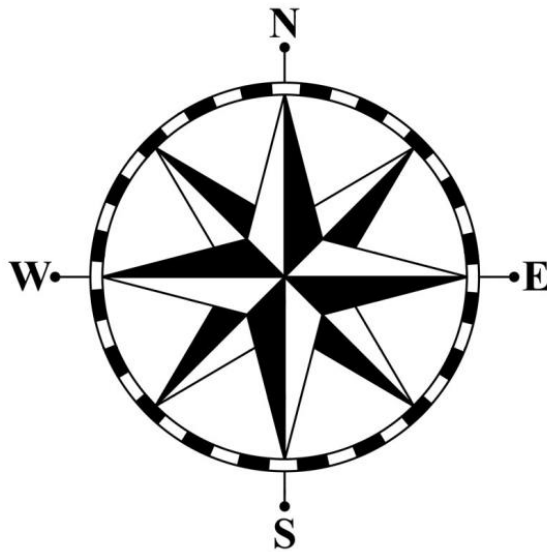


2020 Franklin County Master Gardener Volunteer Intern Passport



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What is the Passport Program?

The Passport Program provides a structure to sample the world of approved volunteer opportunities available for Franklin County Master Gardener Volunteer Interns. As you flip through this Passport, you will find four categories of volunteer experiences. Within each of these categories is a collection of projects, each with a different focus, community, or activity. Think of these activities as tours as you travel through the Franklin County Master Gardener Volunteer world.

How does the Passport work?

Each member of the Class of 2020 will complete 50 hours of volunteer service in approved volunteer opportunities events before December 31, 2020. You can choose any places/projects which interest you. However, to get a broad sampling of the program, you are required to volunteer a specific number of tours in each category as follows:

- Community - 3 tours
- Public Education and Outreach – 3 tours
- Research – 1 tour
- Specialty Gardens - 3 tours

What is a tour?

A tour is a volunteer opportunity of a specific project/place. Each tour is generally a two to four hour commitment, although the exact number of hours will vary by project or activity.

How do I sign up?

Each tour will have a contact person – a sort of travel agent. Contact the person/travel agent listed to find out when you can schedule hours for your volunteer tour.

Do I go on a tour alone?

No. Each Class of 2020 MGV Intern will volunteer with a seasoned MGV or a member of the staff of the project's sponsoring organization. To stretch the analogy further, these individuals are your "tour guides." The tour guide will ensure that you know what you are to do at each tour and also serves as a resource for you on site.

I've completed my tour, now what?

You should log your hours on the Volunteer Management System (VMS) promptly.

How do I record my hours?

MGVs throughout Ohio use the Volunteer Management System (VMS). It uses your email address to log in. Your username is your email address. If you forget your password, email Missy O'Malia at momalia626@gmail.com to get it reset. The URL is ohio.volunteersystem.org.

Are these the only opportunities that count?

The tours listed here are today's basis for fulfilling hours. As more opportunities become available, you will learn about them via *The Garden Bench*, or through emails. Read carefully, as some of these may be a single opportunity special event/tour.

Any helpful tips?

Plan your tours throughout the season. Some tours are available only during the spring; others are a one-time event.

When in doubt, contact your mentor or Mike Hogan, OSU Extension Educator at hogan.1@osu.edu or 614-292-7670.

Above all, have fun!



Franklin County Master Gardener Volunteer Program



The Franklin County Master Gardener Volunteer Program is an educational program of Ohio State University Extension. Leadership for the program is provided by Franklin County Extension Educator Mike Hogan and a leadership team comprised of Master Gardener Volunteers.

OSU Extension Mission: *We create opportunities for people to explore how science-based knowledge can improve social, economic and environmental conditions.*

Ohio Master Gardener Volunteer Program Mission: *We are Ohio State University Extension-trained volunteers empowered to educate others with timely research-based gardening information.*

Ohio Master Gardener Volunteer Program Statewide Initiatives:

All Master Gardener Volunteer projects in Franklin County and throughout Ohio will be classified in one of six OSU Extension Impact Areas:

- Sustainable Food Systems
- Environmental Quality
- Health and Wellness
- Job Skills and Careers
- Thriving Across the Lifespan
- Engaged Ohioans Vibrant Communities

Yearly MGV Hour Requirements

During your MGV Intern Year, you are required to donate 50 hours of volunteer service at approved projects/sites before December 31, 2020. After you graduate and become a Master Gardener Volunteer, each calendar year you are required to donate 25 hours of volunteer service and complete 10 hours of continuing education.

