

# News You Can Use!

February 2025

Hello Shoshana,

Here is the February 2025 issue of News You Can Use featuring:

- Updates from your Fundraising Committee Chair and Volunteer Coordinator
- MGVs as columnists for the Cleveland Plain Dealer
- Registration information & a call for help for MGCC Annual Meeting
- Registration information for upcoming workshops
- Plants in the Park announcements
- Lots of CE opportunities
- OSU MGV Book Club 2025 CE opportunity
- Native Seed Library Announcement from The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes
- 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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**Update from Dave Appel, MGCC  
Fundraising Committee Chair**



*My Heartfelt Thanks to my Fellow Master Gardeners!*

**I am so thankful and blessed to be a part of such a generous and supportive group of Master Gardeners! We were blown away by your response to our 2024 fundraising campaign. Your contributions raised over \$8,600 for MGCC, a total that far surpassed our \$2,500 goal! On behalf of our Chair, Advisory Council and Fundraising**

**Committee, I want to offer my special thanks to all of you who were able to contribute to our organization last year! Your support and generosity are vitally important and provide us with the ability to grow our programs and achieve our mission. It's hard to put into words how much we appreciate and value all that you do as Master Gardeners to make our organization so meaningful and exceptional!**

**With much appreciation,**

*Dave*



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



Dear MGV's,

**Happy February! With January behind us, we're a month closer to spring. There are lots of announcements this NYCUCU - so read through all. Lots of workshops coming up as well as opportunities to get involved in projects you haven't tried before or in new projects like Nature in My Backyard or the PIP Propagation Committee. And, if you're looking for a parttime gardening job, check out the "Help Wanted" section.**

**See you at the annual meeting on March 8th!**

**Please remember the following dates:**

**Interns** - 50 Volunteer Hours due 9/30/2025

**MGVs** - 25 Volunteer Hours / 10 Continuing Education Hours due 10/31/2025

**MGVs** (including Interns who will have transitioned to Active MGVs by this date) - Recertification due by 12/31/2025 (Please do not attempt to recertify until I share that it is time.)

**Note:** Interns are not responsible for accruing any CEs during their intern period. The 50 hours of volunteerism are enough. That's not to say the Interns cannot participate - they just aren't required to.

If you have any questions or need help with Hands on Connect, please reach out - I am here to assist you.

**Thanks for all you do,**

*Tammy*

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**MGCC Dates at a Glance:**

- February 15, 2025 - **Mass Aggie 2025 Seminars**; REGISTER [HERE!](#)
- February 20, 2025 - **Specialty Indoor Mushroom Production**; REGISTER [HERE!](#)
- March 4, 2025 - **OSU Online Pruning School**; REGISTER [HERE!](#)
- March 8, 2025 - **MGCC Annual Meeting**; REGISTER [HERE!](#)
- March 14 - April 4, 2025 - **Master Rain Gardener In Person Training**; REGISTER [HERE!](#)
- March 15, 2025 - **Lake County Home Gardeners Workshop**; REGISTER [HERE!](#)

For more information, see descriptions below.

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- **Work with MGV Heather Alexander for \$\$\$!**

Looking to make a few extra dollars this spring and beyond? Then MGV Heather Alexander would be happy to have you at Judson Park to help weed and maintain a large garden she and her team put in last year. And, remember, this is a paying gig not an MGV gig - you will receive no VHs for this opportunity.

For more details, contact Heather at [halexander10@aol.com](mailto:halexander10@aol.com)

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## **MGVs in the Cleveland Plain Dealer!**

**MGVs have been quite busy contributing to the Cleveland Plain Dealer's garden column. Read Lois Rose's recent contribution on forcing branches [HERE!](#)**

**A new article comes out each Sunday.**

If 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!

If have an idea for an article or would like to contribute reach out to Ellen Comeau at wallpaper@att.net - she will share what is required.

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## Cuyahoga County Master Gardener Volunteer Annual Meeting: Event Details

*Note: This event is for Master Gardener Volunteers only.*

**When:** Saturday, March 8, 2025 / 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Where:** Independence Civic Center / 6363 Selig Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44131 (same as

last year - parking lot located behind building)

### Event Highlights

This event marks our seasonal kick-off and offers a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with your fellow Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs). Matt Valencic from the Geauga Country MGVs and the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland will present “Good Bugs – Bad Bugs” (MGVs will receive ONE CE for this presentation.)

