

# News You Can Use!

June 2024, 2nd Edition

Hello Shoshana,

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

- Visit the MGCC table & OSU BUGmobile at local Pollinator Week Event this Saturday, 6/22
- Summit County Gardens of Distinction registration
- New Ben Franklin Saturday dates for 2024
- MGCC CE opportunities on robots that weed & rooftop gardening, fungus & other plant diseases, & supporting biodiversity in your own backyard
- 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](mailto: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](mailto:currier.37@osu.edu).

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## MGCC Dates at a Glance:

- **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 26, 2024 - What is a Farmbot?** - MGCC CE opportunity; **REGISTER [HERE!](#)**

- **July 9, 2024 - Fungus Among Us & Other Plant Diseases; REGISTER HERE!**
- **July 13, 2024 - Saturdays at Ben Franklin; EMAIL HEDY WESTRA TO SIGNUP at [hedywestra@ameritech.net](mailto:hedywestra@ameritech.net)!**
- **July 15, 2024 - Discover the Biodiversity in Your Own Backyard; 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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**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.

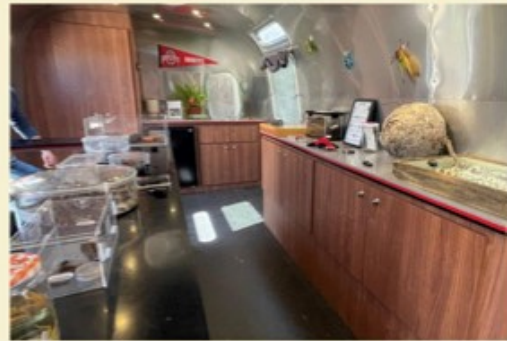
Also featured are ecological focused organizations: Cleveland Museum of Natural History ☼ Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District ☼ LEAP ☼ Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County ☼ Nature in My Backyard ☼ Quiet Cleveland Heights, Rust Belt Riders ☼ Xerces Society.

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: **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](mailto: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





## \* Cuyahoga County: 2024 CE Opportunities

See below for 2024's CE opportunities.

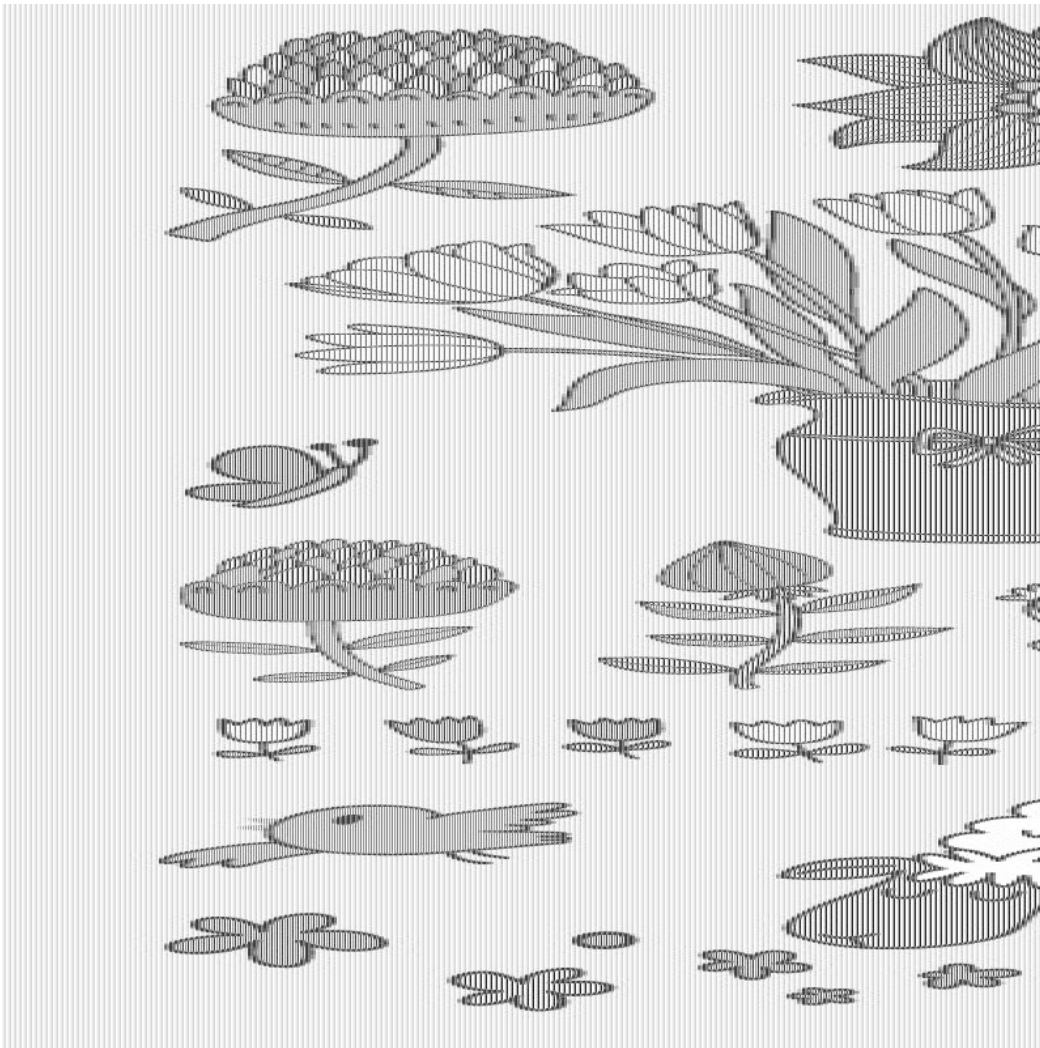
- **June 26th - A Garden on a Roof? A Robot that Weeds? - Cleveland State University Assistant Director of Fitness and Wellbeing, Katie Blodorn, will lead our tour of the CSU Rooftop garden and will show us a demonstration of their FarmBot. The FarmBot represents another way to garden in the 21st century - robots can be designed to do multiple gardening tasks such as weeding and watering. And our own Judy Ausherman, CSU professor, will be on hand to talk about how she uses gardening to grow new opportunities for students - REGISTER [HERE!](#)**
- **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 - REGISTER [HERE!](#)**
- **July 15th - Discover the Biodiversity in Your Own Backyard - We'll learn about the incredible diversity in your garden and inspire you to focus on supporting the biodiversity in your own yard by, for example, creating "soft landings" under keystone trees (or any other regionally appropriate native tree). These plantings provide critical shelter and habitat for one or more life cycle stages of moths, butterflies, and beneficial insects. - REGISTER [HERE!](#)**

### Upcoming Opportunities:

- **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.**

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





**\*Earn a CE Watching Summit County MGVs Meet Me in the Garden Presentation: Gardening as We Age**

Follow this [LINK](#) to listen!

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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**
- **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!

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**Study Moss on Put-in-Bay with OSU!**



# Moss Identification & Ecology Workshop

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](mailto:ohioseagrant@osu.edu)



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**Meet Summit in the Garden - see listings below!**



# Meet Me in the Garden 2024



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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 MG?** - 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 MG:

- 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**

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**\*\* 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.**

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## **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](mailto:wallpaperhanger@att.net).**

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