2020 MGV Membership in Franklin County

Active members	195
Inactive members	5
Emeritus members	30
<u>Interns</u>	<u>63</u>
Total	293

Dues

Yearly dues for active Master Gardener Volunteers are \$25 per year, of which \$10 is sent to the state Master Gardener Volunteer Program. Dues are payable by February 14 each year or a late fee will be assessed.

USING THE VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (VMS)

<https://Ohio.VolunteerSystem.org>

To Access VMS

1. Use the link included near the bottom of your invitation the first time you access VMS. This link includes a temporary password that is valid ONE-TIME ONLY. It will take you directly to the home page of your VMS account.
2. Click on “Edit Your Profile” under “Your Information” at the top left of the page.
3. Scroll down to “Change Password”.
4. Type in a personal password following the directions given. This will be the password you will use when logging into VMS in the future.
5. Verify the personal information contained in your profile. Edit any personal information that is not correct.
6. Add any other personal information to your profile if you wish.
7. We prefer that you not check the “Private” box, which limits access to your contact information by your fellow volunteers.
8. Click on “Save Information” at the bottom of the page. This will take you back to the VMS home page.
9. Access VMS in the future by going to <https://Ohio.VolunteerSystem.org/>. This will take you to the login page of VMS. Enter your email address (if not already populated) and the personal password you created in Step 4 above. Click on “Login” below the password box. This will take you to the home page of your VMS account.
10. Click on “Logout” at the top right of the home page when you want to close your VMS account page.

To Add New Hours

1. Click on “Add New Hours” under “Your Information” at the top left of the page.
2. Write a short description in “Event Description” of the activity you engaged in.
3. Fill in the date of the activity in “Event Date”, or click on the calendar icon at the end of the box. A calendar of the current month will pop up at the top left of the page. Click on the date of the activity, and the date will appear in the box. (You can scroll back on the calendar by clicking on the arrows.)
4. Click on “Apply to Project” drop down. A list of projects will open. Scroll down and click on the project that pertains to the activity described above; the project will appear in the box. (“Continuing Education” is included in the list of projects, if your event was a CE lecture, for example.)
5. Fill in the number of volunteer hours or continuing education hours (separate boxes) given to the activity described above. Record the time to the nearest 15 minutes. Use .25; .50; .75; 1.00; 1.25; 1.50; etc.
6. Completing “Population Served” data:
 - a. If you worked with the public by yourself (i.e. Ask a Master Gardener, Garden Info Line, gave a presentation, public event, etc.), please complete the “Population Served” data.
 - b. If you worked with the public with other Franklin County Master Gardeners (i.e. State Fair Master Gardener booth, Franklin County Fair Youth Event Judging, Publicity & Outreach Events such as garden centers, garden venues, etc.), the Project Coordinator / Garden Leader should provide a form for documenting this information. The Project Coordinator/Garden Leader complete the Population Served data. In this type setting everyone needs to enter their individual hours, but the Population Served data should be entered only once per event.
7. Click on “Save Hours” at the bottom of the page after each entry you make. This will take you to the “View Your Hours” page. Check that the information you entered is correct.

To View Hours

1. Click on “View Your Hours” under “Your Information” at the top left of the page.
2. View a summary of a particular period of time by filling in the “Start Date” and “End Date” of the time period. Click on “Submit” next to the date boxes.

To Edit Entered Hours

1. Click on “View Your Hours” under “Your Information” at the top left of the page.
2. Click on the Activity (underlined) for which you want to edit any information for previously entered hours. This will take you to “Edit Volunteer (or Edit Continuing Education) Hours for (Your Name)”.
3. Make revisions to the information.
4. Click on “Save Hours” at the bottom of the page to save revised information.
5. Click on “Delete Hours” at the bottom of the page to delete the entire entry.

Event Calendars

1. The General Event Calendar is updated with current and upcoming events and projects that you might be interested in. Click on an event to see specific details, registration forms, links to the event website, etc.
2. The Continuing Education Calendar is updated with CE opportunities. Click on an event to see specific details, registration forms, links to the event website, etc.

