

The Buckeye Treehouse

The Ohio State University Chadwick Arboretum Volunteer Newsletter

August 2023 Edition



Cultivar Trials Showcase, photo by Kathy Watson

Keeping an Eye on Spotted Lantern Fly

Have you been following the news about the Spotted Lantern Fly?

Native to China, India and Vietnam, this insect attacks fruit plants and has the potential to “greatly impact the viticulture, tree fruit, nursery and timber industries.”

Spotted Lantern Fly has established itself in Cuyahoga, Jefferson and Lorain counties, but

nonreproducing populations have been seen in other parts of Ohio as well.

A recent BYGL article, [Seeing Spots in Ohio](#), by OSU Extension’s Amy Stone, highlights the story of the first sighting of spotted lanternfly adult in Ohio this year, how to identify the insect in its different stages, and how you can (and should!) report any signs of the insect you come across.

Stone writes, “If you suspect that you have seen SLF, capture an actual insect or take a clear photo of the insect, and get the address or GPS coordinates, to help those doing the follow up survey in the area to find the location where you found the insect.” Reports can be made here:

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/plant-health/invasive-pests/invasive-insects/slf>

Thank you, Cultivar Trials Volunteers!

The rain held off long enough for the beautiful display of flowers at our annual Cultivar Trials showcase to welcome over 300 people!

Thanks to the Cultivar Trials volunteers, interns, and staff, the beds were looking spectacular.

Special thanks to Jill Alexander, owner of 2 Sweet Bakers, who donated 4 dozen flower-themed cookies that can only be described as absolute “showstoppers.” That’s big praise when you are surrounded by such beautiful annuals!



(L-R) Kathy Watson, Caye Aiello, Kathy Krantz, Jill Alexander, Jennifer Kuehn, and Pam Bennett



*Christine Osterman showing around visitors!
Photo by Kathy Watson*



Caye Aiello and Horticulture and Crop Science Dean, Doug Karcher. Photo by Kathy Watson



Just one of the dozens of unique, beautiful cookies by Jill Alexander

Volunteer Orientation Committee Opportunity



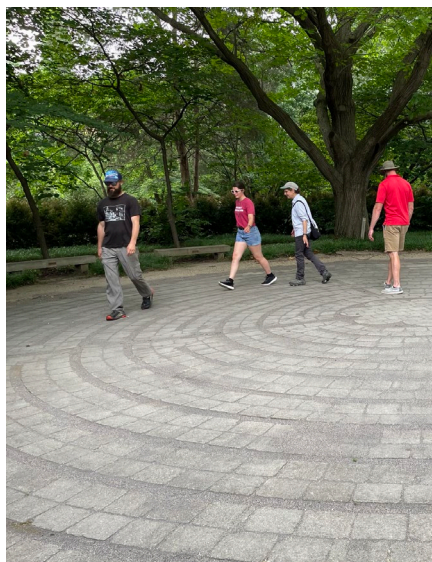
“The Trellis Entrance”

Here at the arboretum, we believe all volunteers should feel warmly invited, have fun, and get excited about the work we do together! A committee of volunteers who are helping to onboard new volunteers would help create the right environment we need to bring in and retain new people.

Committee members will help with volunteer orientation tasks, such as:

- Meeting volunteers for their first visit to the arboretum
- Working alongside them for the first few times they volunteer and introducing them to others
- Touching base with new volunteers who haven't returned

If this sounds like something you are interested in doing, please reach out to Julia Wilson at Wilson.4615@osu.edu



“Wellness Walk” Docent

The office of Student Life – Dining Services is arranging a Wellness Walk event on August 7, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. and is collaborating with Chadwick Arboretum!

During the walk, participants will walk around campus together before landing at Chadwick Arboretum's trellis entrance for a walk through the Lane Ave. Gardens. They believe there would be waves of 10-30 people coming through between 9 – 11 a.m.

We are looking for one or two people to stand at the trellis entrance to welcome the Dining Services guests, talk about the arboretum, and point them down the path to explore the garden. Please email Julia Wilson at Wilson.4615@osu.edu if you are interested!

Volunteer Opportunities In the Garden



Lane Ave Volunteers taking a break for a learning moment.

