

THE GREENE LEAFLET

News for OSU Extension Greene County Master Gardener Volunteers

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Debbie Downes

Well, that's a Wrap!

Our long awaited 2023 Master Gardener State Conference is over. Days before it kicked off, Pam Carter and I looked at each other and talked about how long ago it was that we started working on the conference. Sometime in 2019 the discussion started with plans to host in 2020. Then our world changed, and 2023 became Greene County's chance to host.

Feedback on our presenters, raffles, vendors, and the venue was very positive. For me personally, the best part of this experience was an opportunity for us as master gardeners to spend a bit of time together and get to know each other better. Often, we are working in our specific projects and areas of interest and don't have the chance to chat over a meal, or work with people outside our projects. It was great to see everyone participate.

It is also a wrap for me as your board President. I appreciate Kim Hupman's confidence in me and asking me to serve on the board. I have many members to thank. Thanks to our board Vice President, Sarah Preston. Sarah has a consistent, calm, no-nonsense approach to dealing with matters. I really appreciate her input. A big thanks to Kathy Lewis, board Secretary. Kathy jumped into the job nervous that she didn't have the skills and knowledge for the job. Kathy should be really proud of how far she's come and what a great job she's done. She really helped keep me on track when I got lost in details. Thank you to Starlene Brooks, board Treasurer. She has done an exceptional job with the day-to-day finances, budget planning, and reporting to the board and membership. And of course, our board members Pam Carter, Rebecca Elniski, Laura Carroll, Beverly Taylor and past President Dan Denham.

What's next? Well, I'm looking forward to the direction the 2024 board plans for us. I'm going to step back from committee work for a while and get back in our various gardens. Hands in the dirt, head in the clouds.

Have a wonderful end to your year. Thank you, Debbie



UPCOMING MEETING/EVENT/TEAM CALENDAR

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETINGS

All Meetings are at 6:30pm, unless otherwise announced

January 17th, 6:30 Zoom
January 21st 1-3pm Winter Gathering
February 14th, zoom
March 14th
April 11th
May 9th
June 13th
July 11th
August 8th
September 12th
October 10th
November 14th

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

All meetings are at 4:00pm, unless otherwise announced

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

Meeting dates and other information can also be found at <https://greene.osu.edu> under Master Gardener Volunteers

CONTINUING EDUCATION

CFAES

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Greene County – Agriculture and Natural Resources

Continuing Education Events Available for
Master Gardener Volunteers

Additional Programs:

All programs will require pre-registration, for links go to our website, greene.osu.edu, Master Gardener Volunteers, Current Master Gardeners to view Additional Continuing Education Programs

State OSUE MGV Hort Happy Hour & Lunch and Learn Webinar Series 2023 - 2024

The Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden Events

OSU Bee Lab Workshops & Webinars

OSU Bee Lab Tending Nature Webinar Series

Ohio Woodland Stewards Program



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COORDINATOR'S NOTES SECTION

It is Halloween day. The sun is a beautiful blue, and the frost is glistening on the plant. If you don't like cold weather, then the previous sentence will make you want to run to a state with a warmer climate.

Our projects are all "put to bed" and ready for the winter season. We have one more business meeting this year and it is an important one. On November 14th, we will elect four MGVs to serve on the Greene County Master Gardener Advisory Board. We will also approve the budget for 2024.

There are several MGVs running for the Advisory Board. MaryAnn Accorinti is running for the Secretary and Margi Gay, Lorraine Bonavita, Jan Fix, Kathy Lewis, and Rebecca Elniski are running for the remaining three positions on the board.

Margi and Lorraine were part of the intern class from 2022 and have been active at several project this year. Both have helped at the Phenology Garden. Margi is also a part of the Mary Help project and Lorraine helps at the Owen's Shade Garden. Jan is a long time MGV who is a member of the Finance Committee and served on the Board of Trustees several years ago. Kathy and Rebecca are current board members who are running for a second term. Kathy is a part of the Owen's Shade Garden project. Rebecca is involved at James Ranch in several of the garden areas at the project. MaryAnn is running uncontested for Secretary. She is involved in several projects including the Phenology Garden.

We have a great group of MGVs interested in being a part of the Advisory Board. I hope everyone can come to the November 14th Business Meeting and be a part of the election process! - Kim

UPDATES IN ANR

It is finally harvest season and we will soon be getting ready for another winter. In the crops, we could see good yields, and we can see cover crops in some fields already. The soil cover increases soil health. Cover crops compete with weeds and also greatly decreases soil erosion and nutrient loss. It results in reduced soil compaction and improved structure and strength of the soil, increased aerate the soil - help rain go into the soil, build soil carbon and soil organic matter, increase the number of earthworms and contribute to better management of soil nutrients.

End of the year also brings reflection – let's think about our program's achievements, challenges, and areas for improvement. We cannot thank you all enough for this year, we hosted a big conference and at the same time, we kept up with the great work in our other projects. We are very proud of you all. We also identify some challenges and areas for improvements. In our next business meeting, November 14, we will discuss some plans we have for improvement next year and we would love to hear more ideas and suggestions from you all. If you cannot make it, and have ideas and suggestions, do not hesitate to contact us other way.

Please let me know how I can help, and always feel free to stop by the OSU Extension Office, call (937-736-7205), or email me (miquilini.1@osu.edu).

Warm wishes,
Marina



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Pam Carter

Rebecca Elniski

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Next Newsletter Deadline: December 16, 2023

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