



February 2025



# The Germinator

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Gardeners!

Have you registered for our 20th Annual Winter Seminar? February 15th is fast approaching! Pat Murphy, Lisa Nicklash along with Deb Metzger and Kathleen Krantz of Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens have scheduled 4 outstanding presenters speaking on topics every gardener can appreciate. Registration closes February 1st! This is the first year collaborating with Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens and it's proving to be beneficial for both of our organizations.

Basket donations are still needed for the raffle. Proceeds from the raffle funds our scholarship program. Donations can be brought to our February meeting, or call Pat or me to arrange for a dropoff by February 13th.

John Schinker and Bruce Brungard are looking for volunteers to help in the greenhouse - our plant sale will be here before you know it! Call and get signed up!

Anyone willing to help on our Hospitality Committee should email Pat, and get scheduled for refreshments for meetings.

Hope your garden plans are taking shape. Are you adding any new plants this year? I'm intrigued by an annual known as the skeleton flower, hoping to find some seeds... *Clare*

## Gardeners of Greater Youngstown & Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens 20th Annual Winter Seminar

Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, Check-In 8:45am

4 Presentations by Horticulture Professionals (see pg. 3)

Continental Breakfast, Catered Lunch,

Guests \$50, Members \$40

Registration Deadline February 8<sup>th</sup>

Setup Friday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, noon

All hands on deck for an event gardeners over a wide area look forward to each year. Chairperson Pat Murphy and her committee need member participation including recruiting sponsors and for setup. Contact Pat to learn how you can help.

## James Earl Carter



1924 - 2025

*Rest In Peace*

*Mr. President*

## Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

Stacey Pavillion

Austintown Township Park

Board Meeting – 5:30pm

All Members Welcome

Membership Meeting – 7pm

Guests Welcome

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## Club News

### Homemade Fertilizers & Cover Crops

Eva Miller, a recent GOGY scholarship recipient, has completed her first semester at the OSU Agriculture Research Institute in Wooster where she studied agriculture and environmental science. She will be transferring to Mount Union, which is closer to home, where she will be continuing studying environmental science.

In addition to being an excellent student, she has had an impressive work history at an assisted living facility, a greenhouse and a marina. Eva is also considering a minor in music. She is accomplished with a number of stringed instruments. Her original plan was to get an associate degree at ATI and transfer to OSU Columbus pursuing a bachelor degree in sustainable agriculture and conservation. Who knows, Mount Union may turn out to be a better fit. She wants to make an impact on the way food is grown and distributed.

Eva fulfilled her scholarship obligation by giving a



presentation on ‘the effects of various homemade products on cover crops and soil fertility’ at our January meeting. The subject was part of an ATI project she and four other students took on last semester.

The cover crops studied were radish and collard greens grown from seed. Five different treatments were studied: Control with no fertilizer; composted manure; homemade fertilizer; composted manure tea with fish emulsion and molasses; and tillage treatments. Molasses feeds micro organisms and the tilling is done with very shallow discs so soil structure is minimally affected.

The results: Composted manure, composted manure tea and tillage made the best impact on the cover crops. Homemade fertilizers and the untreated area fared the worse. The radish crop sprouted much faster than the collard seeds.

Many thanks to Eva and we wish her success.

### Scholarship Application Information

The Gardeners of Greater Youngstown has been promoting horticulture education through scholarships since 1991. Scholarships will be a maximum of \$1000 per student toward degrees in Horticulture, Forestry, Floriculture, Landscape Architecture/Design, Environmental Science, Biology or Entology. Only up to 2 students can be awarded in any one year with a scholarship awarded to the same student only twice.

#### Applicant qualifications:

Applicants must be currently a graduating high school senior or currently enrolled in an accredited community college, or university continuing their education in the mentioned majors. Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 based on a 4 point system. They must currently live in or have attended high school in Columbian, Mahoning, Portage, Stark or Trumbull counties in Ohio, or Mercer or Lawrence counties in Pennsylvania.