### Can you help?

We are seeking Master Gardener Volunteers to assist with the meeting. If you are interested, please reach out to:

- Deb Dougherty: [deb dougherty2771@yahoo.com](mailto:deb dougherty2771@yahoo.com), 440-506-0237
- Melissa Supler: [melissasupler@gmail.com](mailto:melissasupler@gmail.com), 216-310-5003

**Register:** [HERE!](#)

We look forward to seeing you there!



## Interested in Speakers Bureau?

The Speakers Bureau provides the MGCC the opportunity to educate across our county by presenting at Garden Clubs, Libraries, Community Centers, and Senior Living Facilities. The Speakers Bureau is also a source of funding for our Master Gardener programs.



In 2024, we presented 49 times and netted approximately \$2,800 for the MGCC!

If you are interested in learning more about how you might participate, we are holding a Zoom informational meeting on Tuesday, February 18th at 7:00 PM. There are opportunities for speakers and for researchers / presentation developers.

Click [HERE](#) for the Zoom link.

Questions: contact Donna at [mgspeakbureau@gmail.com](mailto:mgspeakbureau@gmail.com)

-submitted by Donna Schneider, Speaker Bureau Chair / MGCV



## **Sowing Seeds for a Successful Plants in the Park 2025**

With seed and nursery catalogs arriving in my mailbox and Groundhog Day in the rear-view mirror, it's time to turn our thoughts to spring and begin planning for this year's Plants in the Park sale! Please mark your calendars for PIP 2025 – our annual plant sale will take place **Saturday, May 31st, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Kiwanis Pavilion in Independence.**

Please note that we have moved our plant sale date up by a week. Traditionally, PIP took place on the first Saturday of June. Our new May date allows us to better compete with other area plant sales and respond to the earlier arrival of warmer weather we've experienced over the past few years. I am also very pleased to announce that Cathy Wheeler and Deb Dougherty have graciously agreed to join me as PIP co-chairs again this year and I am very excited to continue working with them!

As you begin to do your garden planning and seed planting for the upcoming growing season, please consider helping us by doing some additional planting for our plant sale! This is a great and easy way to get in some volunteer hours and it provides some much needed and appreciated plant material for us to sell. As you know, we were successful in selling the vast majority of our plants last year, and we could easily have sold more plants – especially vegetables, native plants, and pollinators, which were a real crowd pleaser!

As a reminder, we sell herbs, vegetables, annuals, perennials, succulents, houseplants, shrubs and trees, and pre-planted containers at PIP and welcome all plants except invasives. Historically common daylilies and ordinary green hosta plants have not sold well, so we ask that you steer clear of them. Watch for more information on digging, dividing, and potting up perennial plants for us in next month's NYCU. Until then, please feel free to reach out to Cathy, Deb, or me if you have any questions or recommendations regarding PIP 2025.

**Happy planting!**

Dave Appel - [appeldb@gmail.com](mailto:appeldb@gmail.com) / 216-973-6618

Deb Dougherty - [deb dougherty2771@yahoo.com](mailto:deb dougherty2771@yahoo.com) / 440-506-0237

Cathy Wheeler - [cwheeler12436@gmail.com](mailto:cwheeler12436@gmail.com) / 330-569-8066

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**Plants in the Park  
Propagation Committee**



## Update



The PIP Propagation Committee has been at work in the greenhouse, starting seeds and cuttings to sell at Plants in the Park on May 31, 2025. So far, the committee has about 60 plug trays started with native plants. We also have up potted several native trees and bushes that will be offered for sale. We have some houseplants started, including some beautiful succulents, African violets, and gloxinias. We will soon be starting vegetables and annuals, including hanging baskets.

This year, if all goes well, we should have some nice and unusual plants to offer our customers. Our native plant department will be expanded and improved with more plants and better information. We will be recruiting MGVs for help closer to the sale to help transport and label plants and create signage.

Stay tuned for further updates.

