



October 2024



# The Germinator

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Greetings Gardeners,*

It's that time again, Gardeners... time for officer elections. Currently, our officers are myself as President, 1st Vice President - Pat Murphy, 2nd Vice President - Lisa Nicklash, Treasurer- Terry Volland, Recording Secretary is Ron Fasano and Corresponding Secretary - Mike Banks. We will be voting on officers for 2025 at this October meeting. I will be calling for nominations for any office before the vote. If anyone is interested in any club office, please let me know. None of us are officers for life, it's important for the health of our club that everyone has an opportunity to serve and guide this organization into the future. Don't be shy - speak up with any nomination and be prepared to vote!

As he does every month, Dave Campana has written interesting and informative articles on a variety of topics - from recent club news to new members to current horticultural concerns. And he throws in a few cartoons and thought-provoking quotes. Thanks to Dave for an outstanding Germinator.

Did you make it to the Fair this year? Tom Arens was able to negotiate a presence in the Floral Arts building again after a few years absence. Thanks for your efforts, Tom - and for each member who took the time to volunteer with setup and offering help during the Fair. It was great seeing our name among the entries and promoting GOGY to potential members.

See you Tuesday!

*Clare*

## Odes to Autumn

*Use what you have, use what the world gives you. Use the first day of fall: bright flame before winter's deadness; harvest; orange, gold, amber; cool nights and the smell of fire. Our tree-lined streets are set ablaze, our kitchens filled with the smells of nostalgia: apples bubbling into sauce, roasting squash, cinnamon, nutmeg, cider, warmth itself. The leaves as they spark into wild color just before they die are the world's oldest performance art, and everything we see is celebrating one last violently hued hurrah before the black and white silence of winter." — Shauna Niequist, Bittersweet: Thoughts on Change, Grace, and Learning the Hard*



*Autumn is the mellower season, and what we lose in flowers we more than gain in fruits.*

*Samuel Butler*

*Spring is beautiful, and summer is perfect for vacation, but autumn brings a longing to get away from the unreal things of life, out in the forest at night with a campfire and the rustling leaves.*

*Margaret Elizabeth Sangster*

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## Meeting Schedule

Stacy Pavilion, Austintown  
Township Park

Board Meeting

5:30pm, October 1<sup>st</sup>

Membership Meeting

7pm, Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

**Election of Officers**

**Speaker: Mary Makessy,**

**Owner of Whacky Weeders**

**All Members Welcome**

**Subject: Getting Rid of Weeds**

**Guests Welcome**

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## Election of Officers

If you would like to serve our organization as an officer, or would like to nominate someone for 2025 office, do so at our October meeting.



## Club Dues





## Club News

### New Member

**Denice Canacci** – Lives in the Youngstown and is a realtor with Howard-Hanna. Her gardening interests include veggies, fruits and flowers. Other pastimes include cooking and learning the Italian language.

*Welcome Aboard!*

### New Member Introduction

We remember when new members were voted on by the Board of Gardeners to accept a new member's application and then introduced to the membership. The board recently formalized this procedure. Prospective new members will attend a board meeting where their application is considered. Once accepted (we don't recall anyone ever being rejected), they will be introduced at the membership meeting.

This should help new members get a feel for our activities and procedures, and present the opportunity to meet other members and committee chairmen. It will also help them better understand how they can make a productive contribution to our organization.

### Canfield Fair Info Booth

Although the Gardeners of Greater Youngstown's booth occupied a smaller area compared to last year, we were in the Floral Building where we belong.

Members talked to fellow gardeners, answered their questions, and learned from the more experienced visitors all while mining for prospective new members. Fistfuls of daffodil bulbs were handed out.

The booth was always manned throughout the fair with members working four hour shifts. Tom Arens thanks those who volunteered on such short notice.

Being in the Floral Building also gave us the opportunity to check out the extensive array of competing plants, arrangements and dahlias. We can only hope that some of those competing might enter our Horticulture Show. Some of the competitions involved eclectic arrangements in various classes. A Birt Underwood 'Design Arrangement using only dried foliage' took third place in that category.



### Election of 2025 Officers

Our organization is lucky to have members willing to take on leadership positions, and we've been extremely fortunate for the professionalism and quality of these individuals. Many clubs have gone out of existence because nobody was willing to serve. Our election will be at the October 1<sup>st</sup> membership meeting.

### Dues are Do-Do-Doodly Due

Yes, gardeners, it's that time of year again. Please bring a check to the next meeting or mail one ASAP. Dues for a regular membership is \$25 with lifetime members paying \$10 annually. Our Board of Gardeners needs to know how what funds will be available next year so that budgets and activities can be planned. We also have to pay our portion of your dues to The Gardeners of America, our umbrella organization, before we receive the dues if they're paid late or not at all.

You know our organization is the envy of almost all other area garden clubs with our many activities, civic projects and scholarships. If you we haven't been to a meeting for a while, our October gathering will remind you why you joined in the first place. And the homemade baked goods are great.

### Climate Change Presentation

Fellow member Elsa Higby began her presentation by defining 'global warming' (the result of greenhouse gases causing rising atmospheric temperatures), and 'climate change' (increasingly unpredictable, extreme weather events). Scientists have analyzed such phenomena as glacier ice that gives a 800,000 year record of Earth's climate.



About every 115,000 years Earth goes through a new hot/cold cycle. Our planet has not experienced a climate as favorable to our present flora and fauna (especially humans) as it has over the past 10,000 years. That period, the Holocene era, has seen Man not only occupying Earth's every corner, but altering many of its ecological aspects. And not for the better.