General Information

1. “Member Roster” allows you to see all members of the Franklin County Master Gardeners program, along with their email and phone number. To email a specific volunteer, you can do so from this page by clicking on their email address. That will open a link to your personal email, from which you can compose your message. (Those with a yellow “shield” by their name are resigned from the program.)
 - a. “View Member Interests” allows you to see the interests, by member, that volunteers have included in their profiles.
 - b. “Email Members” will take you to a page where you can email multiple volunteers, based on their interests, projects they’re involved in, or status in the program. (Please do NOT email Resigned, Inactive or “all volunteers”.)
2. “Projects” includes a list of all active projects available. If you are interested in volunteering for a project, click on the Project Name to see a description & additional information about the project. To volunteer for the project, click on “Volunteer for Project” at the bottom of the page. The Project Coordinator will be notified, and you will be included in any emails generated through VMS for that project.

Newsletter & Documents

1. The archive for current & past issues of The Garden Bench.

Photo Albums

1. Includes some photos of volunteers & events.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

Franklin County Office of OSU Extension

<http://franklin.osu.edu>

OSU Extension Fact sheets

<http://Ohioline.osu.edu>

The C. Wayne Ellet Plant and Pest Diagnostic Clinic

<http://ppdc.osu.edu>

Central Ohio Rain Garden Initiative

www.centralohioraingardens.org

Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District

www.franklinswcd.org

Growing Degree Days and Phenology

<http://www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/gdd>

National Plant Diagnostic Network

<https://firstdetector.org>

FCMGV email

fcmastergardeners@gmail.com

Volunteer Management System (VMS)

<https://ohio.volunteersystem.org>

Chadwick Arboretum

<https://chadwickarboretum.osu.edu>

Master Gardener Volunteer Intern VMS Summary

Passport Summary 2020

Community Gardens (3)		
Adopt a Columbus City Schools Garden	Barrington Elementary Garden Club	Bexley Community Gardens
BIG LOTS! Gardens	Blendon Community Garden	Community Garden of Grace
Four Seasons City Farm	Friends Garden	Granby Elementary Garden
Heroes Garden	Highland Youth Garden	Hilltop Pre-K Garden
International Harvest Garden	WARM Westerville Area Resource Ministries	Wayne T. Gatewood Garden at Hilltop YMCA
Worthington Community Center Garden		

Public Education & Public Outreach (3)		
4-H, Youth Gardening Education, and 4-H SPIN Clubs	Ask a Master Gardener Booth	Chadwick Plant Sale Ambassador
Dispatch Home and Garden Show	Dispatch Ohio Native Plant Column	Dispatch Ohio Native Plant Column
Garden Information Line	Speakers Bureau	

Research (1)

Cultivar Trials	Gantz Farm Herb Project	Germplasm Center
Tree Inventory at OSU	Veggie Trials	

Specialty Gardens (3)

Columbus Park of Roses	COSI Gardens	Fallen Fruits Projects - Weinland Berry Patch & Southside Fruit Patch
Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center	Franklin County MGV Fruit Collection	Franklin Park Conservatory
GeoWalk Ohio State Fairgrounds	Grange Audubon Center	Heritage Gardens/Governor's Residence
Horticulture Therapy Program	Huntington Gardens at Schiller Park	Lane Avenue Gardens at Chadwick
Learning Gardens at Chadwick	Ohio Herb Education Center - Gahanna	Ohio School for the Deaf
Ohio School for the Deaf Pre-School	Orange Johnson House Gardens	Rain Gardens
Ross Heart Hospital Garden	Star House	Topiary Park

MGV interns required to select at least 10 different projects from the above 4 categories.
 Total Hours = 50

“Tours” usually 2-4 hours. Minimum of an hour at each of the 10 different gardens.

Adopt a Columbus City Schools Garden

MGVs provide technical support to a school gardening project which utilizes season-extension and winter growing to provide Columbus City School students gardening opportunities during the school year. Raised beds with row covers are planted twice during the school year in September and February. MGVs serve as technical advisors for classroom teachers who may or may not have gardening experience.

One or two MGVs select a specific school building to “adopt” by providing support for this gardening project. The goal is to have a garden in each CCS building. Several school buildings are still in need of a MGV. Some MGVs have also provided gardening instruction to the students in their building.

Contact Info: **Mike Hogan**, hogan.1@osu.edu

Barrington Elementary Garden Club

Educating enthusiastic and interested first through fifth graders on the merits of habitat and raised bed gardening, the Garden Club takes place Fall and Spring Wednesdays during the Barrington School lunch hour (11:05 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.). The hour consists of three 20 minute sessions. We also hope to promote and maintain the gardens during the summer by planning “Weed and Water Wednesdays.”

