

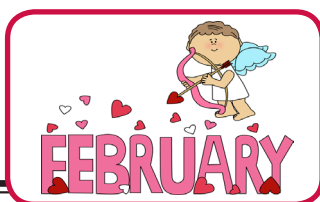
Blades and Blooms



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Group picture in Otavalo, Ecuador.

Mark Your Calendar

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| 2 | 9 am - 11 am | Garden of Eatin' Meeting; OSUE Lg. Conf. Rm. |
| 7 | 8:30 am - 4 pm | MGV Training Class; OSUE Lg. Conf. Rm. |
| 12 | 11 am - 1 pm | Fundraising Cmte. OSUE Sm. Conf. Rm. |
| 13 | 10 am - 12 pm | Perennial Cmte.; Zoom meeting. |
| 14 | 8:30 am - 4 pm | MGV Training Class; OSUE Lg. Conf. Rm. |
| | 10 am - 12 pm | MGV Board of Trustees Meeting; OSUE Sm. Conf. Rm. TBD |
| | 5:30 - 7:30 pm | MGV Board of Trustees Meeting; OSUE Lg. Conf. Rm. |
| 20 | 10 am - 12 pm | Handbook Cmte Meeting; OSUE Lg. Conf. Rm. |
| | 1 pm - 3 pm | Plant Sale Meeting; OSUE Lg. Conf. Rm. |
| 21 | 8:30 am - 4 pm | MGV Training Class; OSUE Lg. Conf. Rm. |
| | 1:30 - 3:30 pm | Rotary Garden Meeting; OSUE Sm. Conf. Rm. |
| 22 | 11 am - 1 pm | Education Meeting; OSUE Lg. Conf. Rm. |
| 27 | 9 am - 11 am | Planting/Seeding; Mitchell Greenhouse Workday; Sign up at HandsOn Connect (limit 2) |
| | 1 pm - 3pm | Lawn and Garden Helpline Meeting/Training; OSUE Lg. Conf. Rm. |
| 28 | 8:30 am - 4 pm | MGV Training Class; OSUE Lg. Conf. Rm. |



MGVs second week, group orientation.

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President's Message

I first want to say thank you to Jill Pfister, Sue Ann Dill and others for standing in for me at the January General Meeting. I was trying to get home to be there but was delayed by thunderstorms and tornados in Florida. It was quite an adventure.

As I look out my patio windows on this snowy day, like many MGVS at this point in winter, I am looking forward to Spring. Although the ground is covered with snow, plans are being made for the upcoming garden season.

The Plant Sale committee had its first meeting, and the first plant order is being prepared to go out the end of January. Do you have May 2nd marked on your calendar for the biggest fundraising event for Master Gardeners?

The Greenhouse committee is preparing for education and cleaning to get ready for planting. Other committees have met and are planning for spring.

A new partnership with Rotary Club is beginning with the Rotary Raised Beds, near the children's playground. These beds were initially designed for people with disabilities. The first collaborative meeting was held. The next step is the design phase.

We are happy to be starting a new Intern class for 2024 on February 7th at the Extension office. So much knowledge and excitement surrounding them. Classes are on Wednesdays, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Please join the class and get CEUs and meet the new interns. Thanks to everyone who signed up for mentors and class monitors.

So much to talk about, but I will close for now. Stay warm and healthy. The quote below reminds me of our MGVS.

"Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but look at what they can do when they stick together." -Unknown

Christi Lockhart, President



Pam's Posies

Buenos tardes Maestro Gardenario Voluntarios!! I am writing this in front of the fire, with a glass of wine, after a hard day's work in Otavalo, Ecuador. We just started working the second week with our new group, which includes Jan and Dick O'Neill and Kali Lawrence (Executive Director, Promise Neighborhood). Jan is absolutely loving it – as are all of us. So far so good – no broken bones this year!

