



**MAUREEN'S BI-WEEKLY
MEMO TO
MASTER GARDENERS OF STARK COUNTY**

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STARK COUNTY NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Message from Our Coordinator.....

Greetings Master Gardener Volunteers,

Hope you're gearing up for a fun-filled week at the Stark County Fair, September 1-7! Just a reminder that our office will be open Tuesday morning for the Garden Info Line, but will close Tuesday @ noon and will remain closed through Friday, September 4, as we'll be relocating our office to the Stark County Fairgrounds for Fair Week. Come and visit!

Also be sure to check out our Master Gardener presentations in the newly-remodeled Ohio Farm Bureau Ag Building on Friday, September 4th. Carol Sutek, Jeanne Poremski, and Elaine Regas will be giving short presentations to fairgoers at 11am, 1pm, and 3pm, respectively.

Earlier this week we had a fun and information-filled day as we learned tree inventory basics and then inventoried the trees at the Stark County Fairgrounds. This workshop is part of our "GOT TREES: Why Trees Matter" 4-H Foundation grant. Thanks to Dave Goerig, ANR Educator, Mahoning County, our very own David Crawford, OSUE Stark County Director & 4-H Educator, MG volunteers Carmen Oyenque, Jeanne Poremski, Jeanne Quartz, and MG Interns David Lab, Sarah Leffler, and Marcie Otto for attending. Stay tuned for our next tree inventory program opportunities!

Reminder: Master Gardener Intern portfolios are due on Monday, August 31 by 4:30pm. We're looking forward to reviewing all your hard work and creativity!

See you at the Fair!

Thanks for all that you do!! ~~~~ *Maureen*

Register Now!! Saturday – September 26
Master Gardeners of Stark County
2nd Annual Fall Symposium "Rooted in Basics"
9:00am – 1:00pm \$20 (Stark MGs); \$25 (others)
John Knox Presbyterian Church
5155 Eastlake St. NW, N. Canton

We still have a few OSU Extension "Sun Safe Hats" available (\$30 plus tax). Stop by the office to purchase yours!



Denny Weilnau (Educator Emeritus, Stark/Summit Counties) will be in town for the Stark County Fair! He'll be here on Tuesday, September 1 to help SWCD with hay judging at the fairgrounds. Do plan to stop by and say 'hello'!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Please contact the facilitator for each activity if interested in learning more about how to participate!

Title	Facilitator	Location	Date(s)
Flower and Vegetable Check-In	Nancy Tressel	Stark County Fairgrounds	August; before start of fair
MG Info Booth @ Stark County Fair	Kay Polen	Stark County Fairgrounds	Sept 1-7
Hands-On 3rd & 4th Grade Children's Gardening Program	Kay Polen	Huston Brumbaugh Nature Center	Sept 23-26; Nov 4-7
Flower Arranging Classes for Patients	Bonnie Popa	Heartland Behavioral Health Center	5 times per year

Very Important Reminders!



Does one of your volunteer colleagues stand out from the rest, go that extra mile, or pitch in and lend a hand in support of the group? Please **nominate a MG volunteer for the 2009 Master Gardener Volunteer of the Year (MGVOY) award**. Nomination forms are due by Friday, September 25.

The **Nominating Committee** continues to seek names of MGs to place on the ballot for **officer positions for 2009-2010 (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer)**. Please consider serving in one of these roles, making your unique contribution to the group, and building your leadership skills! Contact Ann Bleau to place your name on the ballot, or to suggest one of your fellow MG volunteers.

The **MG Fall Banquet** will be held on Tuesday, October 27. Hold the date; details to follow.

2009 CLASSES / CONTINUING EDUCATION

Sept. 8	Trees	6:00pm	CEC Hrs: 2
USDA Building, 2650 Richville Drive SE (meeting room) Presenter: RJ Laverne, Davey Tree Fac. by: Carolyn Mikuta			
Oct. 13	Hostas	1:00pm	CEC Hrs: 1.5
USDA Building, 2650 Richville Drive SE (meeting room) Presenter: Doug Beilstein Fac. by: Pricilla Kiehl			
Nov. 1	Organic Gardening & Raised Beds	6:00pm	CEC Hrs: 2
Stark Parks-Exploration Gateway, 5712-12th St. NW, Canton 44708 Presenter: Danielle Grimm Fac. by: Fred Hanacek			

Save the date!

Nov.13 Stark Parks Environmental Conference
To be held at R.G. Drage. This year's theme is "Healthy Communities"
More info at: www.StarkParks.com

MASTER GARDENER BOOTH

We will be setting up an info table at this year's Stark County Farm Tour on October 4th, promoting OSUE Stark County programs, including 4-H and Master Gardener Volunteers. If you would like to help staff the table, please contact Maureen Austin. Last year we had a great day and were very busy!

If you know of an event or location that would be a good spot for the booth, and would like to organize some MGs to help staff the booth, please contact **Kay Polen**. No need to submit an Activity Request form- MG Info booth hours are preapproved!

Early Registration Ends Sept 2! Don't delay!
2010 STATE MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE
Master Gardeners in good standing (and Master Gardener Interns) are being encouraged to register EARLY for the State Master Gardener Conference to be held at the Great Wolf Lodge in Mason (Warren County, Ohio). The conference is October 2 & 3 and promises to be an informative and fun-filled experience! For more information about the event and to register on line go to <http://warren.osu.edu>.



