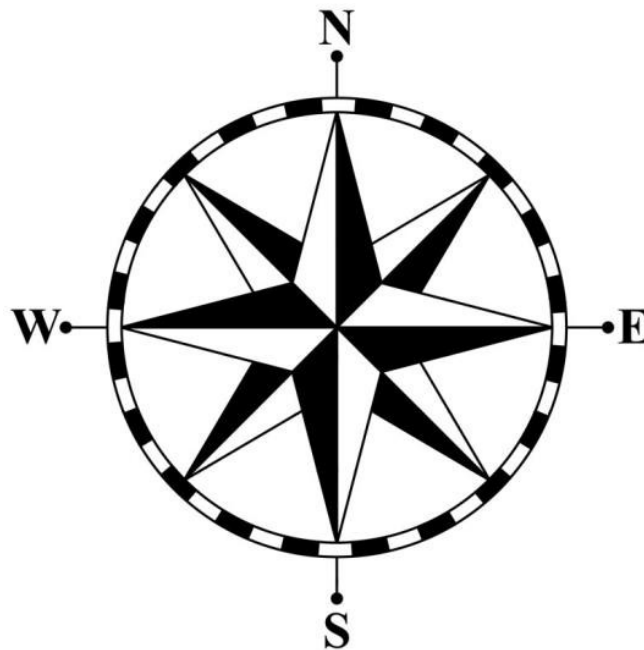


2022 Franklin County Master Gardener Volunteer Intern Passport



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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 2022 will complete 50 hours of volunteer service in approved volunteer opportunities events before December 31, 2022. 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 – 2 tours
- Research – 1 tour
- Specialty Gardens – 4 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 2022 MGVI Intern will volunteer with a seasoned MGVI 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 Hands on Connect (HOC) promptly.

How do I record my hours?

MGVs throughout Ohio use Hands on Connect (HOC).

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 <https://mgvolunteers.osu.edu>. **Put this address in the address bar and NOT the search box.**

Are these the only opportunities that count?

The tours listed here are the basis for fulfilling your MGVI intern volunteer hours requirement. As other opportunities become available, you will learn about them via *The Garden Bench*, or through "The Coming Up" Friday emails. Read carefully, as some of these may be a single opportunity, special event/tour versus a recurring opportunity.

Any helpful tips?

Plan your tours throughout the season. Some tours are available only during the spring; others are a one-time event, and others will occur through summer and into fall.

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, 2022**. 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.

2022 MGV Membership in Franklin County

Active members	232
Inactive members	3
Emeritus	30
members	63
Interns	
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Total	328

Dues

Yearly dues for active Master Gardener Volunteers are \$25 per year, of which \$10 is sent to the Ohio Master Gardener Volunteer Program. Dues are payable by February 14th each year, or a late fee will be assessed. MGV Interns do not pay dues during their intern year.

USING HANDS ON CONNECT (HOC)

<https://mgvolunteers.osu.edu>

MGV Initial Login for HOC (Hands On Connect)

- Login to HOC at this website: mgvolunteers.osu.edu/volunteer-sign-up. Please copy and paste this on the ADDRESS BAR of your browser (usually at or near the top of the page) and **NOT** the search box, or it will not work.
- In the box labeled **BASIC INFO**, fill in your first and last name, and date of birth. (If you want to lie about your age, it's OK, just make sure you're over 18 years of age.)
- In the box labeled **CONTACT INFO**, fill in your address. All the boxes marked with a * are required, the rest are optional and may be filled in at any time.
- The boxes labeled **DEMOGRAPHIC AND VOLUNTEER OPTIONS, VOLUNTEER AVAILABILITY** and **VOLUNTEER INTERESTS** are optional and may be filled in now or at a later date.
- In the box labeled **LOG IN INFORMATION** fill in your email address (please use the same email you used with VMS) and then create a password.
- Click on 'Next >'. You will then need to retrieve the code just sent to you via email. Fill in the box labelled 'Verification Code' with the number, then click 'Verify'.
- The next page requires your Diversity Information. Fill in these four boxes as you desire. Please note that 'Prefer not to answer' is a legitimate response for any or all of these. Then click 'Finish >'.