It's February and things will start picking up very soon. Many of you are already involved in committees and planning for spring. I am looking forward to coming home and starting a brand new MGVS class. Remember, any certified MGVS in good standing can attend any of the classes for continuing education. I don't have the schedule 100% complete but as soon as I get a speaker on lawn care I can finish it up and will publish it on the website for you to review.

There are also opportunities to help with the classes and to moderate, set up, tear down, etc. Charlie Miller is scheduling committee chairs to come in a speak to the group. In addition, if you are a mentor, please be sure to stay in contact with your mentee and help them along the way.

I have mentioned it in the past and want to continue to keep it in front of you – our priorities this year are to complete the irrigation throughout the gardens (in process right now), plan and plant the front entrance garden, and design and plant the west side beds of the Wingert Tossey Pavilion. I am in the process of meeting with potential donors to secure funding for these projects. There will be additional sidewalks added this year when the process of procuring a purchase order is completed with the University. Hopefully this will occur when the weather breaks. Brent, our concrete guy, will also be installing eight additional bench pads for the 8' benches. I am hoping to have the funds to purchase the 6' benches at the entrance and the south side of the Pavilion.

Finally, interpretive signage is a high priority this year as well. Funding has been in a bit of a flux and I can explain this more at the March general meeting. My administration and our development office staff are working on securing additional funding to ensure that we have an endowed position for horticulture to keep the gardens secure.

Winter is the time to plan because we all know how fast spring and summer arrives. Take time to plan your garden as well. What new seeds are you going to plant this year?? I keep toying with the idea of

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WHAT'S GROWING ON

As I am writing this, there are only 55 days until the official start of Spring and approximately 99 days until our last frost date. On a gray winter day like today those dates may seem far off in the distance, but in looking at the MGV schedule I believe we will find plenty to help us pass the time.

Speaking of the schedule, the calendar on the extension website has been updated for 2024. Please let me know if there is anything missing or needing corrected. This should be the first place to look for information about upcoming meetings and programs / events. I try to manage this daily and edit it as soon as any changes occur.

Rather overdue, but late last fall we welcomed Jim Skogstrom, husband of MGV Jane, to our maintenance team at SPGA. He has been working alongside Dennis helping with all things garden related and supporting our team efforts on workdays. He has jumped right in wherever we have needed him and is a pleasure to work with. Jim has demonstrated a strong work ethic and we are hoping he will remain with us in the upcoming season.



Dennis Latimer, Beth Brooks and Jim Skogstrom admiring newly planted Cornus and Caryopteris.

Mid December, the final two large cast stone planters were placed on the concrete pads in front of the clubhouse. Thank you to Tom, Mark, Drew and Karen for all your help with that process. We will need to order some pot feet to allow for drainage; but otherwise, they are just waiting to be filled with some potting soil and delightful plants.

The first phase of the irrigation project at SPGA has begun. (Hooray!) O'Heill is in the process of installing (2) hose bibs next to the clubhouse gardens, (2) close to the new O'Keefe entrance, and irrigation systems in the cultivar and rose trial gardens as well as the "trapezoid" beds next to the Wingert Tossey Pavilion.

Community Garden members are busy preparing for the upcoming season with activities such as: germination tests on donated seeds, meeting with growers to source plants, sorting seeds for distribution, making provisions for compost, researching a seed library startup, partnering

Pam's Posies cont. from pg. 2

starting seeds indoors! It's a great idea but I am not sure how much time I am going to have!

Missing each of you while out of the country and hope to see you all soon.

Pam
Pamela J. Bennett
State Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator
Extension Educator, Horticulture
Ohio State University Extension



WELCOME TO OUR NEW PROGRAM ASSISTANT!

I have great news – finally. We have hired an outstanding person for the Kathy M./community garden position that has been open since Beth took Rich's position. Selena Hall will start around mid-February and will likely hit the ground running. I will ask her to provide a brief bio in the next newsletter. Her responsibility will be 50% working with the Clark County Local Foods Council on community gardens (developing, working towards sustainability, etc.) and taking the administrative MGV duties from Beth's plate (HoC, communications, day to day activities, etc.). Please welcome her to our world of horticulture – I am sure you will love her as much as you love Beth. I am happy to be rebuilding the horticulture team!

