

THE GREENE LEAFLET

News for OSU Extension Greene County Master Gardener Volunteers

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Debbie Downes

Your photos are starting to roll in. Thank you gardeners! We're working to illustrate Greene County through a 2024 GCMGV calendar which will be available for purchase by you, friends and family, and at the 2023 OSUE Master Gardener State Conference starting October 2023. For each month of the calendar, one of your photos will be selected. Many of you take breathtaking pictures around Greene County; in gardens, parks, your neighborhoods, and even in your own backyard. As you shoot striking colorful images over the coming months, we'd like you to submit your best for the 2024 calendar.

Guidelines for submission:

- Photos must be in landscape orientation.
- Photos should be high resolution, minimum 300 dpi.
- Photos must be taken by a Greene County MGV or Intern.
- Subject matter must be of landscapes, objects, nature scenes, and outdoor events taken within Greene County limits. We encourage you to submit seasonal pictures from GCMGV gardens, and of course photos in other nature settings within Greene County can be submitted.
- Any images containing people must have written consent from the individuals in the photo before submission.
- Photos taken 2020 or later may be submitted if they meet the above guidelines.

Jane Worth is collecting and organizing these photos. We are also sharing these at our monthly GCMGV Business meetings. Send your photos in .jpeg format to Jane at jmw1526@gmail.com.

Deadline for submission is August 2023, but you can send them in any time prior.

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UPCOMING MEETING/EVENT/TEAM CALENDAR

2023 Monthly Business Meetings
(6:30pm unless otherwise announced)

January 21st - Winter Gathering and Intern
Graduation, 1:00pm -3:00pm

February 14th (zoom) Happy Valentine's Day

March 14th (zoom) Celebrate Shamrocks

April 11th

May 9th - Celebrate Spring (tentatively at
Petrikis Gardens)

June 13th - all GCMGVs Birthday Party

July 14th - at Wright-Patt Gardens

August 8th - Awards and Recognition Dinner
(tentative date)

September 12th - State Conference is coming!

October 10th - State Conference is coming!

November 14th - Celebrate Fall and Board
Elections

CONTINUING EDUCATION

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Greene County – Agriculture and Natural Resources

Continuing Education Events Available to Master Gardener Volunteers

Additional Programs:

All programs will require pre-registration, for links go to greene.osu.edu

State OSUE MGV Lunch & Learn and Hort Happy Hour Webinar Series Fall
2022-Spring 2023

The Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden Events

Miami County Coffee with the Master Gardener Volunteers

Cuyahoga Master Gardeners

OSU Bee Lab Workshops & Webinars

Ohio Woodland Stewards Program



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Let's tell a visual story with amazing photos of Greene County!



The Sleep

By Verlyn Klinkenborg

“Late November comes and the fallen leaf, the empty pod and the hibernating woodchuck are typical of the season. The vast spectrum of life that leafed and bloomed and fruited, hopped and flew and swam and ran from April through October now needs a rest and sleep. It needs winter simply because life must catch up some time, must compensate for the intensity of its summer existence.

We usually think of the dead stems and fallen leaves as the year's waste, the clutter left behind when summer's work is finished. But this is not entirely true. The annual plant has had its season and is dispensable, but it leaves behind the seeds for a new generation of its kind. The ephemeral insect whose life span never includes a second summer, is reduced to dead husk, but has left something of itself in egg clusters on a weed stem or a fallen leaf, to crawl and fly and hum and buzz in another August. Actually, the autumn clutter is the ruffled bed in spring, which all these germs of life will sleep until another spring. It isn't waste at all.

And the dormancy of a seed or an egg isn't wasted, either. Some seeds and some eggs will not germinate without such a rest. Some lose their spark of life unless kept in darkness. And some will never make new life until they have had a fierce bite of hard frost. It is all a part of a pattern complex beyond belief but clearly dominated by the seasonal rhythms. Without winter there would never be another summer, and without the long, cold sleep we would never know another spring.”

COORDINATOR'S NOTES SECTION

The approaching Holiday season also means end of the year for volunteer reporting of required hours for recertification. If you have been recording your hours in HOC at least once a month, you should not be sweating end of the year hour entry for volunteer and continuing education. OSU Extension Greene County requirements are 20 hours of volunteer time and 10 hours of continuing education. If you are an intern, you are required to complete 50 hours of volunteer time.

If you are unsure of where specific hours go, email me with the specific volunteer activity you have a question about entering correctly. Do this now! Do not wait! I plan on taking time off before the office officially closes so I will not be available if you wait!

All hours must be entered by December 15th per State Advisory Committee. I will inform you when recertification is ready for you to complete in HOC.

*Interns, you will receive a separate email regarding certification for you plus the other responsibilities as a certified MGV. * 2023 Winter Gathering will be January 21st from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the Extension office. We will provide a simple winter meal of soup, reconnect with activities, certify interns (officially!), and celebrate bright moments from 2022. Registration will be available after January 1st.

A 2023 calendar of meetings, programs, and activities (including group clean ups at projects) plus the 2023 State conference count down will be available in electronic format soon!

UPDATES IN ANR

Seems like we are flying right into Fall. Before long, we will be talking about winter weather and snow I am afraid. As I drive around the county, a lot of our crop fields are being harvested in rapid fashion, but that is not without struggle. The dry weather has caused a lot of trouble this year at the farm gate. The concern for combine fires, equipment accidents on the road (we must all share), and more. The greatest concern is the loss of grain. As the crop dried so fast, it is beginning to fall from the plant. If it falls, it may be unable to be harvested. Don't forget to share the road with our farming neighbors. They too have places to be and things to do!

On another note, we are less than 1 year away from hosting the 2023 MGV State Conference! Plan to join our next planning meeting to see how you can help! Other plans for 2023 are well underway so if you have ideas, be sure to share them! Have a safe and enjoyable Fall season!

– Trevor



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We welcome all suggestions for this newsletter. Please e-mail your comments, articles, photos, and dates you would like included.