Training Video Hands On Connect Initial Log In:

go.osu.edu/hocinitiallogin

USING HANDS ON CONNECT (HOC)

<https://mgvolunteers.osu.edu>

MGV Garden Signup / Log Hours

- Go to HOC: <https://mgvolunteers.osu.edu>. Please copy and paste this on the **ADDRESS BAR** of your browser (usually at or near the top of the page) and **NOT** the search box, or it will not work. Then enter your Login info.
- Scroll to **'Current Volunteers'** and then click on **'Volunteer Home'**
- Under the heading **'My Counties'**, and under **'Organizations'** locate **'Franklin County MGV'** and click on the **'Search Projects'** box to the left of Franklin County MGV.
- Scroll through the list of gardening opportunities to find the ones in which you are interested. You may narrow the search by using the **'Keyword(s)'** box; e.g. type **'Huntington'** in the box, then click **'Find'** to find the Huntington Gardens.
- Click on the name of the garden opportunity. This will bring up the description of the garden. At the bottom of the page click on **'Add to Ongoing Opportunity List'**
- You may now return to your Volunteer Home page (scroll up to **'Current Volunteers'** and click on **'Volunteer Home'** Then scroll down to **'My Ongoing Opportunities'**; your garden should be listed.
- In order to log your hours, click on **'Log Time'** next to the name of your garden. On this page enter the start and end dates (they have to be the same for some reason), the number of hours worked, and Activity performed. Leave the bottom 4 boxes as **'0'**. These are only for garden leaders.
- Click on **'Submit and Verify Attendance'** to record your hours. They will show up in your hourly totals within 24 hours.
- You may repeat the above process with as many garden opportunities as you like or for which you need to record hours.

Training Video Hands On Connect Logging Hours:

go.osu.edu/hocloghours

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

Hands on Connect (HOC)

<https://mgvolunteers.osu.edu>

Chadwick Arboretum

<https://chadwickarboretum.osu.edu>

Passport Summary 2022

Community Gardens (3)		
Adopt a Columbus City Schools Garden	Barrington Elementary Garden Club	Bexley Community Gardens
BIG LOTS! Garden	Blendon Community Garden	Community Connecting Corridor
Community Garden of Worthington	Four Seasons City Farm	Friends Garden
Gahanna Community Congregational Church	Garden of Grace	Granby Elementary Garden
Highland Youth Garden	Hilltop Pre-K Garden	International Harvest Garden
Lincoln Village Youth and Community Garden	Minerva Park Community Garden	Sacred Table Garden
T. Wayne Gatewood Garden at Hilltop YMCA	The Garden District	WARM Westerville Area Resource Ministries
Waterman Community Garden		

Public Education & Public Outreach (2)		
4-H, Youth Gardening Education, and 4-H SPINClubs	Ask a Master Gardener Booth	Chadwick Plant Sale
Dispatch Home and Garden Show	Dispatch Ohio Native Plant Column	Garden Information Line FCMGV
Speakers Bureau		

Research (1)		
Bio-Diversity Project at Chadwick Arboretum North	Cultivar Trials	Tree Inventory at OSU
Veggie Trials	Waterman Learning Gardens	

Specialty Gardens (4)		
Berry Patch in Weinland Park	Columbus Park of Roses	COSI Gardens
Franklin Park Conservatory	Gahanna Geroux Herb Garden	Geo Walk Ohio State Fairgrounds
Grange Audubon Center	Heritage Gardens / Governor's Residence	Horticulture Therapy Program - Chadwick
Horticulture Therapy Program at Friendship Village Dublin	Huntington Gardens at Schiller Park	Lane Avenue Gardens at Chadwick
Learning Gardens at Chadwick	Modcon Tool Library Demonstration Garden	Orange Johnson House Gardens
Pollinator Project at Chadwick Arboretum North	Ross Heart Hospital Garden	South Side Fruit Park
Star House	Topiary Park	Waterman Rain Garden

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Required Tours: 3

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.