Pam Bennett



Happy Birthdays

15 th	Jill Pfister
17 th	Judith Finnegan
17 th	Marty Harley
18 th	Fran Davidson
22 nd	Cynthia Valente
25 th	Beth Brooks

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERENNIAL COMMITTEE

THE WINTER BLAHS

Now that the Holidays are over, all I've been doing is sitting on my behind looking through Seed Catalogs. I thought I better actually move so my doctor would be happy, so I went out to look at my neglected flower beds. I didn't clean them up like I normally do in the fall.

Yikes, I thought, "this is sooo darn ugly", but as I stayed outside and looked closer, I found that, yes...it needed to be cleaned out, but my grasses were so pretty as they swayed to and fro in the wind. I have beautiful red berries on some of my bushes and my River Birch trees are so pretty with their peeling bark. If you feel under the peeled bark, it feels just like velvet. I also saw birds eating some of the seeds and berries. I see my tall sedum has some buds already coming up.

So, while it's cold out, don't beat yourself up if you didn't get everything pruned in the fall. Remember our winter dormant plants are gathering energy so they can burst forth in all of their glorious beauty this Spring.

PS

Dear Master Gardeners Volunteers, we are very excited to be planning a tour for June 2024.

"A MASTER GARDENER'S GARDEN TOUR"

- We will open our gardens for others to view and appreciate.
- It will be open to all Clark County MGVS that would like to participate.
- Not sure if we will charge.
- Not sure if we will open it to the public or just MGVS from other counties.
- Not sure if it will be one or two days. This depends on the number of participating gardens.
- As you can see, we have basic ideas, but have many details to work out and would love to hear from you.

If you are interested in displaying your gardens or would like to help the committee plan this event, please contact Jerri Taylor, Marilyn Hinderer or Sandy Forstrom.

MGV LAWN & GARDEN HELPLINE COMMITTEE

It feels like the middle of winter with snow and extremely cold temperatures (at the time this is being written), but the growing season is going to be upon us before you know it and with that questions will be arriving from the community about lawn and garden issues.

To be ready for the inquiries the Lawn and Garden Helpline Committee has two meeting/training sessions scheduled. The first one is **Tuesday February 22, 2024**, and the second one is **Thursday March 14, 2024**. Both will be in the large conference room from 1 – 3 p.m.

Come one, come all to either or both meetings to see how you can be a part of educating the clients who have questions about their gardens and plants. If you are finding it difficult to get down on your knees (getting up is more of a challenge) to weed and plant, or to dig holes, or spread mulch, etc. you can still be an asset to the MGV program and provide a service to the public. An additional benefit is you do it from home in your jammies if you want.

For any questions regarding this committee and its function, contact co-chairs:

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OR

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*What's for breakfast on really cold days in February?
Frosted Snowflakes.*



Lola and Kathy at the MGV Lawn & Garden Helpline booth at the 2022 MGV Jubilee.

ROTARY RAISED BEDS COMMITTEE

Nine MGVs, and Beth Brooks met with Bonita Heeg, Executive Director, of the Springfield Rotary Club, to plan our involvement with this new project. Four others have indicated their interest. Please sign up on HOC for this project to add it to your opportunity list if you wish to participate.

Bonita gave us the history of the beds as well as the playground designed for all children including those with disabilities. The Rotary Club will pay for plants and materials as well as make an annual donation to our association for our work. Workdays, which may include some Rotarians working along with us, will be scheduled for Thursdays.

The beds will be designed as sensory beds with three seasons of color and most likely include both annuals and perennials. Beds will not be identical but will include plants of many different colors.

MGVs are encouraged to bring suggestions of plants to include to our next meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, February 21** at 1:30 in the large conference room at the OSUE Office.

Rita Lane and Susan Smith, Co-Chairs



Kathy McConkey cleaning one of the raised beds in the Rotary raised beds area.

