

# The Germinator

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## President's Message

I hope you and yours had a Merry Christmas and, on behalf of the Mens Garden Club Board of Gardeners, wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

We had a great time at our annual Christmas Party/President's Reception Dinner. If you didn't attend, please make a resolution to go to this year's party. You won't be sorry.

For most gardeners, winter is a time to rest, break new year's resolutions and peruse seed catalogs. For our club's members, however, there is plenty to keep us busy. We have a lot on our plate and need you to step up.

At the top of the list is our annual Winter Seminar scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup> at Fellows Riverside Gardens. Tom Arens, Larry Tooker and Bob McGowan have organized an outstanding program and features that should make this year's event the best yet.

We'll need as many members as possible to act as table captains. We'll also need your help the day before for set-up. Also, check your email for the sponsor's form. If you frequent a local business that is not on page 5, try to get them interested in making a contribution to our Chinese Auction.

The Home & Garden Show will be held January 25-27 at the MetroPlex on Belmont Ave. Our club will have an information booth where we will need 2 members for each of the two 4 hour shifts. See me at the meeting or call me, 330-793-1307, to reserve your spot.

We will again be offering \$1000 scholarship(s) for high school seniors or collage students majoring in horticulture sciences. If you know of a worthy young person, contact Bob Schulick for an application.

We are happy to announce our February Membership Meeting speaker will be Phil Steiner, host of a radio gardening show every Saturday morning on AM-57. He will be answering presubmitted questions so email your worst gardening problems to [mgy.tech@gmail.com](mailto:mgy.tech@gmail.com). Tell your friends and bring guests.

Sincerely; *Bruce Brungard, President*

## MGCY Annual Winter Seminar

9am, Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

Fellows Riverside Gardens

5 Horticulture Presentations by 3 Outstanding Speakers

Chinese Auction, Great Food, Door Prizes & More

Contact Bob McGowan, 330-518-6397, ASAP to sign up

## Membership Meeting

7pm, Wednesday, Jan. 2nd

Fellows Riverside Gardens

Speaker: Terry Voland

Subject: Grafting

Guests Welcome

## Board Meeting

6:30pm, Wed., Jan. 9th

Austintown Library.

All Members Welcome

## MetroParks In Jan.

Nature Photography Exhibit	1-6
Handfeed a Chickadee	5,12,16
Winter Sights & Sounds	5
Chat w/ a Naturalist	5,12,19,26
Dance Classes	8,15,22,29
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*Helping our Valley to Grow Since 1930*

### Winter Seminar Program Set

When the Men's Garden Club of Youngstown was founded some 89 years ago, perhaps its most important mandate was to provide horticulture education and appreciation to the community. Our annual Winter Seminar goes a long way in satisfying that important purpose by providing outstanding presentations and other entertaining activities. Gardeners over an extended area have come to expect nothing less.

This year's theme is 'GARDENING POTPOURRI – *A Mix of Gardening Topics from Trees to Turf and In Between*'. The speakers will explore the rich heritage of growing, caring for, and appreciating plants.

If we are to continue filling Fellows' Riverside Garden's D.D. Davis Center on Feb.16<sup>th</sup>, every able member must do his part to help make the event a success. A discount is offered for member participation including setup the day before and acting as a seminar table captain.

Seminar Committee Chairman Tom Arens recently announced the slate of speakers recruited by Larry Toker, and it is an all-star lineup.

### The Speakers

**Scott Zanon** – Owner of Desirable Trees & Turf, and author of *'Landscaping With Trees in the Midwest' A Guide for Residential and Commercial Properties*, Scott is a consultant providing advice and services to the green industry regarding trees and turf grass issues. He holds BS degrees in Horticulture and Agronomy. His presentation will be *Landscaping With Trees In The Midwest*.



Irvin Etienne – Horticulture Display Director for the Indianapolis Museum of Art, Irvin writes for *Fine Gardening* and *Indiana Gardening* Magazines. He has expertise in a wide range of topics including container and rooftop gardening, garden design, ornamentals, trees, shrubs, perennials, vegetables, fruits and herbs. His presentation will be: *Carmen Miranda In The Midwest* - a focus on attention-getting color and texture from annuals and tropicals.

