



The Germinator

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Everyone,

This is the time of year when we are reaping the fruits of our gardening efforts. However, there are other living things interested in our plants, some are beneficial, some are a nuisance, still others, downright destructive. I suggest surveying our gardens frequently and vigilantly for evidence of unwanted occupants. Currently, the most notorious pest is the ubiquitous Japanese beetle. The good news is that they are fairly finicky eaters and can be managed in a small garden by picking them off and depositing them into a container of sudsy water. I covered my large basil plant (a favorite of the beetle) with a piece of bridal tulle which works well.



August 20 is our annual horticultural show at the Mill Creek Park Davis Center. Rodney Toth will present a brief in-service about entering the show at our August meeting. I encourage all members to participate. If you have a garden, you probably have something you could enter into the show. Remember it's open to the public, so encourage your family and friends also.

The national convention of the Gardeners of America (of which we are members) will be held from Sept. 22-24 at the OSU College of Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences in Wooster, Ohio. 7 OSU professors will present talks on various horticultural topics. There will be lots of opportunity to learn, and get to know other gardeners. It should also be lots of fun. I will make sure we send out an email to all members once we get more details.

In recent messages I have stressed the importance of members finding a way to contribute to the club by becoming active in various committees. I am especially eager to get new members involved. For example the Social and refreshment committee now has 4 members and a new chairperson, Pat Murphy. Another new member Elaine Huncic, will be working with Clare Neff on the website. Josh Kaglic will work with Rodney on the Horticulture Committee. Remember: committees are the backbone of the club. Committees are the way we get things done!

Don't forget: Our August meeting will be at the Georgeanna Parker room at Boardman Park. Hope to see many of you there.

Happy Gardening,

Tom Atkins

57th Annual GOGY Horticulture Show

Sat. & Sun., Aug. 20-21, Fellows Riverside Gardens

Registration and plant prep begins Saturday at 7am with judging beginning at 10am. Awards at 1pm, Sunday.

Entries are limited to Vegetables & Annuals.

\$25 prizes for Heaviest Tomato, Largest Zinnia & Youth Section
Now is the time to give special pampering to fruits and plants that are potential entries. Be sure to attend our August membership meeting where there will be a tutorial on how to best display exhibits.

Hugh Earnhart



1932-2022

Rest In Peace, Dear Friend

Meeting Schedule

Our new (temporary?) meeting location will be the Georgianne Parker Room, Boardman Park.

Board Meeting

Wednesday, 5:30pm, August 3rd
All Members Welcome

Membership Meeting

Wednesday, 7pm, August 3rd
Rodney Toth & Tom Liggett will give a tutorial on how best to prepare and display your Horticulture Show entries.
Guests Welcome

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At 7pm, Thursday, Aug. 4th, our Mahoning Valley Scrappers will play the West Virginia Black Bears at Eastwood Field, Niles. Our members and their guests are invited to a dinner beginning at 5:30pm. Always a great time. Contact Rodney Toth for details and deadlines.



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CLUB NEWS

New Members

Elaine Huncik lives in Lowellville and is an educator at OH WOW, the Roger and Gloria Jones Children’s Center, in Youngstown. Her gardening interests include vegetable gardening. Other activities include astronomy (Mahoning Valley Astronomical Society), aviation, camping, hiking, STEM, art, theater, playing piano, motorcycling, cooking, roller skating, singing snowboarding, photography, fishing and archery.

Sponsor: Terry Voland

Lisa Nicklosh lives in Lisbon and is employed at a Engineering/Carpentry Technology firm in Washington, PA. Her gardening interests include shade perennials and belongs to the Milfold Hosta Society in Pittsburg and the Daffodil & Hosta Society. She is also involved in teaching, yoga, beekeeping and kayaking.

Sponsor: Tom Arens

Inner-City Greenspot

A concerted effort to revitalize the area in and around old Idora Park, the Idora Neighborhood Comprehensive Plan is well underway under the guidance of the Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corp. (yndc.org). Progress can be seen driving along the 2000’s blocks of Glenwood Ave.

Two blocks east of Glenwood on W. Indianola is an area of about a half dozen city lots that has been transformed from a wooded area and abandoned doctor’s office into an inviting garden. The effort began about 10 years ago when Eric Jones purchased the abandoned building intending to make it a kitchen and banquet hall. He subsequently purchased the remaining adjacent wooded lots and a run-down apartment building across the street.

Eric works for his father, GOGY member Ronnie ‘Sly’ Jones, at Sly’s Landscaping Service. Together they



removed scrub and a number of mature trees, and installed fencing. They then began installing ornamental trees



and perennial and annual plant beds with accompanying pathways and stone slabs for sitting.