-submitted by Susan Strauss, MGV 2014





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**DATE:**  
Feb 20, 2025

**TIME:**  
6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

**FEE:**  
\$5.00



**GREENE COUNTY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS  
PRESENT**

## **Specialty and Indoor Mushroom Production**

This program will introduce the specialty mushroom industry. Participants will learn basic biology, market considerations, and mushroom cultivation.

Presenter Kayla Wyse serves Williams County as the Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Educator and is an Ohio Mushroom Production Extension Team member. Kayla is a graduate of Wilmington College with a concentration in Agronomy.

**REGISTRATION DETAILS:** Registration closes at 4:00 pm on February 18, 2025

[go.osu.edu/simushroomproduction](https://go.osu.edu/simushroomproduction)



Note: a link to the Zoom will be sent to your email the day of or the day before the Zoom.

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College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

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# **ONLINE FRUIT PRUNING SCHOOL**



**Hosted by:**  
**Dr. Gary Gao**  
Professor & Extension Specialist



**Ryan Slaughter**  
Ross County Extension Educator

Join us for a three-part, online workshop to learn proper pruning techniques to improve production and quality in your fruit tree and small fruit plantings. You will be online with Ohio State University experts, who will give live presentations and conduct a live Q&A.

Register for FREE today by visiting  
[\*\*go.osu.edu/pruningschool\*\*](http://go.osu.edu/pruningschool)

**Focusing on apple & peach trees;  
and a variety of small fruits**

- Training and pruning apple and peach trees
- Pruning a variety of small fruits
- Submit your questions throughout the program
- On-demand recording will also be made available

**TUESDAY, MARCH 4**

9:30-10:30 a.m. **Apple Tree Training and Pruning**

10:30-11:45 p.m. **Peach Tree Training and Pruning**

1:15-2:30 p.m. **Small Fruit Pruning**  
*Aronia, Currants, Elderberries, Gooseberries, Grapevines and Hardy Figs*

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-submitted by Ellen Comeau, MGV 2010

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**LAKE COUNTY  
MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS**

PROUDLY PRESENT

**HOME GARDENERS'  
WORKSHOP - 2025**



Saturday, March 15, 2025  
8:00 AM to 4:00PM



Historic Lake Erie College  
391 W. Washington St., Painesville, OH



Scan the QR code for more information!



**INSIGHTS**

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

You create your day! Choose gardening topics that spark your interest with one featured keynote, as well as four additional breakout sessions led by horticultural research-driven speakers.

**SHOP VENDORS' ROW**

This year we offer two floors of onsite vendors offering a variety of artisan goods, plants, and other garden delights. We will also have soil tests for sale for \$12 (cash) until 10am. Don't forget to bring your wallet!

**BREAKFAST & LUNCH!**

Doors open at 8 am with a full breakfast. A variety of lunch options are available from the LEC cafeteria, including vegan and gluten-free. There will be two lunch times to choose from.



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**REGISTRATION**

**PROGRAM FEE**

Program fee of \$55 is due by March 7, 2025. Payment can be made online or via check. Online links and mail-in information are found on the registration flyer. Walk-in registration is \$60, cash or check only.

**DAY-OF**

Registration is located in the Arthur S. Holden Center. Parking is free! A map of the campus and parking lots will be emailed the week before Workshop.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Feel free to call 440-853-2625,  
Email [MGVLakeCounty@gmail.com](mailto:MGVLakeCounty@gmail.com) or  
Visit online at <https://lake.osu.edu/events>

**EARLY REGISTRATION**

Registrations submitted online or postmarked by Feb 21, 2025 will assure you get the sessions you want AND you will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a FREE Pollinator Garden of 15 plants with 13 varieties (retail value of \$189.00) from Bluestone Perennials!

# 2025 HOME GARDENERS' WORKSHOP

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST | 8:00 AM - 8:40 AM

WELCOME | 8:45 AM - 9:00 AM

SESSION 1 - KEYNOTE | 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

**Flowers, Foliage and Fruit!**, Dr. Laura Deeter, OSU Professor and Director of the Chadwick

**A** Arboretum

Learn how to make your gardens and landscapes interesting year-round by paying attention to all aspects of plants, and not just their flowers.