Location: Varies

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.”

Location: 1780 Barrington Rd. Upper Arlington, OH 43221

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 Harvest Dinner, and teaching 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. Workdays occur throughout the growing season. Events will be posted in The Garden Bench newsletter and upcoming email messages.

Location: There is no actual address for either garden. For South Garden location, use 920 Ferndale Place and for the North Garden, 559 N. Cassingham Rd., Bexley, OH 43209. bexleycommunitygardens@gmail.com

Contact Info: Mary McMunn, mcmuzz99@icloud.com

Wendy Mangino, wendy.mangino@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Required Tours: 3

BIG LOTS! Garden

Big Lots Garden is a corporate and employee based communal garden which raises food for local food pantries to fight food insecurity. The garden consists of 9 raised beds, shallow and deep. One bed is devoted to herbs; the remaining gardens are devoted to raising different vegetables. The beds also include flowers for pollination which are planted among the vegetable plants.

Location: 4900 E. Dublin-Granville Rd. Columbus OH 43081

Contact Info: Joe Lansing, toborjl@sbcglobal.net

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.

Location: 6330 S. Hempstead Rd., Westerville, OH 43081

Contact Info: Joe Lansing, toborjl@sbcglobal.net

Community Connecting Corridor

We currently have 35 families in Linden who received Ohio native plants that have evolved relationships with our native wildlife by providing essential food sources but are rare or non-existent in our urban settings. The project is hyperlocal, with Sunny Glen Garden as the main educational demo site, to eliminate transportation issues, and to make it easier to share garden equipment, knowledge, seeds, plants, and more. If you are interested in joining our project, we would welcome volunteers to assist with educational video and program development, zoom presentations and outdoor in-person workshops at various sites, mentoring new growers, and new ideas, as we turn urban lawns into native plant and/or food gardens.

Location: 3507 Sunny Glen Pl, Columbus, OH 43224

Contact Info: Diane Kadonaga, 404-603-6284 SunnyGlenWellness@gmail.com

Community Garden of Worthington

The Community Garden of Worthington was formerly the Worthington Resource Pantry. 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.

Location: 345 E Wilson Bridge Rd, Worthington, OH 43085

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

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Required Tours: 3

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.

Location: Plots are at 1101 Bryden Rd, 931 E. Mound St, and 936 E. Mound St. Columbus OH 43205

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.

Location: 921 E. Main St., Columbus OH 43305. On the southwest corner of E. Main and Carpenter St. It is about 1 mile east of I-71 and Main St. exit.

Contact Info: Sue Simon, tofusue525@gmail.com

Gahanna Community Congregational Church

This garden began in 2020 to grow fresh produce for Gahanna Residents in Need (GRIN) food pantry. The garden consists of 14 raised beds that are each 8 feet long. The church has recruited volunteers from local Scouting groups, the Gahanna Lincoln High School Honor Society, Goodwill, and the high school's beekeeping club. In 2021, the garden donated over 1500 pounds of produce to GRIN. Flowers from the garden will be donated to a local retirement home. A fall garden was started in 2021, and the garden will serve as a site for educational programming for different groups.

Location: 470 Havens Corners Rd. Gahanna, OH 43230

Contact Info: Lynn Blanton, rblanton3798@gmail.com

Kathi Kemper, kathi.kemper.md@gmail.com

Garden of Grace

Community Garden of Grace 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.

Location: Messiah Lutheran Church, 1200 Waggoner Rd., Reynoldsburg OH 43068

Contact Info: Kathy Orr, cybrarian47@yahoo.com

Jimmy Orr, wineorr@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Required Tours: 3

Granby Elementary School

This school garden is 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.

Location: 1490 Hard Road, Columbus, OH 43235 (north of McCord Middle School)

Contact Info: Amber Keller, akeller35@gmail.com

Steve Herminghausen, bluminghausen@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.