#### Application Procedure

A complete application form can be found at <http://www.gogy.org/Pages/Scholarship.apx>. A letter of recommendation from one professor or high school teacher, and an employer if working. Official transcripts of grades described on the second application page is also required. **Return applications by March 31, 2025** to:

The Gardeners of Greater Youngstown  
c/o Robert Schulick,  
1012 Old Furnace Rd.,  
Youngstown, OH 44511.

Applicants meeting all requirements will be contacted by telephone to arrange a personal interview at a mutually agreed upon location. Candidates will be contacted by telephone whether or not their application has been successful.

Successful candidates will attend a GOGY meeting to be introduced as the scholarship recipient. Scholarship monies will go into the university account the student has chosen. Successful applicants will need to give a 20 minute researched presentation on horticulture at a future GOGY meeting.

### Volunteers Needed For Greenhouse

We know it’s cold outside but spring and our annual Spring Plant Sale plantings will soon begin. Greenhouse Chair Bruce Brungard is making a list of members willing to help with transplanting and watering plants. Contact him if you are willing to participate in this project which funds almost entirely all of our activities.





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## Winter Seminar Speakers

### *Effects of Climate Change on Native Plants*

Eddie Lagucki is currently the Director of Grounds at the historic Lantern Court Estate at Red Oak Camp in Kirkland, OH. As a professional land steward, he has restored a 25 acre historic garden estate through management of emerging pests and diseases.



He hopes to one day be a professor and loves educating the public on the pressing issues of climate change, unsustainable horticulture practices, and the importance of native plants.

### *Winterizing Your Tropical Outdoor Plants*

Joseph D. Mehalik works for Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens as the greenhouse manager. He is responsible for the care of all conservatory and greenhouse plant material. Additional responsibilities include the native butterfly house and certain areas on the grounds such as the Gate Lodge and Patio, and several poly houses, the new pollinator garden and culinary garden. He is current chair of the South Euclid Tree Commission and member of the Northern Ohio Perennial Society. He was also at the Cleveland Botanical Garden from 2001 to 2013 caring for plants and animals in the Costa Rica biome as well as the outdoor grounds tropical plant collection.



### *Simplifying a Garden: Less Time & Effort*

Janet Macunovich is a professional gardener, designer, author and educator. Known as 'the lady at the flower house, the one with no lawn', she began designing for others in 1980, teaching a college garden design course in 1987, and publishing her first book in 1990. She has completed the Michigan State Extension program and is active in the community as an Advanced Master Gardener. Janet sees education as a lifelong process and established the Michigan School of Gardening where she is a director and senior instructor.



## *How To Identify Tree Problems Before It's Too Late*

Andrew Pratt has spent over a decade as a Director at both Cleveland Botanical Gardens and Fellows Riverside Gardens in Youngstown. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Horticulture, a Master's Degree in Biology, and is an ISA Certified Arborist. His talk will examine biotic stressors of trees, prioritize young tree pruning, and identify ways to prevent trees from entering the downward spiral of decline.



We have to thank Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens for joining us in hosting our annual Winter Seminar. FFRG is providing the venue and absorbing speaker fees and transportation. As a result of this collaboration, the price of attendance is significantly lower than it has been in the past, and we can expect a higher turnout.

Many F0FRG members are expected to attend so GOGY members wishing to participate should send in their reservations ASAP.

## *National Garden Bureau 2025 All-American Selections Winners*

AAD winners are flowers and vegetables that have been tested for superior performance by horticulture professionals across North America. Limited space precludes showing photos.

**Dahlia Black Forest Ruby** – Striking deep black foliage and abundant ruby-red flowers.

**Dianthus Interspecific Capitan Magnifica** – Continues blooming and growing even through summer's heat.

**Kohlrabi Konstance F1** – New purple kohlrabi has an improved smoother skin and an attractive, vibrant purple color.

**Marigold Mango Tango** – A stunning, super-saturated bicolor flower of yellow and red on a compact, vigorous plant.

**Nasturtium Baby Gold** – Golden yellow flowers adorn this petite-flowered mounding nasturtium.

**Nasturtium Baby Red** – Rich red flowers in nice contrast to dark green foliage.

Others include **Pepper Pick-N-Pop Yellow**, **Petunia Dekko Maxx Pink**, **Petunia Shake Raspberry F1**, **Snapdragon DoubleShot Yellow Red**, **Heart Heart**, **Tomato Tonatico**, & **Zinnia Zydeco**.



