



Action in the Arboretum

Chadwick Arboretum & Learning Gardens Volunteer Newsletter

March 2022

Welcome to the 2022 volunteer season!

After taking a few months of rest away from the garden, it's so exciting to think about the volunteering season ahead of us. That's why we just couldn't wait until April to get you the first Chadwick Arboretum Volunteer Newsletter this year!

True, the volunteer sessions in the garden don't kick off until Friday April 1 this year, but for many of you, the volunteering never stopped either...

So, let's start off the year with a HUGE thanks to all of you helping in the greenhouse, with the Backyard Wildlife Certification projects, Arbor Day and Tree University planning, and Spring Plant Sale Fundraiser Planning throughout these cold months. You all are keeping us moving forward in every sense!



Cultivar Trials Volunteers



Filling flats in the Greenhouse



Flats ready for all those plants for the Cultivar Trials

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Let's Get Hands on Connect-ed

Let's get this out of the way before the fun starts in the garden! We need to you to do three things for us...

- 1) Set up your account on <https://osu.handsconnect.org/>
- 2) Start to "express interest" in the projects you will likely volunteer in.
Note: If you are a MGVS, you do not need to do this - but remember that our portal has tons of great information you might like to know about!
- 3) Complete "recertification."
While the wording is tailored to Master Gardener Volunteers, we are now required to have our volunteers complete these papers annually too.

There is a new, straightforward guide to completing these three steps [here](#).

New - or Returning - Volunteer Checklist

Haven't volunteered with us for a while? Hey – there's been a pandemic going on, we understand! Here is a checklist for you to get started back into it again:

- ☐ Background check complete (If you are not a current OSU employee/student/MGV)
- ☐ Have a T-Shirt and name badge
- ☐ Hands on Connect items
 - Logged into Hands on Connect (HOC) and "expressed interest" in the projects you are interested in.
 - Recertification documents are electronically signed and submitted on HOC.
- ☐ [Complete a Release of Claims](#) (click to open)
- ☐ Optional: [complete a Photo Release](#) (click to open)



More information about these are on our *Current Volunteers* tab on our website.

Email Julia Wilson at Wilson.4615@osu.edu for anything you need.

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****Parking Updates****

There is now only **one** parking kiosk that accepts the Chadwick Voucher for free parking.

(Note: You cannot use the CampusParc app to enter the code.)

For the next few months, construction will be blocking one entrance to the parking lot where this kiosk is located. You will need to enter on Woody Hayes Ave.

Also: Parking at the barn compound is only available for short periods, like when loading/unloading. Make sure you still get a pass to park if you plan on parking at the 4-H Center.

Upcoming Events

1) Day of Education

Saturday, March 19, 2022: 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

Don't miss this fantastic line-up of speakers for our event created just for Chadwick and Master Gardener Volunteers. Registration has been extended one more week, until Monday, March 14, 2022.

Register: go.osu.edu/2022MGVDOE

2) Tree University: Grafting Trees and Shrubs

Wednesday, March 23, 2022: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Registration starts at 5:30 p.m.

Come learn the craft of grafting trees and shrubs during this 1-hour workshop! Taught by Master Gardener Volunteer and Fruit Tree Enthusiast Bill Johnson. *(Note: We haven't received many registrations, so we may need to cancel unless you all sign up!)*

Cost is \$20.00 or \$10.00 Chadwick Members.

Register: go.osu.edu/treefruit

3) Arbor Day Celebration and Awards

Friday, April 29, 2022: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Join us for our Arbor Day Celebration featuring a presentation of OSU's Tree-Campus USA Certification, announcement of the 2022 Lorax Award, a tree-themed presentation and more. This celebration is held outside at Kottman Hall. Be ready for an extra dose of inspiration when you hear about our awards this year! MORE INFO: go.osu.edu/ArborDayCelebration

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Volunteer Help Needed!

Our weekly garden work sessions kick off this year April 1st. But don't wait! There are TONS of ways to get involved now.

1) Cultivar Trials Volunteering in the Greenhouse Mondays and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

If you are interested in helping in the greenhouse this year, please signup for a date/time to join us! You can find this opportunity on Hands on Connect under, "Cultivar Trials Greenhouse Workers."

Note to MGVs: While Cultivar Trials is an approved MGv project, you can only find the sign-up link on the "Chadwick Arboretum" portal.

2) Backyard Wildlife Certification Reviews Anytime and anywhere, before May 12

The Backyard Wildlife Certification Plan is a new project created this year for the 150 Tending Nature course participants. Volunteers have been integral to creating the plan and the corresponding manual.

Based on Doug Tallamy's 12 "tenets" for creating your own Homegrown National Park, participants have been creating their plan to improve their yards for wildlife. [You can see what we created here.](#)

From now until May 12th, we are having a lot of fun reviewing these awesome plans. Will you help? Reviewers can complete the review from the comfort of your home or come into the office. Reviewers leave a paragraph or so of feedback for the participant.