Location: 67 S. Highland Ave, Columbus, OH 43228. (Note that S. Highland Avenue is one-way heading north to West Broad St. Circle around the block to drive north to the garden.)

Contact Info: Beth Urban, bethurban36@yahoo.com

www.highlandyouthgarden.org

Hilltop Pre-K Garden

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.

Location: Located behind Veritas Church at 12 S. Terrace Ave, Columbus, OH 43204

Contact Info: Kimberly Kincaid, kimcaid1969@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Required Tours: 3

International Harvest Garden

The International Harvest Garden provides space for New American and refugee 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 Columbus' Bantu, Somali, and Burmese communities.

Location: 1919 Frank Road, Columbus, OH 43223 (behind the building).

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pg/InternationalHarvestGarden

Contact Info: Abbie Sigmon, abbiesigmon@gmail.com

Ann Sheldon, anngift@aol.com

Lincoln Village Youth and Community Garden

Master Gardener Volunteers at this garden can expect, primarily, an informational role. Most often, Master Gardeners are asked which plants to choose, planting times and harvest times. Seeking grants will become ever important. Cooking and donations are also needed. There is an onsite shed with some tools and watering equipment. There are 6 connected and functioning rain barrels. Currently, 6 days out of 7 are monitored individually by the board members, which includes a Master Gardener in a central role.

Location: 222 Schoolhouse Lane, Columbus, OH 43228

Contact Info: Karen Middendorf, karenmiddendorf25@gmail.com

Sabine Kuhn, sabinekuhn@gmail.com

Minerva Park Community Garden

Volunteer schedule: every other Monday beginning April 19 from 9 -11am if Covid conditions allow. Responsibilities: Community garden: preparing garden for planting season, filling raised boxes, planting, weeding, laying barrier cloth on paths, filling water barrels, end of season clean up and garden classes. Other public areas: weeding, edging, planting, watering, and invasive plant removal. Skills: using hand tools, weeding, moving soil, invasive plant ID and removal.

Location: The garden is adjacent Hawthorn Elementary School, 5001 Farview Rd., Minerva Park, Ohio 43231

Contact Info: Judith Stitch: 614-572-4762, text is preferred

Lisa Craddock Thithoff: 614-738-1612, text is preferred

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Required Tours: 3

Sacred Table Garden

The goal of this garden is to improve the lives and health of children and families by providing nutritious food. All produce goes to food pantries. Volunteers assist and answer questions, learn and share with each other, and create a beautiful and bountiful garden. Volunteers can expect to: be able to stand, kneel and bend, have good communication skills, and use hand tools. Feel free to bring hand tools, gloves, water.

Location: 300 Phillipi Road, Columbus, OH 43228 (just north of West Broad; near the casino). Take first entrance, head straight back. Raised beds are in front of low warehouse building.

Contact Info: Becky Squires, baxter9182@att.net

T. Wayne Gatewood Garden at Hilltop YMCA

This 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.

Location: Hilltop YMCA located at 2879 Valleyview Drive, Columbus, OH 43204

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

The Garden District

The Garden District, started in 2020 in the back yard of a newly purchased home. The garden includes 13 raised beds and a cutting flower garden. The original mission of the garden district was to share food with a food pantry to afford access to fresh produce to underserved communities. It has morphed into empowering people to grow their own food and share excess. In addition to providing food, we also offer educational programs. We also have developed a perennial garden to teach about permaculture, a development of agricultural ecosystems intended to be sustainable and self-sufficient. We are also developing "Plant-Dye Garden", a plant identification program, and other educational and outreach activities.

Location: 1311 College Ave. Columbus, OH 43209

Contact Info: Sean McKay, gardendistrict.2020@gmail.com

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Required Tours: 3

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 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.

