

located under the ROSTER in Hands on Connect.

- **Do 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 or CE's earned.
- 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.

2024 Hour Requirements: 25 Volunteer Hours / 10 Continuing Education Hours - due October 31, 2024.

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 2024! 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:

- Volunteer at Ben Franklin Perennial & Herb Demo Gardens Saturday offerings - stay tuned for dates!
- 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 (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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Executive Committee Officers:

Ellen Comeau / Chair / Term Start: '23 / Term End: '25
Melanie Biche / Program Committee Chair / Term Start: '24 / Term End: '26
Dave Appel / Fundraising Chair / Term Start: '23 / Term End: '25
Debbie Osgood / Secretary / Term Start: '23 / Term End: '25
Cheryl Dever / Treasurer / Term Start: '24 / Term End: '26
Kate Rosfelder / Assistant Treasurer / Term Start: '24 / Term End: '26

** Officers serve two years in their officer roles and a third year as a member of the AC.

** Assistant treasurer role is ex officio and non-voting. Official AC term starts when the AT assumes the treasurer role.

Advisory Council Members:

Gretchen Faro / Term Start: '22 / Term End: '24
Deb Dougherty / Term Start: '23 / Term End: '25
Sue Pandoli / Term Start: '23 / Term End: '25
Joan Pellegrin / Term Start: '23 / Term End: '25
Claudia Gordon / Term Start: '24 / Term End: '26
Tom Capretta / Term Start: '24 / Term End: '26
Anya Milgrom / Term Start: '24 / Term End: '26
Shoshana Wodzisz / Term Start: '24 / Term End: '26

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Next Advisory Council Meeting is Monday, August 19th, 2024 at 4:30 PM in the OSU training room at Fairhill Partners.

If you plan to attend to observe and listen, or if you'd like to be placed on the agenda (time permitting) please contact Ellen Comeau at wallpaperhanger@att.net.

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