

News You Can Use!

August 2024, 2nd Edition

Hello Shoshana,

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

- Updates from your Advisory Chair and Volunteer Coordinator
- Request for volunteers for Speakers Bureau and Tri-C Encore
- CE opportunity at Secest Arboretum in Wooster
- 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, MGCC Advisory Council Chair

Hello fellow MGVs,

I hope your summer is going well!
Labor Day is right around the
corner, where did summer go?!

That being said, let's jump right
into a few updates.

Due to a recent sighting of an OSUE job posting looking for an ANR for Cuyahoga County, there was some concern and confusion about Morning Robinson leaving us. NOT true in the least! The listing is



for an additional ANR to assist Morning. I'll have more information when they fill the position, but, safe to say, Morning will remain our go to person for all our information needs.

And we're very happy to keep her, especially with Basic Training about to start on September 3rd. The Basic Training committee along with Morning & Tammy have been hard at work coordinating dates, instructors, curriculum, and locations, to give our new interns the best training. We are all excited and ready to have this new group get started on their path to becoming the next class of Master Gardener Volunteers!

The Advisory Council has also been busy. We will be contacting Committee Chairs over the upcoming months to fill out an evaluation form to present to us and give us a brief description of their work. One of our duties is to evaluate our programs / projects - it's been some time since we've done that.

We are also looking into ways to expand our presence in the community. We would like to participate in more events around the city and county so we're asking for your help. Please let us know if you participate in or know of any events where we as MGCC might be a good fit. This would be things like a community Earth Day celebration, garden club events, a wellness fair, seed swap, etc. You can contact me or Tammy with suggestions.

Remember this is YOUR organization!

One final note, the Speaker's Bureau is in serious need of presenters. PLEASE consider helping them out. You'll be well coached if you have never done it! You can contact Donna Schneider at dmeaschneider@gmail.com

Thanks for reading and thanks as always for volunteering,

Ellen

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

Dear MGV's,

Well, it's that time. What time you might be wondering? MGV hour check time, of course. With the close of the season



drawing near, I completed an hour audit last week and discovered the following:

- **Complete** – 33 (some of these MGVs may have additional hours to add, but they have fulfilled the 25/10 requirement to recertify in December)
- **Some hours** – 59 (these entries range from 159 VHs / 1 CE to 1.5 VHs / .5 CEs)
- **Zero hours** - 49 (this number speaks for itself)

While I know I can count on those of you with hours to get them entered by 10/31/24, I am not so sure for those who may have left accruing hours to the end of the season when there are fewer opportunities. As I have shared before waiting until the end is a stressful mad dash to try and find hours. Many times I can help, but I can't pull opportunities out of a hat.

For those of you who truly have ZERO hours, let's get cracking. There's still time to volunteer at **Ben Franklin** gardens on Thursdays and one Saturday a month. You could join the **Speakers Bureau** or **Encore** and wow attendees with MGCC's thoroughly researched and engaging garden-related presentations. The **Basic Training Committee** will also be looking for MGVs to assist during the upcoming Training Sessions, beginning 9/3/2024; more information to follow.

As for CEs, you can also mine the [2023-2024 Hort Happy Hour & Lunch and Learn Webinar Series](#) for opportunities to expand your gardening knowledge and fulfill your requirement.

Also, if you've forgotten how to enter your hours, please reach out - it is always better to get direction rather than fumble around in the proverbial dark. REMEMBER, you must have any project you volunteer for pinned to your homepage before you can enter hours. Again, reach out if you don't remember what I'm referring to.

MGV HOUR DEADLINE: 10/31/2024

25 Volunteer Hours / 10 Continuing Education Hours

Again, thanks for all you do,

Tammy

P.S. If you do go to Ben Franklin to volunteer and discover a drawn gate, don't despair. The gate is an attempt to keep out the marauding deer. Just slide the gate to the right. It is heavy, so if you need help - YELL - and someone will assist.

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- **Speakers Bureau Needs You! Volunteers needed to join one of MGCC's most popular programs**

Speaker's Bureau is in serious need of presenters. PLEASE consider helping them out. You'll be well coached if you've never done it and if you're timid about getting up in front of people, the picturing them in their underwear trick really does work.