Location: 150 Heatherdown Dr. Westerville, OH 43081

Contact Info: Lynn Blanton, rblanton3798@gmail.com

Waterman Community Garden

Waterman Community Garden is a shared garden space at OSU Waterman Farm on West Campus. The garden consists of 18 raised beds and 7 in-ground rows that are each 70 ft. long. The garden is managed by MGVs for different groups of interested gardeners such as Sprouting Spoons, OSU students, military veterans, and others. Diversified vegetables are produced in the garden and produce is donated to various food pantries and community groups which address food insecurity in Columbus neighborhoods. A fall garden of cool-season crops is included in the space and the garden serves as a site for educational programming for different groups.

Location: Garden is adjacent to Extension Building, 2548 Carmack Rd., Columbus, OH 43210

Contact Info: Yen Hanes, yhanes@mac.com

Vickie Gloeckner, vgloeckner614@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, the Ohio State Fair, and at the COSI Farm Days event in August.

Location: Varies

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.

Location: Varies

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

Chadwick Plant Sale

Assist with Chadwick Arboretum's various plant sales (possibilities may include the Spring Plant Sale and Auction Fundraiser, Cool Season Plant Sale, Fall Plant Sale, and the PAX Poinsettia Sale. These are all subject to COVID status and restrictions). These sales provide critical operating funds for the arboretum, student organizations, and local businesses.

Chadwick Spring Plant Sale: Opportunities for leadership and/or participation on a committee might include, but are not limited to: Site management, cashiers, fiscal team, membership, vendors, design and branding, auction, perennials, annuals, organic vegetables, herbs, hanging baskets, nomenclature, labels generation, tag(label) team, plant ambassadors, wizards, loading, marketing and PR, Thursday reception, signage distribution, traffic and parking, fire sale and Ask A Master Gardener Booth.

Location: Chadwick Operations Barn (west of 4-H Building, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr. Columbus, OH 43210)

Contact: Brenda Allinger, bmsteigerwalt@gmail.com

PAX Poinsettia Sale Fundraiser: Please join us in early December to make holiday containers for sale at the PAX Poinsettia Sale. Watch for information in The Garden Bench and the weekly FCMGV "Coming Up" email on Fridays.

Location: Chadwick Operations Barn (west of 4-H Building, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr. Columbus, OH 43210)

Contact: Brenda Allinger, bmsteigerwalt@gmail.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 develops an Edible Garden exhibit on the stage at the spring show. There are also opportunities for MGVs to speak on a variety of topics. MGVs typically work shifts from two to four hours to staff both booths.

Location: Ohio Expo Center, 717 E. 17th Ave. Columbus, OH 43211

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.

Location: Varies

Contact Info: Lou Tomlin-King, loutkay@gmail.com

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 info line operates April through October, Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon in the Master Gardener Lab in the Franklin County Extension Office.

Location: Extension Building, 2548 Carmack Rd. Columbus, OH 43210

Contact Info: 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 Volunteer Teach email.

Location: Varies

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

RESEARCH

Required Tours: 1

Bio-Diversity Project at Chadwick Arboretum North

Chadwick Arboretum North Bio-Diversity project is a citizen science project which will document the diversity of living (and dead) organisms within the boundaries of the Chadwick Arboretum North location. MGVs will use a phone-based app called iNaturalist to submit photographs of plants, animals, fish, insects, or other living organisms found in the Arboretum North. MGVs do not need to identify the organisms which they find, they just need to take and submit photographs using the app. This activity can be done at any time convenient for the MGV.

The iNaturalist app must be downloaded, an account set up and observations made.

Training Link: go.osu.edu/inaturalist_training

Location: Encor Solar House, 2235 Fred Taylor Dr. Columbus, OH 43210

Contact Info: Temple George, curiousmonkey55@gmail.com

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 by MGVs at any time during specified weeks.

Location: Corner of Fyffe Rd and Woody Hayes Dr. North of Howlett Hall, 2001 Fyffe Ct, Columbus, OH 43210

Contact Info: Kathy Krantz, candkkrantz@sbcglobal.net

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 OSU campus. Training is provided. Watch for announcements in The Garden Bench or via emails.

