

GREEN THUMB PRINTS

Gardening is our Passion Education is our Purpose

August 2022

**Tree ID Field Trip****Monday, August 8th-6:00 PM**

Joe Puperi, local arborist, will be leading us on a Tree ID Field Trip on Monday, August 8th at 6:00 PM at Riverside Park.

We will meet at the William Tell Monument on the northwest end of the park.

Please arrive a few minutes early so we can start promptly at 6:00.

**Summer Picnic 2022****August Monthly Meeting**

August 11th at 6:00 PM.

Sharon Milligan will be presenting the Brown Bag on Monarchs.

Refreshments-Linda Leiendecker and Margi Habegger

Fair Sign Up

If you are unable to attend the August monthly meeting and want to sign up for the fair please contact Rose Morrison at 419-889-3931.

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Upcoming Events

August 2.....	Cut Flower Arranging From the Garden
August 8.....	Tree ID Field Trip
August 11.....	Monthly Meeting
August 30.....	Fair Set Up
August 31-September 5.....	Hancock Co. Fair
September 6.....	Fair Tear Down

Reuben's Ruminations

August 2022

President's Notes for August, 2022

August already. A busy time but days getting shorter tells us that the summer will be winding down soon. But, first, there's an opportunity to learn more about tree identification by joining the field trip on August 8 at 6pm at Riverside Park led by Joe Puperi.

That also means that the County Fair is almost upon us! Rose and her committee are organizing and have some new things in the works for this year. Please be sure to let her know how you can help.

Summer Picnic – A big “Thank You!” to Marlene and husband Rick Brunswick for hosting a fun evening at their country estate! Perfect weather, too! I think everyone who attended had an enjoyable time. And our condolences to Marlene and her family on the loss of her brother just days before the picnic.

Projects & Programs – brief summaries

- Entrance to Ag Center – We have added the south (employee) entrance to our Ag Center garden program. A big thanks to Tim for spearheading this and for getting interns Nick and Sandy involved. The garden has been cleaned up, and prior plants (mostly weeds?) have been replaced with native plants and mulch. Looks great! As does the main entrance, thanks to Peggy's team!
- Community Garden – Brint Simmons and his team have begun harvesting. The plot looks great! Harvesting will be ramping up as will the need for volunteers – and harvesting is the easy part!
- Thanks to Jeri Wenger for her presentation on bees and pollinators to 50 North participants. Nice article about it in *The Courier* was a bonus!
- Thanks to Tim and all the other mentors for staying in touch with interns. It's been great to see interns involved in various activities.
- Thanks to Marilyn Beltz for June *Courier* article on making potpourri and Ann Woolum for July article on native plants for pest control

I just had a surprise visit from my cousin, a long-time master gardener in Virginia who wanted to compare notes. (By the way, she attended our seminar back in 2020.) Among other things, she is doing work at state and regional level, studying vitality of MGV groups and what makes them click. She also mentioned some interesting teaching aids that her local group has come up with. Much of their emphasis is on native plants, and invasives. I'll look forward to receiving more detail from her.

Repeat from last month: Let's all be sure to record our Volunteer and Education Hours in HOC. Don't forget that Nicole in the Extension office can help if necessary. For interns who are not yet on the system, be sure to keep track of your hours – paper, or Excel, or whatever suits you. And send those hours to Ed monthly! Attendance at meetings (including transportation time) counts as Volunteer hours; Brown Bag counts as Education.

Recent rains have been great for the project gardens, and for my veg garden. I hope your gardens are all doing well, too.

Happy gardening!

Reuben DeBolt



2022 Hancock County Fair

Rose Morrison

It's almost fair time and the theme this year is In Full Bloom!!!

The Fair planning committee has met and completed the planning for the MGTV booth.

Full information will be shared August 11 at the MGTV monthly meeting along with sign up sheets for volunteer shifts.