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## Please Be Mine

*Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get – only with what you are expected to give – which is everything.*

Katherine Hepburn

*Love is something eternal; the aspect may change, but not the essence.*

Vincent van Gogh

*Keep love in your heart. A life without it is like a sunless garden when the flowers are dead.*

Oscar Wilde

*Love doesn't make the world go 'round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile.*

Franklin P. Jones

*I hope you don't mind that I put down in words how wonderful life is while you're in the world.*

Elton John

*Love is composed of a single soul inhabiting two bodies.*

Aristotle



## Hoping For a Cloudy Groundhog Day

*Groundhog Day: The ultimate case of déjà vu.*

*Punxsutawney Phil is the king of winter forecasting, without a shadow of a doubt.*

*There is no way that this winter is 'ever' going to end as long as this groundhog keeps seeing his shadow. I don't see any other way out. He's gotta be stopped. And I have to stop him.*

Bill Murray as Phil

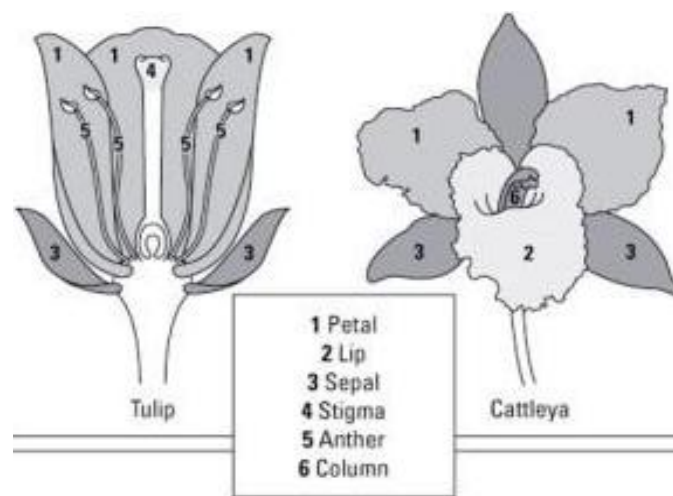


## Growing Orchids

Orchids is the largest plant family on the planet with an estimated 30,000 wild types and many more man-made species. No other plant can compete with their fantastically beautiful colors, shapes, textures, and heady and sensuous perfumes.

Contrary to popular belief, orchids (epiphytes) are not parasites but cling to trees for support where they receive sunlight and derive their nutrition from organic matter accumulated in the crotches.

Orchids are more complex than most flowers when it comes to flower shape and construction of their leaves, stems and roots. There are many types of orchid flowers, and it is difficult to say what is typical. One way to distinguish them from ordinary flowers is to compare them to tulips.



Briefly: Sepals are much more prominent lips not found on tulip; orchid anthers and stigma are fused, and the column not found in tulips.

There are many reasons to grow orchids including they are easy to grow and less expensive than ever. Choose varieties that meet the available environment rather than changing the environment to suit the orchid type. Begin your collection with phalaenopsis or moth orchids as they are the most foolproof. Also consider slipper orchids, especially Asiatic papiopedilums.

This is the first of a 10 part series of articles about orchids. These articles are written by Steven Frowine who collaborated with the National Gardening Association and Wiley & Sons to produce the highly popular book *Orchids for Dummies*. Sign up at [Garden.org](http://Garden.org) for future articles.





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Members are urged to give them a visit.**

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## Calendar of Events



Feb 4, 2025 ..... Board Meeting ..... 5:30PM ..... Stacey Pavilion, Austintown Park  
Feb. 4, 2025 ..... Membership Mtg ..... 7:00PM ..... Stacey Pavilion, Austintown Park  
Feb. 15, 2025 ..... Winter Seminar ..... 9:00AM ..... Davis Center, Fellows Gardens  
March 4, 2025 .... Board Meeting ..... 5:30PM ..... Stacey Pavilion, Austintown Park  
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## 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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