PLANT SALE COMMITTEE

This is an **All-Call** for helpers with the 2024 Plant Sale. Thank you to everyone who attended the January meeting, either in person, or on Zoom. The minutes of that meeting have gone out to all membership, and we hope you have had time to read them. We're always in need of suggestions / ideas to improve.

Upcoming meetings: **Feb. 20, March 19, and April 16.** Please plan to attend all meetings, if possible (Zoom will be available for the next two.). Keep in mind that this is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and impossible to pull-off if we don't have 75-80 workers. There is no assignment too lowly! More on assignments to come.

Thanks, Everyone!

Deb Brugger, Jill Pfister, Karen Titone and Loretta Blazer

LANDSCAPE WITH NATURE COMMITTEE

Last year we bought some perennial seeds from Prairie Moon Nursery to grow in our various gardens. A BIG MISTAKE was ordering late. The seeds arrived in early April but required a period of cold, moist stratification to properly germinate. One method is to refrigerate in moist soil or sand for the recommended time and the other approach is to use mother nature to do the work naturally. Our approach this year is to try nature. Our first packet to plant is Ohio Spiderwort *Tradescantia ohiensis*. The germination code is C120 which means seeds need 120 days of cold moist stratification.

In six weeks we plan to start Wild Strawberry, Royal Catchfly, and a Button and Meadow Blazing Star. They require a 60 day stratification. Finally, we plan to start Sweet Joe Pye Weed, Lance Leaf Coreopsis and *Asclepias curassavica* with only 30 day cold requirements.

Wish us Luck!



ALL SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND WORK DAYS
ARE 2nd and 4th WEDNESDAY!

COME AND ENJOY THE POLLINATOR GARDEN!

LWN Committee Co-Chairs: Tom Davidson, Donna Meister and Jani Malowney



Tom, Donna and Jani relaxing in the LWN garden after a days work.

Backyard News

Last month I wrote about how much I like Ohio's ever-changing weather. This month, January, I find myself sitting at the dining room table, looking out the window at a world blanketed in white, the snow gently falling. The juncos, stark grey against the snow, their bellies white, line up in my young oak tree, waiting for their turn at the suet feeder. It gets even better.

I turn from the window and back to the task at hand – selecting plants for this year's plant sale! This year I am doubly blessed. I am volunteering at two plant sales: The Tecumseh Land Trust Native Plant Sale on June 1st, and our fabulous MGV Plant Sale on May 4th. For our sale I'm working with my good buddy Karen Titone. We are selecting native plants from Star Farm Nursery, and nativars (cultivated natives), other perennials, annuals and herbs from Millcreek. Both places have more choices than ever before.

Do you remember last year's Perennial School?

Garden Designer Tracy Disabato-Aust gave a wonderful presentation on some of her favorite plants and plantings. She showed us pictures of the Giant Coneflower (*Rudbeckia maxima*). It was gorgeous – six feet tall with large blueish basal leaves. It was a striking feature in her garden designs. Imagine my glee when I went through the Star Farm native plant list and found the Giant



Giant Coneflower

Coneflower! That's right friends. This plant will be available to us at our very own plant sale. Clear a space in your garden!

Have you heard of Prickly Pear Cactus (*Opuntia humifusa*)? It's Ohio's only native cactus. It looks like it belongs in Arizona, but we can grow it here. And you can find it at our wonderful plant sale. This year, we will also have Woodland Stonecrop (*Sedum ternatum*) a succulent that is native to Ohio. It grows to 8 inches and can handle full sun as well as shade. It's a lovely groundcover plant.



I'm also selecting *Heart Leaved Aster*



Tall Coreopsis

aggressive, although mine hasn't been. If that's too big for your gardening space, we will also offer nativar coreopsis, with heights in the 8-to-14-inch range, and colors from gold to bright red to cheery raspberry. I



Permathread Sweet Tart Coreopsis



Purple Dome Aster

planted some of these coreopsis in a big pot last year and I'm curious to see if they make it through the winter. I hope they do.

