

News You Can Use!

July 2024, 2nd Edition

Hello Shoshana,

Here is the July 2024, 2nd Edition News You Can Use featuring:

- Updates from your Volunteer Coordinator and Tech Team
- HeatRisk - a new tool from the CDC
- Requests for volunteers for Tri-C Encore and the Cuyahoga County Fair
- Information about Spotted Lanternfly workshops
- News from Jen Andon, OSUE MGV State Program Manager
- MGCC CE opportunities at Ben Franklin Demo Gardens and in The Orchard at Fairhill
- 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 Tammy L. Currier, MGCC Volunteer Coordinator

Dear MGV's,

It is with a heavy heart that I share the passing of MGV Paul Schroeder. He passed away on Saturday, July 20th.

MGV Kathleen Szabo shared his memorial service will be held at the Church of the Savior in Cleveland Heights in about two weeks.

Once I know more, I will share. I found a brief **obituary**, but this **article** from Case Western Reserve where Paul had been a professor offers a window into his interesting life.

Thinking of Paul and his wife,

Tammy

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Update from the Tech Team

Dear MGVs,



Thank you all for the compliments on the new MGCC **website**! We're excited to announce that the public-facing site is now up and running, but we're still working on the Members Only area. For the time being, you will not be able to access that portion of the site, but please keep an eye out for an upcoming communication with your log-in information.

We also need your help with keeping the new site up to date! We want to make sure that we are posting any upcoming events, library talks, tabling opportunities, and anything else that is open to the public. If your committee has any upcoming events, please send the information to **admin@cuyahogamg.org** We will post the event on the calendar and can also highlight it on our front page if you would like.

We are also looking for submissions of your garden or event photos that we can use on the website (rather than random stock images). Please send them to the above email address (make sure to keep them at highest resolution/file size possible so that they still look great when enlarged). And if you have any other suggestions/additions for the public-facing site, please send your ideas to **admin@cuyahogamg.org** We can't wait to hear from you!

Thanks,

The Tech Team

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- **Tri- C Encore Needs You! Volunteers needed for Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County Tri-C Encore Program**

Tri-C (Cuyahoga Community College) Encore's "Gardener's Gazette" program's mission is to provide senior adult individuals, 55 and over, knowledge and/or interest in various gardening subjects. We provide research-based, up-to-date practical gardening techniques and information taught by our own Master Gardeners.

Topics and presenters are scheduled on seven Fridays in the Fall Session, 9/20/24 to 11/1/2024, and seven Fridays in the Spring Session. Currently, Encore is only available at the Eastern Campus on Richmond Road and Western Campus on Pleasant Valley Road.

Anyone interested in helping out with Encore, please let [Susan Pandoli](#) or [myself](#) know. Please join us at our upcoming meeting - see details below.

When: Monday, August 11th / 9:30 - 10:00 AM

Where: Panera / 6700 Rockside Road / Independence

-submitted by Marilyn Hallenburg, MGV 2014

- **Need Volunteer Hours? The Cuyahoga County Fair is Calling You!**

Mark your calendars - volunteer **August 6th-11th, 2024** at the MGCC's educational display in the Floral Building at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. Volunteers are needed to set-up &/or tear down, to do meet and greet, and to answer garden-related questions. There is so much to see and do at this worthwhile event!

- **To lend a hand, Contact Gail Holzman @440-237-7609 or hikoryhill@roadrunner.com. Don't dally - volunteer spots fill up quickly!**

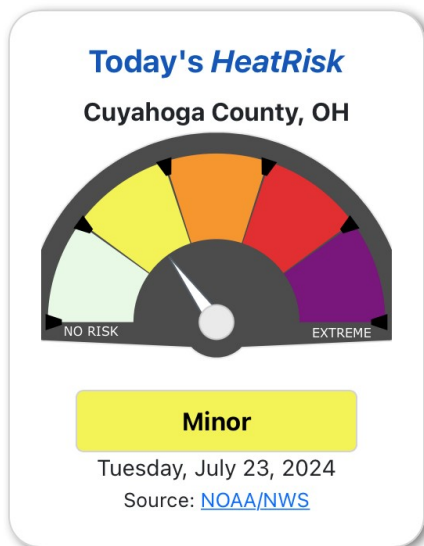
See YOU at the Fair!!!



