

News You Can Use!

November 2024

Hello Shoshana,

Here is the November 2024 issue of News You Can Use featuring:

- Update from your Fundraising Chair and Volunteer Coordinator
- MGVs as columnists for the Cleveland Plain Dealer
- CE opportunities from the MGCC (Brownbaggin' it lectures, OSU, and the EPA)
- 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.

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If you have information to share in the next News You Can Use contact Tammy L. Currier at currier.37@osu.edu.

Update from Dave Appel, MGCC Fundraising Chair

**Support the MGCC with a small donation & receive a Spotted lanternfly resin creation from MGV Heather Alexander as a gift!*

Dear MGVs,

Fellow MGV, Heather Alexander, has been busy doing what she can

to help control the spread of spotted lanternflies. Not entirely comfortable with killing them, she came up with a way to capture and honor their beauty with her resin key chains, pendants, etc. See her explanation of her process below.

Spotted Lanternflies: An Artful Approach to Educating our Community



Most MGVs in the NEO area have been reading the reports and watching for spotted lanternflies for the last year or so. The first one I saw was a late nymph on a perennial while I was weeding in Cleveland Heights earlier this year. I stared at it for a full minute, not able to believe what I was seeing. The bright red with the contrasting white spots sure made it stand out against the green leaf it rested on. Once the shock passed, I tried to grab it, not realizing how fast they would be. I thought for sure I had it in my hands but when I opened them there was nothing there. I missed that one, it seemed to have disappeared into thin air, but I soon found another shortly thereafter.

Fellow MGV, Kait Kahoe, who was working with me in the garden remarked there must be a lair of sorts nearby, as they all seemed to be coming across the property from the same direction. After a little searching, we found ground zero - an Oriental bittersweet growing up the back side of a garage. The vine was literally covered with hundreds of nymphs and adults.

Since my first sighting back in early summer, I have checked the property every lunch break, removing 20-40 each time. One day I caught 148 in 30 minutes. I've gotten to know them quite well, know the best places and times to look for them, and am now able to show others the difference between males and females, etc. (Fun fact, they do not seem able to comprehend what a spider web is and make no effort to get out of them.) I wanted to be able to show others an actual egg mass and put several females laden with eggs in a cage and was able to get one to lay an egg mass, so people know exactly what to look for. Sometimes an actual item is better than photos.

I am not a fan of killing things, but knew there was no option here. I wanted to create a way to justify killing them and started making key chains out of them. I have given them as novelty gifts, but more importantly, have used them as teaching tools. Everyone at work knows I'm the bug person and would ask me what the SLF look like. Now I could pull a key chain out of my pocket and show them. Some folks have even made earrings and necklaces out of them!

See photos below:







Note: Each lanternfly item contains a lanternfly I caught, and all the botanicals are from my gardens.

Since they are real insects, they will not be identical nor perfect.

Please stay tuned for more information about how you can receive one of these beautiful spotted lanternfly resin creations – they will soon be offered as a thank you in return for a modest donation to the Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County organization.

Sincerely,

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

Dear MGV's,

Just wanted to thank you all for getting your hours in! I know there are few still straggling, but I know you'll get them in.

Once all MGV data is pulled by state leadership in early December, I will send out the Recertification notification. You can recertify directly on your Hands on Connect homepage. The link will be at the top of the page. Make sure to go through it slowly as it requires you to agree to three OSU policies. If you fail to complete each page, your recertification will read as incomplete on the back end, requiring me to reach back out.

I know this causes some confusion, but if you earn VHs or CEs past the 10/31 deadline, you can still enter them in Hands on Connect up until 11/30. They will still count and be part of your 2024 hour record.

There is a CE opportunity coming up with the Nature in My Backyard lecture series - see below!

Hope you're enjoying these leaf-colored, blue sky days - I know I am!

Thanks for all you do!

Tammy

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MGCC Dates at a Glance:

- November 13, 2025 - **Nature in My Backyard Brownbagging Lecture Series**; SEE BELOW!
- January 17 – 24, 2025 or January 25 – February 1, 2025 - **MGV Ecuador Service Trip**; REGISTER [HERE!](#)

- **January 25, 2025 - Join Summit County MGVs for Design & Beyond: A Garden Symposium; SAVE THE DATE!**

For more information on these dates, see descriptions below.

