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Editor's Message - JUNE

As you must know by now, President Paul Shanabarger passed away May 13 after a brief illness. In the relatively brief time he was with our club, he set a standard for dedication and commitment. Leadership and the willingness to advocate are so important and rare in organizations such as ours, and Paul went all out in providing both. And if that was not enough, he was truly a nice guy. We, individually and as a group, will miss him. Our condolences to his wife and family.

Paul's passing unfortunately serves to highlight several issues facing our club. First is our leadership situation. This year for the first time in memory, we don't have a 1st Vice President. Now 2nd V.P. Bruce Brungard must assume all executive functions. This is unexceptionable, and it's time for the membership to step up.

Second, Paul's absence means it is up to all of us to recruit speakers for our meetings and other functions. And we all must attend as many meetings as possible to lure good presentations because no speaker worth seeing wants to talk to a small group. Good speakers mean more guests and a chance to recruit new members.

It is not an exaggeration to say that our club's status as a leading area garden club, and indeed, our survival hangs in the balance.

Dave Campana, Editor

Plant Auction - Pot Luck Dinner

June 6th - Boardman Park

Georgeanna Parker Room at Park Office

Set-up at 5:30pm - Dinner at 6pm - Auction at 7pm

Bring Dinnerware, Covered Dish and/or Dessert, and

PLANTS, GUESTS, PLANTS, GUESTS, PLANTS



Membership Meeting See Plant Auction Announcement

(Guests Welcome)

Board Meeting

6:30pm, Wednesday, June 13

Austintown Library

(All Members Welcome)

MetroParks May Events

Ikebana Floral Exhibit	2-3
Book Discussion: Forest Unseen	2
Mill Creek Trolley Tours	3,7,12,21,26
Family Tour Thursdays	7,14,21,28
Birding Basics	9
Lanterman Fall's New Wheel	9
Tractor-Wagon Rides	10,24
Then & Now Guided Tour	10,24
Laid Back Cooking: Grilling	12
Shakespeare In The Park	15
Father's Day Golf Sale	15-17
Summer Solstice Stroll	21
Family Fun Fridays	22,29
Summer Evening Hike	23
Naturalist Series: Pollinators	26
Live! At The Morley	27

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Club News

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New Member

Christain Moore - 14555 Lisbon Rd., Salem, OH, 44460, 234-567-7038, christain.j.c.moore@gmail.com. Christain is a senior at Ohio State University studying Landscape Architecture. His gardening interests include prairie plants and hostas. He is also a member of the Ohio Landscape Assn., and the American Society of Landscape Architects.



A multiple MGCY, Christain has interned and studied in some very interesting places as evidenced by his several presentations at our membership meetings. To show his appreciation for our assistance, he has become a Life Member. Sponsor: Bob McGowan

2018 Scholarship Recipients



Olivia Dotson - While attending Salem High School from which she graduated in 2017, Olivia also attended Youngstown State Univ. She will graduate from Kent State Salem in May 2019 with a two year degree in Horticulture Technology with a concentration in

Landscape/Environmental Design. She is very thankful for her \$1000 scholarship.

Desiree Pinkerton - After attending Beaver Local High School and Buckeye Online, Desiree enrolled in Kent State Salem majoring in Horticulture. She expects to receive her Associates Degree at the end of this year and then will study for a Bachelor's Degree hoping it will lead to a career in a park service.



Helping our Valley to Grow Since 1930

Desiree enjoys a wide array of outdoor activities including camping, backpacking and kayaking. She also dotes on her 3 rescue cats and a Saint Bernard.

Dan Burns Recognized

Past President and Bill Carney Memorial Bronze Award winner Dan Burns was presented with our clubs Master Gardener Award by Awards Committee Chairman Rodney Toth. Dan has a long history of service to our club and other civic organizations. This important recognition is well deserved.



Grants For Paul C. Bunn School

Two \$500 grants from anonymous donors have been given to our organization to fund the raised bed gardening project at Paul C. Bunn School. For many years, we have funded this project with the intent to garner the students' interest in the natural world. Each class plants and tends their individual bed and there is healthy competition between the groups.

Spring Plant Sale A Success

Our 14th and last Spring Plant Sale at the MCBDD MASCO greenhouse is over, and despite some issues foreseen and otherwise, it was a success. Our most loyal customers have historically been the workshop staff and the client's families. With their numbers severely depleted, and the loss of a large expected order, revenue as expected to be down. But the customers showed up and Chuck's Greenhouse has taken the excess inventory, some on consignment, and the price is very good.

Club Camera Up For Auction

With the passing of Club Photographer Bob Stas the Canon PowerShot S51S digital camera he used (MGCY owned) will be up for auction at our Plant Auction-Potluck Dinner June 6th. The multi-function, 8 megapixel, 12x zoom comes with a carrying case. The camera works very well and similar used models go for \$70+ on eBay. There are also 4 rechargeable AA batteries but no charger.

2018 Spring Plant Sale

First, the good news: The Men's Garden Club of Youngstown's Spring Plant Sale inventory was as good or better than the previous thirteen years we have grown annuals at the Mahoning County Board of Developmental Disabilities MASCO Workshop greenhouse Bev Road. Greenhouse/Plant Sale Chairman John Schinker also reported that the membership participated like never before.



