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# Action in the Arboretum

Chadwick Arboretum & Learning Gardens Volunteer Newsletter

May 2020

## News

Great news! Our horticulturist, Pam Poeth, and two student workers, Adrian Speelman and Emily O'Donnell, have been approved to begin working on our grounds again, starting Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. They will be following a strict social-distancing plan and sanitizing as they go, but the critical maintenance tasks will finally be underway!

Please join me in **congratulating** three of our student employees who graduated on Sunday! Josh Lamb, Emily O'Donnell, and Lina Sasaki!

## Opportunities

Volunteers remain on stand-by until July 6<sup>th</sup>, but we are excited about our new take on the "Victory Garden" idea – **Plant a Row for the Hungry!**

### 1.) Grow 1 extra row of produce **in your garden**.

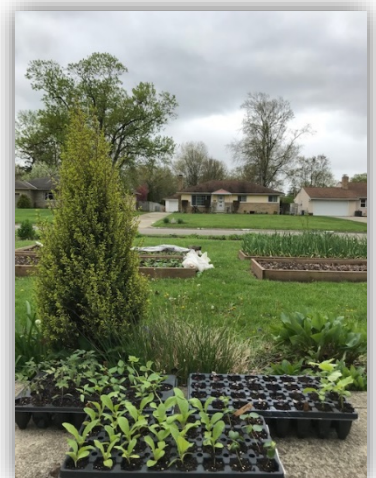
- The size of your garden does not matter – even growing in containers.
- Take care to follow COVID guidelines if heading out into the stores to purchase garden supplies. There are many ways to order online and have same-day pickup or delivery at several garden centers around Columbus.

### 2.) Harvest and bag up your produce, taking care to wash hands and sanitize sinks/surfaces/bowls your produce may touch.

- Check out [OSU's Powerpoint Presentation on Good Agricultural and Handling Practices here](#) for lots of details! (I recommend slides 55-56.)

### 3.) Donate the produce at your local pantry. Call 614-277-2663 to find a pantry near you.

### 4.) Email [Julia Wilson](mailto:wilson.4615@osu.edu) ([wilson.4615@osu.edu](mailto:wilson.4615@osu.edu)) at Chadwick Arboretum with the amount of pounds that you donated (and a photo, if you can!)



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Joe Lansing has offered up his extra veggie seeds to anyone who needs! You can email him at [toborjl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:toborjl@sbcglobal.net) to arrange a time to pick those up.

If you are looking to purchase veggie starts, Spring Plant Sale vendor Green Patch Garden Organics now has online ordering and several pickup/delivery options! [See their flyer here.](#)

## Education

Other arboreta and park systems are also encouraging their followers to plant a veggie garden, which gives all of us many of opportunities to learn! Here are three top picks for Chadwick Volunteers:

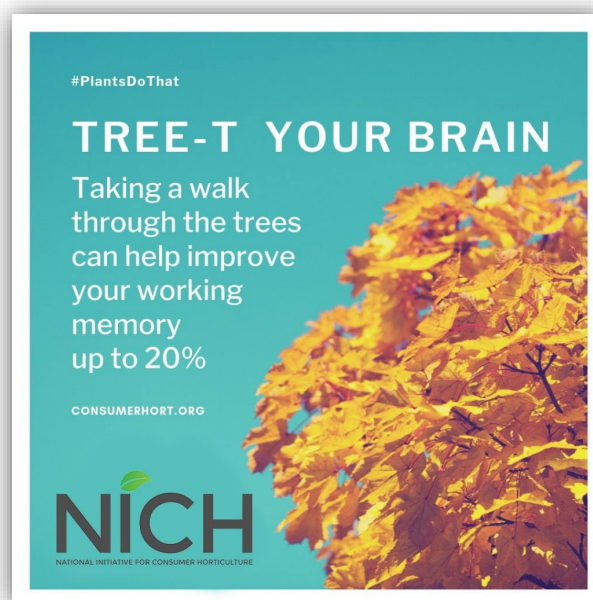
- **Caesar's Creek** Metroparks created a 2 minute video on (very) [low-cost seed starting.](#)
- **Holden Arboretum's** latest blog post: [How to Start Your Own Victory Garden – Step 1: Starting & Sowing Your Seeds](#)
- **The Ohio State University's Extension "Growing Franklin"** has you covered with [many free, virtual classes](#) that you can take right now.

## Events

- **Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>:** Visit a Public Garden for:



- **Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.:** The Sustainability and Ohio Lands: Creating Value for People and the Environment Conference, is going to be virtual this year, but one you will not want to miss. Speakers include those from The Nature Conservancy, Ohio Division of Forestry, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), and more. [Learn more and register for free here.](#)
- **Every Friday!** Check out these weekly webinars by Virginia Cooperative Extension Foresters: [15 minutes in the Forest](#)



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## Research

Chadwick Arboretum has been selected as one of few sites in the world where sentinel tree research will be taking place. Plant Pathology Professor Enrico Bonello will lead this project, and the planting will take place sometime in the future.

Read about it here: <https://bygl.osu.edu/index.php/node/1483>

## Volunteer Updates

Have you been on to VMS lately (Chadwick's version)? This is where all non-MGVs log their volunteer hours. *Everyone* can use Chadwick's version to see all the current volunteer projects/sessions, though!

**\*\*Also, take a moment to check out your personal profile and make sure your contact information is up to date before we kick off this year!**

<https://ohio.volunteersystem.org/users/index.cfm>



Allen Fabian's beautiful tree-lined street



Joanne Kick-Raack's Turkeys for Easter



Too good not to share: Lucas County Master Gardener Volunteer created "May Day Baskets" like this!



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