Contact Info: **Amy Winslow**, awinslow@columbus.rr.com

Bexley Community Gardens

MGV support involves garden preparation and general garden maintenance, participation in an end-of-year garden festival, and basic gardening classes. It also includes educating gardeners and staff, advising/mentoring gardeners about improving the efficiency of the gardens (among other things), and educating the community about plants and resources. Another important activity is the Giving Garden; all produce from this garden is donated to the Broad St. Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. Work days occur throughout the growing season. Events are scheduled in the VMS calendar.

There is no actual address for either garden. For location, use 920 Ferndale Place, Bexley, Ohio 43209 for the South Garden and 559 N. Cassingham Rd., Bexley, Ohio 43209 for the North Garden.

Contact Info: **Maggie Harriman**, magsterh@yahoo.com

Jeff Harriman, piperjgh@yahoo.com

BIG LOTS! Gardens

This garden is a partnership between the MGV program and the Big Lots! corporate headquarters. The garden is located at the new Big Lots! corporate headquarters near New Albany at 4600 E. Dublin Granville Rd. Big Lots! staff members work in the garden as a community service project and MGVs provide planning, support, and education for the project. All food grown in the garden is donated to Lutheran Social Services and other food pantries to address food insecurity.

Contact Info: **Sue Simon**, tofusue525@gmail.com

Blendon Community Garden

This community garden works with a faculty member and students from Otterbein University. The garden conducts a harvest day and a teaching gardening 101 session every Tuesday evening from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. All produce from the garden is used by neighborhood residents.

Contact Info: **Joe Lansing**, toborjl@sbcglobal.net

Community Garden of Grace

Community Garden of Grace is a community garden located at Messiah Lutheran Church, 1200 Waggoner Rd., Reynoldsburg. The garden contains 35 plots, a deer fence, and rain barrels as a water source. Last spring all plots were assigned, and the philosophy of the church is the plots should be free to all participants. In addition to church members and local residents, the garden has attracted many families from the local Bhutanese community.

Contact Info: **Kathy Orr**, cybrarian47@yahoo.com or **Jimmy Orr**, wineorr@yahoo.com

Four Seasons City Farm

Four Seasons City Farm is committed to building a sense of community and renewing its urban neighborhood by turning abandoned lots into gardens; creating a self-sustaining and cooperative food system; and demonstrating a sense of hope, belonging, and renewal through sharing garden work.

The farm includes plots at 1101 Bryden Rd., 931 E. Mound St., and 936 E. Mound St.

Contact Info: **Anisa Ahmad**, anisaahmad58@yahoo.com or by texting (preferred) 614-619-0784

Friends Garden

The garden started in 2010 as the Friends of the Homeless Garden with mostly vegetables in seven raised beds. This year MGVs will be helping to prep the garden, plant, and also work on an herb wheel. There are also plans to do some beautification of the site. The garden is supported by a few of the directors at the homeless shelter and the men living there.

Contact Info: **Sue Simon**, tofusue525@gmail.com

Granby Elementary School

This school garden is located at 1490 Hard Rd., Columbus, 43235 north of McCord Middle School in the Worthington School District. MGVs work with teachers and school staff by providing technical support and advice for the garden, and teaching lessons for the students on topics such as soils, composting, garden planning, and others. MGVs are also needed to help plan and develop a butterfly garden at the site.

Contact Info: **Amber Keller**, akeller35@gmail.com

Steve Herminghausen, bluminghausen@gmail.com

Heroes Garden

The Heroes Garden is a communal vegetable gardening activity for military veterans of any age. During the growing season veterans meet once or twice a week in the Heroes Garden plot located at the planting area of the OSU Extension, Franklin County Office (2548 Carmack Rd., Columbus, OH 43210). Participants raise vegetables which they harvest for use at home and learn gardening techniques from MGVs.

Contact Info: **Amy Chenevey**, amyc8760@gmail.com

Highland Youth Garden

This community garden feeds the minds and stomachs of local children and families. It is the perfect project for those who want to make a difference in the lives of children. Watch the children grow along with the flowers and vegetables. Volunteers are on site twice a week.

Contact Info: **Beth Urban**, bethurban36@yahoo.com
www.highlandyouthgarden.org

Hilltop Pre-K Garden

This garden is a new MGV project and is located behind Veritas Church at 12 S. Terrace Ave., on the Hilltop. The garden consists of raised beds and in-ground planting space and includes an open shelter, tree stump seats for the pre-school aged children, and a rain barrel. Approximately 60 preschoolers attend the school during the school year and throughout the summer.