What caught our eyes first were several varieties of red, multi-colored and weeping redbud trees that provide four-season interest. Other trees include multi-colored beech, weeping cherry, dogwood, gum, arborvitae, blue spruce, weeping pine and Japanese maple. Perennials include roses, hostas, cornflowers, butterfly bush, lilies, yarrow, barberry and iris. Annuals include begonia, pansies, zinnia, petunias and sunflowers.

Sly and Eric are in the process of rehabbing the old office and have recently acquired non-profit status. The apartment building had to be torn down and an orchard of apple, pear, plum and peach trees installed on the land with more to come. The Jones family must be commended for their efforts in turning a once neglected area into a beautiful garden and community gathering spot. They ask that GOGY members and other nature lovers visit and enjoy the fruits of their efforts.

Fellows Gardens Tour

MetroParks Educator and GOGY member Lynn Zocolo gave a guided tour of Fellows Riverside Gardens to members and guests at our July meeting. She presented a brief history of the gardens: the early benefactors and landscape designers. We then toured some of the 16 different gardens. In addition to many perennial shrubs and floral specimens, Lynn pointed out the



various trees that have long called the gardens home: Sequoias, Cypresses, Beeches, etc. Lastly Lynn talked about the "Veggie Garden" project that she and John Schinker have participated in for many years.



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PRESIDENTIAL

For all who knew him and the countless lives he touched, the passing of Hugh Earnhart will leave a void not easily filled. The short bio we published 14 years ago under the same title, referenced him dressing as Abraham Lincoln when conducting tours of Civil War battle sites, and his serving as our local, regional and national president of The Gardeners of America. We no longer have access to the Hugh-as-Abe photo but except for Hugh's bigger sideburns, smaller ears and being better looking, the resemblance was striking.



That article fell short in describing Hugh's innate presidential qualities - his leadership abilities, dignified charisma, intelligence and dedication to his constituencies of which there were many. An example was Hugh's long-term association with OSU Extension where he served on the volunteer advisory committee, received the 2016 Friend of Extension Award, and initiated the *Vindicator's Valley Grows* program.

At Urbana High School, many saw a more likely future for Hugh in either the music business or on the pro golf circuit rather than a college history professor. His graduation coincided with the start of the Korean War and he enlisted in the Navy. While his ship remained in dry dock and serving on shore patrol, he began his college education, worked as a late night disc jockey, promoted jazz concerts that included Count Basie and Duke Ellington, and played on a Navy golf team with several future pro champions. Thus began a life-long dedication to that sport.

Upon discharge, he signed on with Corral Records which included finding new talent, overseeing recording sessions and promoting concerts. He worked with some big names like Sammie Davis, Jr., Bing Crosby and Lawrence Welk. He also toured as a drummer with the Mel Torme and Stan Kenton bands. All was not roses, however, as he turned down a chance to sign Elvis Presley and Johnny Cash. *Ouch!*

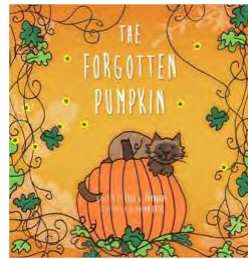
Hugh then turned to renewing his college education, first at Bowling Green then the University of Maryland. While there, he and other graduate assistants helped research the book *At Dawn We Slept* on which the movie *Tora! Tora! Tora!* was based. His work included interviews with the top Pearl Harbor military commanders, and the Japanese squadron commander who led the attack. Hugh tried unsuccessfully to get a job at the Truman Presidential Library but, while staying there a week, had daily contact with the ex-president.

During his 36 years at Youngstown State University, Hugh taught a variety of history courses but his Civil War

class was always quickly filled. His career included serving as Chairman of the History Department, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, and as president of the Faculty Senate. Recognizing the need to glean the untold stories of WWII vets, he established and directed the university's Oral History Program. He received the university's Heritage Award honoring his service to the school during his years of service.



Hugh's love of history prompted his initiation of and 40 year involvement with the Mahoning Valley Chapter of the Civil War Round Table. He also wrote numerous historical articles for the *Vindicator* and assorted articles for the Farm



and Dairy newspaper. Hugh broadened his writings to include two cookbooks, one a collection of recipes handed down from his mother and grandmother. He also authored two children's books in the *Forgotten Pumpkin* series.

His close ties to nature took many forms. He owned a farm in Leetonia where he raised polled Hereford cattle. He was an OSU Master Gardener and a flower show judge and entrant winning numerous awards. As president and a member of the then Mens' Garden Club of Youngstown, he freely gave horticulture advice to other members and wrote articles for the *Germinator*.

A proud veteran, Hugh initiated the Wreaths Across America in Mahoning County honoring all who served in the armed forces. He also served on the boards of directors of the Girl Scouts and the Ohio Historical Society.

Hugh leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 40 years, Mary Kay, four children, four grandchildren and two brothers. And to all who knew him, he leaves an example of unselfishly giving to one's community and living life to its fullest. *We miss you, big guy.*

TGOA National Conference

The Gardeners of America will be holding its annual conference on Friday thru Saturday, Sept. 22-23, at the OSU Agriculture Technical Institute in Wooster, OH.