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- **Volunteer for 2025 Annual Meeting - The 2025 Annual Meeting is set for Saturday, March 8, 2025. The Independence Civic Center has been reserved. A committee of 3-4 Master Gardeners is needed to produce the event. All planning information from the last meeting is available, and the previous committee members will be your resource people. This is a great opportunity to be involved and earn 2025 hours and your efforts will be much appreciated by the organization.**

Contact Susan Pandoli with questions or offers to serve on the committee - 440-666-4549 / susanpandoli@yahoo.com.

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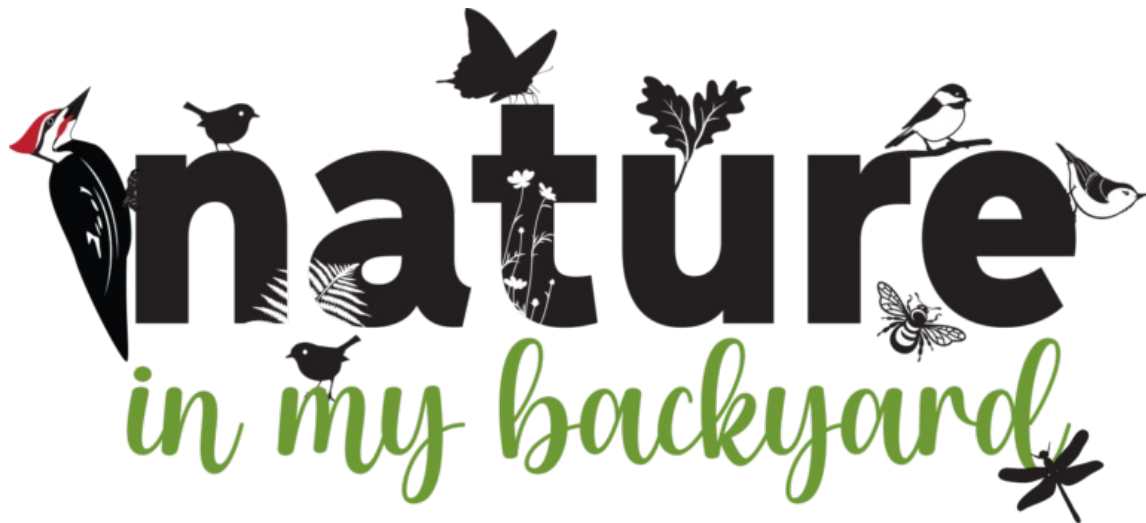
More MGV Articles from the Cleveland PD!

MGVs have been quite busy contributing to the Cleveland Plain Dealer's garden column. Read Darin Croft's most recent contribution on leaves [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!



Browbagging it with Nature in My Backyard: Hear Dave Tomashefski Discuss Where Pollinators Go

We love to watch pollinators visiting our flowers, but as the growing season ends, we may wonder about the pollinators' lives away from the flowers. Where do they go to find shelter, and how can we modify our gardens to give these insects a home? This presentation explores the garden as though it were a city of pollinators with habitat features that we, the gardeners, can provide. Special emphasis will be given to winter shelter.

Dave Tomashefski, Director of Education for Meadow City Native Plant Nursery, will speak on the importance of leaving the leaves to support the lives of butterflies, bees and moths – and so much more! By treating fall's leaves and stems gently, we can improve the overwintering success of the pollinators we work so hard to attract.

When: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at NOON

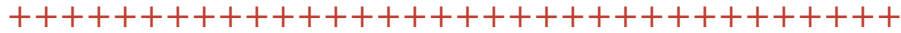
Where: Zoom - click this Zoom link to participate

Meeting ID: 812 7157 3092

Passcode: 030261

Note: For those of you unable to access the previous 'Brownbagging' lecture, follow this [LINK](#) and enter the following passcode: QtGF^u6A!

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



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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Join Summit County MGVs for Design & Beyond: A Garden Symposium

*When: January 25, 2025
Invitations coming in early November*

Speakers include:

- Joseph Tychonievich, our Keynote Speaker, is a lifelong lover of plants and gardening who is also a nationally acclaimed author, editor and speaker.
- Christine Froehlich is a garden communicator, designer and consultant who posts a monthly blog "Gardening with What You Have."
- Debra Knapke is the author of six books and is known as the "Garden Sage."





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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*** 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 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 MGCV? - 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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