MGVs are needed to assist the school staff in maintaining and further developing the garden and to teach science-based garden classes one day each week from the middle of March through May. Classes will also be held in September and October to harvest and maintain the garden.

Contact Info: **Sue Simon**, tofusue525@gmail.com

International Harvest Garden

The International Harvest Garden provides space for gardeners to grow food to feed themselves, family, neighbors and share with local food pantries. It is a place to learn from other gardeners and foster a sense of community. We are part of a growing national movement toward making healthy and organically grown food available for all. Our garden receives strong participation from the Columbus' Bantu, Somali, and Burmese communities. The International Harvest Garden is located at 1919 Frank Road, Columbus, Ohio 43223, behind the building.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pg/InternationalHarvestGarden

Contact Info: **Rosemary Hage**, rosemary.hage@gmail.com

WARM (Westerville Area Resource Ministries)

WARM provides families community resources including a food pantry, a summer youth program, school lunch supplements, workforce development, and job and employment support. The program also includes a vegetable garden which provides fresh vegetables for community members in need.

The garden consists of seven raised beds, espalier fruit trees, and brambles. The goal of this new MGV project is to provide support for planting and maintaining the garden, and to provide education to WARM clients. Additional educational and family outreach events will be planned. Work at this project will occur on both weekdays and weekends.

Contact Info: **Sue Simon**, tofusue525@gmail.com

Wayne T. Gatewood Garden at Hilltop YMCA

This new MGV project is located at the Hilltop YMCA located at 2879 Valleyview Drive, Columbus, 43204. The garden includes two large beds for mixed vegetables; a fruit garden with blackberries, strawberries, and raspberries; a native plants/pollinator garden; a children's garden; a shade garden; an herb garden; and two perennial/annual beds in front of the building which need to be redesigned.

It is anticipated that MGVs will help plan the garden, assist with managing the garden, delivering produce to food pantries, and providing gardening education programs for youth at the garden. Volunteer sessions will likely be held on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Contact Info: **Pam Bork**, bork.7@osu.edu

Worthington Community Center Garden

The Worthington Community Center Garden (formerly Worthington Resource Pantry) is located at the Worthington Community Center, 345 E. Wilson Bridge Rd., Worthington, Ohio 43085. Produce from the garden is donated exclusively to the Worthington Resource Garden. The 20' x 15' garden is operated by Worthington Community Center Gardeners and Master Gardener volunteers. The group is looking for Master Gardener Volunteers to help with all phases of garden production, as well as community education. Flexible hours are available.

Contact Info: **Fran Sevel-Goldsmith**, fsevelgoldsmith@gmail.com

4-H, Youth Gardening Education, and 4-H SPIN Clubs

Franklin County MGVs have the opportunity to conduct educational gardening programs for 4-H members and other youth in communities throughout Franklin County. These educational programs occur in various settings, such as schools, libraries, after-school programs, day camps, the county fair, and at the COSI Farm Days event in August. Contact Info: **Sue Hogan**, hogan.239@osu.edu

Ask a Master Gardener Booth

This opportunity promotes the services of the FCMGV program by distributing printed gardening information for the general public and by answering garden related questions in a variety of venues such as local garden centers, museums, festivals, farmers markets, and other community events.

Contact Info: **Mike Hogan**, hogan.1@osu.edu

Chadwick Plant Sale Ambassador

This is a once-a-year event during Mother's Day Weekend which provides an opportunity to work with the public and plants. You are welcome to work as much as you would like.

Contact Info: **Jeff Harriman**, piperjgh@yahoo.com

Dispatch Home and Garden Show

The Franklin County Master Gardener Volunteer program staffs an "Ask the Master Gardener" booth at the Spring and Fall Home and Garden Shows and an Edible Garden exhibit at the spring show. The show is held at the state fairgrounds. MGVs work shifts of two to four hours to staff the booth at the Edible Garden exhibit.

Contact Info: **Mike Hogan**, hogan.1@osu.edu

Dispatch Ohio Native Plant Column

A team of MGVs writes one column a month highlighting a native Ohio plant, to be published in *The Dispatch* Home and Garden section on the 2nd Sunday of the month issue. We maintain a strict focus on native Ohio plants, and can highlight native Ohio flowers, trees, shrubs, perennials, etc. The committee works on this activity in the evening hours. These columns provide unprecedented exposure for the MGV program and OSU Extension.