Of course, we need your help to achieve our goals. The following are the tasks involved in making this year's booth a success:

- 1) Fair Set-Up is August 30 at 9:00 am. Bill Jones has agreed to move the items from the OSU Extension Office. He will need 4 strong bodies to help load/unload the items. The helpers should be at the OSU Office at 8:00 am to help Bill. All others will meet at 9:00 at the Hancock County Fair grange building to help set up.
- 2) The schedules for working the booth will be:
August 31-10am-1pm, 1pm-4pm, and 4pm-7pm
September 1-10am-1pm, 1pm-4pm, and 4pm-7pm
September 2-10am-1pm, 1pm-4pm, and 4pm-7pm
September 3-10am-1pm, 1pm-4pm, and 4pm-7pm
September 4-10am-1pm, 1pm-4pm, and 4pm-7pm
September 5-10am-1pm and 1pm-4pm
- 3) Tear down is Sept 6 at 9:00 am. Bill will again need help to load and unload all the fair booth items.
- 4) We need MGTV to bring pots of flowers to help decorate the booth and accomplish the theme of "In Full Bloom". These items should be brought during set up on August 30 and picked up by Tuesday Sept 6 at 9:00 am. You may also take home after 4 pm on Sept 5.
- 5) 1 volunteer is needed to do a 15 minutes presentation at the fair. The committee made the suggestion of doing the presentation on Poison Plants which already has a poster made.

If you are not able to attend the August MGTV meeting and want to sign up to help, please call or text me at 419-889-3931 informing me of the shift (or shifts) you would like to volunteer.

The Hancock County Fair is our best opportunity to let the citizens of Hancock County know who we are and the impact we make through education and service.

See you at the Fair!

Rose



MG Happenings

“Gardening in Our Golden Years”

On July 12th Jeri Wenger and Tim Brugeman presented on “Bees, Butterflies and Blooms” at 50 North. Participants learned about how native plants help make healthy gardens for pollinators. There was a nice turnout with 14 ladies present. The Courier wrote a nice follow up article titled “Taking the Sting Out of Pollinators” printed in the July 13th issue. Click on the following link to read the article: <https://mynewsonghego.com/courier/Reader/Story.aspx?id=49043faa-948d-4bf6-b8b4-5a47f4f7c7cf>



Upcoming “Gardening in Our Golden Year” Presentations

August 2nd at 10:30 AM **“Cut Flower Arranging From the Garden”**

This is a “Make It, Take It” using cut blooms from the summer garden to brighten your home. Learn what flowers are best, how to help them live longer and make creative arrangements. Paige Badertscher and Linda Finsel will be presenting. MGV’s may attend, but not make the flower arrangement as the deadline for registration has passed.

September 6 at 10:30 AM **“Fall Colors of Hancock County”**

What trees have the best fall color, how and why they turn colors, and where to find them. A brief virtual tour around the county by Master Gardeners Rob Biolchini and Tim Brugeman. Enter for a free drawing for a tree planted in your yard. Pre-registration required; no charge.

October 4, 10:30 am (Tuesday) **“Fall Fun in the Garden”**

Make fun of fall landscaping cleanup, getting outdoors ready for winter and planting for spring bulbs by Master Gardeners John King and Craig Lamme. Each person will receive spring bulbs to take home and plant. Pre-registration required; no charge.

MGV’s do not have to register and may attend with name badge to help or just learn about topics

Thanks to Linda Finsel and Tim Brugeman for organizing these programs!!!!

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Proposed “Native Plant Program”

Please look over the following proposal which will be brought to a vote at our August 11th regular membership meeting as to whether to proceed.

Coordinated By: Tim Brugeman (MGV) & Chad Carroll (HPD)

Tentative Date: Saturday, September 17, 11 am – 1 pm, or until no further visitors or plants available. Open to general public.

Location: Oakwood's Nature Preserve Discovery Center

Educational Component:

- Existing native plants in full bloom, visible around Discovery Center butterfly & rain gardens, bio-swales for viewing and identification.
- HPD tours with Chad Carroll (HPD Natural Resources Manager) to new wetlands areas recently planted with native plants.
- On-site resources with Master Gardener Volunteers and Dave McPheron of Star Farms
- Displays on native plants by Master Gardeners.

Native Plant Sales Component:

- Plants available for sale by MGV will be delivered on consignment from Star Farms Native Plants Nursery, Kenton Ohio (no upfront costs to MGV). Plants not sold will be returned, taken back to nursery by Dave McPheron.
- Plant costs yet to be determined, generally discounted from wholesale to allow mark-ups that would provide 1 gallon trees and shrubs for \$12-15 each, and 3 ½” pots at \$4 each.
- MGV to make a donation to HPD from the net proceeds.