We will have four kinds of native asters. Beautiful plants that grow from two to four feet and bloom in late summer and fall, providing important nectar to late season pollinators. We will have choices that can handle full sun to shade – something for everyone. If they sound too big for you, look for the nativar Purple Dome Aster, a rich purple flower measuring in at a diminutive 12 to 18 inches tall. Believe me when I say, we will have something for everyone!

Happy Gardening!
Susan Miller

nativars or cultivated natives. Nativars are controversial. I stand firmly in the neutral middle. I encourage everyone to add some pure natives to your yard, but if you have limited space, nativars are wonderful - so often they are shorter versions of our pure native plants. If you have the space, I suggest Tall Coreopsis (*Coreopsis tripteris*). It has charming gold blooms with deep brown centers. It grows to a striking seven feet and can be a bit

Gatherings about Gardens

TO GARDEN OR NOT? By H. Ni Aodagain
excerpted from GreenPrints Winter 2020-2021

It is mid-February here in Oregon. The racks of seeds have begun to sprout at the feed store, the earth is beginning to warm, and songbirds are beginning to return from their Winter vacation spots. For 30 years, these were signs for me to get going, as well: to begin planting kale, chard, and lettuce in the greenhouse, to set the peas out, and to buy the potato sets to put in the ground by St. Patrick's Day.

But this year is different. For the first time, I have begun to question if I want to commit the next six months to the daily work of the garden. I am 63 years old. My body, though still able, talks to me more. My arms strain under the weight of the shovel as I turn over that first bed, my knees groan after a session of weeding. I wonder if I am up to the task.

Gardening is not for the faint of heart, and never has been.

But who am I without my garden? I rejoice that I am still eating last season's onions. I flush with pride when I open the top of my cold frame to see lettuce heads standing with vigor. The raspberries, apples, and peaches that I froze last Fall continue to be a yummy addition to wintertime desserts. Am I really willing to forego peas picked five minutes before they are thrown into the stir-fry, buy tasteless tomatoes from the grocery store, and pay \$4.50 a pound for someone else's garlic?

What should I do? For several days, I entertain the idea of *not* gardening. I pass the feed store and do not go in to make a purchase. I forego checking the weather for possible rain. I walk by the garden, avoid opening the gate, and I look away from the weeds that have appeared in the flowerbeds outside the fence.

I am out of sorts, adrift.

And then it comes to me. *Loss*. I feel a sense of loss. I want to squat in front of the beet greens, thinning them as they come up. I was looking forward to planting new strawberry tubers, so that my Summer breakfast cereal would be laden with sweet red berries. I can't wait to stand under the seven-foot sunflowers in early August, watching the towhees and chickadees vie for the seeds that radiate from the dark black centers. I don't want to give up the joy I know as a gardener.

On a particularly lovely late Winter day, the grapes and blueberry bushes that need to be pruned call out to me. It's time. I put on my boots, gather tools, and head out. At first, I am overwhelmed. So much demands my attention. Part of me wants to run away. But then, a familiar knowing rises up: *Just focus on one bed at a time, one chore at a time.*



I start down the row of grapevines, whose tendrils weave up and over the fence to the neighboring cherry tree. A few snips here and there, and chaos transforms into calm, the new shoots snuggled into place along the trellis. The blueberries hardly need attention, so soon I am at the bottom of the garden, among the raspberry canes.

As I work along the edge of the bed, choosing the canes to be eliminated so that the strongest have ample room to grow, I realize the solution to my conundrum. Just as each season, new canes grow and old ones must be culled to produce the best fruit, it is time to reconsider some of the patterns and habits that have become part of my gardening practice.

Rather than six-hour days in the garden, I can cut back to three and find others who would jump at the chance to trade their labor for produce. Instead of planting every bed to its utmost, I can let some lie fallow, or plant cover crops to nourish the soil for the next year. And instead of 12 tomato plants, I can plant half that many: the pantry holds an abundance of tomato sauce from this past year.

