

News You Can Use!

September 2024, 2nd Edition

Hello Shoshana,

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

- Update from your Advisory Chair and Volunteer Coordinator
- MGVs as columnists for the Cleveland Plain Dealer
- 2024 MGV Virtual State Conference & Awards Presentation
- 2024 Ohio Beekeepers Conference at Central State University
- New CE opportunities from OSU and the EPA
- Virtual CE opportunities available with Washington State University Extension Master Gardener Program
- 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, Advisory Council Chair

Hello MGV's,

Beautiful weather we've been having. I can't believe Fall is almost here!

More exciting news to share!



We're now getting articles published in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. So far, we've had Dale Guidroz and Chris Harris contribute!

I'm pretty excited about this project. It's a great way to showcase our knowledge and get some free press. Hopefully, this will increase our engagement on Facebook, and we'll get more than two likes per post on our FB page.

The Basic training classes are in full gear and going well. They are going to be really good MGVs! It's fun to watch how excited they are. Remember when you felt that way?! I do. I feel it every time I see the things you all are doing.

Speaking of things you're doing, Melanie Biche, our Advisory Council liaison to the committees, has emailed a request for all Chairs to submit their 2025 budget. Also included is an evaluation form Chairs need to fill out. Please do not fill in the score box.

AC will be notifying Chairs to attend Zoom meetings to discuss their committees and the work they do. We will be looking at the evaluation forms at that time.

Please submit all the information in a timely manner!

Lastly, we are winding down our Hotline on the Road for Shaker, Crocker, CBG, and telephone hotline.

Thanks to all who participate in HOTR! Another great season with hundreds of questions answered inspiring lots of discussions.

Thanks as always for volunteering!

Ellen

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

Dear MGV's,

Quick reminder about 2024 hours – this issue of NYCUC contains fresh options for CEs from OSU and the EPA, as well as links to the 2024 MGVC Virtual State Conference and the 2024 Ohio

University. Remember MGVs earn ONE CE for ONE hour of instruction.

For those of you who visited gardens this summer, you can write reports on those gardens for CEs. Reach out if you'd like the report form. You will receive one CE for a self-guided tour and two CEs for a guided tour.

You may also write book reports on garden books you read. Reach out if you'd like the report form. You will receive two CEs per book report.

I also want to note a correction on Lois Rose's pruning article in the last issue of NYCU. Though 39 MGVs registered for the two pruning sessions, only 25 MGVs in total attended over both days.

Wishing you all the best as you top up those volunteer and continuing education hours!

Happy putting the garden to bed!

Tammy

Just as a reminder:

There are still a few opportunities for earning VHs - please see the following:

- Volunteer at **Ben Franklin** gardens on Thursdays 9:00 AM - NOON and one Saturday a month (contact Hedy Westra to sign up); one date remaining - 10/12.
- Join **Speakers Bureau** and wow attendees with MGCC's thoroughly researched and engaging garden-related presentations - reach out to Donna Schneider.
- Write posts for the **Master Gardener Volunteers of Cuyahoga County FB page** - reach out for details.

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

If you need any assistance with entering your hours, please reach out - we can meet in the office or over Zoom. And, 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

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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.

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MGCC Dates at a Glance:

- **September 27-28, 2024 - Virtual WSU Extension Master Gardener Advanced Education Conference; [LEARN MORE!](#)**
- **October 12, 2024 - Last Saturday at Ben Franklin; contact [Hedy Westra](#) if you want to volunteer!**
- **October 24-25, 2024 - 2024 MGCV Virtual State Conference and Awards Presentation; [LEARN MORE!](#)**
- **October 25-26, 2024 - 2024 Ohio Beekeepers Conference; [LEARN MORE!](#)**

- **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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MGVs Write for the PD!

Read MGV Dale Ann Guidroz’s article: “The best way to care for your beloved hydrangeas in Northeast Ohio” [HERE](#).

In case you missed the memo, MGVs were asked by Cleveland Plain Dealer Content Director Laura Johnston to fill in for Gardening Columnist Susan Brownstein while she is on hiatus. MGVs will contribute one article per week for print and online distribution.

Stay tuned for more!

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2024 Master Gardener Volunteer State Conference

DATE
October 24-25, 2024

TIME
9:00 am-12:30 p.m.

Virtual



For more information and to register, visit
mastergardener.osu.edu/StateConference24.

