



June 2025

The Germinator



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's plant sale another success! From planting and watering to helping with sales and carrying out plants, it takes a team effort to bring everything together. Special thanks to John Schinker and Bruce Brungard for overseeing all the efforts and keeping us all on schedule.

Our June meeting is our annual plant auction and potluck dinner. See details below. The club is supplying chicken and drinks, if you can contribute a salad, side or dessert, please let Pat Murphy know by phone or text - 330.635.8180 or email - pjmurphy0900@aol.com.

There is a special presentation before the sale & dinner. Please join us at 5 as we dedicate an American Beech tree in memory of our late member and friend Dave Causer. Thanks to Mike Banks for organizing the tribute, the planting by Austintown Park and the plaque. Special thanks to Terry and Kathy Volland for donating the tree. Speaking of Kathy & Terry, their son, Robert just received his PhD in Biochemistry from Cornell University. Robert is a long time club member - great job, Robert!

As you're working in your gardens and enjoying the beauty of the plants, keep our Horticultural Show in August in mind! Entering is easy and it's fun to see how your green thumb stacks up with your peers. Check the website for details.

Hope to see you Tuesday, June 3rd!

Clare

Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, June 3rd

Austintown Twsp. Park
Tree Planting & Ceremony
honoring Dave Causer at 5pm
Board Meeting – 5:30pm

All Members Welcome

Plant Auction 6pm

Guests Welcome

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Plant Auction & Pot Luck Dinner

6pm Tuesday, June 3rd
Austintown Township
Park



*This is the event
gardeners from over a
wide area look forward*



*to every year. A huge variety of annuals and perennials at
bargain prices.*

*Our organization will provide chicken and some soft
drinks. We ask that you bring friends, a covered
dish and/or a dessert, and of course*

PLANTS, PLANTS, PLANTS





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Club News

New Member

Susan McMann is a nurse practitioner. She is married (James) and lives in the Youngstown area. Her gardening interests include native plants, dahlias and spring bulbs. She is a member of Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens and is an OSU master gardener. Other interests include decorating with and arranging flowers, and healthcare. Sponsor – Tom Arens

Welcome Aboard!

Road Trip

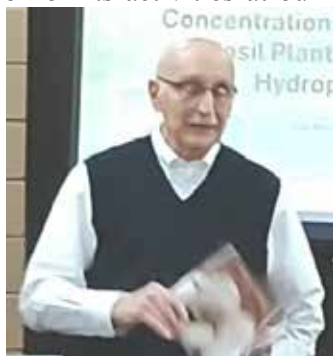
Our organization will be meeting at DJ's Greenhouse and Gardens in Transfer, PA on Saturday, June 7th at 9am. There will be a breakfast. If you've ever been there or attended a club meeting where DJ gave a presentation, you know what a great place it is for accessing prime plants. Contact Tom Arens to reserve a spot and ask about carpooling. See page 4.

Dave Causer Memorial Tree Planting

Past President Dave Causer passed away recently and, in his honor, our club will hold a short ceremony and plant a tree donated by Terry Volland. The event is set for 5pm, prior to our Plant Auction at Austintown Twsp. Park. Dave's widow will hopefully be able to attend.

Second Harvest Food Bank

Mike Ibris, head of the charity's Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana County's hunger relief organization, gave a short presentation on its activities at our May meeting. Second Harvest is one of more than 200 Feeding America food banks. It is a designated national recipient of donations from Target, Meijer, Walmart and local companies like Giant Eagle and Sparkle markets. They also conduct food drives and campaigns like Harvest For Hunger and Feed Our Valley. All donations stay local.



Second Harvest began as The Food Assistance Warehouse in the early 1980's when a group of lay and religious leaders realized that people were going hungry while companies were throwing away still edible nutritious food. The effort would get companies to donate

food to one central location to ease collection and distribution difficulties and expenses of local charities.

In 2024, Second Harvest locally distributed 10.6 million pounds of food, including over 2.5 million pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables. Currently its partner agencies and programs help over 20,000 people with food assistance per week. Volunteers usually work one day a week and a few of GOGY members are involved. Gardeners can help by donating their excess harvest. For every \$1 donated, the food bank distributes up to \$10 worth of food, or up to 5 meals.

Effects of Sulfur on Algae & Basil

More specifically, the presentation by past scholarship recipient Joe Morrison at our May meeting, the study involved sulfur concentrations in hydroponics. Joe will be a senior at Ohio State University, Columbus, in the fall majoring in Sustainable Agriculture Systems. He was introduced by Scholarship Committee Chairman Bob Schilick.



