

THE GREENE LEAFLET

News for OSU Extension Greene County Master Gardener Volunteers

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Debbie Downes

Welcome everyone who will become a Greene County Master Gardener Volunteer in 2023! We have interns and transfers, including: Julie Davis, Tracy Moran, Lorraine Bonavita, Lauren McGinley, Janet Baedke, Jennifer Eddy, Jennie Snoddy, Margi Gay, Lily Jennings, WD Campbell, Ed Costello, Abbey Rodjom, and Mary Ann Accorinti. We hope to see our newest at the project gardens, on our various committees, and we look for their help with the 2023 State Master Gardener Conference, hosted by Greene County.

My New Garden is called Chaos

Last January I shared "Old Landscape becomes New Garden Opportunity". That old landscape was the state of my front yard at the time. A massive aging maple was taken down, the sewer line failed, and my front yard turned into a pile of dirt and rock. My vision was to turn this opportunity into a native prairie garden. Over the winter of 2022 I tossed handfuls of seeds on top of the dirt and worried when I saw the rain eroding my yard away. I learned about winter sowing and had success with tiny little Royal Catchfly seedlings. Over the spring and summer, I had generous gardeners like Kathy Estabrook give me starter plants. I am overwhelmed by the garden's success. Plants like anise hyssop sprouted, grew, and spread. Prairie coneflowers flourished. There were plants that towered over my head. I only saw a small number of butterflies -- American Lady, Sulphurs, and Checkerspot. The bees, however, were amazing in size and number. There were a lot of bumblebees, but also all types of tiny little bees that I need to know more about.



I did learn that it was a mistake to just toss all those seeds on the dirt. Luckily, they didn't all wash away with the rain, but instead sprouted. However, I have no idea what many of them are. I call my front yard garden "Chaos", and I love it. My goal this year is to work on identifying and labeling everything that is growing.

Attention Project Leaders and Committee Leaders

In the next issue of the Greene Leaflet, I would like to share any updates you have. Send me a few lines that highlight your project or committee and describes what you would like all the GCMGVs to know. You have until March 18th to send me your input. Thank you

UPCOMING MEETING/ EVENT/TEAM CALENDAR

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETINGS

All Meetings are at 6:30pm

January 17, zoom
January 21, Winter Gathering
February 14 , zoom
March 14, In-person
April 11, In-person
May 9, In-person
June 13, In-person
July 11, In-person
August 8, In-person
September 12, In-person
October 10, In-person
November 14, In-person

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

all meetings are at 4pm

January 3
February 14
March 14
April 11
May 9
June 13
July 11
August 8
September 12
October 10
November 14
December TBA

Updates will be posted on the website
greene.osu.edu

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

Cuyahoga Master Gardeners

OSU Bee Lab Workshops & Webinars

Ohio Woodland Stewards Program



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COORDINATOR'S NOTES SECTION

These last months of winter are one of the busiest we have had in many years. We are in the middle of pulling together sponsors for the state conference and finalizing many of the details associated with the conference, reorganizing ourselves, finalizing a spring fundraising program, and interviewing for a new ANR Educator. As usual, I am confident in the group and my ability to have all this taken care of plus the multiple of large and small tasks we have on our plate this year.

Most of these tasks are well in hand, extra help is needed with securing large sponsorships. If you know anyone in a large company or corporation who could help us get our foot in the door, please contact Sarah Preston. We are looking for the large sponsorship with companies who could do \$1,000 – \$5,000 in sponsorship donations.

I understand we are all going to miss Trevor. For me, I have had the opportunity to get to know him and work together as partners in crime. I am very happy that he was able to obtain the ANR Educator position in his home county. Although I will miss my friend, I am looking forward to meeting a new person and to have the opportunity to work with and learn from them.

Kim

UPDATES IN ANR

Thank you! I cannot say thank you enough to all of you and everyone in Greene County. As many of you know, on February 1, I will start as the Agriculture and Natural Resources and Community Development Educator in Brown County. Many of you know, I still call Brown County home and so it will be great to lessen the drive and be home. However, it has been a great six years working with all of you and I will miss it. I have enjoyed strengthening our educational programs, while growing the Master Gardener Volunteer program. We still have a lot of work to do in preparation for the MGVS State Conference in October. I will continue to be involved in this planning so I won't be too far. I also plan to work closely with Kim in the meanwhile and to help with the new Educator once they are hired. If you need anything at all, do not hesitate to reach out to Kim or you have my email: corboy.3@osu.edu. Thank you all for everything you do as MGVS in Greene County! Talk soon!

– Trevor



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Next Newsletter Deadline: March 12, 2023

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