October 24

October 25

9 am Keynote

Benefits of Native Grasses, Mary H. Meyer, PhD,
Horticultural Sciences Professor Emerita, University of
Minnesota

Behind the Seeds - From the Field to Your Garden, Mike
Lizotte, The Seed Man, American Meadows

10:30 am Breakout Sessions

**You Can't Break Compost - What I've Learned Teaching
Novices About Soil Health and Composting**, Karolyn Schalk,
MGV, Hamilton County, The Ohio State University

Perspectives on Box Tree (Boxwood) Moth, Joe Boggs,
Extension Educator, Hamilton County, The Ohio State
University

Weird Things Bugs Do, Ashley Kulhanek, Extension Educator,
Medina County, The Ohio State University

The Key to Plant ID Is... Using a Key, Carrie Brown, Extension
Educator, Fairfield County, The Ohio State University

**Plant by Numbers: Native Perennials, Garden Guides, and
Sample Designs to Attract Pollinators and Other Beneficial
Creatures**, Denise Ellsworth, Program Director, Pollinator
Education, The Ohio State University

Native Trees and Shrubs in the Autumn Attire, Ann Chanon,
Extension Educator, Lake County, The Ohio State University

11:30 am Breakout Sessions

**Tools and Techniques to Improve Your Small-Space Vegetable
Garden**, Tom Richey, MGV, Hamilton County, The Ohio State
University

Diagnostocatasrophies: Misadventures in Diagnostics, Joe
Boggs & Erik Draper, Extension Educators, Hamilton and
Geauga Counties, The Ohio State University

Manage Your Energy Instead of Your Time, Brian Raison,
Professor and Extension Field Specialist, Community and
Organizational Leadership, The Ohio State University

Gardening as You Age - Ideas for Adapting, Laura Akgerman,
Disability Services Coordinator, The Ohio State University

**Seeing Spots? How to Engage the Public in Spotted Lanternfly
Outreach and Engagement**, Amy Stone, Extension Educator,
Lucas County, The Ohio State University

**The Plant and Pest Diagnostic Clinic: Your Partner in Plant
Health**, Francesca Rotondo, Program Director, C. Wayne Ellet
Plant and Pest Diagnostic Clinic

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2024 MGV Virtual State Conference

Registration for the **2024 Virtual MGV State Conference and Awards Presentation** is now open. There is an exciting lineup of speakers and presentations for you to enjoy (see above).

For more information or to register, please visit this [LINK!](#)



Agenda at a glance: follow this [LINK!](#)

Awards Ceremony Registration: follow this [LINK!](#)

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

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2024-2025 Season of Hort Lunch and Learn Announced

Join horticultural specialists from The Ohio State University and beyond for such topics as “Growing Teachers Throughout the Seasons,”

“Major Color for Minor Bulbs,” and more. Don’t miss these fresh opportunities to accrue CEs before the 10/31 deadline.

*Follow this [LINK](#) to register and learn more.

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Attend the 2024 Ohio Beekeepers Conference

Join Central State University as they host the **2024 Ohio Beekeepers Conference**. There will be a honey swap, a hands-on wax lab, a hands-on microscopy lab, a honey judging contest, lots of expert instruction, and more.

There will also be a free pre-conference grant-writing workshop on Friday, October 25, from 2:30 PM - to 4:45 PM, and a DIY On-Farm/Apiary Research Workshop. These workshops will be located at the CENS Building at the university.



The Ohio Organic Farmer Research Network presents this pre-conference workshop to complement the OSBA Conference. There is no cost to attend this event, and a complimentary light dinner is provided immediately following for workshop attendees.

Registration deadline is Monday, October 14, 2024. Click [HERE](#) for more details or register [HERE!](#)

Follow this [LINK](#) to register and learn more about the conference!

When: October 25-26, 2024

Where: Central State University / Joshua I. Smith Center / US Hwy 42 / Wilberforce, Ohio 45384

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New Integrated Pest Management Webinars from the EPA

Choose from the following lineup of IPM webinars from the EPA to earn needed CEs!

- Applying IPM
- IPM for Aquatic Purple Loosestrife
- IPM for Foresters
- Deadly Oak Diseases
- Trees for Bees
- Reducing Pests in Schools
- IPM for Greenhouse Pests
- Myths about Urban Trees and Soils
- Ticks New Threats
- Promote Pollinators through Plant Selection
- Protecting the Public from Illegal and Unregistered Pesticides

Follow this [LINK](#) to register!

For more webinar opportunities, please choose from this [LIBRARY](#) of previously recorded webinars on many different pests and management techniques.

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**CE Opportunity: WSU
Extension Master
Gardener Advanced
Education Conference**



Join the Virtual 2024 WSU Extension Master Gardener Advanced Education Conference - it's an excellent opportunity to accrue needed CEs or just to learn!

- Explore over 36 learning opportunities across seven sessions.
- No need to pre-select your preferred classes! Registered participants get access to all conference sessions and speakers until November 10, 2024.
- Affordable and easy access to research-based expertise.
- Attend classes at your convenience. WSU Extension Master Gardeners earn Continuing Education (CE) credits for all sessions.
- The virtual format minimizes the environmental footprint.
- Learn from leading experts and researchers from across the US.
- Be inspired by our keynote speaker Rebecca McMackin, a globally renowned ecologically obsessed horticulturist and garden designer.
- No travel or accommodation, saving time and money.

Fee: \$139.00

Register: [HERE!](#)

Note: There may be a fee for attending this conference, but there are lots of free opportunities to earn CEs with the OSU 2023-2024 Hort Happy Hour & Lunch and Learn Webinar Series

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-submitted by Cynthia Struk, MGV 2014





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 - one date remaining: **10/12**.

If you would like to work on this date, 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.



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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 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!



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, 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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