



The Germinator

May 2026



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April Showers bring May flowers!! Trying to get past the April showers presented some challenges at our Greenhouse. Heavy downpours and high winds took off portions of the greenhouse roof and threatened to expose the plants to falling/freezing temps. But thanks to our Greenhouse Chairmen urgently organizing a group of volunteers, the plants were repositioned and placed under protective coverings. At the time of writing this message, roof repairs are underway and the plants are continuing to flourish. The hanging baskets and flats of flowers are blooming profusely, and the vegetables are well on their way.... the greenhouse is bursting with color and ready for another successful plant sale!

NOTICE: DUE TO A VARIETY OF SCHEDULING CONFLICTS WITH STACEY PAVILLION, OUR MAY MEETING IS MOVED TO TUESDAY, MAY 19TH;

Board meeting at 5:30

Membership meeting at 7pm.

Wishing each of you a colorful May and the pleasure of watching your gardens come to life!

Enjoy,
Pat



...From the first warming of Spring,
the garden remembers...

Louise Gluck

Planting Day in Youngstown May 19th

A quick reminder that GOGY has made a commitment to plant annuals on the square in downtown Youngstown and at the veteran's memorial nearby, on Tuesday, May 19th, at 9am. This is in keeping with our mission as a garden club. We will be using leftover plants that we grew in our greenhouse. I am hoping that as many of you as possible will help with this project. Bring gloves, trowel, and if necessary, kneepads. This project should take a couple hours if enough of you can help. Please text Tom Arens - 330-402-2700 - if you can help.

Meetings Schedule

Tuesday, May 19, 2026
Austintown Township Park
Stacy Pavilion
Board Meeting 5:30pm All
Members Welcome

Membership Meeting 7pm

Program:

Norm Cappitte
Gardening on the West Side
Guests Welcome

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"Horticulturally, the month of May is opening night, homecoming, and graduation day all rolled into one." -Tam Mossman

"Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow." -Helen Keller

"May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope." -Emily Brontë



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Club News

April Meeting Recap

Susan Emerson Nutter owns a farm in Columbiana County in the midst of a reforestation project. She described the work being done, what she and her family hope to accomplish and introduced us to Amber Murzda who is helping carry out her dream of removing invasive plants and easing the overgrowth on her property.

Susan learned of the EQIP program available through Columbiana County's Soil & Water Conservation District. EQIP, or Environmental Quality Incentives Program is a partnership between



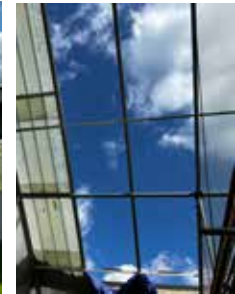
the Soil and Water Conservation District and the National Resource Conservation Service, offering several programs to help with implementing conservation efforts on private land with cost share. Depending on the landowners' interests, EQIP can assist in creating a wildlife or forestry management plan and work to help the landowner achieve funding through government programs. This allows the landowner to have less cost involved in the implementation of these practices on private land.



EQIP becomes involved in surveying the existing land, making their recommendations for improvement and provides financial assistance. Susan wanted to work with a local company, and

found Amber. Amber's presentation focused on how she worked with Susan to develop the best way to eliminate invasive plants and restore the family farm's ecosystem. In the 6 months that Amber has been involved, Susan has already seen how the work has improved the environment for the local wildlife.

Greenhouse Update



The MASCO repairs have still not been completed, fortunately for the most part, the plants were not seriously affected. Thanks to the efforts of Bruce, Mike and several volunteers, all of the plants were covered in frost cloths during the coldest night.



Our sale went on as planned, thanks to all the members who volunteered to plant, water and help at the sale. And to Helene Viano for keeping beverages & snacks stocked!





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May In The Garden

There is a date that many of us eagerly anticipate so we can get started in our gardens. Some say it's the last frost date, while others wait eagerly for Mother's Day. Now that the last frost date has passed, some are preparing to transplant their tender seedlings into the soil. But as most of us know, here in Ohio there can always be a surprise dip in temperature at any time between now and then—especially at night. What can you do in May to get your garden off to a solid start?



Sowing and Transplanting

Let succession gardening work for you. With all the high temperatures we've been experiencing lately, it didn't surprise me to see some of my brassicas bolting. If you sowed and transplanted most of your cool weather crops by now, you still have time for a second round of beets, carrots, Swiss chard, leaf lettuce, collards, mustard greens, radish, peas, bunching onions and spinach. If you planted indeterminate potatoes last month, keep mounding the soil up. Most herbs are ready to be sown in the soil, but keep in mind that cilantro does not respond well to planting late in the warmer temperatures.