Location: OSU campus

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. Extra produce is grown to share with local food pantries.

Location: Garden adjacent to Extension Building 2548 Carmack Rd, Columbus OH 43210

Contact Info: Chris Atzberger, tatzberg@columbus.rr.com

Pat Claeys, pat77claeys@gmail.com

Waterman Learning Gardens

The gardens are an ongoing project composed of 12 raised beds with room for expansion using various building materials and forms. At present, the gardens focus on pollinator research, herbs and native plants. Future plans include an educational model of a school garden system for demonstration. Workdays: Saturday 9:00 AM - 12:00PM. Please contact the garden leader if you plan to attend.

Location: Garden adjacent to Extension Building 2548 Carmack Rd, Columbus OH 43210

Contact Info: Joe Lansing, toborjl@sbcglobal.net
Cheryl Sims, ggsims13@outlook.com

RESEARCH

Required Tours: 1

SPECIALTY GARDENS

Required Tours: 4

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 their own hand tools and water to drink.

Location: Southeast corner of North 4th Street and 11th Avenue, Columbus OH 43201

Contact Info: Susann Moeller, ecoscapescolumbus@rr.com

Columbus Park of Roses

There are four gardens within the Park of Roses. The most famous is the Rose Garden, founded in 1953, which includes over 12,000 roses of more than 400 varieties. The Perennial Gardens add depth to the horticultural richness of the garden with a mix of about 100 varieties of flowers, shrubs and decorative grasses. The Herb Garden has over 200 varieties of plants organized into beds representing different uses (e.g., culinary, dyes, fragrance, medicinal). The Backyard Garden: Just north of the Shelter House, includes a variety of ornamental trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, roses, and bulbs designed to give visitors creative ideas for their own gardens.

Work ranges from spring planting and mulching through spring and fall, cleanup, and regular bed maintenance throughout the summer. Interested individuals can also participate as volunteer tour guides.

Regular volunteers are asked to complete a volunteer information form.

Each garden has a separate work schedule. For details, please contact the specific garden leader listed below.

Location: All in Whetstone Park which is at 3901 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43214

The Rose Garden work sessions take place Tuesday and Thursday mornings (8:30AM – 12PM) and Thursday evenings (6PM - Dusk).

Contact: Shelagh Baker, shelaghbaker1@gmail.com

The Perennial Garden work sessions take place Wednesday mornings (9AM – 11AM).

Contact: Shelagh Baker, shelaghbaker1@gmail.com

The Herb Garden work sessions take place Friday mornings (9AM – 11:30AM)

Contact: Richa Jhaldiyal, richajhaldiyal@gmail.com

The Backyard Garden meets on Thursday evenings (6:30PM – 8PM).

Contact: Debbie Rooney, dkrooney215@gmail.com

SPECIALTY GARDENS

Required Tours: 4

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.

Location: 333 West Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215

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

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.

Volunteers at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens must complete a volunteer orientation and horticulture training prior to volunteering for the following opportunities. Once orientation and training are complete, volunteers will be able to self-schedule using an online system.

Community Garden Campus: Weekly, Wednesdays 9AM - 12PM: Support Growing to Green, the community gardening outreach program at the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company Community Garden Campus. Volunteers help plant and harvest produce, as well as help maintain the garden area by weeding and watering throughout the 4-acre campus.

Specialty Gardens: Interior Horticulture - Daily 8AM – 10AM

Volunteers assist with opening the biomes and Palm House that make up the main conservatory building. These positions will involve watering, deadheading, general maintenance, planting and the occasional installation and de-installation of exhibits.

Botanical Gardens: Weekly, Thursdays 9AM – 12PM

Volunteers help maintain the Botanical Gardens, horticulture around the Children's Garden and the main Conservatory entrance. Tasks include watering, deadheading, edging, planting, and general maintenance.

Mallway: Weekly, Tuesdays 9AM – 12PM

Volunteers perform maintenance in the Grand Mallway (in front of the Palm House) doing tasks like watering, mulching, deadheading, and planting.