Friday – Registration at 3pm; officer's meeting; seminars and welcoming BBQ dinner.

Saturday – Membership and regional meetings; seminars; tours and evening (awards) banquet.

Special hotel rate at Comfort Suites across from institute is \$129 per day by August 15th.

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Horticulture Show Vegetable Tips

Our August membership meeting will feature a tutorial on how to best display entries at our 57th annual show. Here are some details on showing vegetables that will probably be covered and some that might not.

Carefully read the 'Schedule' as this info comes from the United Kingdom where rules may be different.

Know the entry's class, size, foliage and number requirements. No insect damage should be visible.

Bottle containers will be provided but if you wish to bring your own, make sure they're clean and attractive without drawing attention away from the entry. No symbols and/or writing should be visible. Solo leaves can be displayed in a shallow pool of water.

Potatoes – Ease them from the soil and wash well with a soft cloth. Skins should be unblemished and eyes shallow. Green coloring is a defect.

Carrots – Like all root crops, water well and harvest carefully to maintain a healthy tap root. Clean like potatoes. Green around the shoulders will lower score.

Lettuce – If picked the night before, place in a bucket of water to maintain freshness. Roots should be washed and placed in a plastic bag, removed only at the last minute. Remove outer leaves. Solo leaves with roots can be shown in a glass of water.

Onions – They should be well ripened, firm and with a dry, unbroken, unblemished skin. They should not be over skinned and green. Roots should be neatly trimmed and the neck displayed.

Beans – Color should be uniform and not coarse and stringy. Seeds should not be overly prominent. Like all class entries where stems are required, they should be of equal length.

Tomatoes – They should be regular in shape and size and firm but fully ripe showing the true color of the variety. They should be clean but unpolished with a fresh, green calyx attached.

Cabbage – Try to maintain a 'waxy bloom' on the leaves which will disappear with excessive washing. Damaged outer leaves and roots should be removed.

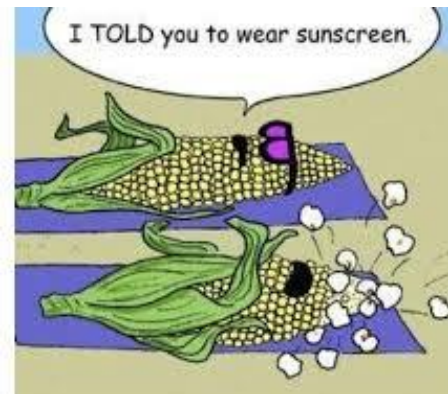
Beetroot – Trim roots maintaining a single, long tap root. Rubbing with cooking oil will enhance appearance. Ideal size is that of a tennis ball.

Sweetcorn – Ears should be fresh but not overly ripe and starchy. Fruit should be even, regular (in line) and fully formed over the whole cob. If shown unhusked, the stalk should be attached and filament present. If half-husked, outer leaves should be folded under the cob.

Cucumber – Stalk should be attached and the dead flower attached. They should be fresh, straight and not overly mature. When cleaning be careful not to remove the bloom.

Summertime And The Livin' Is Easy

George Gershwin – 'Porgy and Bess'



Live in the sunshine, swim in the sea, drink in the wild air.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

In the depth of winter, I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer.
Albert Camus

Spring being a tough act to follow, God created summer.
Al Bernstein

We know summer is the height of being alive.
Gary Shteyngart

The crickets felt it was their duty to warn everybody that summertime cannot last forever. Even on the most beautiful days in the whole year – the days when summer is changing into autumn – the crickets spread the rumor of sadness and change.

E. B. White
A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, a breeze is blowing, birds are singing, and the lawnmower is broken.

James Dent
Summer breeze make me feel fine.
Seals & Crofts
Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability.

Unknown
If summer had one defining scent, it'd definitely be the smell of barbecue.
Katie Lee

If it could only be like this - always summer, always alone, the fruit always ripe...
Evelyn Waugh

Summer is when children go barefoot and their hearts are as free as their toes.
Unknown

Ah, Summer. What power you have to make us suffer and like it.
Russell Baker

It's a smile, it's a kiss, it's a sip of wine...It's summertime.
Kenny Chesney





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calendar of events



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- Aug. 20-21 Horticulture Show..... Check Times Fellows Riverside Gardens
- Sept. 7 Board Meeting 5:30PM Georgeanna Parker Room Boardman Park
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- Sept. 22-24GOA National Conference OSU CFAES Wooster, OH
- Oct. 5 Board Meeting 5:30PM Georgeanna Parker Room Boardman Park
- Oct. 5 Membership Mtg7:00PM Georgeanna Parker Room Boardman 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.

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 Gardeners of America.

Membership is open to residents of the Mahoning Valley and surrounding communities with an interest in gardening.

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