

News You Can Use!

September 2024

Hello Shoshana,

Here is the September 2024 News You Can Use featuring:

- Update from your Volunteer Coordinator
- Recap of pruning sessions with Lois Rose
- 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 Tammy L. Currier,
MGCC Volunteer Coordinator**

Dear MGV's,

Just a quick reminder - hours due:

10/31/2024



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** or **Encore** and wow attendees with MGCC's thoroughly researched and engaging garden-related presentations - reach out to Donna Schneider and Marilyn Hallenburg respectively.
- 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

Thanks for all you do,

Tammy

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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 17, 2024 - MGCC Fall Plant Exchange; REGISTER [HERE!](#)**
- **September 27-28, 2024 - Virtual WSU Extension Master Gardener Advanced Education Conference; LEARN [MORE!](#)**
- **October 12, 2024 - Last Saturday at Ben Franklin; email [Hedy Westra](#) if plan to volunteer!**

- 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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MGV Pruning Sessions on 8/21 & 8/27 with Lois Rose in The Orchard at Fairhill Were a Big Success

For those of you unfamiliar with The Orchard, it is a small patio area enclosed on three sides by buildings that house our OSU Extension offices. It is located to the left of the E Building entrance through a low gate. During the pandemic, MGV's rescued the overgrown space by removing years of weed growth to reveal fruit trees, vines, and shrubs.

They have been maintaining the space for three years. Trees planted in the atrium include natives such as pawpaw, aronia, and spicebush, and the space also hosts red and black currants, hazelnuts, elderberries, and apples.

On August 21 & 27, approximately 25 MGV's per session heard mini

lectures about the many aspects of pruning including when, where, how and what to prune. There were also caveats offered about when not to prune: when you are drinking or drunk, emotional, distracted, tired, at dusk, with no knowledge of what you are pruning, with the wrong tools, or the wrong time of year. Lois brought numerous types of pruning tools to examine and try out on the walkabout that followed.

She demonstrated techniques for use on perennials, shrubs, trees, and roses. During a brief break everyone got a chance to taste Lois's jellies and jams made from fruits like those that are growing on site, such as black and red currants, and aronia. We also tasted pawpaws that had fallen from the trees.

MGV Lynn Sniderman shared, "the lecture was wonderful."

-submitted by Lois Rose, MGV 1998

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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 they are lots of free opportunities to earn CEs with the OSU 2023-2024 Hort Happy Hour & Lunch and Learn Webinar Series

MGVs earn ONE CE per ONE hour of programming

-submitted by Cynthia Struk, MGV 2014

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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 - 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

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*** 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!

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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

** 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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