

THE GREENE LEAFLET

News for OSU Extension Greene County Master Gardener Volunteers

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Debbie Downes

How do you describe being a Master Gardener Volunteer?

I have experienced many interesting discussions after telling someone I am a Master Gardener Volunteer. Sometimes the comment is, "Will you come over to weed my yard?" More often it launches a discussion about what we do as volunteers, various gardening styles, naming plants, and talking about community garden projects.

We probably don't discuss the hard work, investment in time, and constant research to be done while working in the soil. We are volunteers with a requirement to be actively involved in our Greene County projects and working to improve our knowledge through education opportunities. In-turn we seek to share this knowledge and give back to our communities. We do this because we are motivated.

Our Greene County website (greene.osu.edu) states our Mission Statement – OSU Extension Greene County Master Gardeners

Teaching environmentally sound, research-based gardening practices to the citizens of Greene County under the auspices of Greene County OSU Extension.

At recent business meetings we've discussed how we each describe who we are. It's important to have consistency in our words so the public has a clearer picture of a Master Gardener Volunteer. Some may call this an "Elevator Speech". It's a brief description that communicates who we are for the benefit of the listener. Something you can say in the time it takes an elevator to travel from the bottom to the top floor. If the listener is interested, it can launch into a broader discussion including your particular area of interest.

Our last effort in wording is the following: We are OSU Greene County Extension volunteers who learn and use science-based gardening research to teach members of the community using educational programs. Does this describe what being a Master Gardener Volunteer is for you?

UPCOMING MEETING/EVENT/TEAM CALENDAR

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETINGS

All Meetings are at 6:30pm

February 8th, zoom
March 8th, zoom
April 12th, In-person
May 10th, In-person
June 14th, In-person
July 12th, In-person
August 9th, In-person
September 13th, In-person
October, TBD
November 8th, In-person

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

all meetings are at 10:30am

January 20th
February 17th
March 8th
April 21st
May 19th, zoom
June 16th
July 21st
August 18th
September 15th
October 20th
November 17th
December 15th

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
2021-2022

The Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden Events

Miami County Coffee with the Master Gardener Volunteers

Cuyahoga Master Gardeners

OSU Bee Lab Workshops & Webinars

OSU Bee Lab Tending Nature Webinar Series

Ohio Woodland Stewards Program



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COORDINATOR'S NOTES SECTION

And the next thing I knew, It was August! The tail end of summer is upon us and it is time to think about fall and all the wonderful seasonal changes it will bring.

The activity committee is hosting a Scarecrow building event on September 17th in partnership with GCP&Ts. It will be held at James Ranch from 11 am to 1 pm. You can register through their Facebook page or at reservations.gcparkstrails.com/programs/2395

The activity committee will need donations of old clothes to use to make the scarecrows; long pants, long sleeved shirts, hats, or other clothing you think would look great on a scarecrow. They are looking for volunteers to help the participants build the scarecrow, set up and tear down. Contact Debbie Downes to donate and volunteer. This will be a fun event so I look forward to seeing all the different scarecrows that will be created.

Speaking of creative, to help kick off this event several of the projects plus the interns are creating scarecrows to display at James Ranch. The scarecrows will begin appearing on Monday and all of them should be up by Wednesday. They will be there during the Appreciation Dinner so be sure to take a look at them. There will be voting available through our Facebook page for your favorite scarecrow.

There will be several more programs this fall including Backyard Garden to Fork, Sunflowers, Kohlrabi, and Cauliflower; Invasive Plants, and Winter Porch pots. I will be sending flyer's with the registration information soon.

Happy Fall!

UPDATES IN ANR

Thank you for all you! We greatly appreciate all your help over the past few weeks!

We hope you can join us on Thursday, August 25 at 6pm at James Ranch Park in Xenia for our MGV Appreciation Dinner. Enjoy an evening with fellow Greene County MGVs with food, activities, business meeting and awards. You will have the opportunity to win some large prizes as well. Please bring your own chair.

RSVP at the email link by 8/23

If you have questions, please contact Trevor at 937-372-9971 or corboy.3@osu.edu. Thank you for all you do!



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