



The Germinator

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Gardeners,

Have you registered for our Winter Seminar 2024 yet? February 17th is fast approaching - you won't want to miss out! We have four outstanding speakers with very interesting topics. Dr. Laura Deeter returns with information on perennials, Chris Baker of Baker's Acres talks about colorful annuals, Denise Ellsworth has tips on keeping pollinators happy and Shawn Fitzgerald rounds out the discussions with tips on tree care. Check out the details on page 3.

Pat Murphy is looking for donations - baskets, gift cards and garden items are all greatly appreciated. There's more information inside in Club News on page 2.

We are also looking for volunteers to help during the event. From helping with registration to selling raffle tickets to delivering door prizes. The club also places members at each table, to provide information to the nonmembers attending. Let me know if you're able to participate as a Table Captain.

I received several seed catalogs in the mail - it's always a sign that Spring isn't too far behind. I enjoy planning the garden, deciding what & where to plant... my other challenge is convincing our resident groundhog that he really needs to find another home, beyond the perimeter fence. Our neighbors aren't gardeners, so he does prefer our yard...

Don't forget our monthly meetings have moved to the first Tuesday - in the Stacey Pavilion at Austintown Park. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 6th. It's our last chance for planning before the seminar, hope to see you there!

Bruce Brungard and John Schinker report that planting is underway in the greenhouse. That means a better start for the plant sale. Talk to Bruce or John to find out what help they may need to keep everything growing well. As you are all aware, the May plant sale is a major fundraiser for the club. The sale will be Wednesday, May 8th through Saturday, May 11th. Be sure to mark your calendars!

Happy Valentine's Day

Clare

GOGY Annual Winter Seminar

**Sat., Feb. 17th, Fellows Riverside Gardens Davis Center.
Breakfast Refreshments, Catered Lunch, Basket Raffle,
& TOP-NOTCH HORTICULTURE PRESENTATIONS**

**We need all members to help in any way they can:
*Promote the event to fellow gardeners; procure raffle
sponsors (Feb. meeting); help with setup; represent club
and assist attendees at event tables.***

Meeting Schedule

**Tuesday, February 6th
Stacey Pavilion
Austintown Township Park
*Board Meeting, 5:30 pm
All Members Welcome
Membership Meeting, 7 pm
Guests Welcome***

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*All you need is love, but a little
chocolate now and then doesn't hurt.*
Charles M. Schulz

*One kind word can warm three
winter months. Japanese proverb
If I had my way, I would remove
January from the calendar altogether
and have an extra July instead.*
Roal Dahl



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Club News

Donations Needed!

Pat Murphy reports that we still need your help to secure donations for our basket raffle!

If you have contacted a business and received a donation, please bring it to the Tuesday, Feb. 6th meeting. (If you can't attend the meeting, please call or text me and I'll make arrangements to pick it up).

If you are planning to contact a specific business for a donation, please check with me first so we are not duplicating any contacts.

If you plan to make a personal donation (gift cards, basket, garden item) please bring it with you to the Tuesday, Feb. 6th meeting. (If you can't attend the meeting, please call or text me and I'll make arrangements to pick it up).

The success of the basket raffle at our 2023 Seminar helped GOGY be able to offer a reduced registration fee for members this year. We'd like to be able to continue that for next year's seminar. So, any help you can give with this project will be greatly appreciated!! Stay warm and we'll see you on the 6th!



Share Your Garden Tips

Tom Arens began an informational segment in our monthly meetings and we are continuing it! Bring your favorite tools, tips, garden strategies and successes to our monthly meetings. Pictures can be included and are encouraged - email any photos you want to show to: gardenersofgreateryoungstown@gmail.com.

Winter Seminar 2023 in Review

A few pictures from our 2023 Winter Seminar, the cyclamen centerpieces were donated by Petitti's Garden Center and given out as door prizes.



Birt & Lisa at Registration



Pat & Helene at Breakfast Buffet



Mike Banks & Dave Clausen manning the raffle table



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Winter Seminar 2024

February 17th is the date for our 2024 Winter Seminar. The wide range of horticulture topics and the significance of our four accredited presenters will no doubt raise our gardening expertise.

Registration begins at 8am - registrants will once again be greeted by 2nd VP Lisa Nicklash and Birt Underwood. 1st VP Pat Murphy is preparing a delicious array of morning pastries and beverages as gardeners arrive. Past President Tom Arens and Rodney Toth, Chair of our Horticulture Show, will welcome everyone at 8:45 - a welcome that may or may not include a song...

Our first speaker is Shawn Fitzpatrick. Shawn will provide the dos and don'ts of tree care, drawing on his over 30 years as a working arborist with Davey Tree. From the right - and wrong - ways of mulching to looking for pest and disease damage, Shawn's expertise will help us take better care of our trees and woody shrubs.



Denise Ellsworth, MS, is the Program Director, Pollinator Education at the Wooster Campus of Ohio State University. Her presentation, naturally, is titled "*Pollinators in Your Ohio Backyard*". We all know the importance of pollinators, Denise will increase our ability to attract and sustain these garden helpers.