Contact [Donna Schneider](#) for more details.

- **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.

-submitted by Marilyn Hallenburg, MGCV 2014

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MGCC Dates at a Glance:

- September 3 - **2024 Basic Training begins; CONSIDER HELPING OUT!**
- September 6 - **Secret Plant Diagnostic Workshop; REGISTER NOW!**
- September 14 - **Saturdays at Ben Franklin; email Hedy Westra if plan to attend!**
- September 17, 2024 - **MGCC Fall Plant Exchange; REGISTER HERE!**
- 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.

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CE Opportunity: A Deep Dive into Plant Diagnostics from Secret Arboretum - 9/6/2024

Did I hear road trip?



Are you ready to delve deeper into the fascinating world of plant diagnostics? Secret Arboretum's **Ohio Plant Diagnostic Clinic Workshop** is back, and they have an exciting lineup of sessions and speakers just for you!

Sessions and Speakers:

Boxtree Moth Identification and Reporting

- **Speaker: Joe Boggs**
- **Discover more about the invasive boxtree moth, recently identified in Ohio. Learn crucial identification techniques and how to report sightings effectively. We've learned more about the insect since Joe's update last year. Joe Boggs will also cover distinguishing boxtree moth from other common boxwood issues.**

Diagnostic Update on Ornamental Diseases and Pests

- **Speaker: Dr. Francesca Rotondo**
- **Get insights into both common and uncommon diseases and pests affecting ornamentals based on samples from the C. Wayne Ellett Plant and Pest Diagnostic Clinic at Ohio State University.**

Steps to Proper Plant Diagnosis

- **Speakers: Jim Chatfield, Joe Boggs, Erik Draper**
- **Unpack the 20 essential steps required for accurate plant problem diagnosis. This session is invaluable for anyone involved in plant health management.**

Hands-On Diagnostic Workshop

- **Speakers: Joe Boggs, Eric Draper, Jim Chatfield, Paul Snyder**
- **Put your skills to the test with 40 different disease and insect samples. Learn how to apply diagnostic questions effectively in real-world scenarios. Extended time will be spent going over the samples. We haven't had enough time in the past for all the samples, this year we do!**

Arboretum Walk: Exploring Plant Health in the Landscape

- **Speakers: Joe Boggs, Eric Draper, Jim Chatfield, Paul Snyder**
- **Take a stroll through Secret Arboretum and gain practical insights into managing plant health, identifying insects, and spotting plant pathogens in their natural habitat.**

Date & Venue:

- **Date: September 6, 2024**
- **Location: Secret Welcome and Education Center**
- **Cost: \$50**
- **ISA and ODA credits are available**

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to expand your knowledge and sharpen your diagnostic skills alongside experts in the field. Whether you're a professional in horticulture, agriculture, or simply a passionate gardener, this workshop offers something for everyone.

Register now to secure your spot!

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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: **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



* Cuyahoga County: 2025 CE Opportunities

Looking forward to the MGCC's 2025 CE opportunities.



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



Meet Summit in the Garden - see listings below!

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<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>August</i>
<p>Wednesday, May 22, 2024 7:00 pm</p> <p>Gardening As We Age Learn about best gardening practices, ergonomic tools and other ideas in order to garden productively as our abilities change.</p> <p>Presented by Laura Akgerman Disability Services Coordinator Ohio AgrAbility and OSU Extension</p> 	<p>Wednesday, June 26, 2024 7:00 pm</p>  <p>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.</p> <p>Presented by Brian Gregory Senior Horticulturalist, Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens</p>	<p>Wednesday, July 24, 2024 7:00 pm</p> <p>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.</p>  <p>Presented by Tina Graver Board Certified Master Arborist and Certified TreeCare Safety Professional</p>	<p>Wednesday, August 28, 2024 7:00 pm</p>  <p>Healthy Trees for 1 to 100 Acres A brief introduction of forest management for small woodlots considering wildlife, aesthetics and timber management.</p> <p>Presented by Michael Hovatter PA Regional Forester with LandVest</p>



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**Continuing Education
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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 MGCV.*

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 MGCVs.

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, November 18th, 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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