SESSION 2 OPTIONS | 10:10 AM - 11:10 AM

**Hydrangeas - What's the Confusion?**, Bill Hendricks, Advisor to Petitti Farms; past President of Klyn Nurseries, Inc. (1987-2024)

**B**

Hydrangeas are the top choice for gardeners today with advances in breeding that gives us plants that can bloom all summer, to smaller varieties that will fit in any garden. Bill will discuss the difference between the different species of hydrangeas and how to use them in your garden, as well as explain 'how do I make my hydrangea blue?'

**Spring Lawn Care - Ideas to Ready Your Lawn for Summer in NE Ohio - Recommendations and Sure-Fire Fails**, Dr. Ed Nangle, OSU Assoc Professor in Turf Grass Science and Physiology

**C**

This presentation discusses recovery options from winter for homeowners as well as issues to look out for as snow melts, while also making sure that turf is resilient and ready for what summer may throw at it.

SESSION 3 OR LUNCH A | 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

OR LUNCH B | 12:30 PM - 1:30PM

**An Update on Ticks in Ohio**, Timothy McDermott, DVM, OSU Assistant Professor and Extension Educator, Franklin County

**D**

Ohio is on the forefront of tick expansion, going from one tick of medical importance to humans, companion animals and livestock twenty years ago to five today, including an invasive tick that can cause fatality in cattle. Lyme disease has increased 35-fold in Ohio in the past 12 years. Come learn the state of ticks in Ohio and how you can keep yourself, your family, and your animals tick-safe.

SESSION 4 OPTIONS (1:45 PM - 2:45 PM)

**Ohio's Native Trees: Past, Present and Future?**, Kathy Smith SENR, Program Director for the Ohio Woodland Stewards Program

**E**

This talk will explore some of Ohio's native trees from the past, what they look like today, and what they may look like in the future. A little bit of history and a little bit of climate will be on the agenda.

**Fungus Among Us and Other Plant Disease**, Tim Malinich, OSU Assistant Professor, Retired, President of the Midwest Cactus and Succulent Society

**F**

A basic look at how to recognize and treat several types of plant disease. This is not about every type of disease and its treatment, but rather a dive into "why things work the way they do," so you can better understand disease in plants.

SESSION 5 OPTIONS (3:00 PM - 4:00 PM)

**Ornamental Grasses and Grass-like Plants for Ohio Gardens**, Dr. Beth Scheckelhoff, AgNR

**G**

Extension Educator, OSUE Putnam County  
Learn about the multitude of ornamental grasses and grass-like plants that perform well in Ohio gardens. Beth will cover both hardy and tender species that provide seasonal and year-round interest.

**Plant Pathology to Time Pest Management in the Garden**, Ashley Kulhanek, AgNR

**H**

Extension Educator, OSUE Medina County  
Proper timing of integrated pest management strategies can save time and money and increase efficiency of your pest practices. Learn how your own plants can help as indicators of when to perform garden tasks and predict pest activity. Learn about nature's calendar in your own yard.

# 2025 HOME GARDENERS' WORKSHOP

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

An exciting day of gardening ideas and best practices from professionals in the field!

Registration may be completed online, or via paper/mail with detachable form below. Payment can be made online or via check. Registration and payment are two separate systems/websites.

**To register online for Workshop:** [https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_dgHUPSJ4qAaRK9E](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dgHUPSJ4qAaRK9E)

**To pay the \$55 registration fee\* online:** <https://go.osu.edu/lakeextensionpayment>  
(Note: For "Items/Services", please type "2025 LCMGV Workshop")

**To pay the \$55 registration fee\* via check,** make check payable to "OSU Extension - Lake County" and mail with your completed registration form to:  
Attn: LCMGV 2025 Workshop / The Ohio State University Extension / 105 Main Street / Suite B402 / Painesville, OH 44077

**\*Conference Fee is non-refundable except if the event is cancelled.**

Questions? Please call 440-853-2625, email [MGVLakeCounty@gmail.com](mailto:MGVLakeCounty@gmail.com), or visit <https://lake.osu.edu/events>



**We look forward to seeing you March 15th!**

To register via mail, please complete the following form and mail to the address above.

**Please print clearly.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (for registration confirmation): \_\_\_\_\_

Master Gardener? If yes, check box.

