

News You Can Use!

August 2024

Hello Shoshana,

Here is the August 2024 News You Can Use featuring:

- Updates from your Volunteer Coordinator and Tech Team
- Paul Schroeder Memorial Service update
- Request for volunteers for Tri-C Encore
- Request for MGCV State Conference presentation proposals
- CE opportunities at Sequest Arboretum in Wooster and Mansfield OSU Extension
- HeatRisk - a new tool from the CDC
- 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 MGCV's,

Hope you all are enjoying the swiftly moving days of summer! I honestly don't know where they've gone - I haven't made it to the beach or ate on many patios as I'm known to do and the days are a wasting. And whether you're at the beach, on a patio, or in a garden, a hat is always a good thing!

If you'd like to add an OSU Extension baseball cap or bucket hat to your selection of head gear, please let me know. We have two caps and one bucket hat available.

Please see below for prices:

Baseball cap - \$13.00 + \$2.23 (Shipping & Handling) = \$15.23

Bucket hat - \$18.00 + \$2.23 (Shipping & Handling) = \$20.23

Purchasing is definitely first come, first serve, so don't delay in letting me know. Items like these won't be available again until late spring/early summer next year. Pickup would be at the Fairhill office and payment would be sent to MGCC Treasurer, Cheryl Dever.



Please let me know if you're interested,

Tammy

P.S. For information on MGCV Paul Schroeder's memorial service, see post after next.

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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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MGV Paul Schroeder Memorial Service Update

For those of you who knew Dr. Schroeder and would like to celebrate his life, please see below:

Paul E. Schroeder, age 75 of Old Brooklyn, better known as "The South Hills Gardener" or "The Chinese Politics Professor," passed away Saturday morning, July 20, 2024, following a short illness. His memorial service will be held

at Church of the Saviour, United Methodist Church in Cleveland

Heights.

When: Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Where: 2537 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights, OH

Note: Friends will be received one hour prior to service.

*Condolences may be sent on the Gregory P. Godorhazy Funeral Home [website](#).

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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.

-submitted by Marilyn Hallenburg, MGCV 2014

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MGCC Dates at a Glance:

- August 21 & 27, 2024 - **MGCC Pruning Workshop at Fairhill**; REGISTRATION CLOSED!
- August 21 - **Pancakes and Pollinators**; NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!
- August 26 - **OSUE MGV Diagnostic Workshops**; LEARN MORE!
- September 6 - **Secret Plant Diagnostic Workshop**; REGISTER NOW!
- September 14 - **Saturdays at Ben Franklin**; email Hedy Westra if plan to attend - hedywestra@ameritech.net!
- 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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Be a Presenter at 2024 MGCV State Conference

The MGCV State Conference Planning Committee is seeking session proposals for virtual presentations at the 2024 Master Gardener Volunteer Conference to be held October 25, 2024 via Zoom. Sessions will be 50 minutes each with time for questions. Available time slots include 10:30 and 11:30 AM.

Individuals and teams with information related to horticulture that applies to MGCVs and helps them reach their program and professional development goals are encouraged to submit proposals. Presentations are intended to be as interactive and engaging as possible on Zoom, and provide useful, research-based, horticulture information/tools that participants can apply to their volunteer activities.

Please submit proposals [HERE](#)

DEADLINE: Proposals are due August 26, 2024 by 11:59 PM EDT. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

-Jen Andon, OSU Extension MGCV Program Manager, and Pam Bennett, OSU Extension MGCV Program Director

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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 Secrest 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:** Secrest 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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Pancakes and Pollinators - One of These is Not Like the Other!

Looking for something to do on a summer's day and earn CE's to boot? Then head to Mansfield for OSU Extension's Ecolab event - Pancakes and Pollinators. Learn about pollinator habitats in utility

right of ways, as well as native bees and butterflies.

Natural resource experts will also be on site to talk about the critical need for pollinator habitat. There is no need to register. Pancakes with Ohio maple syrup will be served during this **FREE** event.

When: August 21, 2024 / 12:00 - 1:30 PM

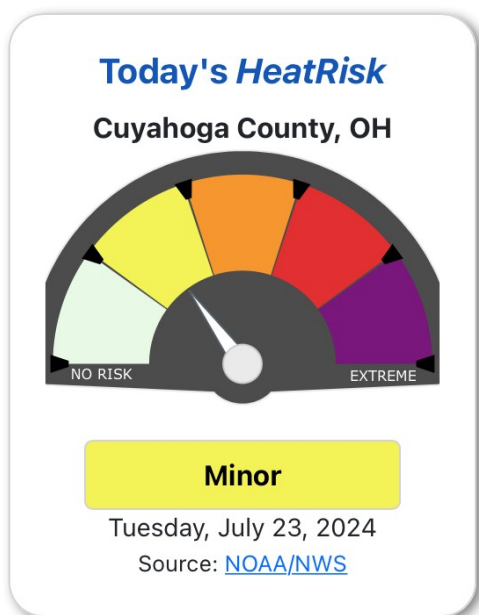
Where: OSU Extension Mansfield Campus / 1495 Longview Drive / Mansfield, OH 44906

Directions: Follow this [LINK!](#)

Questions: Call 419-747-8755

MGVs will earn **1.5 CEs** for this event

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Heat Risk Tool for the Dog Days of Summer

Important tool for Gardeners

Hot days can affect anyone, especially during summer's dog days (July 3-August 11). And, if you have health conditions like asthma, a heart ailment, or other chronic condition, they can be especially dangerous. Heat spikes can 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!

-information submitted by Carolyn Hufford, MGV 1996

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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



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* Cuyahoga County: 2024 CE Opportunities

See below for 2024's CE opportunities.

- August 21 & 27 - 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; **REGISTRATION CLOSED!**

Upcoming Opportunities:

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



Meet Summit in the Garden - see listings below!

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May	June	July	August
<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 Horticulturist, 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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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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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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