Contact Info: **Sara Ernst**, sara_ernst@franklinswcd.org

Garden Information Line

Franklin County Master Gardener Volunteers are available to answer gardening questions from the general public in person as well as respond to voice and e-mails left at other times. The infoline operates April through October, Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon at the Franklin County Extension office.

Contact Info: **Merry Tapp**, squeaky1@columbus.rr.com

Karen Middendorf, karenmiddendorf25@gmail.com

Speakers Bureau

Looking for an opportunity to share your area of expertise or interest with others and enjoy public speaking? The Speakers Bureau may be a good match. We have many requests from libraries, garden clubs, and other groups for MGV speakers. Speakers Bureau opportunities are advertised in the weekly volunteer teach email.

Contact Info: **Mike Hogan**, hogan.1@osu.edu

Cultivar Trials

From preparing beds for planting, mulching, and conducting consumer evaluations, you can participate in the mixed container and cultivar trials conducted by the Horticulture & Crop Science Department at OSU. Normal work time is Tuesday mornings. Consumer evaluations can be conducted at anytime during specified weeks.

Contact Info: **Kathy Krantz**, candkkrantz@sbcglobal.net

Gantz Farm Plant Research Project

MGVs research different plants and prepare educational fact sheets in a prescribed format. The fact sheets are used in various ways at Gantz Farm.

Contact Info: **Roger McArtor**, pendragon1@fastmail.com

Germplasm Center

The mission of the Ohio Plant Germplasm Center is to conserve the world's wealth of herbaceous ornamental plant diversity in collaboration with the US Department of Agriculture. Its priority genera are Begonia, Coreopsis, Lilium, Phlox, Rudbeckia, and Old World Viola species. Projects include evaluation of priority genera, seed viability testing, seed harvesting and processing, and cultivation in greenhouse and field.

Contact Info: **Pablo Jourdan**, jourdan.1@osu.edu

Tree Inventory at OSU

MGVs assist in identifying, measuring, assessing, and mapping the trees located at the Chadwick Arboretum as well as those of the greater campus. Training is provided. Watch for announcements in *The Garden Bench* or via emails.

Contact info: **Mike Heys**, keelhaul1949@gmail.com

Veggie Trials

MGVs conduct trials to evaluate plant performance and yield to benefit home vegetable gardeners. There are many opportunities to learn, teach, and develop good gardening skills. In addition to sharing and tasting the harvested crop, extra produce is grown to share with local food pantries.

Contact Info: **Pat Claeys**, pat77claeys@gmail.com

RESEARCH
Required Tours: 1

Columbus Park of Roses

MGVs have several different gardens in which they can choose to volunteer at Whetstone Park. In addition to the rose garden, there is a perennial garden and a herb garden. The rose garden group meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings as well as Thursday evenings from mid-April through September. Work sessions for the herb and perennial gardens are scheduled at different times.

Contact Info: **Cathy Ferrari**, cferrari@wowway.com
Martha Wiles, martha.wiles@me.com

COSI Gardens

MGVs assist in maintaining the garden beds, prairie, and rain garden; advise COSI staff regarding choice of annuals for the Spectrum Tree, the north courtyard and the urns, as well as assist in maintaining these areas; and assist COSI staff in selecting new planting areas and plants. In addition, they maintain the new plantings. Volunteers also have the opportunity to participate in continuing education programs offered by COSI horticulture staff.

Contact Info: **Pam Hussen**, hussen.2@osu.edu

Fallen Fruit Projects

There are two locations where MGVs are part of the “Fallen Fruit Project” listed below. Please specify which location you worked at when logging your hours.

South Side Fruit Park – 40 fruit trees and 24 grape plants on 1/3 acre, and strawberries planted in large pots. The fruit is available to anyone who wants to pick it. We also have a wildflower/pollinator area, and we would love to have someone with wildflower expertise join the team. The park is located at 365 E. Reeb Ave. (two miles south of Children’s Hospital and just west of 1905 Parsons Ave.; look for the split rail fence).

Contact Info: **Bill Johnson**, billjohnsonohio@sbcglobal.net
Mike Sullo, Michael.sullo@att.net

Berry Patch in Weinland Park – A variety of berries (strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, blueberries, currants, elderberries, etc.) are planted in a small city lot. The berries are available to anyone who wants to pick them.