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Community Garden

Brint Simmons

The harvest has begun at our community garden project. As of July 25, we have picked most of the cabbage and a few peppers and tomatoes for a total of 65 pounds. The cabbage did exceptionally well. The heads were large, free of insect damage, and could have graced any seed catalog cover. Tomatoes and peppers will be in full production soon, maybe by the time you are reading this report. The potatoes are looking very good and should be ready to dig the latter part of August. The cucurbits were planted late, just about a month ago, and the vines are growing well and look healthy. From this point forward, our main tasks will be weeding, harvesting and watering as needed.

Our final teaching program for the season will be September 13, 9:00 am at the garden. Brint Simmons will talk about end-of-season tasks and preparing the garden for winter.

Intern Opportunity Hours Still Available for 2022

There are still quite a few ways to get your hours for the 2022 year besides our monthly meetings:

- Attend the Tree ID Tour at Riverside Park
- Volunteer at the Master Gardener booth at the County Fair
- Help set up and tear down the fair booth
- Assist at the Community Gardens
- Attend/Assist at 50 North "Gardening in Our Golden Years" program
- Wreath workshops starting in late November.

Please remember to send hours monthly to Ed Lentz at lentz.38@osu.edu.



Colorful Native Plants Build on the OSUE Front Entry Garden

Thanks to Tim Brugeman, Nick Moore and Sandy Breidenbach for sprucing up the south employee entrance at the OSUE.

The three of them planted grasses and other native flowers along with mulching and adding a rock border.

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MG Happenings

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Summer Picnic

A special thank you to Marlene and Rick Brunswick for hosting our Summer picnic!!!!
Great weather, great food and great company!!!!



Native Plants Attract Beneficial Insects

The Courier-July 10, 2022

Ann Woolum

<https://mynewsonthego.com/courier/Reader/Story.aspx?id=e95b3cae-f1cd-45b2-9ff8-1abceb01be1d>

Deadheading

Penn State Extension

What is Deadheading?

Deadheading is the simple act of removing spent (dying) flower heads from annuals, biennials, perennials, and flowering shrubs. This process tricks the plant into continuing to produce flowers instead of beginning to produce seeds as part of the normal plant lifecycle.

Reasons for Deadheading

For aesthetics

In most cases, dead flowers are not attractive. Plants with dead flowers can detract from an otherwise beautiful landscape.

To promote the health of the plant

Forming seeds can dominate the plant's growth activity at the expense of its roots and lead to its early death. Annuals, especially, have one goal in life—to flower and then to produce seeds. When that goal is accomplished, the plant has no reason to continue living. Therefore, it is very important to constantly deadhead most annuals to keep them in bloom.

To extend or repeat bloom time

Perennials and biennials can often be coaxed into flowering for a longer period of time if they are not allowed to go to seed.

To prevent self-sowing of seeds

Plants that are aggressive seed producers can be kept in check by deadheading to prevent them from forming seeds.

Considerations for Deadheading

Some plants form interesting seed heads and are best left alone. A shrub that develops berries for birds or for flower arranging, a perennial such as Sedum 'Autumn Joy' that provides winter interest, or any plant that has seeds that can be used for drying (such as *Nigella*) need not be deadheaded.

While it is true that deadheading consumes a great deal of time (it continues from early spring until a killing frost), the labor is less intensive if it is done regularly.

Generally, how far down to cut can be determined by examining the growth habit of the plant. If new flower buds are present, the cut is made to the top-most one. If the flower is not on a bare stalk, the cut is made to a leaf. If it is on a bare stalk, the cut is made to the basal rosette (the grouping of leaves at the base of the plant). If, as is the case with daylilies, after each individual flower has been removed, there is nothing left but a stick, that stick is then cut down to the base.

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Considerations for Deadheading (Continued)

Some plants present special problems. Those that form masses of flowers (like Coreopsis) can be sheared. Plants that have flower spikes that bloom from the bottom up are best treated by deadheading when about 70% of the spike is going to seed.

Keep in mind that if biennials are deadheaded, seed will not be produced and the plant will not appear the following year.