At 63 years, I recognize that I still have things to learn from putting seed in the ground and watching things grow. To attempt to garden like I am 30 is to ignore the cycles of life, to deny the rhythm in all of nature; the time of sprouting, then flowering, the emergence of fruit, and then the gradual dying back.

This year I will garden again, but with a new lesson, one learned from my garden. My joy does not depend on the number of seeds and starts I carry home. It comes from helping them grow, many or few.

10 Things I Learned from Gardening

- 1) A watched bud never blooms. And taking it's picture every day doesn't help.
- 2) It's good to let go of things that are not healthy.
- 3) Bees are friends. And often funny. But wasps are jerks.
- 4) Things need space to grow.
- 5) Unexpected guests can be unexpected gifts.
- 6) Weeds always find a way in; you just have to keep taking them out.
- 7) Sun and fresh air heal more than you think.
- 8) It's harder to cut flowers from your own plants.
- 9) Yes, you are now required to wear a sunhat.

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- 10) Trust your intuition. Things can look dead, and even though your kids will make fun of you for continuing to prune, water, and sing to them, sometimes a little extra love brings them back to life.

~~~By Lauryn Lupino

### Keep a Garden Journal

Do you remember the first frost date in 2017? Do you remember the date the reblooming iris showed a bud in the Fall of 2015? When did the hummingbirds arrive in your garden this Spring? When you were dreaming of your garden plans over a cup of coffee last Winter, where did you put those notes, lists and sketches?

By keeping a garden journal, you can take notice of those seasonal changes from year to year, and keep your notes in one spot for easy reference. You will be able to check when you put those hyacinth bulbs in the refrigerator crisper for forcing in January. You will have a way to check what fertilizer works best for having those stubborn African violets bloom by the club flower show and when it is time to bring the cactus in from outside in the Fall.

The well-known garden writer Michael Pollan said, "As most gardeners will testify, the desire to make a garden is often followed by a desire to write down your experiences there in a notebook, or a letter to a friend who gardens..."

Keeping our garden notes and plans in a special garden journal gives us a sense of satisfaction. We've told someone, even if it is just ourselves, in a special place. Dates, events, seasonal changes, bird migration, butterflies, wet or dry years all are noted where you can find it again. When should I start cuttings for the annual garden sale? What variety of zinnias worked well this year? Which got powdery mildew? If you take notice, write it down. Do you remember how many quarts of tomatoes you got from how many tomato plants and which variety produced the best tomatoes?

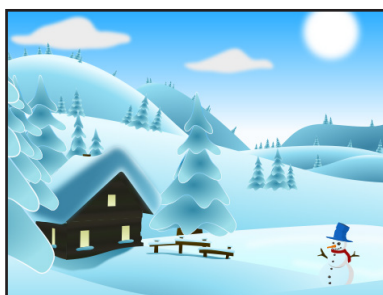
Don't lose those notes, poems, observations. Put them in your garden journal.

~~~By Mary Selinski of Springfield, IL

"Shut the door not that it lets in the cold but that it lets out the coziness."

— Mark Twain

Til next time, Judy Finnegan



What's Growing On cont. from pg. 3

with community organizations, providing service opportunities, attending a health fair, offering educational programs and planning gardening events. (Just to name a few!)

In case you haven't heard, we are gearing up for the 2024 MGCV Training that will take place at the extension office from February 7th through April 10th. We are very excited as we are going to have an awesome group of folks participating in the class. Thank you to everyone who has agreed to be a mentor for a new intern. Watch for updates regarding the class schedule and opportunities to help.

Mark your calendars! The 24th Annual Central Ohio Perennial School is just around the corner. It will take place from 9am – 4pm on Thursday, March 7th at the Hollenbeck Bayley Creative Arts & Conference Center. This is always a fun, educational event with notable speakers, great food and door prizes. Reserve your seat early as last year we had a full house. Registration should go live soon so stay tuned.