Volunteers help train neighbors, prune trees and grapes, general upkeep of plants, mulch, help maintain irrigation system and weed.

Volunteers should bring your own hand tools and water to drink.

Contact Info: **Susann Moeller**, ecoscapescolumbus.rr.com
Linda Bauer, lab43214@gmail.com

Franklin County MGV Fruit Collection

This new MGV project consists of planning and developing a collection of tree fruit and small fruit plantings in the new Extension Learning Gardens at Waterman Farm. This collection of fruit plantings will be used to educate MGVs, youth, and home gardeners about all aspects of home fruit production. MGVs are needed to assist with completion of planning for the project, as well as planting and maintaining the planting throughout the 2020 growing season. Eventually, MGVs will lead educational programs in the Fruit Collection space.

Contact Info: **Bill Johnson**, billjohnsonohio@sbcglobal.net

Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center

MGVs lead a gardening education project for youth in the Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center located in Downtown Columbus. The goal of the project is to teach youth life skills through gardening. Youth learn basic gardening skills and grow their own salad and salsa.

Youth participants receive seed-starting supplies, gardening instruction, and raised bed space to grow. Six lectures by MGVs explore botany and include hands-on experiments and discussion about gardening opportunities in the neighborhoods in which the youth live.

Contact Info: **Lynn Blanton**, rblanton3798@gmail.com

Franklin Park Conservatory

MGVs help support Growing to Green and other educational programs at the FPC. MGVs provide support in various ways including: planting, maintaining, giving tours, and providing advice in the Community Garden Resource Center. Program requires initial orientation.

Contact Info: **Mike Hogan**, hogan.1@osu.edu

www.fpconservatory.org/get-involved/volunteer/

GeoWalk Ohio State Fairgrounds

The GeoWalk is a Geology Timeline display in the Ohio Department of Natural Resources park at the Ohio State Fairgrounds. It includes native grasses, perennial plants, relics, and significant information about Ohio's geology. This is a collaborative effort with Hope Taft (former Ohio First Lady and Heritage Garden ambassador), ODNR geologists, and FCMGVs. MGVs help to maintain and restore as needed under the supervision of Chuck Salmons, Ohio Geological Survey, ODNR.

Contact Info: **Yen Hanes**, hanes@mac.com

Grange Audubon Center

Grange Audubon Center is located at 505 W. Whittier Street, Columbus, OH 43215. Master Gardener volunteer events are scheduled for every other Thursday, 4:00PM – 6:00PM. See the VMS Calendar for dates and to sign-up to volunteer. MGVs provide the following assistance: general maintenance work (pruning, planting, dividing, deadheading, weeding, spring and fall clean-up); advise on selection of plants and planting of existing rain garden for bird habitat area, entrance walkway, and other beds located throughout the premises; and provide assistance with educational workshops conducted for the public.

Contact Info: **Mary McMunn**, mcmuzz99@icloud.com

Karen Jensen, kjensen50@hotmail.com

Heritage Gardens/Governor's Residence

MGVs from across the state help maintain the garden at the Governor's Residence in Bexley and learn about the native plants growing there. Former First Lady Hope Taft, who established the Heritage Garden, coordinates many of the work sessions and arranges for speakers on the history, uses, and growing of native plants. Requires advance registration for security purposes.

Contact Info: **Linda Johnson**, linjohnson320@sbcglobal.net

Horticulture Therapy Program

Master Gardener Volunteers assist Chadwick staff with Horticultural Therapy by teaching basic horticulture skills and share their love for plants with Adults with Developmental Disabilities (ADD) working groups.

Contact Info: **Joe Lansing**, toborjl@sbcglobal.net

Huntington Garden at Schiller Park

MGVs provide volunteer assistance to Huntington Gardens in Schiller Park. Work includes garden planning, maintenance and plant identification for community members and educating visitors to the garden.

Contact Info: **Missy O'Malia**, momalia626@gmail.com

Lane Avenue Gardens at Chadwick

MGVs perform general garden maintenance in this 14 acre site which includes a labyrinth garden, hosta collection, conifer collection, phenology garden, seasonal displays and more. Volunteers in this garden also help to manage the labeling of plants throughout the garden.