MGVP County of Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Master Gardeners earn 5 Continuing Education hours

**Breakout/Lunch Choices** (please write letter of speaker):

Session 1: Keynote Speaker A

Session 2: Speaker: \_\_\_\_

Session 3: Lunch A: \_\_\_\_ or Lunch B: \_\_\_\_

Session 4: Speaker: \_\_\_\_

Session 5: Speaker: \_\_\_\_

Handicap assistance needed? If yes, check box.

**PLEASE READ**

### \*Lunch Information\*

Due to the size of the LEC cafe, we will have **two** lunch sessions. When registering, please check which lunch you prefer: Lunch A **OR** Lunch B in Session 3. Registering early increases the probability you will receive the lunch you prefer.

\*Vegan and gluten free options are available in the LEC cafe.

### \*Handicap Assistance\*

Due to our sessions being split between campus buildings, there is some walking required. This year we have added volunteers to assist anyone with mobility issues.

Visit this [LINK](#) for more information!

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Affiliate Day  
Thursday, April 17, 2025  
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Woodland Hall, Cleveland Botanical Garden

Featured speaker  
Scott Beuerlein  
“Favorite Plants from Favorite Gardens”



Horticulturist at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens who runs their horticultural symposiums and plant trails.

He is a contributor to Garden Rant website, and writes two columns for Horticulture Magazine - Deep Roots and Garden Views columns.

**\$15.00 registration fee**

Registration for the event will be on the Affiliate Council website [hfandgaffiliatecouncil.org](http://hfandgaffiliatecouncil.org) starting in March and ending April 8.

All members of the Affiliate Garden Clubs (2025 affiliate memberships must be current) are invited to attend.



## **Understanding Soil Health with OSU**

Announcing the Spring 2025 OSU Soil Health Webinar series, featuring four informative sessions on various topics:

- **January 16: Zooming into Soil Health via A producer, An Educator and a Researcher lens**
- **February 13: Understanding the Basics and Practicalities of Biologicals**
- **March 20: Comparisons of Soil Health Tests and What They are Telling Us?**
- **April 10: Soil Health in the Urban Sphere**

## Soil Health Webinar

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January 16th, 2025  
8:00 - 9:00 am

**Zooming Into Soil Health via A Producer, An Educator, And A Researcher Lens**

Ron Snyder (Ohio farmer)  
Alan Sundermeier (Extension educator)  
Dr. Alan Franzluebbers (USDA Professor)

To register, scan the QR code or visit [go.osu.edu/soilhealthweb](http://go.osu.edu/soilhealthweb)





\* Register for the series [HERE!](#)

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## 2025 PDDC Plant Disease Talks from the University of Madison-Wisconsin

Each month in 2025, the UW Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic will be sponsoring a Zoom presentation on a plant disease-related



topic.

Check out descriptions and a preview of the talks [HERE](#).

If you have questions about the presentations, feel free to contact Brian Hudelson at [pddc@wisc.edu](mailto:pddc@wisc.edu) or (608) 262-2863.

To register for one or more of the talks, [CLICK HERE](#).

-submitted by Anya Milgrom, MGV 2022

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## Love to Read? Then Join the OSU MGV Garden Book Club

Amy Stone, Extension Educator in Lucas County, will host three virtual book clubs on Zoom to help you stay connected and engaged during the upcoming winter months.

Below are the details for each book club. Be sure to sign up for each book/month individually using the provided Zoom links.

### January Book Club Continuing Education Opportunity:

*Forest Walking, Discovering the Trees and Woodlands of North America* - [January Book Description](#)

**Date: Mondays - January 6, 13, 20, and 27**

**Time: 7:00 to 8:00 pm**

**Location or Link: REGISTER HERE FOR JANUARY**

**February Book Club Continuing Education Opportunity:**

*The Nature Fix - Why Nature Makes us Happier, Healthier, and More Creative* - **February Book Description**

**Date: Mondays - February 3, 10, 17, and 24**

**Time: 7:00 to 8:00 pm**

**Location or Link: REGISTER HERE FOR FEBRUARY**

**March Book Club Continuing Education Opportunity:**

*The Serviceberry, Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World* - **March Book Description**

**Date: Mondays- March 3, 10, 17, and 24**

**Time: 7:00 to 8:00 pm**

**Location or Link: REGISTER HERE FOR MARCH**

**Note: MGVs will receive **TWO CEs** for reading each book and participating in the discussion.**

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# Northeast Ohio MASTER RAIN GARDENER PROGRAM

## Train to be a Master Rain Gardener!

Learn to **design and install** your own rain garden and become the **rain garden expert** in your neighborhood.