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Ohio's Emerald Ash Borer quarantine has been expanded by the Ohio Department of Agriculture to include Pike and Scioto counties. Since Emerald Ash Borer was first discovered in Ohio in 2003, 52 counties are under quarantine. The quarantine makes it illegal to transport ash trees, parts of ash trees, and all hardwood firewood from any quarantined county into a non-quarantined county without a compliance agreement from the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Violation of this quarantine could result in fines up to \$4,000.

Ash trees infested with Emerald Ash Borer typically die within five years. Adults are dark green, one-half inch in length, one-eighth inch wide, and fly from early May until September. Larvae spend the rest of the year beneath the bark of ash trees and leave D-shaped holes in the bark about one-eighth inch wide when they emerge as adults. For information on the Emerald Ash Borer, maps, compliance agreements, firewood restrictions, purple traps, and quarantine updates, visit www.agri.ohio.gov or call 1-888-OHIO-EAB.

From fall-blooming perennials to colorful mums and pansies, gardeners will have plenty to choose from at Ohio State University's Chadwick Arboretum and Learning Gardens Fall Plant Sale. The event will take place Thursday and Friday, Sept. 3-4, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. in front of Howlett Hall, 2001 Fyffe Court, on Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences campus. Free parking is available in lots adjacent to Howlett Hall. Horticultural experts will be on hand to answer gardening questions and concerns. For more information, log on to <http://chadwickarboretum.osu.edu>.

The Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens is hosting an open house for MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS ONLY AT THE CINCINNATI ZOO AND BOTANICAL GARDEN September 3, 2009 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. There will be a \$10.00 fee and will include drinks, light refreshments, free parking, and tours of the zoo and their incredible floral displays (annual trials, rain garden, etc.). They will have several stations set up showing the annual trials, green roof, green garden, rain gardens, native plants, and more. Plants will be available for sale.

Please join OSU President Gordon Gee and AEP Ohio President Joe Hamrock in a dedication of the AEP Solar-Powered Bike path Shelter on the Olentangy River city bike path at the Olentangy River Wetland Research Park (ORWRP), 352 W. Dodridge on Friday September 11,

2009 at 10 am. Walk, jog, or preferably bike to the bike path shelter, which is located midway between the two bike path bridges north of Dodridge Street; or drive to the ORWRP and walk over to the shelter in the NE corner of the research park. An open house will be held at the Heffner Wetland Building, the Sandefur Wetland Pavilion, and the experimental wetlands at Olentangy River Wetland Research Park immediately after the dedication. For more information, please call 614-292-9774 or go to: <http://swamp.osu.edu/news/index.html>

Saturday, September 12
Quailcrest Farm's 29th Annual Herb Fair
10:00 am – 5:00 pm \$2 / car
2810 Armstrong Rd, Wooster (off Rt. 83, 7 miles south of I-71)
www.quailcrest.com

Are you interested in conservation, hunting, sustainable farming, or country living? Plan to attend the Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Conservation Expo on Saturday, September 12, 2009 from 10am – 4pm in Mechanicstown, OH (near Augusta). Log onto www.ANRCexpo.com for more information. Don't forget to bring the kids. There will be tons of youth activities!

Secrest Arboretum's next free public bird walk is Saturday, Sept. 12th from 9-11 a.m. Spot warblers and other southbound migrants, plus cardinals, chickadees and other year-round Ohioans. Birdwatchers of all skill levels are welcome. Members of the Greater Mohican Audubon Society will lead the program. Secrest Arboretum is located at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC), 1680 Madison Ave., Wooster. Meet at the arboretum's Seaman Orientation Plaza on Williams Road, about 1.7 miles from the main OARDC entrance. For more information, call 330-263-3761. Or go to <http://secrest.osu.edu/>.

Professional and well-known Cleveland-based photographer, Ian Adams, will be presenting a 2-part digital photography workshop on September 4 (all day) and September 17 (afternoon) at the 4-H Center on the OSU Campus, Columbus. Cost is \$115.00 per person and includes lunch on the first day. Participants should bring their camera. You will have the opportunity to work with Ian in the afternoon during a photo shoot at the Chadwick Arboretum. Ian will then critique your shots at the next class and provide tips on how to improve. Registration limited to first 25 people. To register, go to: <http://clark.osu.edu/horticulture/workshops-classes>

Visitors to Ohio State University's Farm Science Review (Sept. 22 – 24 at the Molly Caren Agricultural Center in London, OH) can learn about the construction and maintenance of rain gardens. OSUE Educator, Dave Dyke, will present "Rain Gardens" at 11 a.m. on Sept. 23 in the Utzinger Garden, located on Friday Avenue of the Review's exhibitor grounds. Dyke will focus on selecting a location, design, plant selection, and weed control. For more information, log on to <http://hamilton.osu.edu/Horticulture/home-gardeners>.

Other topics being covered at the Utzinger Garden during Farm Science Review include cover crops, fall planting, Emerald ash borer updates, galls, backyard fruits, bees and wasps, perennials, disease management and herbs. Farm Science Review is sponsored by the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, Ohio State University Extension, and the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center. It attracts upwards of 140,000 visitors from all over the country and Canada, who come for three days to peruse 4,000 product lines from 600 commercial exhibitors, and learn the latest in agricultural research, conservation, family and nutrition, and gardening and landscape. Tickets are \$8 at the gate or \$5 in advance when purchased from the county OSU Extension office or participating agribusinesses. Children 5 and younger are admitted free. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 22-23 and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 24. For more information, log on to <http://fsr.osu.edu>.

**Next Membership Meeting:
Tuesday – September 22, 2009
6:00 p.m. Social Hour 6:30 p.m. Meeting
OSU Extension Office Meeting Room**

**Stark County Master Gardener Volunteer
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