



STARK COUNTY NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Message from Our Coordinator.....

See email message from Maureen!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Watch for a list of Service Opportunities coming soon!

2010 State MG V Week!

State MG V Week 2010 will be May 17 through 22 (the 3rd full week of May).

MASTER GARDENER BOOTH

The Booth needs a chairperson (or co-chairs) for 2010. Meanwhile if you request the booth for an event, you are responsible for staffing the booth. Booth organization and staffing hours are pre-approved!

Newly-revised Stark County Master Gardener Volunteer website coming soon! www.starkmg.org

Stark County Leave No Child Inside Workshop

FREE! Saturday - March 6 9:00am-12:00m
Hosted by Stark Parks at the Exploration Gateway, 5712-12th Street NW, Canton, Ohio. Co-sponsored by Stark County Park District, Mount Union College & Beech Creek Botanical Garden Association. Adults can discover new ways to promote nature exploration with children. Call (330) 409-8096 to register or visit: www.StarkParks.com

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Date	Time	Program	Presenter	CE	Location	Facilitator	Hospitality
3/10 Wednesday	5:30-8:00p	ID/Insect Control	Mary Gardner	2	MG office	Eunice Shonk	
3/18 Thursday	5:30-8:00pm	High Tunnels 101	Dee Beyeler	1.5	MG office	Fred Hanacek	
4/13 Tuesday	12:30-3:00p	Hardy Ferns	Len Lehman	2	MG office	Priscilla Kiehl	Nancy Alvarez Sue March
5/11 Tuesday	3:30-6:00p	New Seiberling Nature Realm Guided Tour	Lisa King	2	Nature Realm Akron	Priscilla Kiehl	None Needed
6/8 Tuesday	6:00-8:30p	Summer Stroll	Master Gardener Hosts	2	Stark County Gardens	Nancy Simon	Melinda Stewart
7/17 Saturday	1:00-4:00p	Daylily Farm, Muck Farm, Ohio Earth Food Tour	Tour Guides	3	Hartville	Phyllis McMaster	None Needed
8/10 Tuesday	All Day	Heritage Gardens Tour	Tour Guide	?	Columbus	Becky Lewis	None Needed
9/14 Tuesday	2:30-4:30p	Considering Human Nature in Landscape Design	Maureen Austin	1.5	MG office	Jeanne Quartz	Carmen Oyenque
10/12 Tuesday	5:30-7:30p	The Botany of Rosaceae	Dr. Jennifer Clevinger	1.5	MG office	Carroll Rippel	Virginia Birks
11/09 Tuesday	5:30-7:30p	Floral Designs From The Garden	Sandy Tate	1.5	Jackson Library	Melinda Stewart	Judy Kerry Denice Popovich

Diagnostic Workshops in 2010

There are 5 Diagnostic Workshops for Master Gardener Volunteers scheduled across Ohio for 2010. Details are still being finalized, but please make note of the dates/locations. The purpose of this day-long, hands-on workshop is to train MGVs in diagnosing plant problems and using resources effectively so they can support their local Extension office. The workshop will use Michael Dirr's newest edition of the Manual of Woody Landscape Plants as a case study, among other resources. As a bonus for attending the workshop, each county in attendance will receive a copy of the Manual for their office. Watch for more details about the workshops.

April 15 in Summit County May 24 in Lucas County June 9 in Franklin County
July 14 in Clark County August 10 in Hamilton County

Denise Ellsworth is organizing 4 or 5 training programs around the state this year on the **Basics of Diagnosing Plant Problems**. These will focus on the 20 Questions of Plant Diagnostics and provide attendees with the basic skills needed to diagnose plant problems. Denise, Maureen and Dave Goerig (Mahoning County) will have one of these programs in Stark County @ The Wilderness Center on May 12th. Details will be coming soon!

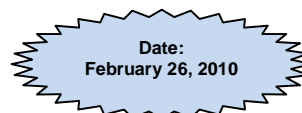
Ohio River Valley Woodland & Wildlife Workshop

Saturday, March 27, 2010 - 8:30am - 3:00pm

Held at the: Diamond Oaks Career Development Campus, 6375 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati OH 45247
Register by March 18 at \$35 or by March 22 at \$45. Pre-registration required. Lunch and handouts included with your payment. For registration & brochure: http://woodlandstewards.osu.edu/classes/index.php?article_id=112



**MAUREEN'S WEEKLY
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From Garden to Table - Spring Seminar

Saturday, April 24, 2010 9:30 am-3:00 pm

Cuyahoga Valley National Park – Happy Days Lodge
500 W. Streetsboro Rd. (Route 303) Peninsula, OH 44264
1 mile west of Route 8. Master Gardener Project of the
Year 2009 Nominee.

Registration: 8:45-9:30 am w/Continental breakfast

- *Soil Improvements-Tim Malinich, OSU Ext. Educator*
- *Small Space Gardening-Denise Ellsworth, OSU Ext. Ed.*
- *Garden Calendar-Chris Harris, Master Gardener*
- *Growing Tomatoes-Gif Dyer, Master Gardener*
- *Herbs & Potting Demo-Noelle Clark Akin, Director-Petitti Garden Centers*
- *Lasagna Gardening - Shawn Belt, Green Corps Farm Manager - Cleveland Botanical Garden*
- *Cooking Demo - Eddie Cerino, Owner/Chef, Eddie's Pizzeria Cerino*

Raffle; Gardening items, books, gift certificates and more
\$29 program fee (\$35 after 4/14/10) incl. continental
breakfast, lunch and handouts.

WebEx or Conference Call Sessions

These sessions are open to MGVs and Ext. Professionals.
Each session will last approximately one hour. The sessions
are offered at 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm each day.