MGCC Dates at a Glance:

- July 25 & 29 / August 1 & 15, 2024 - **Spotted Lanternfly Training for OSU Extension MGVs**; [LEARN MORE!](#)
- July 25, 31, & August 26 - **OSUE MGV Diagnostic Workshops**; [LEARN MORE!](#)
- August 1, 2024 - **MGCC CE Opportunity at Ben Franklin Demo Gardens**; [REGISTER HERE!](#)
- August 8, 2024 - **Saturdays at Ben Franklin**; EMAIL HEDY WESTRA TO SIGNUP at hedywestra@ameritech.net!
- August 6-11, 2024 - **MGCC at the Cuyahoga County Fair**; CONTACT GAIL HOLZMAN TO VOLUNTEER (See contact info in "Help Wanted" section above)
- August 21, 2024 - **MGCC Pruning Workshop at Fairhill**; [REGISTER HERE!](#)
- September 17, 2024 - **MGCC Fall Plant Exchange**; **SAVE THE DATE!**
- January 17 – 24, 2025 or January 25 – February 1, 2025 - **MGV Ecuador Service Trip**; [REGISTER HERE!](#)

For more information on these dates, see descriptions below.



The Dog Days are Here!

Important tool for Gardeners

Hot days can affect anyone, especially if you have asthma, a heart ailment, or other chronic health condition. Heat spikes can definitely exacerbate existing health concerns so take advantage of this free HeatRisk tool from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

As you're planning your gardening activities for the week, just visit

this [LINK](#) and enter your zipcode to discover the heat risk in your area!

-submitted by Carolyn Hufford, MGCV 1996

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Visit the Cuyahoga County Master Gardener Volunteers at the Cuyahoga County Fair!

When: August 6-11, 2024

Where: The Flower Building / 19201 E Bagley Road / Middleburg Heights, OH 44130

Hours:

Tuesday to Friday / NOON-11:00 PM

Saturday / 10:00 AM-11:00 PM

Sunday / NOON-10:00 PM

Hope to see you there!

For more information about the Fair, follow this [LINK](#)!

To volunteer at the MGCC Booth - contact Gail Holzman @440-237-7609 or hikoryhill@roadrunner.com

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Ohio State University Extension is part of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences at The Ohio State University.

Making Food at Home to Sell

Join us for monthly virtual Q&A sessions

12-1 p.m.

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| July 25 | What foods can be home-produced? |
| Aug. 29 | Who is a home baker or cottage food producer? |
| Sept. 26 | Where can I sell my products? |
| Oct. 31 | When should I reach out for help? |
| Nov. 14 | Holiday food production |

Register to participate in this free Q&A series at:
go.osu.edu/virtualQ&A24

Have a Food Side Gig? Learn to Prepare Food Safely

MGVs do you or anyone you know make food to sell at markets? If so, participate in the monthly virtual Q & A sessions to get all of your questions answered.

Nicole Arnold, Food Safety Field Specialist, and team (Katie Stolte-Carroll, previous Ohio Dept of Ag inspector; Emily Marrison, Assistant Professor) will host the sessions to engage with new and experienced home-based food producers. Each Q&A will briefly introduce various topics and allow plenty of time for discussion and specific questions.

This activity is taking place on behalf of a USDA NIFA Food Safety Outreach Training grant supporting the safety and regulatory components of cottage foods and home bakery products (i.e., foods that can be produced in home kitchens and sold to the public).

To participate, register [HERE!](#)

Each virtual Q&A session will begin with a 5–10-minute presentation.

You do not need to come prepared with questions. Feel free to drop in to listen!

*Please note that these virtual Q&A's solely pertain to foods approved to be made at home (in Ohio) with the intention to sell them (e.g., cottage foods and home bakery products).

The virtual Q&A sessions are take place once a month on Thursdays from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM:

July 25 – What foods can be home-produced?

August 29 – Who is a home baker or cottage food producer?

September 26 – Where can I sell my products?

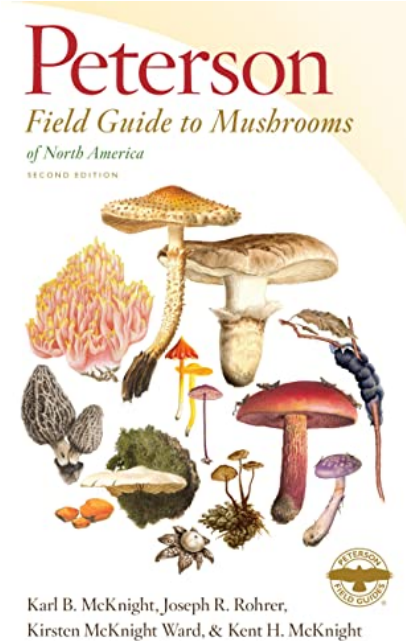
October 31 – When should I reach out for help?
November 14 – Holiday food production

MGVs receive **ONE**
CE per **ONE** hour of instruction

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News from Jennifer Andon, OSUE MGVS State Program Manager

Ecuador 2025 (January 17 – 24, 2025 or
January 25 – February 1, 2025): We still
have a few spots available for our Service-
Learning Experience trip to Ecuador in
January 2025. We will be taking two
groups back to back for one week each.
You are welcome to bring a friend or
family member along to participate with
our group. Please see our [Ecuador
Information Sheet](#) for more details on
these once in a lifetime trips.