The bad news, of course, is that this is most likely the last year we will have access to MASCO which is now closed and the building up for sale. Paul Iden, our new Club Photographer who took these photos, is retiring from MCBDD. The steady decline in clients and staff has also affected sales because client's families and the staff were our best customers. Also, we anticipated



and prepared for a large sale that fell through at the last minute.



It is what it is, but John has a few irons in the fire to make up for any potential revenue shortfalls. Remember, he's the guy who procured our use of the greenhouse in the first place, oversaw the continued improvements in equipment and growing efficiency, and turned the endeavor into the envy of garden clubs nationwide. Experience tells us we can count on him.

As we said, the members really stepped up this year helping to transplant plugs, water and prune. However, Tom Arens, Mike Banks, Bruce Brungard and Rodney



Toth went above and beyond. And despite having retired from his landscaping business, Rodney sold over \$1000 in inventory to his old customers. *That's dedication.*

TGOA/MGCA National Conference

This year's The Gardeners of America-Men's Garden Clubs of America national conference will be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Tuesday, June 26, through Friday, June 29. The event's headquarters is the recently remodeled Ramada Plaza Fort Wayne Hotel & Convention Center, 260-484-0411. Early registration will secure a room for \$99 per night.

The Fort Wayne club has hosted the event in the recent past and they know how put together a first rate conference. The speakers are all knowledgeable professionals who mix valuable information with a touch of humor. Two excellent tours have been arranged. There will also be a horticulture show (5 entry limit) and a hospitality room. From downtown Youngstown to the Ramada Plaza is a little over 250 miles or an easy four hour drive.

Schedule

Tuesday, June 26 - Registration & Executive Board meeting.

Wednesday, June 27 - Registration; committee meetings; presentations horticulture show entries accepted; Board of Directors meeting.

Thursday, June 28 - Tours, Memorial Service, and dinner at an Amish home.

Friday, June 29 - Awards Banquet

Presenters & Programs

Rebecca Canales - *Drunken Admirals & Tipsy Ladies: The Amazing Science of Feeding Butterflies*

Tom Davis - *Gardening For The Birds'*

Martha Bishop Ferguson - *Native Plant Gardens: Where Design & Ecology Meet*

Staci Haviland - *Rain Gardens*

Jody Heaston - *More Than Weeds: History & Folklore That Will Change Your Opinion of Roadside Plants*

Cheri Kessen - *Growing Youth Gardens*

Kay Musgrave - *Flower Pounding: A Hands-on Lesson In Hammering Flowers Into Art*

Rick Ritter - *Growing Fruit Organically For Home Gardeners*

Dani Tippmann - *The Heritage Of Native American Plants For Food And Health*

Tour Day

Historic Old Fort Wayne Gardens - The Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory is an oasis in downtown Fort Wayne featuring lush, seasonal displays, four outdoor gardens, the Tropical Garden with orchids, palms, a cascading waterfall, and the Sonoran Desert Garden.

Gene Stratton-Porter State Historical Site

gardens and prairie restoration in Rome City. A society bearing the noted author's name continues her legacy of conservation and appreciation of the natural world. The 150 acres site features shoreline, fields, woods and formal gardens.

Dinner at an Amish Home with a stop with a stop at the **Country Heritage Winery**. A designated driver will be provided in the form of a bus driver.

For more information and/or a registration form, go to TGOA-MGCA.org

Spinach Resurrected

One of our members planted spinach in the late summer last year hoping for a fall crop. The results were disappointing and he was only able to harvest enough for a few salads. Last month he was surprised to see large plants with 7 inch-long tender, delicious leaves.

We don't know if this is a usual occurrence but it was a first for him. In fact, he usually has poor spinach crops in the spring due to mildew diseases. For the record, the variety is Johnny's Hybrid Smooth Leaf Spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*).



And The Winner Is ...

The father of five had won a toy at a raffle. He called his kids together to ask which one should have the present. "Who is the most obedient?" he asked. "Who never talks back to mother?", and "Who does everything mother says?" Five small voices replied in unison, "Okay daddy, you get the toy".

You can tell what was the best year of your father's life, because they seem to freeze that clothing style and ride it out.

Jerry Seinfeld

I gave my father \$100 and said, "Buy yourself something that will make your life easier." So he went out and bought a present for my mother.

Rita Rudner

We wondered why when a child laughed, he belonged to daddy; and when he had a sagging diaper that smelled like a land fill, "He wants his mother."

Erma Bombeck

The first half of our lives are ruined by our parents; the second half by our children.

Clarence Darrow

When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years.

Mark Twain

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Members are urged to give them a visit.

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calendar of events



June 6.....	Plant Auction-Pot Luck Dinner ..	Boardman Park.....	6-7 pm
June 13	Board Meeting	APL	6:30 pm
June 27-29.....	National Convention	Fort Wayne.....	Fri. - Sat.
June 29-30.....	CGLG Convention	Fort Wayne.....	Fri. - Sat.
July 5.....	General Meeting.....	FRG	7:00 pm
July 11.....	Board Meeting	APL	6:30 pm
TBA	Steak Fry/General Meeting	Home of Larry Duck....	6/7 pm
August 8	Board Meeting	APL	6:30 pm
TBA	Scrapper Ball Game	Eastwood Field	5:30 pm
August 24.....	Setup for Horticulture Show...	FRG	12:00 pm
August 25-26	Horticulture Show.....	FRG	7:00 am
August 29-31	Canfield Fair	Fairgrounds.....	9am - 9pm

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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