Wednesday, March 17th - EAB Outreach Strategies

Conference Call, 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 21st - Emerald Ash Borer Diagnostics and EAB Awareness Week Planning

Webex, 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 19th - Why Trees Matter

Webex, 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm

**To register, please contact Thais Reiff, a Greene County
Master Gardener Volunteer and EAB Specialist. Her
email address is treiff@ameritech.net**

Master Gardeners of Summit County Saturday Garden Series

This year we have a wealth of timely, interesting topics:

March 6

“Elements of Garden Planning and Design” “Computer-
Aided Garden Design” Cara Smith, MG 1999 Jerry
Salisbury, MG 2008; “From Larger Ponds to Smaller Water
Gardens” Bob Eley, MG 2007

March 13

“Birds and Butterflies in the Garden” “Irrigation Systems
for Your Garden”; Deidre Betancourt, MG 1994, Vince
Matlock, MG 2007; “Ten Great Perennials - Ten Tough
Pests”; Denise Ellsworth, Ohio State Extension Educator

March 20

“What You Need to Know About Herbs” “Shade Gardening
in Ohio” Jan Becker MG 1995 Jeanne Poremski, certified
MG 1994; “Creating Hypertufa Containers and Stepping
Stones”; Joan Gangle, MG 1999

Cost is \$60. Gift Certificates are available and they make
great gifts. Includes coffee, continental breakfast, lunch
and learning about gardening with a group of really nice
people. For a registration form or questions contact:
Saturday Garden Series mailbox at: [SGS@mountain-
pride.com](mailto:SGS@mountain-pride.com) or registration cell phone line at (234) 525-
7034

Clermont County AG/Hort. Programs Invite Southern Ohio Wildflowers, In the Wild and In the Garden:

<http://clermont.osu.edu/topics/horticulture/southern-ohio-wildflowers-in-the-wild-and-in-the-garden>

Spring Gardening Series:

<http://clermont.osu.edu/topics/horticulture/spring-gardening-series>

16th Annual Southwest Ohio Perennial School:

<http://clermont.osu.edu/topics/horticulture/16th-annual-southwest-ohio-perennial-school>

Farm Succession Workshop:

<http://clermont.osu.edu/topics/agriculture-and-natural-resources/farm-succession-transferring-your->

Farmers Market Series:

<http://clermont.osu.edu/topics/agriculture-and-natural-resources/farmers-market-series>

Wildlife Conflicts Workshop

Ohio State University Extension of Clark County
welcomes Stan Gehrt, Associate Professor of Wildlife
Ecology and OSU Extension Wildlife Specialist, Ohio
State University and Marne Titchenell, OSU Extension
Wildlife Program Specialist, Ohio State University. This
will discuss how to deal with nuisance wildlife such as
deer, geese, rabbits, skunks, bats, moles, voles, raccoons,
groundhogs and coyotes.

Cass is **Friday, March 19, 2010** from 9:00am-3:00pm at
OSU Extension, 4400 Gateway Blvd., Springfield, OH.

Cost for the class, lunch and handouts is \$35.00.

Deadline is March 15, 2010. Class and registration
information: <http://clark.osu.edu/topics/horticulture/workshops-classes>
or call 937.521.3860 for registration information. Mail
registration to OSU Extension of Clark County, Attn:
Horticulture, 4400 Gateway Blvd., Ste. 104, Springfield,
OH 45502.

The **Greater Montgomery County Master Gardener Association** welcomes **Mel Bartholomew**, Creator of the Square Foot Gardening System and author of the book All New Square Foot Gardening which has changed how we think of gardening.

Certified Master Gardener Volunteers may attend; Registration required.

Lecture: "Square Foot Gardening-What's It All About"

When: 10:00 AM, March 31, 2010

Where: Wegerzyn Gardens MetroParks' Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45414.

Cost: \$10.00

Workshop: Square Foot Gardening

When: 1:30 PM, March 31, 2010

Where: OSU Extension, Montgomery County Office (located within the Montgomery County Fairgrounds)

1001 S Main St., Dayton, OH 45409

Cost: \$25.00; **limited seats available**

Join Mel in an intimate setting to delve further into the Square Foot Gardening System and brainstorm ways we can use the system at home and in our community.

ONLA has agreed to give credit for re-certification.

For questions or registration forms, please contact Diane Harm at (937) 239-4002 or dharm@cinci.rr.com. **Visit our web site: montgomery.osu.edu**

Grow and Know Events

These days, it's much easier to see the value in things like growing and preserving your own food, taking good care of your garden and animals, and being green. Getting started with these endeavors can be a little intimidating. Join us at a Grow and Know event this year and get in touch with your inner farmer! Get back to basics with your land and food, and make the most of your property, whether it's a patio downtown or 50 acres in Ohio's countryside.

Five day-long events taking place on farms and agricultural sites throughout Ohio

\$30 for Farm Bureau members/event; \$50 for nonmembers/event. *Registration includes all sessions, lunch and materials.*

Learn more about each event at <http://ourohio.org/resources/grow-and-know/>
Farming on Five to Fifty—April 17; Malabar Farm | Lucas

Solutions for Pestering Problems—May 22; Bob Evans Farm | Rio Grande

Growing Your Own Food and Going Green – June 5

Franklin Park Conservatory | Columbus

What to do in Winter – October 23; Lake Metroparks Farmpark | Kirtland

Know Place Like Home for the Holidays – November 7

Woodhaven Farm | Johnstown

\$50 for members; \$75 for nonmembers

Registration includes meal and materials.

Register online: <http://ourohio.org/resources/grow-and-know/>

Grow and Know this year with Ohio Farm Bureau!