Rain gardens are bowl-shaped gardens that **work with nature** to **collect & filter rainwater** from your property.



**ONLINE COURSE: \$60**  
**JANUARY 27 – MARCH 8, 2025**

Five online classes with optional Q&A sessions held virtually each week.

Contact: Maggie Ensign at  
[mensign@crwp.org](mailto:mensign@crwp.org)

**IN-PERSON COURSE: \$75**  
**March 14 – April 4, 2025**

Four in-person classes with optional field trips.

Contact: Kate Chapel at  
[kchapel@cuyahogawcd.org](mailto:kchapel@cuyahogawcd.org)

**DETAILS & REGISTRATION**  
[neomasterraingardener.org](http://neomasterraingardener.org)

Master Rain Gardener certificate, t-shirt, and sign provided upon course completion.



**Scholarships available!**  
Based on need, courses can be offered for as low as \$10.

Coordination and delivery of the Master Rain Gardener Program in 2025 will be funded by the George Gund Foundation, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, the Lake County Stormwater Management Department, and the William Bingham Foundation.



Visit this [LINK](#) to REGISTER for in person classes!

MGVS will receive **ONE CE** per **ONE** hour of instruction.





# Meet Me in the Garden 2025



F. A. Seiberling Nature Realm  
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.

### January

Wednesday, January 22, 2025  
7:00 pm

#### Growing Lavender: Greening a Brownfield

Learn the gardening secrets of growing a variety of lavenders on a former concrete dumpsite, while realizing a larger mission of education, environmental stability and community through lavender.

Presented by  
**Jim and Amy Duxbury**  
Owners, Lavender Trails



### February

Wednesday, February 26, 2025  
7:00 pm

#### Creating Iris Envy

Discover the best plan for successfully growing fabulous irises in your garden including best choices for Ohio's climate, iris types, bloom time, dividing and minimizing pests and diseases.

Presented by  
**Luigi di Santo**  
Vice President of  
Northeast Ohio  
Iris Society



### March

Wednesday, March 26, 2025  
7:00 pm

#### Natural and Organic Weed Sprays in the Garden



Learn the pros and cons of home remedies for weed-killing sprays and organic herbicide products including their effectiveness.

Presented by  
**Maggie Rivera**  
Agriculture and Natural Resources  
Educator  
Ohio State University/Summit County



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Hosted By  
**Summit Metro Parks**

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## Attention Native Plant Gardeners!

The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes has reopened their **Native Seed Library** for 2024/25. It is stocked with over 85 species of



plants native to Northeast Ohio. Members and non-members are welcome to come and take up to seven packets of seeds.

NCSL will also be hosting seminars on native seed propagation and other subjects related to native plants. Consult their [website](#) for details.

If you come for seeds, take a minute to hike one of their trails like the All-People’s Trail that takes you on a wooden walkway

over the marsh or the Stearns Woodland Trail that winds through their restored forest environment.

Where: 2600 South Park Blvd. / Cleveland, OH 44120

When: Tuesday-Sunday 10 AM - 5 PM, Closed Mondays

-submitted by Sue Strauss, MGV 2014



## 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.

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



\* **Cuyahoga County: 2025 CE Opportunities**



Looking forward to the MGCC's 2025 CE opportunities.

MGVs earn ONE CE per ONE hour of programming



## 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.

### **2025 Hour Requirements: 25 Volunteer Hours / 10 Continuing Education Hours - due October 31, 2025.**

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 2025! 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

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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:

Deb Dougherty / Term Start: '23 / Term End: '25

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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



Melissa Supler / Term Start: '25 / Term End: '27

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**Next Advisory Council Meeting is Monday, March 24th, 2025 at 4:00 PM in the OSU training room at Fairhill Partners.**

**Meeting Dates: 1/27, 3/24, 5/19, 7/21, 9/15, & 11/17**

**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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