Following a light lunch, provided by Inspired Catering by Kravitz, will be a presentation by Chris Baker, also known as the semi-retired Grand Wazoo of Baker's Acres Greenhouse. Located in Alexandria, Ohio, near Columbus,



Chris is known for his love of unusual plants and for breeding several varieties of coleus. Chris' topic is "*Not Your Mother's Flower Garden: Beautiful and Unusual Annuals and Tropicals for Your Summer Gardens*".



Rounding out our program is Dr. Laura Deeter, one of our favorite presenters. Laura is a professor of landscape horticulture and horticultural science at The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster, Ohio.

This will mark Laura's third Winter Seminar, her presentations are always informative and entertaining. This year's topic is "*Bringing Your Perennials Up Right*".

In addition to the outstanding presentations for this full day seminar, raffle baskets will entice attendees with a wide variety of gardening items and gift cards from local businesses.



Raffle Items from 2023 Winter Seminar

Proceeds from the day's activities benefit our scholarship fund. GOGY is proud of our involvement in supporting horticulture students, helping them financially through their education. Past recipients have used their scholarships as they pursue a career in horticulture related opportunities. Interested students are welcome to download an application on our website: www.gg-yo.org/scholarship and submit for consideration.

OSU Extension Office Offers Gardening Tips

The Extension Office of Ohio State University has posted a list of activities you can do in February to get ready for a Spring planting season. These include:

- Repot rootbound houseplants. Start houseplants from seed for a challenge.
- Grow vegetables among your flowers, add fresh parsley and other herbs in containers in a sunny window.
- Read garden magazines and books for new ideas for your garden. Know your USDA plant hardiness zone before ordering plants. Consider planting some fruit this year.
- Visit an arboretum to see plants with winter interest.
- Provide seeds, fruit, suet and water for our feathered friends that winter with us.



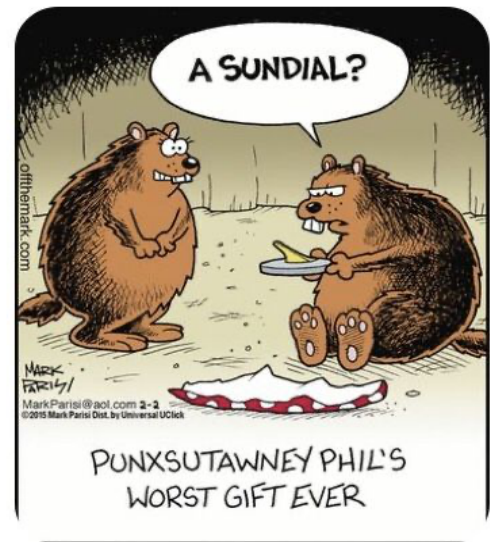
- Give your Valentine a plant or a gift certificate for garden supplies.
- Start tuberous begonias for June bloom.
- Use dwarf plants where space is limited.
- Get pruning tools sharpened and ready for use.
- Wash and sterilize seed-starting containers. Start garden plants from seed indoors.
- Purchase vegetable seeds from your favorite suppliers.
- Consider adding ferns to the garden.

For more seasonal gardening tips, visit the OSU Extension College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences at <https://ross.osu.edu/program-areas/master-gardener-volunteers/monthly-garden-tips>

Plant Sale Update

Planting is underway at the greenhouse on South Avenue at Bev Road. Contact Bruce Brungard, Greenhouse Chair for volunteer opportunities. Bruce can be reached by email: bgbhhi@live.com.

This year's plant sale will take place from Wednesday, May 8th - Saturday, May 11th. This is a great opportunity to help raise funds for our club.



The groundhog is like most other prophets; it delivers its prediction and then disappears.

Bill Vaughn

The trouble with weather forecasting is that it's right too often for us to ignore it and wrong too often for us to rely on it.

Patrick Young

If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant.

Anne Bradstreet

Anyone who thinks gardening begins in the spring and ends in the fall is missing the best part of the whole year; for gardening begins in January with a dream.

Josephine Nuce

Don't think the garden loses its ecstasy in winter. It's quiet, but the roots are down there riotous.

Rumi



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Thank you to the Gardeners of Greater Youngstown's Friends for their Civic Fund donations.
Members are urged to give them a visit.

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Calendar of Events



- Feb 6 2024 Board Meeting 5:30PM Stacey Pavilion, Austintown Park
- Feb 6 2024 Membership Mtg ... 7:00PM Stacey Pavilion, Austintown Park
- Feb 17 2024 Winter Seminar All Day Davis Ctr, Fellows Riverside Gardens
- March 5 2024 Board Meeting 5:30PM Stacey Pavilion, Austintown Park
- March 5 2024 Membership Mtg ... 7:00PM Stacey Pavilion, Austintown Park
- April 2 2024 Board Meeting 5:30PM Stacey Pavilion, Austintown Park
- April 2 2024 Membership Mtg ... 7:00PM Stacey Pavilion, Austintown Park

Please Join Us!

The purpose of the Gardeners of Greater 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.

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 Gardeners of America.

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

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