SPECIALTY GARDENS

Required Tours: 4

Columbus Commons: Times TBD

Volunteer at the Columbus Commons to help keep the city beautiful. Spread your horticulture knowledge and appreciation downtown by working in the green spaces and garden beds in the heart of the city.

Location: 1777 E. Broad Street Columbus, OH 43203

Contact Info: Leila David, lovelyallydavid@gmail.com

Gahanna Geroux Herb Garden

The Geroux Herb Garden is maintained by the City of Gahanna and serves as an educational garden for the Gahanna Herb Group, The Gahanna Gardeners Facebook Group, the Ohio Herb Foundation Center and for area schools. The goal of this new MGV project is to assist with the renovation of several areas of the extensive herb garden and conduct educational programming in the garden. Plans include new signage with QR codes linked to a website.

Location: 206 S. Hamilton Rd. Gahanna, OH 43230

Contact Info: Kathi Kemper, kathi.kemper.md@gmail.com

Geo Walk Ohio State Fairgrounds

The Geo Walk is a Geology Timeline display that 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.

Location: Ohio Department of Natural Resources Park at the Ohio State Fairgrounds, 717 E. 17th Ave. Columbus, OH 43211

Contact Info: Yen Hanes, hanes@mac.com

Grange Audubon Center

Master Gardener Volunteer events are scheduled for every other Thursday, 4PM – 6PM. Read the weekly "Coming Up" 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.

Location: 505 W. Whittier Street, Columbus, OH 43215

Contact Info: Mary McMunn, mcmuzz99@icloud.com

Karen Jensen, kjensen50@hotmail.com

SPECIALTY GARDENS

Required Tours: 4

Heritage Gardens at Ohio Governor's Residence

MGVs from across the state help maintain the garden at the Governor's Residence 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 Hope Taft (ohiohoper@yahoo.com) for advanced sign-up to volunteer. All volunteers must have signed-up with Hope Taft prior to and each time volunteering.

Location: 358 N. Parkview Ave., Bexley, OH 43209

Contact Info: Linda Johnson, linjohnson320@sbcglobal.net

Horticulture Therapy Program - Chadwick

Purpose: To teach basic horticulture skills and to help Adults with Developmental Disabilities (ADD) enjoy being outdoors and allow them to improve their physical abilities.

Volunteer Responsibilities: MGVs must be able to work alongside caregivers and the participants with learning and/or physical disabilities.

Location: 2001 Fyffe Ct, Columbus, OH 43210 (inside the large hedges, south of the trial beds, near the Learning Garden)

Contact Info: Joe Lansing, toborjl@sbcglobal.net

Horticulture Therapy Program at Friendship Village Dublin

This group will work with Friendship Village Residents and staff to support residents in the memory and health care units by participating in horticultural activities indoors and outdoors. Beautiful gardens and raised beds have recently been established for this purpose. Friendship Village requires all volunteers to be vaccinated, wear masks, and follow procedures when entering the building, which include a temperature check and photo ID through their computer system. Date and time: First & third Mondays of each month 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Location: 6000 Riverside Dr. Dublin, OH 43017

Contact Info: Sandy Murray, smurrayscott2000@gmail.com

Suzanne Kull, smkull@gmail.com

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.

Location: Intersection of City Park and Stewart Ave. Columbus OH 43206

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

SPECIALTY GARDENS

Required Tours: 4

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.

Meets Wednesday mornings to maintain the Chadwick gardens on Lane Avenue.

Location: 2001 Fyffe Court, Columbus, OH 43210. Take Fyffe south turn left @ the OSU Ag Adm. Building. See Large Parking lot, go thru trellis to garden.

Contact Info: Joe Stewart, gardenjoestew@gmail.com

Mariann Stewart, mariannstewart451@gmail.com

Learning Gardens at Chadwick

The Learning Gardens at Chadwick Arboretum provide an outdoor laboratory for teaching and research for students in horticulture, landscape architecture, entomology, and plant pathology. It also offers enjoyment for the visiting public including garden clubs, school groups, alumni organizations, and individuals. The extensive and diverse collection of plants includes a 12,000 square foot green roof, perennials for both sun and shade, native plants and wildflowers, roses, herbs, woody shrubs and trees and a bamboo collection.