Registration is on a first come first serve basis, and we can only take 14 additional people each week. Interested parties must complete the Qualtrics survey [HERE](#), and send in \$500 deposit to hold their place. A notification email will go out upon receipt of your deposit. In addition to the information sheet, Please check out this excellent [Power Point presentation](#) that one our volunteers put together from last year's trip (presentation will go to your downloads).

MGV Diagnostic Workshops: Join other MGVS who love to learn and hone their diagnostic skills at the same time! The class includes individual presentations in the morning that will focus on a review of summer and winter annual weeds, and perennial and biennial weeds and control. Learn about the diagnostic process and then practice in the afternoon. Test your skills with hands-on samples that provide an opportunity for learning more about the diagnostic process.

*All Ask a Master Gardener volunteers receive free registration, but you must register. Contact the sponsor and let them know you are an AaMGV.

*Each county in attendance will receive a copy of *Peterson Field Guide To Mushrooms of North America* to take back to their county office.

Please visit: [Diagnostic Workshops 2025](#) (click on the words) for more information and to get registered today!

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MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS

2024 Train the Trainer Spotted Lanternfly Training



As the Spotted Lanternfly (SLF), a non-native invasive species continues to increase its populations and spread in Ohio, Extension Master Gardener Volunteers will play a critical role in outreach and education in their counties. Volunteers will be offered an opportunity of a combination of indoor training and a hands-on outdoor field experience at two different locations and will require some driving between locations. The programs will be offered in 4 locations across the state, in counties with building SLF populations. The training is a result of funding through the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) for OSU's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program.



	SLF Training For Extension MGVs
July 25	6:30 – 9 PM Franklin County (Columbus)
July 29	2 – 4:30 PM Lucas County (Toledo)
August 1	2 - 4:30 PM Mahoning County (Austintown)
August 15	2 – 4:30 PM Hamilton County (Cincinnati)



Extension Master Gardener Volunteers are asked to register for the session that they would like to attend using the following Qualtrics link: <https://go.osu.edu/2024mqvslf>

The registration deadlines are one week prior to the specific session. Space may be limited and will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

Cost for the program is FREE and supported through NIFA the OSU IPM Program.

For more information please contact Amy Stone at OSU Extension in Lucas County at 419-574-0986, or stone.91@osu.edu



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2024 Train the Trainer - Spotted Lanternfly Training

Want to learn more? Come train to help educate the public about this destructive insect at one of four locations.

- REGISTER [HERE](#) for this FREE training! Funding provided by NIFA OSU Integrative Pest Management.

Questions? Contact Amy Stone at OSU Extension in Lucas County at 419.574.0986 / stone.91@osu.edu

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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 each month through October: **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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* Cuyahoga County: 2024 CE Opportunities

See below for 2024's CE opportunities.

- **August 1st - Continuing Education at Ben Franklin Gardens - this CE program will feature two topics: Perennials / Keystone Plants and Managing the Mexican Bean Beetle. The first will be presented by MGVs Hedy Westra and Sue Pandoli and the second by MGV Brandy Hudelson; REGISTER [HERE!](#) (Registration closes 7/29.)**



***For Master Gardeners only - there is no fee for this program.**

- **August 21 - Sharpen your pruning skills at the upcoming Pruning Workshop! This demonstration/lecture will help you to perfect your pruning skills, as well as introduce you to various tools and provide instruction on how to properly clean them. The event will take place in "The Orchard" at the Fairhill office; REGISTER [HERE!](#)**

Upcoming Opportunities:

- **DTBD - Diagnostic Walk with Ann Chanon, Maggie Rivera, and Morning Robinson at Ben Franklin Demo Gardens.**

MGVs earn ONE CE per ONE hour of programming

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Meet Summit in the Garden - see listings below!



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 LandWest



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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

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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 MGV.*

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 MGVs.

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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**Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County
2024 Advisory Council Members:**

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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