Volunteer Sessions

- **Tuesdays, 9 – 11 AM:** Lane Ave. Gardens
CONTACT Joe Stewart: gardenjoestew@gmail.com
- **Tuesdays, 9 – 11 AM:** Cultivar Trials
CONTACT Kathy Krantz: candkkrantz@sbcglobal.net
- **1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 9 – 11 AM:** Cancer Survivors Plaza
CONTACT Hope Weber: jhopeweber@gmail.com
- **Thursdays, 9-11 AM:** Learning Gardens
CONTACT Chris Tilton: ctilton@columbus.rr.com

Adopt – a – Bed Across the Arboretum

- Can't attend regular garden sessions? With a little training, you can adopt an area of the arboretum to maintain on your schedule. Please reach out to Pam Poeth for more information: poeth.3@osu.edu

****All Volunteer sessions are weather dependent: rain/snow cancels, as well as temperatures under 40 degrees. ****

Become a Master Gardener Volunteer in Franklin County!

The LAST Orientation meetings to apply to enter the next MFCMG class is Friday, August 4, 2023.

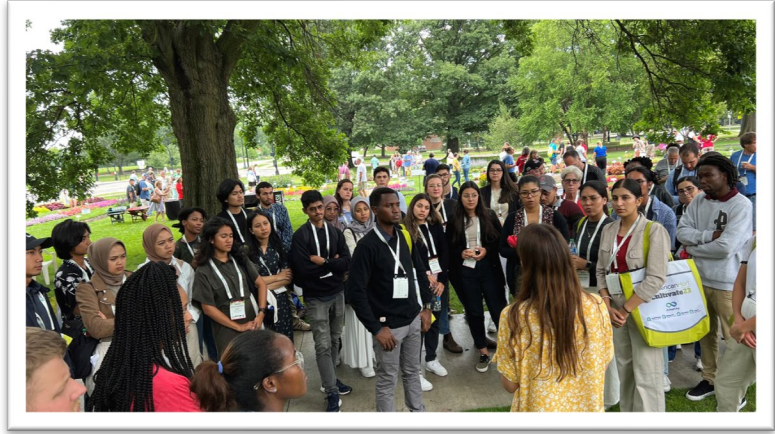
The Franklin County office of Ohio State University Extension conducts training for new Master Gardener Volunteers every other year. The next training will begin in January 2024.

If you are interested in applying for a spot in the 2024 class, you must attend one of three scheduled orientation meetings in order to receive an application. No registration required.

Master Gardener Volunteers work on projects such as:

- Community Gardens
- Garden Classes and Workshops
- Gardening Info booths
- Specialty Gardens
- Research Projects
- Youth and School Projects
- Food Pantry Gardens

Tour Guide Corner



*International students at the Cultivar Trials
enjoying a quick tour*

With freshly-updated tour guide manuals, you do not need to be an expert to lead a tour, just give it a try! Some of our upcoming tours include:

1. Staff Appreciation Week Tours

Lane Ave. Gardens
August 1 – 4, 2023, various times

Sign up to lead a 1-hour tour to a group of staff members from OSU and show them some appreciation. We love to share our gardens with the wider OSU community. Find all the times we need a tour guide on the link below.

2. OSU Comprehensive Cancer Center

Learning Gardens
August 16, 2023: 10 a.m.

This OSU-based group from the Cancer Center would like a tour around the Learning Gardens and green roof. They expect 10 people to attend the tour.

Tour opportunities are added as they are received to the following link. View more info/sign up here :

go.osu.edu/chadwickoutreach

Volunteer Opportunity: Arboretum North Pollinator Habitat



*Vicki Lemaster, Lori Kingston, Bruce Wall
and Barb Dolce planting wild ginger together*

Friday Mornings in August: 9:00 -11:00 a.m.

Join the Arboretum North group every Friday as they work to enhance the pollinator habitat, aesthetic appeal, and welcoming vibe at this “hidden gem” on campus.

Volunteers will be in full swing of planning the Fall Foliage Open House soon! Sign up to be on the separate e-mail list by contacting the fun and engaging Project Leader, Lori Kingston, at lk518@att.net.



Columbus Library Plant Exchange

The Columbus Metropolitan Library is hosting a community plant exchange on August 12, 2023 from 3:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Customers will bring plants or cuttings to swap with each other, while several nonprofit organizations have been invited to host a table outside.

Chadwick Volunteers will teach customers how to take cuttings of pothos plants, giving the cuttings away, and sharing information about the arboretum.

If you are interested in serving at this table, please email Julia Wilson.4615@osu.edu for more information.