Annuals to Deadhead

- **Alyssum:** Clip back long stems
- **Cleome:** Pinch off seed capsules if you don't want reseeding
- **Cockscomb**
- **Coleus:** Many gardeners pinch out flower stalks as soon as they appear
- **Cosmos:** Pinch back hard to keep them looking attractive
- **Geranium**
- **Lobelia:** Prune back long stems mid summer
- **Marigold**
- **Nasturtium**
- **Nicotiana:** Do occasionally; it keeps them looking attractive
- **Pansy:** Clip long stems in mid-summer
- **Periwinkle:** Only cut long stems
- **Petunia:** Pinch out flowers, long stems in mid summer
- **Pinks or Dianthus**
- **Salvia**
- **Snapdragon**
- **Verbena**
- **Zinnia**

Perennials to Deadhead

- **Bleeding Heart:** encourages longer bloom
- **Bulbs:** allow leaves to die naturally- do not remove
- **Campanula:** for rebloom
- **Columbine:** prevents reseeding

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Perennials to Deadhead (Continued)

- **Coralbells:** for rebloom
- **Coreopsis:** for rebloom; appearance
- **Dames Rocket:** for rebloom
- **Daylily:** for appearance
- **Delphinium:** for rebloom
- **Fernleaf Yarrow:** for rebloom; prevent reseeding
- **Flax:** for rebloom
- **Hosta:** for appearance
- **Lupine:** for rebloom; appearance
- **Marguerite Daisy:** for rebloom
- **Peony:** for appearance
- **Phlox:** for rebloom; prevent reseeding
- **Salvia:** for rebloom and appearance; can bring back whole plant
- **Shasta Daisy:** for rebloom
- **Veronica:** for rebloom

Plants That Self-Deadhead

- **Fibrous Begonia**
- **Impatiens**
- **Moss Rose (portulaca)**

Perennials To Leave Through The Winter

- **Aster**
- **Astilbe**
- **Common Yarrow**
- **Coneflower**
- **Liatris**
- **Oriental Poppy**
- **Rudbeckia:** (will reseed profusely)
- **Sedum**



IT'S Time To.....August

Ohio State University Extension

August 1

- Enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables from your garden and local farm markets.
- Apply supplemental water to the garden if there has not been an inch of rain in the previous week.
- Plants in hanging baskets dry out faster than plants in the ground.
- Fertilize roses for the last time this year.
- Sow seeds of biennials, such as Canterbury bells and foxglove.
- Cut down raspberry canes that produced fruit earlier this summer.
- Allow a few green peppers to turn red before harvesting.
- Ripen tomatoes on the vine, not the windowsill.

August 8

- Take cuttings of begonias, coleus, and impatiens for winter houseplants.
- Cut gladioli spikes with as few leaves as possible.
- White flowers shine in the moonlight.
- Handpick Japanese beetles and drop them into a jar of detergent and water.
- Dig, divide, and move daylilies after they have completed their bloom.
- Harvest tomatoes when their color is fully developed.
- Plant collards, kale, and turnips for the fall garden.
- Control weeds before they go to seed.

August 15

- Control weeds before they produce seeds.
- Kill weedy perennial grasses in the lawn so you can reseed early in September.
- Begin soil preparation for seeding a new lawn.
- Do a soil test before seeding a lawn or planting a new garden.
- Sow seeds of leaf lettuce, radish, turnip (for greens), and spinach for fall harvest.

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IT'S Time To.....August

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August 15 (Continued)

- Do not fertilize woody plants until after they go dormant.
- Dig potatoes after vines have died.
- Do not cut your grass too short during hot weather.
- Harvest the vegetable garden every few days and share your harvest with those in need.

August 22

- Dig and divide garden lilies when the foliage yellows.
- Watch for wasps when working near rock piles, old tree stumps and stone walls.
- Harvest cantaloupe when the stem separates from the fruit with gentle prodding.
- Cut down stems of hollyhocks if rust-colored spots appear on the underside of leaves.
- Plant a cover crop of winter rye in spaces vacated by harvested vegetable crops.
- Weed the garden before weeds go to seed.
- Don't bruise tree trunks with lawn mower or string trimmers.

August 29

- September is the ideal time to seed a new lawn.
- Plant trees, shrubs and perennials now.
- Plant garden mums for fall color.
- Continue to cultivate around vegetables and flowers to discourage weeds.
- Deadhead annuals and perennials.
- Do not fertilize woody plants until they go dormant.
- Sow spinach for fall harvest.



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