

# The Germinator



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## President's Message



August was a very busy month but you came through with flying colors. Speaking of which, our flag flew high at the Horticulture Show and Canfield Fair information booth.

Your participation at the Show is to be commended. It went off without a hitch and we were pleased to see a dramatic increase in Youth Division entries. In the future, we would like to see more members submitting their plants for judging. You don't know what you're missing until participating in this iconic club event.

All info booth slots at the Fair's Floral Building were manned throughout the six day event. Members



handed out daffodil and tulip bulbs giving advice on how and when to plant them. They also answered questions on a variety of gardening topics. A number of visitors expressed interest in joining our organization.

Our September membership meeting location was an unexpected and delightful treat. Rodney Toth's landscapes and veggie gardens are astonishingly beautiful involving a significant amount of time and sweat. When still in the landscaping business he must have spent almost every waking hour playing with plants. We must also thank Terry Voland for handing out bottles of delicious, home grown honey.

With growing interest in micro- and home brewing beer, we are looking forward to Bob Bero's Hops presentation at our October membership meeting. Be sure you put on you name tag and return it afterwards. These tags will help us become more familiar with one another. And don't forget to fill out the membership information forms, available at the president's desk, and hand them in with your 2019 dues.

Autumn means pumpkins and two events celebrate the gourd. On Oct. 13, the Oho Valley Giant Pumpkin Assn. will hold its weigh-off at Parks' Greenhouse in Canfield. And on Oct. 14, Fellows Riverside Gardens will host its Pumpkin Walk, a great time for the entire family.

I'd again like to thank Tom Arens for accepting both the chairmanship of our Winter Seminar and volunteering for the office of vice president. These acts of selflessness were more necessary than most members realize and will ensure the existing character of our organization remains for some time to come.

*Sincerely;*

***Bruce Brungard, President***



## Membership Meeting

7pm, Wednesday, Oct.3  
 Fellows Riverside Gardens

**Speaker: Bob Bero**

**Subject: Hops**

**Guests Welcome**

## Board Meeting

6:30p, Wednesday, Oct. 10  
 Austintown Library

**All Members Welcome**

## MetroParks In Oct.

Dance Classes	2,9,16,23
Making Art W/ Nature	6,7
Pick A Pumpkin	6,7,13,14,20,21
Wabler Walk	7
American Chestnut Tree	7
Pumpkin Carving	9,11-13
Photo Clique	10,21
Birding The Sanctuary	13,14
<b>Great Pumpkin Walk</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Family Halloween Bash</b>	<b>20</b>
Birding 101	21,29
Hypertufa Bark Planter	22
Chinese Cuisine Basics	23
Naturalist Series: Bats	24,27
Botanical Mornings	26
Picnic In The Park	27
Golf Shop Sale	28-31

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## Club News

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84 Members • 2 Associates

### MGCY Judges In Stow Show

On Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>, TGCA/MGCA certified judges from our club judged the Garden Club of Kent's Horticulture Show at Bonnie Bailey's place in Stow. Tom Arens and Tom Liggett are relatively new to the craft and this may have been their first outing. The rest have a long history of nitpicking the minor irregularities of otherwise perfect specimens.



Front Row: Joe Alessi, Dan Burns & Lynn Hoffman.  
Back Row: Tom Arens, John Schinker, Rodney Toth & Tom Liggett.

We're kidding, of course. Flower show judging is a skill that should be honored and encouraged. In addition to advancing botanical skills and exposing gardeners to new plant options, these exhibitions promote an activity that enhances people's lives.

### Canfield Fair Info Booth

Led most recently by MGCY President Bruce Brungard, our long-running participation at the Canfield Fair exposes Mahoning Valley residents to our club's contributions to area horticulture. The well appointed booth had handouts that helped educate gardeners on both immediate and potential issues affecting their vegetables and landscapes.

Hugh Earnhart's gardening skill was again recognized with his huge hanging basket taking Best-In-Show at the Floral Building. Too bad it was prohibited from entry in



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our Horticulture Show due to schedule size restrictions.

Our friend Ashley Kannal also made her presence known by winning blue ribbons with her asparagus fern hanging basket and several coleus entries.

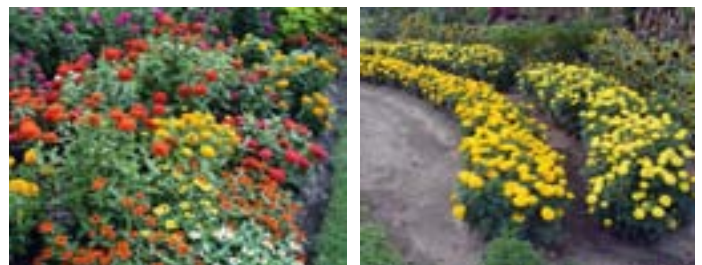


### Toth Botanical Gardens Tour

Except for singing entertainment and a few extra goodies, it was déjà vu at Rodney and Kay Toth's excellent landscapes. For the first time in years, there was no highly anticipated Labor Day Tour, so when



Rodney volunteered access to his gardens in lieu of our September membership meeting, we were thankful and delighted. With a picture being worth a thousand words,



we'll let Paul Iden's photos speak for themselves.