Greenhouse gases are not only causing radical temperature increases but are also raising and acidifying our oceans thus threatening vast areas and a vital source of human sustenance. There are many indirect results of climate change that are even now making some areas of the world uninhabitable.





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## 2024 GOGA Horticulture Show

Many thanks to Lisa Nicklash and Birt Underwood, Horticulture Committee co-chairs, for putting together an efficient, well-run show. While this was their first time overseeing one of our clubs most popular events, they did our organization and themselves proud. Long-time chair Rodney Toth had set the bar high but Lisa and Birt showed our membership is capable of maintaining high standards under new leadership.

After registering, participants fine-tuned their exhibits by cleaning, trimming, eliminating hitchhikers and putting them in suitable containers. GOGA members aided those needing help including how to fill out exhibit tags. As with past shows, entries were scrutinized and rated by certified judges and we're confident they made the right choices. Their professionalism gives confidence in the integrity of the event.



L-R: Celine Hallier, Heather Randall, Bob Mahon, Tom Davis and Melissa Davis

Isiah Carelli again ran away with the Youth

Division's sweepstakes competition which was judged by our own John Schinker. In addition to his many excellent entries, he took Best In Show with a Royal Empire apple. Too bad he



didn't enter his zinnia in the Boe Korody Memorial Largest Zinnia contest because his was a quarter inch larger than the winning entry. As it was, Isiah again won the Robert Vollandt Youth Division \$25 Award.

In the Adult Division, Best in Section winners were:

Vegetables: Swiss Chard – Suzanne Murphy.

Ornamentals: Sunflower - Suzanne Murphy.

Annuals: Brugmansia – Bruce Brungard.

Perennials: Limelight Hydrangea – Lisa Nicklash

Dahlias: Tom Arens

Potted Plants: Caladium – Joyce Yalic

Bulbs, Roots, Corms, etc.: Red Banana leaf – Lisa Nicklash which was also judged Best In Show.

Lisa also won the Adult Sweepstakes with 38 points. Suzanne Murphy took second with 14 points while Bruce Brungard was third with 9 points.



The Larry Whetson Memorial Heaviest Tomato \$25 prize (sponsored by Greir Ag) was again won by Norm Cappitte with a 3.3 lb. entry. Brother Greg Cappitte also repeated in the Bo Korody Largest Zinnia \$25 prize with a 4.25 inch entry.



We want to thank all who took part in this year's Horticulture Show including members who set up the venue, acted as classification monitors and clerks, and all those members and non-members who submitted exhibits.

The show went very well but our organization has some work to do to bring it back to past glory. The most important improvement needed is in increasing participation. We feel many members and the public may be intimidated by the competitive nature of the show. That has to change. Contests such as this are meant to be educational experiences and fun. Once that is mindset is accepted, members will again experience the joy the show is meant to bring.





## ... the Days Grow Short Around October

*Autumn is a second Spring when every leaf is a flower*  
Albert Camus



*As long as autumn lasts, I shall not have hands, canvas and colors enough to paint the beautiful things I see*  
Vincent Van Gogh.

## October 12<sup>th</sup> – PC or Old School?



"It's agreed. We'll teach them how to grow corn, but no one says a word about how to beat the house at Black Jack."



## Gardeners Changing the Planet

Research from the 2022 National Garden Assn. on behalf of the National Wildlife Federation shows 35% of respondents are investing in plants that are beneficial to bees, butterflies and birds, a 10% increase from 2021. The number of people purchasing native plants mirrored results from 2021 at 26% of respondents, up 14% from 2019.



The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Garden for Wildlife is a milestone in a movement that propels the value of native plant habitat in benefitting wildlife and the planet, its cumulative impact of many small inputs adding up to a very effective and growing movement.

Certified Wildlife Habitats evince the benefits for surrounding environments across the nation. Humanity can no longer depend on conservation in parks and public lands, and needs to include private land. Landowners have a responsibility to make sure they are doing their part to help the environment.

## Feeding Pollinator Larvae

Most of us think of flowers when planning to lure pollinators to our landscapes, and this is vital. But it's just as important to provide for butterfly's less glamorous stage, the caterpillar. Without the larval stage, there would be no lovely adults flitting from blossom to blossom.

Butterflies and moths often lay their eggs on plants that offer food for their offspring. These insects go through four or five stages (instars) with the last stop-ping to spin a cocoon from which the adult will emerge.



If nectar producing blooms are close to caterpillar food sources, the chances of an increase in pollinator numbers is assured.

Some butterfly species have broad tastes. For example, a painted lady will dine on 100 different plants, from thistles to hollyhocks. Eastern swallowtails feed on cherry and tulip trees, aspens, birches, lilacs, willows, ash and spicebush. Growing a large variety of native plants will lessen the damage done to a single species. Others have limited dietary needs like the monarch butterfly which dines exclusively on milk weed.

Sign up for frequent garden articles at [garden.org](https://garden.org).



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Members are urged to give them a visit.**

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## Calendar of Events



Oct. 1, 2024 ..... Board Meeting ..... 5:30PM ..... Stacey Pavilion, Austintown Park  
Oct. 1, 2024 ..... Membership Mtg ..... 7:00PM .... Stacey Pavilion, Austintown Park  
Nov. 5, 2024 ..... Board Meeting ..... 5:30PM ..... Stacey Pavilion, Austintown Park  
Nov. 5, 2024 ..... Membership Mtg ..... 7:00PM .... Stacey Pavilion, Austintown Park  
December Date & Time TBD ..... Annual Holiday Party.... A La Cart Catering  
Jan. 7, 2025 ..... Board Meeting ..... 5:30PM ..... Stacey Pavilion, Austintown Park  
Jan. 7, 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.

To join, contact us at: Gardeners of Greater Youngstown  
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