Please contact Julia Wilson (Wilson.4615@osu.edu) if you are interested in this project, an off-shoot of our Arboretum North Pollinator Habitat project.

3) All-Volunteer Plant Sale Meeting Monday, March 28, 2022: 5:30 p.m.

Interested in volunteering at Chadwick Arboretum's largest fundraiser of the year? You sure do! Log in to this zoom to learn all about the ways you can get involved. This meeting will be recorded and posted, too.

Join the Zoom here:



<https://osu.zoom.us/j/98666814777?pwd=WjNyMnB6bUVXVDcrb3RjTHd6c2psUT09>

Meeting ID: 986 6681 4777

Password: 046008

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4) Grow Kindness: Encouraging kindness with plants at OSU Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Chadwick Arboretum is partnering with the Office of Student Life for a very exciting project, and we need **your** help to make it a success!

The Grow Kindness project on March 23 (March 24/Rain date) will allow members of the university community to receive two succulent plants; one to keep for themselves and one to give away in kindness to someone else. This project aims to teach that plants are healthy for you in your daily environment as well as the healthy benefits of kindness.

Here is more information about the project:

<https://kind.osu.edu/serve/events-and-opportunities/grow-kindness-project>

We need volunteers to operate our five distribution locations around campus and would LOVE your assistance. Volunteers will greet people, assist in plant assembly lines, educate, refill supplies, talk with people in the university community and show kindness. It should be a fun and kind experience for all involved!

We need volunteers at the following locations from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23 (or March 24/Rain date):

- Lawn in front of Traditions at Scott
- RPAC Plaza
- Friendship Plaza in the UDO (15th and High)
- South Oval
- Wexner Medical Center (Herrick Transit hub)

There are two-hour time blocks with a 15-minute orientation at the beginning. Feel free to sign up for one or more shifts.

Please sign up using the links below at the locations and times of your choice:

Traditions at Scott

<https://ohiostate.volunteermatch.org/search/opp.jsp?id=3481977>

RPAC Plaza

<https://ohiostate.volunteermatch.org/search/opp.jsp?id=3477988>

Friendship Plaza (15th and High)

<https://ohiostate.volunteermatch.org/search/opp.jsp?id=3481986>

South Oval

<https://ohiostate.volunteermatch.org/search/opp.jsp?id=3481954>

Wexner Medical Center (Herrick Transit hub)

<https://ohiostate.volunteermatch.org/search/opp.jsp?id=3481967>

The Grow Kindness project is a collaboration among the Office of Student Life, the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), OSU Extension, the Chief Wellness Officer, and the University District Organization (UDO).

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5) Donating your Hardy Sempervivum/Hens and Chicks to the Plant Sale

A note from Allen Fabian: Plant Sale Co-Chair

All Plant Sale Volunteers,

As you all know, for the past 5 years Chadwick has sold Hypertufa planters that are nicely planted at our annual plant sale. These planters bring in more money than the empty ones. We have been able to do this at very low cost due to a large donation of winter hardy sempervivum/Hens and Chicks from a grad student growing them for his thesis. Over the last five years we have used these plants and the offspring to plant our tufas and propagate new plants for next year's plant sale. However, each year the supply has dwindled little by little and propagation has not kept pace with use. It will be difficult to nicely plant all the tufas we'd like to sell this year due to the short supply of Hens and Chicks in our inventory.

As a result, we are asking any volunteers who have winter hardy Hens and Chicks, that you would like to thin for the coming season, if you might want to donate a few of those thinned plants to our spring plant sale. Plants would be used to plant this year's tufas or used to propagate plants for the coming years. Plants could be put in a small cardboard box or paper bag, bare root and dropped off at the Chadwick Barn in the next two weeks or so, so we can use them soon.

Thank you for considering any donation of your winter hardy Hens and Chicks that you can spare.

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6) Earth Day Tree Giveaway with OSUMC Monday, April 18, 2022: 12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Includes a lunch

We are so excited about this new collaboration that will bring the entire campus together for Earth Day!

Volunteers will help pack up nearly 600 seedlings into bags the Monday before Earth Day in the barn. The following week, there will be a timeframe where people can drive up to Chadwick Arboretum and grab their free tree and planting instructions. We also need a few volunteers to help at the Earth Day event in which a tree will be planted by OSU's Medical Center.

If you are willing to help with the packaging piece of this project, **please sign up on Hands on Connect under “Earth Day Tree Giveaway: Packaging”** on the Chadwick Arboretum portal.

Alternatively, you can also email Julia Wilson at Wilson.4615@osu.edu if you would like.

Did you read this far? Thank you!

Did you know that Chadwick Arboretum is teaming up with DeMonye's Greenhouse to give you 25% off your cool season plants? It's only March 25-27th, 2022!

Find more information on our website event's calendar here:
chadwickarboretum.osu.edu/events/cool-season-plant-sale-demonyes-greenhouse