Rodney shared a few gardening tips during the tour. He mulches his beds with fallen leaves from the many trees on the property. Fertilizer is primarily 5-10-10. Disease-free plant matter is discarded onto an area at the edge of the property in what amounts to a giant compost pile. Many plant starts pop up in the Spring which he transplants including petunias and gourds.

More of Rodney's tips and photos will appear in the November issue of the *Germinators*.





## MGCY 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Horticulture Show



While saying the show was the most fun a person could have while vertical might be a stretch, participating gardeners (with one exception) would likely place it in the top three. From her reaction when learning Show results, Ashley Kannal had the time of her life. Since her days as a Mahoning County Board of Developmental Disabilities workshop client, Ashley has always been one of the most enthusiastic gardeners we know. Her dedication to horticulture was rewarded with 2 Best-In-Section awards (*Annuals* – coleus and *Hanging Basket* – asparagus fern), and placing third in the Sweepstakes competition. Here she is beaming over another blue ribbon coleus entry.



As she did a couple of years ago, Cindy Salerno edged out Horticulture Show Chairman Rodney Toth in the Sweepstakes. In addition to many blue ribbons, Cindy took Best-Of-Sections with her *Alocasia* ‘Calidora’ leaf in Bulbs, Tubers, Corms, etc., and Miniature Rose ‘White Bride’ in Roses. Rodney had section winners in Dahlias (Harvey Koop), and Potted Plants (*Colocasia* ‘Coffee Cups’). Vince Cappittee won Best-In-Show with his 7 ft. plus



‘Kentucky Green Gourd’ in the Ornamentals Section. Show clerks were afraid of breaking this monster so they moved the entire table into the display room. Vince has a 12 footer still growing at home and will enter it in the Giant Pumpkin competition at Parksí Greenhouse. Imagine how long it will be when the competition takes place in October. The gourd has to be in contention for a new world record.

We had a decent turnout in the Youth Division with some excellent entries. Remy Sharpless won



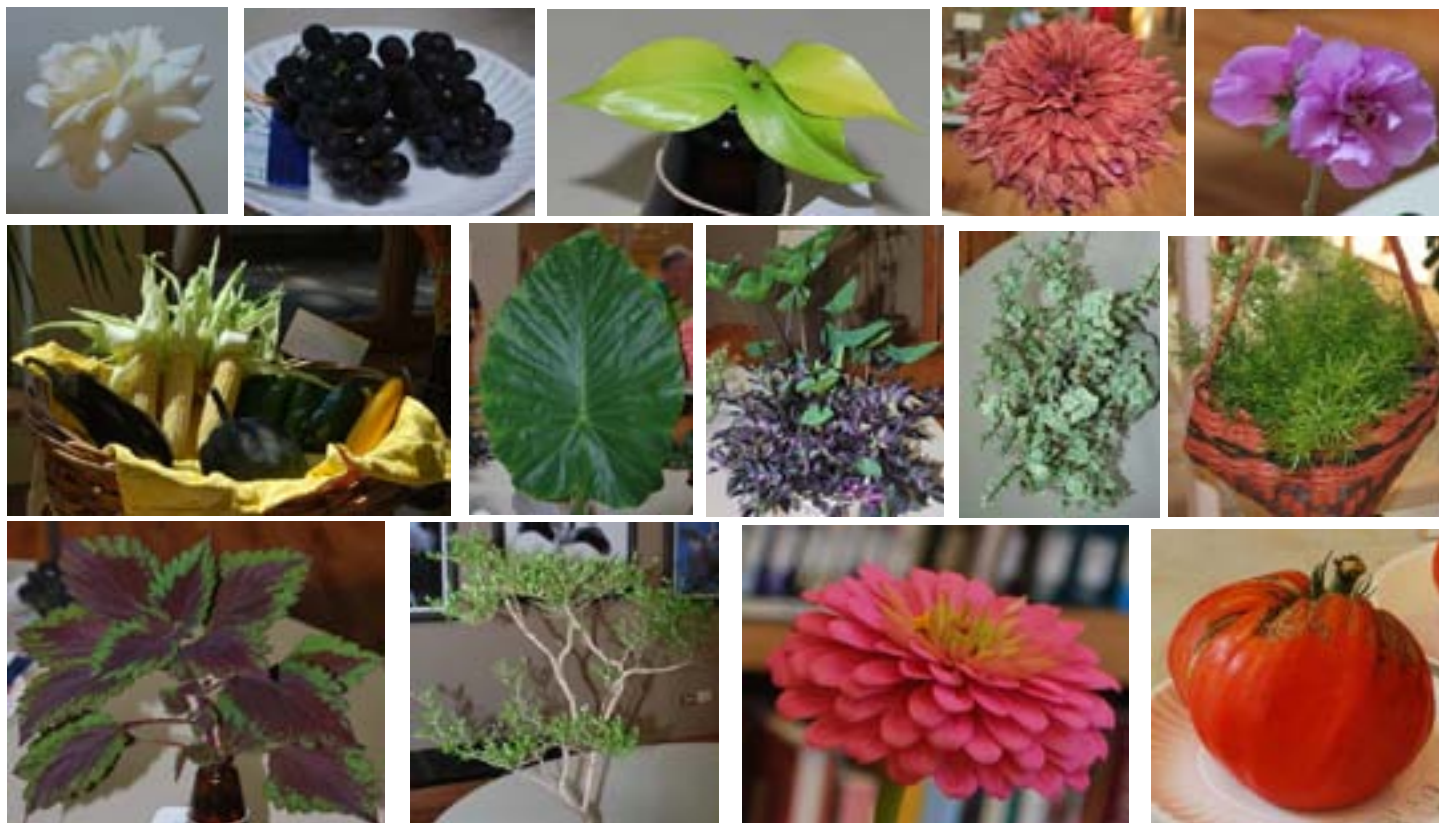
Best-In-Show with a ‘Red Dynasty’ Cabbage in the Vegetables Section while placing second in the Sweepstakes competition. Cole Dotson won the Sweepstakes with entries including his ‘Aunt Molly’s