Reminder that recertification is **required** annually for MGCVs to remain in good standing. If you have not recertified yet, please do so in HandsOn Connect **ASAP**. To recertify as an active MGCV, you must submit your hours for volunteering (25 minimum) and continuing education hours (10 minimum) in HoC. In order for our county to achieve the *standards of excellence* award, our state support fees must be paid by March 31st, recertifications must be up to date and all active members must have reported their volunteer hours for the previous year before the 15th of February.

Here is the tutorial for how to enter hours in HoC:

<https://mastergardener.osu.edu/sites/mgv/files/imce/EnterHrsHOC.pdf>

Here is the tutorial for how to recertify in HoC:

https://mastergardener.osu.edu/sites/mgv/files/imce/Recertify_0.pdf

George pays the state support fees out of the annual dues (\$30.00) that are collected. If you haven't already done so, you can mail a check to the post office box (below) or put it in the Dropbox at the extension office.

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Looking forward to all the exciting things in store for MGCV in '24!

"Love is the flower.

You gotta let it, you gotta let it grow."

— John Lennon

Happy February!
Beth

A Blast from the Past! MGVs and the Gateway Learning Garden

Master Gardener Volunteer Linda McCann held a Silent Auction of her knitting creations an hour before the January 10, 2024, General Meeting. The auction consisted of fifty items including hats, scarves, shawls, sweaters, and even a purse and a poncho.

I learned many things about the craft of knitting while I helped Linda organize the articles, rich in color, including her favorite, purple. There was red with a gold metallic thread, blues, grays, greens in every hue. She had salmon, peaches, pinks and turquoises with tweeds and gradient colors. Linda's creations included shawls in every shape - crescents, rectangles, semi-circles, and every kind of edge - pointed, shark-toothed, scalloped and ruffled. Every item sported a variety of stitch work.

Linda's amazing talents and countless hours invested in creating these articles netted the auction \$437, generously donated to the Master Gardeners of Clark County.

The items were much appreciated and put to immediate use on that cold and blustery night!

THANK YOU, LINDA McCANN.

by Judy Finnegan



Garden Jubilee at the Gateway Learning Gardens.



The trial beds during the Garden Jubilee with admiring visitors.



Parts of the new irrigation system going in at SPGA.



Pam Bennett and Kathy McConkey at the Gateway Learning Gardens. Oh my, how young they look.

MGVs Save the Dates

24th Annual Central Ohio Perennial School

Date: Thursday, March 7th
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Where: Hollenbeck Bayley Creative Arts and Conference Center
275 S. Limestone St., Springfield, OH 45505

Info: Registration ends March 1st or once capacity is reached. Cost is \$70. (Includes a continental breakfast, lunch and hand-outs.) Doors open at 8:30. More details will be added as confirmed.

Perennial Pruning Workshop

Date: Saturday, March 30th
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Where: Snyder Park Gardens & Arboretum
1900 Park Rd., Springfield, OH 45504



Rotary Raised Beds at the Speedway Children's Park. They are cleaned and waiting for their new plants.



Marilyn & Fred created fresh arrangements of Little Bluestem, Purple Fountain Grass and Blue Mohawk soft rush as a backdrop for the program

Clark County Master Gardener Volunteers at All Things Landscape Workshop.



Connie Mitchell & Ladonna Lowe at the Welcome table.



MGV assistants at the welcome & fundraising tables. Marilyn Hinderer, Deb Brugger, Jack May and Claudia Fett.

Master Gardener Volunteers of Clark County Plant Sale



Snyder Park Gardens & Arboretum
1900 Park Street, Springfield, OH 45504

Proceeds benefit Snyder Park Gardens & Arboretum

May 4, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Open until everything is sold or 2:00 p.m.

- Perennials, Annuals, Herbs, Natives, Vegetables, Shrubs, Trees, Ferns and Grasses
- Barn Sale: Garden Art, Accessories, and Books



To learn about all garden events scan this
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***Ohio Master Gardener Volunteers and
Ecuadorian friends spell out OHIO!***

**There is no
general garden
clean up this
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