Schedule: Thursday mornings from 9AM – 12PM during the growing season, usually March through October.

Location: In front of Howlett Hall, 2001 Fyffe Court, Columbus OH 43210 (south of Woody Hayes Drive)

Contact Info: Chris Tilton, ctilton@columbus.rr.com

Modcon Tool Library Demonstration Garden

The Modcon Tool Library is a non-profit program which loans all types of gardening, farming and general construction tools and equipment free of charge to members.

Purpose of the Demonstration Garden: to educate tool library patrons about raised bed gardening and vegetable production. This demonstration food garden consists of several new raised garden beds. This project is planning to conduct gardening classes at the site for tool library patrons and the general public.

Location: 3840 E. 5th Ave. Columbus, OH 43219

Contact Info: Joe Lansing, toborjl@sbcglobal.net

SPECIALTY GARDENS

Required Tours: 4

Orange Johnson House Gardens

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. 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.

Location: 956 High St. Worthington, OH 43085

Contact Info: Bill McDonald, billofrights.law@gmail.com

Pollinator Project at Chadwick Arboretum North

MGVs provide leadership, assist during maintenance sessions, and contribute ideas to the overall site plan. Specific proposed MGV tasks in 2022:

- First Friday work and learn sessions: Each of these monthly sessions will include learning about a topic of pollinator health while applying it at Arboretum North. These sessions would be open to all MGVs, Chadwick volunteers, and interested Ohio State students. 1-2 MGV leaders needed to assist Chadwick Arboretums Program Coordinator and Denise Ellsworth of OSU Entomology Dept. with content and the presentations.
- Friday volunteer sessions, 9AM – 11AM: MGVs would provide leadership and assistance with work sessions around Arboretum North, focusing on invasive removal, habitat restoration, plantings, seed collection, and garden design with a focus on both the 4-H Woodland Garden and the Pollinator Hillside.
- If COVID precautions have lifted, MGVs would help with planning and coordination of pollinator-themed outreach events (Open House, tours, pollinator walks) around the Arboretum North site, which would be open to the public.

Location: Encor Solar House, 2235 Fred Taylor Dr. Columbus, OH 43210

Contact Info: Lori Kingston, lk518@att.net

SPECIALTY GARDENS

Required Tours: 4

Ross Heart Hospital Garden

This 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.

Location: Garden west of Extension Building, 2548 Carmack Rd., Columbus, OH 43210

Contact Info: Marcia Armstrong, marciaarmstrong@columbus.rr.com
 Nancy Lahmers, nancylahmers@gmail.com
 Cyndi Mohler, mohlerc54@gmail.com

South Side Fruit Park

This public fruit garden contains 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.

Location: 365 E. Reeb Ave. Columbus OH 43207 (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

Star House

Star House provides free and confidential assistance to homeless youth, ages 14 – 24. It is 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. If you're interested in volunteering for this project, please read important requirements in the "Work Directly" with Guests section of www.starhouse.us/volunteer.

Location: Star House 1220 Corrugated Way, Columbus 43201
 Just west of I 71 and 5th Ave, first street to the right after Cleveland Ave

Contact Info: Judy Rodgers, jelijudy@yahoo.com

SPECIALTY GARDENS

Required Tours: 4

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

Location: 480 E. Town St., Columbus, OH 43215

Contact Info: Marcie Matthews, marciematthews@juno.com

Waterman Rain Garden

This project consists of maintenance of the large rain garden located at the Extension Office. Project tasks include: identification of plants in the rain garden, development of educational signage about the benefits of rain gardens around the garden, and development of educational programming for the public on rain gardens.

Location: Waterman Farms, 2548 Carmack Rd. Columbus OH 43210

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