

Franklin County Extension Connections

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Hone Your Horticulture Skills and Have Coffee with the Master Gardeners

Do you want to learn more about gardening and home horticulture? Then plan to have Coffee With the Master Gardeners on Saturday mornings this summer and fall. One Saturday a month Master Gardener Volunteers will teach a hands-on gardening workshop at Waterman Farm on the OSU Campus. Programs start with coffee and donuts at 8AM. The session concludes by 10AM.

- July 9 – Developing a Butterfly Garden
- Aug 6 – Creating a Food Forest in Your Backyard
- Sept 17 – Soil Testing to Improve Your Lawn and Garden
- Oct 1 – Fall Lawn Care for a Greener Spring



Register for these workshops at: go.osu.edu/coffeeMGV

Garden Party Reached 400+ Individuals



More than 400 individuals learned about vegetable gardening, pollinator research, composting, and other gardening topics at a Community Garden Party held at OSU's Waterman Farm on June 11, 2022. Participants toured five different Master Gardener Volunteer Garden projects at Waterman Farm and learned from Master Gardener Volunteers. Participants also learned about the science of agriculture and food production through wagon tours of the 261-acre farm and natural resources laboratory.

The Community Garden Party was part of a week-long community celebration of National Garden Week planned by OSU Extension, Greater Columbus Growers Coalition, and Franklin Park Conservatory.



Healthy Living Classes Coming This Summer

We invite you to join Tim McDermott, Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator, and Jenny Lobb, Family and Consumer Sciences Educator, for classes at Mt. Carmel's Healthy Living Center. Tim will be teaching Growing Herbs in Your Container Garden and Planting Fall Vegetables. Jenny will be teaching Using and Preserving Herbs, Salad In a Jar, and Healthy For Life. You may learn more about the events and register [here](#).



Storm Weather No Problem

Chances are if you ask any 4-H member current or alumni about camp you'll get tons of stories. This year many memories were made. The night before campers were scheduled to arrive our 4-H staff, adult volunteers, and youth camp counselors were faced with no power. A true 4-Her will not let camp go without giving it their best. Our 4-H staff delayed arrival until the power was back on and the grounds were declared safe. The delayed arrival didn't dampen the spirits of the campers. They all had a super time and made those memories to share later. We want to thank our staff, the staff of Camp Ohio, adult volunteers, electric company staff, and youth counselors for making the best of a challenging situation.

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Meet Harley Dawson: EFNEP's New Team Member

Written by: Bobbilyn Kasson, EFNEP Program Manager

The OSU Franklin County Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) Team would like to introduce you to our newest Nutrition Education Program Assistant, **Harley Dawson**. She will be serving the limited-resource families in Franklin County and helping to meet the nutritional needs of the underserved areas surrounding Columbus.

She comes to EFNEP from Washington Courthouse and scheduled to graduate in the fall of 2022 from the University of Cincinnati with a major in Public Health. Her interest in extension stems back

to her involvement in 4-H showing goats, rabbits, and various special interest projects from dog care and training to baking. Harley also held several different officer positions in her club, Above and Beyond. As a member of the junior fair board, she worked closely with extension and the senior fair board members to ensure the fair season was successful for all 4-H exhibitors



Food insecurity is a big issue with many of the families in our community, and Harley looks forward to using her Public Health background to improve this problem. She understands and believes that if food insecurity is not taken seriously in our community it will directly impact not only a person's holistic health, but the entire community through health care and social costs. One goal she hopes to accomplish is becoming more familiar with the Franklin County communities and the resources (such as, SNAP, WIC, TANF, etc.) available to qualifying participants. Harley mentioned to me the importance of advocating for limited-resource families and her eagerness to make a difference in their lives. I have no doubt that she will accomplish her goal and be an asset to the Franklin County Extension office.

Please contact Harley Dawson (dawson.772@osu.edu) for more information about EFNEP's nutrition workshops in Franklin County.

Upcoming Events

- July 2: The Heroes Garden: A Community Garden for Military Veterans [Work Session](#)
- July 4: Office Closed: July 4th Holiday
- July 6: The Heroes Garden: A Community Garden for Military Veterans [Work Session](#)
- July 6: Ross Heart Hospital Gardening [Program](#)
- July 7: Growing Herbs in Your Container Garden [Workshop](#)
- July 9: Coffee with the Master Gardeners [Workshop](#): Developing a Butterfly Garden
- July 9: Home Buyer Education Virtual [Workshop](#)
- July 9: The Heroes Garden: A Community Garden for Military Veterans [Work Session](#)
- July 12: CARTEENS [Class](#)
- July 12: Taking Control of Student Loan Debt Virtual [Workshop](#)
- July 12: Master Gardener Volunteer Leadership Team Meeting
- July 13: Ross Heart Hospital Gardening [Program](#)
- July 13: The Heroes Garden: A Community Garden for Military Veterans [Work Session](#)
- July 16: Home Buyer Education Virtual [Workshop](#)
- July 16: The Heroes Garden: A Community Garden for Military Veterans [Work Session](#)
- July 18 - 24: [Franklin County Fair](#)
- July 19: Healthy for Life [Series](#)
- July 20: Ross Heart Hospital Gardening [Program](#)
- July 20: The Heroes Garden: A Community Garden for Military Veterans [Work Session](#)
- July 23: Money Management Virtual [Workshop](#)
- July 23: The Heroes Garden: A Community Garden for Military Veterans [Work Session](#)
- July 26: Savoring Ohio Produce Webinar Series: [Peaches](#)
- July 26: Using and Preserving Herbs [Workshop](#)
- July 27: Ross Heart Hospital Gardening [Program](#)
- July 27: The Heroes Garden: A Community Garden for Military Veterans [Work Session](#)
- July 28: All About Air Frying [Workshop](#)
- July 30: Money Management Virtual [Workshop](#)
- July 30: The Heroes Garden: A Community Garden for Military Veterans [Work Session](#)

Be sure to check out franklin.osu.edu/events for the most up-to-date list of events.



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Soil Testing Information



4-H Youth Development



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