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Ground Cherries in the Fruits Section and Hollyhock Malva ‘Zebrina’ in the Perennials/Biennials Section. Cole is Rodney Toth’s grandson so we know where he gets his green thumb genes. Remy attends the Mill Creek MetroParks Veggie Garden Program. Leroy McRue who placed third in the Sweepstakes race attends Gardening Partners Program at the Ohio State University Extension in Canfield.

## ***Other Adult Section Winners***



***Top row:*** Miniature Rose ‘White Bride’ (Cindy Salerno); Fruit - ‘Concord Grapes’ (Terry Volland); Perennials/Biennials – Hosta ‘Appletini’ (Cynthia Faust); Dahlia ‘Harvey Koup’ (Rodney Toth); Woody Plants – Hibiscus ‘Showtime’ (Dave Campana); ***Middle Row:*** Vegetables – Mixed Basket (Robert Volland); Bulbs, Corms, etc. – *Alocasia* ‘Calidora’ (Salerno); Potted Plants – *Colocasia* ‘Coffee Cups’ (Toth); Succulents – *Portulacaria afra* ‘Elephant Bush’ (Tom Arens); Hanging Container - Asparagus Fern (Ashley Kannal); ***Bottom Row:*** Annuals – Coleus (Kannal); Bonsai – *Serissa* (Steve Soltis); Bo Korody Largest Zinnia (Toth – 4.25”); Larry Whetson Heaviest Tomato (Norman Cappitte – 3.25#).

It wouldn’t be a proper flower show without knowledgeable, dedicated and impartial judges.



**Front Row:** Bob Bell, Mary Ann Ferguson Rich, Barb Heleny, Bob Bordner.  
**Back Row:** Jack Anderson, Angie Anderson, Les Knight, Renee Weaver, John Schinker, Joe Alessi, David Rich.



**Bruce Brungard judging Larry Whetson Heaviest (ugliest & juiciest) Tomato.**

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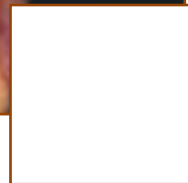
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## calendar of events



October 3.....	General Meeting.....	FRG .....	7:00 pm
October 10.....	Board Meeting.....	APL .....	6:30 pm
October 27.....	CGLG Meeting .....	Kingwood Gardens..	10:00 am
November 7.....	General Meeting.....	FRG .....	7:00 pm
November 14.....	Board Meeting.....	APL .....	6:30 pm
December 5 .....	Board Meeting.....	APL .....	6:30 pm
December 12 .....	Christmas Dinner .....	A La Cart, Canf, OH..	6:00 pm

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## Please Join Us!

The purpose of The Men's Garden Club of Youngstown is to create a better understanding of gardening and to encourage and promote the beautification of our community. In order to meet this endeavor, several civic projects are completed each year.

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the D. D. Davis Center at Fellows Riverside Garden. Members receive a monthly newsletter, "The Germinator," which has timely gardening hints, club news and other local and regional horticultural events. Members also become members of The National Men's Garden Club of America.

Membership is open to residents of the Mahoning Valley and surrounding communities with an interest in gardening.

To join, contact us at: **Men's Garden Club of Youngstown Ohio**

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or on our website at [www.mgcy.org](http://www.mgcy.org)



2019 Membership Renewal Men's Garden Club of Youngstown

The membership renewal campaign for the 2019 year will begin in September with the goal to have the renewals completed prior to the board meeting in December. This will allow the publishing of the Membership Directory earlier in 2019.

Annual dues are \$25.00 per year.

Life/Associate dues are \$10.00 per year.

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Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

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