Watch the forecast. If the weather looks good, now is the time to sow beans, watermelon, okra, squash, cucumber and sweet corn in the garden. By the end of May, it should be safe to plant almost everything outdoors, including your warm-weather-loving crops like tomatoes, eggplant and peppers, if you haven't done so already.

Spring Garden Weeding

Those pesky weeds have arrived, and they definitely are not going to be leaving any time soon. Pulling them early makes

it much easier to eliminate and control the problem before it becomes a task you're having to do more often than you'd planned. Add a couple of inches of mulch to your garden bed to prevent the weeds from propagating and becoming problematic.



By Kymisha Montgomery, CGC Urban Agriculture Coordinator
Greater Cincinnati Civic Garden Center

Start Your Compost Pile

Spring is one of the best times to start a compost pile because the warm temperatures and wet conditions are ideal for breaking down organic matter. Compost breaks down slowly over time, and your garden can benefit from its supply of nutrient-rich decomposed material. If you have been adding to your pile over the winter months, skim off the top layers to reveal the "black gold" crumbly compost that may be ready to be added to your garden bed now. The materials that were on the top of the pile can be used to start your new pile.

PLANTING CHART

VEGETABLES	WHEN TO PLANT INDOORS	WHEN TO PLANT OUTDOORS	PLANT DEPTH IN INCHES	DAYS TO MATURITY	ESTIMATE YIELD PER 25 FOOT ROW
Asparagus, rows	March-April seeds are planted directly in the ground	March-April	6-8"	Harvest first year	7.5 lbs.
Beans, bush/row	April 15	May 15-August 1	1/2-1	50-60	12.5 lbs.
Beets	March 1	April 15-July 15	1/2	50-70	25 lbs.
Collard, Chinese	March 1	April 1-August 1	1/4	80-90	80 heads
Carrots	**	April 1-July 15	1/4	55-75	25 lbs.
Chard, Swiss	March 1	April 1-April 30	1/2	50-60	50 lbs.
Cucumber	April 15	May 10-June 1	1/2	50-70	12-15 fruits per plant
Kale	March 1	April 1-August 1	1/2	50-70	25 lbs.
Lettuce, leaf	March 1	April 1-August 1	1/4	40-50	12.5 lbs.
Onions, seed	March 1	April 1	1/2	100-150	12.5-25 lbs.
Peas	April 1	April 1-April 30	1/8-3/4	55-60	12.5 lbs.
Potatoes, early	Start from potatoes, not seeds	April 1	3-4	90-100	25 lbs.
Potatoes, late	Start from potatoes, not seeds	May 15	3-4	100-140	25 lbs.
Pumpkin	April 1	May 20	1/2	90-100	75 fruits
Radish	**	April 1-August 1	1/2	25-35	25 lbs.
Spinach	Seed directly in the ground	April 1 and September 1	1/2	40-50	12.5 lbs.
Squash, summer vine	April 15	May 1-June 1	1/2	50-65	25 fruits
Squash, winter vine	April 1	June 1-June 15	1/2	60-100	25 fruits
Watermelon	April 1	May 20	1/2	100-120	na

* Ten inches of soil over at planting. Gradually 50 inches if dug with soil.
** Better date is in ground.



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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

May 19, 2026	Youngstown Planting	9:00AM	Contact Tom Arens for more information - 330.402.2700
May 19, 2026	Board Meeting	5:30PM	Stacey Pavilion..... Austintown Park
May 19, 2026	General Meeting	7:00PM	Stacey Pavilion..... Austintown Park
June 2, 2026	Board Meeting	5:30PM	Stacey Pavilion..... Austintown Park
June 2, 2026	Plant Auction	7:00PM	Stacey Pavilion..... Austintown Park
July 7, 2026	Board Meeting	5:30PM	Stacey Pavilion..... Austintown Park
July 7, 2026	General Meeting	7:00PM	Stacey Pavilion..... Austintown Park
August 4, 2026	Board Meeting	5:30PM	Stacey Pavilion..... Austintown Park
August 4, 2026	General Meeting	7:00PM	Stacey Pavilion..... Austintown Park
Sept 1, 2026	Board Meeting	5:30PM	Stacey Pavilion..... Austintown Park
Sept 1, 2026	General Meeting	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.

To join, contact us at: Gardeners of Greater Youngstown



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