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Learning Gardens at Chadwick

The Learning Gardens include a new 12,000 square ft. green roof which provides cutting edge education on sustainability. There is also an active beehive window, adjacent to the green roof. In addition, there are themed container gardens, perennials, grasses, edible & medicinal herbs, woody shrubs and trees. MGVs will learn about all of these areas and can expect to plant, weed, prune, cut back, dead-head, and rake depending on the season. Volunteers can also train as tour guides for the gardens on an as-needed basis.

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Ohio Herb Education Center

Franklin County Master Gardeners have been working with the Ohio Herb Education Center in Gahanna since 2015, when we hosted an Ask a Master Gardener booth at the center's annual Herb Day sale. Our volunteer efforts have expanded to include working with Ohio Herb Education Center herbal specialists in promoting herb gardening to the public, and presenting topics specific to their requests. We anticipate continuing to expand FCMGV involvement at Herb Center events and programs. This may include opportunities to participate with the Senior Gahanna Garden Group at the Senior Center, as well as the twice-yearly Plant Swaps. The Ohio Herb Education Center is located at 110 Mill Street, Gahanna, Ohio 43230.

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Ohio School for the Deaf

Master Gardener Volunteers develop and present hands-on sessions with preschool, elementary, and middle school students primarily during the school year. Sensory activities are particularly welcome. Presentations must be "hands on" (no lectures), be geared to the age group(s) and last 20-40 minutes. MGVs may also advise and participate with school staff and older students in the school's annual plant sale, as well as help identify, design and implement greenhouse management protocols and other select projects. Located at 500 Morse Rd., Columbus, OH 43214.

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Ohio School for the Deaf Pre-School

This new MGV project is focused on the pre school class at the Ohio School for the Deaf. MGVs will work with the pre school teacher to further develop and expand the raised bed vegetable garden and the native plants garden. MGVs will serve as a technical expert for the teacher, answering questions she/he may have about gardening, and may also develop educational enrichment activities around gardening for the students. This project takes place only during the school year.

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Orange Johnson House Gardens

The Orange Johnson House is a historical building operated by the Worthington Historical Society. The site has a vegetable garden (the kitchen garden), two flower gardens, 3 fruit trees, a small herb garden, a small formal boxwood hedge and a small wild flower area. The garden is located at 956 High St., Worthington, OH.

All planting is limited to plants that were used by the Johnson family or were available to them during the period of about 1800 – 1860. Care and maintenance of the gardens, including pest and disease management, will be as consistent as reasonably possible with the means available during that time period.

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Rain Gardens

Central Ohio Rain Garden Initiative (CORGI). Rain gardens allow rainwater from impervious urban areas to be absorbed into the ground. Sites are located in Westerville and are planned for other cities in the future.

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Ross Heart Hospital Garden

This new MGV project is a collaboration between MGVs and the OSU Ross Heart Hospital. The target audience for the project are cardiac care patients from the hospital. The goal of the project is to teach cardiac care patients how to improve their diet for heart health. The project includes nutrition and cooking classes taught by OSU Medical Center staff and a garden where participants harvest fresh vegetables and herbs throughout the gardening season. MGVs will lead the garden portion of the project, planting and tending to crops and educating participants about gardening and assisting with harvesting at weekly sessions during the growing season. The garden will be located adjacent to the Franklin County Extension Building, 2548 Carmack Rd., Columbus, OH.

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Star House

Star House provides free and confidential assistance to homeless youth, ages 14 – 24. It is now a 24-hour center offering homeless youth a safe place to seek services and establish trust so they may access resources. These include medical, counseling, housing, education, and employment opportunities.

MGV participation involves coordinating garden education and furthering the existing garden project. We will be setting up a schedule, which will include an evening time to volunteer. Star House is located at 1220 Corrugated Way, Columbus, OH.

If you're interested in volunteering for this project, please read important requirements in Work Directly with Guests at www.starhouse.us/volunteer.

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Topiary Park

Topiaries include 54 human figures, eight boats, three dogs, a monkey and a cat. The 7-acre historical site is surrounded by a downtown residential neighborhood. Lots of opportunities to obtain volunteer hours on weekends, a central location, and variety make this opportunity of interest to many FCMGVs. Sessions are available primarily from Spring to Fall.

Opportunities for involvement include:

- Theatre Saturday evenings - 4 summer evenings
- Saturday afternoon PBJ and Jazz
- Interaction with the urban community to provide gardening information and environmental horticulture through the appreciation of a unique community of trees
- "Why Trees Matter" programs and educational opportunities
- "Tree Walk" highlighting the unique and diverse collection of trees at the park

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