

Friends of Fellows

Since 1988, the Friends have been dedicated to the promotion, improvement and preservation of Fellows Riverside Gardens, a free and public garden, and the D.D. and Velma Davis Visitor Center as a cultural, educational and aesthetic center. We accomplish this through advocacy and fundraising. As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, the Friends are independent of the Gardens and Mill Creek MetroParks, yet work in steady collaboration with them to sponsor events and programs and to fund large-scale garden projects.

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The Gardeners of Greater Youngstown is one of the oldest garden clubs in the country. Originally organized in June of 1930 as the "Steel City Gardeners" and renamed in the 1940s as the "Men's Garden Club of Youngstown. In 2021 the club's name was changed, again, to the "Gardeners of Greater Youngstown. Our purpose is to create a better understanding of gardening and to encourage and promote the beautification of our community. We complete several civic projects each year and offer scholarships to students pursuing careers in horticulture. Additionally, we present programs, such as our Winter Seminar, to bring nationally accredited horticulture professionals to our community. This year, we are proud to collaborate with Friends of Fellows.

Day of Event Schedule

Doors Open / Check In
8:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:30 a.m. – 9:45 am

Speaker One
9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Break 10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Speaker Two
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Luncheon Buffet
Noon – 1:15 p.m.

Speaker Three
1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Break 2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Speaker Four
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Final remarks and raffle winners
3:30 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

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Gardening Winter Seminar

February 21, 2026

Byzantine Center at the Grove. 3801 Shady Road Run. Youngstown OH 44502



Join us for a day of learning from gardening experts as we await the arrival of Spring!

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Mushrooms Mike Madar



Mike Madar is the owner of The 303 Mushroom company. The company was founded with the mission of sustainably cultivating delicious gourmet mushrooms for Northeast Ohio. Grown indoors under carefully controlled conditions, the farm produces a variety of strains including oyster, chestnut, pioppino, shiitake, and lion's mane mushrooms. Mike will discuss the growing process and more about mushrooms. The ability of the mushroom to consume many materials with a low amount of energy during its life cycle, then return the substrate to the earth as compost makes it the ultimate in sustainable products.

Setting up your Garden for Success Lee Beers



Lee Beers is the Assistant Professor, Extension Educator, Agriculture and Natural Resources for Trumbull County. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Biology from Penn State University, The Behrend College, Master of Science in Botany and Plant Pathology from the University of Maine and continued graduate work in Plant Science at the University of Maine. Lee's presentation will introduce best garden practices to reduce pest pressure, reducing reliance on pesticides and grow healthier plants.

Plant Propagation for the Home Gardener Joe Tychonievich



Joe Tychonievich is a professional gardener, author, speaker and self-proclaimed "plant nerd" joining us from South Bend Indiana. He holds a degree in horticulture from The Ohio State University and has post graduate experience working in specialty nurseries across Michigan and in Japan. Joe is the author of several books. Rooting cuttings and starting seeds are great ways to cheaply fill your garden with beautiful unusual plants. This talk goes through some simple, at-home techniques that will have you propagating at home with confidence and show you how to avoid some of the common pitfalls of home propagation.

Fresh Ideas for Modern Floral Design Terry Lanker



Terry Lanker holds the title Faculty Emeritus from The Ohio State University. An active member of the floral industry for over 40 years, Terry's expertise includes the art of floral design, the science of post-harvest flower care, and the business of retail floristry. She has authored several books, and is the recipient of multiple teaching awards. This presentation will showcase the modern styles of floral design and unveil tips and techniques that can simplify and elevate your flower arranging.

Registration

All registrations and payments must be made or received by February 1, 2025

Price Per Person	Member \$45	Non-Member \$55
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Payment Method (Check One)

CASH CHECK CREDIT CARD

Make registration checks payable to FFRG
If paying by credit card visit:
<https://www.friendsoffellows.org/events>

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Davis Education Center or mail to

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