

**Ohio State University Extension
Lake County Master Gardener Volunteer
2025 Home Gardeners' Workshop**

Our Distinguished Speakers :



Dr. Laura Deeter

Dr. Laura Deeter received her PhD in horticulture from The Ohio State University after studying road-salt tolerance in herbaceous perennials under Dr. Steve Still. She is currently a Professor of Horticulture at The Ohio State University in Horticulture and Crop Science and the Sandy and Andy Ross Endowed Director of the Chadwick Arboretum.

She has taught a multitude of horticulture classes including: Woody and Herbaceous Plant Identification, Landscape Design, Sustainable Landscaping, Plant Health Management, Landscape Construction, and Ecology, to name a few. She was awarded the ATI Distinguished Teaching Award three times, the OSU Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching, the Perennial Plant Association Teaching Award the American Horticulture Society Teaching Award, Perennial Plant Association Service Award, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Ohio Landscape Association and Professor of the Year from Instructure.

She travels extensively speaking on a variety of topics ranging from taxonomy and nomenclature to shade gardens, design, color, and specialty gardens and plants. Her new home is an open canvas for spring planting with 2 large dogs!



Bill Hendricks

PRESENT POSITION: Advisor to Petitti Farms
Past President of Klyn Nurseries, Inc. 1987-2024
Continues as a member of many professional horticultural organizations.

Mr. Hendricks is the past President of Lake County Nurserymen's Association and has served on review boards for publications including "Handbook of Landscape Tree Cultivars" by Willet Wandell, "Street Tree Fact Sheets" edited by Penn State University, and "Landscape Plants for Ohio" published by Ohio Nursery & Landscape Association.

He taught a plant material course at Cleveland State University, Division of Continuing Education from 1972 to 1992 Lectures regularly throughout the Mid West.

He was the recipient of ONLA Distinguished Contribution Award, named “2014 Grower of the Year” by Nursery Management Magazine, received the Horticultural Industries Leadership Award 2011 from Nursery Management Magazine (GIE Media’s Horticultural Group) and was the recipient of the Ohio Landscape Association Lifetime Dedication and Outstanding Contributions to the Landscape Industry Award March 2010. Mr. Hendricks was awarded the 1998 Associated Green Industries “Person of the Year”. He was given the Friends of the Master Gardener Program Award in 2008 (Nancy & Bill Hendricks) and the Award of Merit and Fellow of International Plant Propagators in 2021.

Other interests include photography. Many of his photos have been used in professional horticultural publications. A cactus and succulent collection of over 4000 species started at age 7 is a continuing hobby.



Dr. Ed Nangle

Dr. Ed Nangle holds a doctorate in Horticulture and Crop Science with interest in turfgrass physiology. Ed has worked in the turfgrass industry around the world all his life with stops in places such as Ireland, South Carolina, Australia, Florida and Chicago amongst his career experiences.

As an Associate Professor in Turfgrass Science and Physiology at The Ohio State University / ATI in Wooster OH he teaches introductory turfgrass management classes as well as introductory plant physiology classes, pesticide handling, turf and ornamental diseases and turfgrass cultural practices to students interested in golf course, sportsfield management and lawncare careers. He has a specific interest in light and the impact it has on turfgrasses in a range of situations – whether shaded or exposed to excess light levels.

He supports the turfgrass industry in Ohio as the Director of Education Ohio Lawncare Association and consults with superintendents and lawncare operators on pest related issues as well as carrying out research trials evaluating a range of products.

Dr. Nangle is also involved with the Irish Sportsturf Institute where he serves as director of research. He has published work on turfgrass pigments and UV light responses, shade management strategies and nozzle selection for crabgrass control to mention a few.



Tim McDermott, DVM

Dr. Tim McDermott joined Extension in 2017 as an Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator after 20 years in private practice veterinary medicine and surgery. His area of specialization is Local Food Production Systems.

A priority outreach of his work involves creating urban farming experiential outdoor raised bed and indoor controlled environment agriculture learning laboratories at Franklin County school districts for the purpose of engaging students and teachers in STEM-based agricultural workforce development. His partners include several schools and local companies.

He lectures from locally to internationally on multiple topics including tick-borne disease and urban agriculture.



Kathy Smith SENR

Kathy Smith received her bachelor's in forest resource management from The Ohio State University in 1985. She received her masters degree in natural resources management from OSU in 1989.

Kathy joined ODNR, Division of Forestry in 1990 as a watershed forester. She covered a 10 county area in west central Ohio designated as the Top of Ohio RC&D. In her role as a watershed forester Kathy worked with numerous watershed projects promoting riparian buffer restoration and developing management plans for both upland and riparian forests.

In 2001 Kathy moved to her position within the School, serving first as an Extension Associate then later as Program Director for the Ohio Woodland Stewards Program. She is responsible for coordinating, promoting and teaching programs targeted towards Ohio's many woodland owners and natural resource professionals.



Tim Malinich

An Ohio State University Assistant Professor, now retired, Tim Malinich specialized in commercial horticulture production and plant pest control for over 40 years.

He is the President of the Midwest Cactus and Succulent Society, and continues to teach classes in plant pest diagnostics and control, pesticide application, propagation, fertilizers and soils, and many others.

Tim and his wife operate a small U-pick berry farm in Nova, near Ashland where they grow more of the odd fruits such as quince, black current, elderberry and fig. In his down time he enjoys blacksmithing and knitting.



Dr. Beth Scheckelhoff

Dr. Beth Scheckelhoff is the Putnam County Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Educator with OSU. She has been with OSU since 2005 following her graduate studies in Floriculture at Michigan State University.

Beth enjoys working with her local Master Gardener Volunteers, teaching new MGV courses, and sharing plant and gardening information with the public.



Ashley Kulhanek M.S.

Ashley Kulhanek is an Extension Educator for Agriculture and Natural Resources for OSU Extension and has been in Medina County for the past 12 years.

She has a Masters in Entomology from OSU and specializes in insects, phenology, and invasive species.

She is a self-described bug nerd and crazy cat lady and she loves helping to answer your strange bug questions.