Sometimes even those well versed in particular subject may find difficulty in following the details of an upper level college experiment. As we understand it, Joe's study involved finding a happy medium between growing healthy basil plants hydroponically while keeping algae at a minimum using sulfur compounds.

Algae has the negative effect on hydroponic systems by competing for nutrients, oxygen depletion and clogging filtering systems. Joe's experiment could have also been applied to many other plants including fruits and vegetables.

While hydroponics systems vary, this experiment involved floating rafts of basil in a nutrient rich, soilless solution. Among the potential problems needing to be addressed are nutrient imbalance, pH, water temperature, root diseases, algae growth, pests, system flaws, oxygenation issues, salinity buildup and plant crowding.

Associated studies and experiments include, nutrient film technique, deep water culture, wick systems, aeroponics, drip systems, and flood and drain systems



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GOGY's 2025 Spring Plant Sale

Another Plant Sale is in the books and, for the most part, it couldn't have gone better.

First of all, the weather was perfect. We experienced an unusual amount of rain which meant cloudy skies prevented young seedlings from being burned. Unseasonable warmth eliminated any worry of a freeze in case the heating system failed. And there was no spring storms that could damage the greenhouse. The only glitch was a problem with the credit card reader which could have prevented some customers from spending more.



Plant Sale Chair Bruce Brungard, ably assisted by past chair John Schinker, were very pleased with the timely delivery of seedling trays and other supplies. Chuck's Greenhouse supplied the geraniums, petunias and hanging baskets. Seedling trays were sourced from John Taylor. Friends of Fellows' Riverside Gardens donated the sunflowers.

John Schinker spent much of late winter/early spring starting and tending to the Brugmansia,



tomatoes, peppers, wandering Jews and coleus. Other members who stepped up to a greater or lesser degree by transplanting seedlings, watering and assisting customers at the sale were:

Tom Arens, Barb Arquilla, Mike Banks, Mike Beautis, Vince Camp, Dave Campana, Ron Fasano, Norma Harned, Terri Hendricks, Tom Leggitt, Lois Marthi-Uscianowski, Pat Murphy, Suzanne Murphy, Bruce Neff, Clare Neff, Susan Primrose, Bob Schulick, Patti Sons, Sue Sopko and Helene Viano. Thanks, we can't thank you enough. Sorry if we missed anyone.



There seems to be more area businesses selling annuals every year, and this competition demands that our inventory be top notch. This year it definitely was. Maybe some of these beautiful plants will find their way to our annual Plant Auction late this month.



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DJ's Greenhouse & Gardens

We thought we'd get a jump on the GOGY's June 20th tour and breakfast at an outstanding source of annual and perennial plants. Our members should be well acquainted with owner, operator Dennis James who can be counted on to give a yearly meeting presentation.

The grounds are well decorated with a wide variety of plants and decorations that includes a gazebo. But the true highlight is the extensive variety of plants.



The plants we've never seen before included dwarf hosta and black petunias. The unusually variegated petunia and posy flowers, including black and yellow for Steeler fans are wonderful. We loved the unusual baskets for hanging arrangements. If you can, sign up with the tour or go another time. You won't regret it.



Honoring Our Fathers

A father is neither an anchor to hold us back nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.
Anon



A father's love still travels on after he's gone. A treasure hidden in the hearts of his children.

John Mark Green

I believe that what we become depends on what our fathers teach us at odd moments, when they aren't trying to teach us. We are formed by the little scraps of wisdom.

Umberto Uco

The best dads get promoted to grandpa. Anon

The quality of a father can be seen in the goals, dreams and aspirations he sets not only for himself, but for his family.

Reed Markham

Smile ... Summer's Coming

It was June, and the world smelled of roses. The sunshine was like powdered gold over the grassy hillside.

Margo Hart Lovelace

Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability.

Sam Keen

Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful: They are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul.

Luther Burbank

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"Fred's opinion of crabgrass is if you can't beat it, join it."



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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



June 3, 2025 Board Meeting 5:30PM Stacey Pavilion, Austintown Park
June 3, 2025 Membership Mtg 7:00PM Stacey Pavilion, Austintown Park
No Meeting in July
August 5, 2025 Board Meeting 5:30PM Stacey Pavilion, Austintown Park
August 5, 2025 Membership Mtg 7:00PM Stacey Pavilion, Austintown Park
August 23-24, 2025 .. Horticultural Show Fellows Riverside Gardens
Sept. 2, 2025 Board Mtg 5:30PM Stacey Pavilion, Austintown Park
Sept. 2, 2025 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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