**Louis 'The Plant Geek' Raymond** – The *Boston Globe* writes, "Louis experiments in his own garden like a mad scientist, searching out plants that most people have never seen before" He is a garden designer writing horticulture articles at [LouisThePlantGeek.com](http://LouisThePlantGeek.com). His presentations will be:



*Uncommon & Astonishing: Fun horticulture from my garden to yours* – His favorite plants.

*From Sow's Ears To Silk Purses: Gardens before and after.*

*Potted: Gardening from the edge* – Containers.

### Holiday Tree at Fellows



*Great job, guys.*

### OSU Football Party at Larry Duck's



*Thankfully there wasn't a sobriety checkpoint on Rt. 224 that evening.*

## MGCY President's Reception Dinner - Christmas Party

The Men's Garden Club of Youngstown hosts a number of functions that must inspire envy in not only similar local organizations but, indeed, garden clubs nationwide. Our annual President's Reception Dinner is the one club activity that celebrates and rewards member participation.



The evening began with Bruce Brungard greeting members and guests arriving at A La Carte in Canfield. We're sure that last year at this time, Bruce never contemplated being our president but the tragic passing of Paul Shanabarger thrust the job upon him. We must say he has risen admirably to the challenge.



Prior to saying grace and digging in to a delicious meal, Rodney Toth set a festive mood by leading us in singing Christmas carols. He then told a 'corny' parable about a farmer's crops being knocked down by a storm. The farmer's faith was rewarded the next day when he found the tops of the corn stalks rising toward the sun.

Except for warm interaction among those present, the highlight of the evening was being entertained by the Canfield High School Choral Ensemble. This 25-member group is but one of school's three singing



ensembles, and we recommend attending their upcoming events.

In response to a sometimes overblown trend of finding politically incorrect fault with stories like

*Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* and *Charlie Brown's Christmas*, they sang *Baby, It's Cold Outside*. They also sang a humorous parody entitled *The Twelve Days After Christmas*. It was the event's best entertainment ever.

Afterward, awards were presented to Tom Arens (Certificate of Appreciation), Terry Volland (Outstanding Service Award) and Bruce Brungard (Master Gardener Award). The final official act was the swearing-in of our



2019 Officers by Hugh Earnhart.

As for the best Santa Claus beard, it was a tossup between Terry Volland who has a bit more head hair and Judge Pat Cunning (seen here with his family) who plays that role at various holiday events.

Noted guests included Joann Carney, and Chuck and Jen Lahotsky of Chuck's Greenhouse who had to leave to attend a rehearsal of their church's upcoming Christmas celebration. They returned in time to see the gentlemen



in attendance give their ladies a poinsettia - ironically grown at their greenhouse.

Many thanks to Bob McGowan who planned the party and supplied the wines. Too bad with his and other's efforts to provide a great time that so many members chose not to attend. This is an important function, guys, so please resolve to be more involved this year.

2019 Membership Renewal Men's Garden Club of Youngstown

The membership renewal campaign for the 2019 year will begin in September with the goal to have the renewals completed prior to the board meeting in December. This will allow the publishing of the Membership Directory earlier in 2019.

Annual dues are \$25.00 per year.

Life/Associate dues are \$10.00 per year.

Life Memberships are available for \$210.00 per individual.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal amount: \_\_\_\_\_

To help keep our directory updated fill in those changes listed below, otherwise the information will remain the same in the next directory.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Committee Interests (circle your interests)

Audit/Ways Means: Awards: Civic: Plant Sale: History: Horticultural:

Information Tech: Membership: Newsletter: Nominations:

Public Relations: Refreshment: Scholarship: Special Activities

Print this form and include with check made payable to "Men's Garden Club of Youngstown." bring them to our meetings or mail them to Robert McGowan, P.O.Box 724, Canfield, OH. 44406

Cash or checks will be accepted by Bob at any regular meeting.

## Pretty In Pink - Petunias

Whether used in beds, hanging baskets, containers or as border plants, petunias are an outstanding choice offering brilliant color and dense massing. They grow rapidly and are heat tolerant with most varieties blooming from spring to fall. They run from compact to mounding forms, tennis ball to dime sized blooms, mono-colored or striped, and with variations in the number of petals.



**Wave** types spread out and cover a bed while



**Carpet** varieties are similar but have smaller blooms and grow lower resulting in a tighter, tidier groundcover. Here are some outstanding wave and carpet varieties:

**Easy Wave Pink Passion** – A vigorous grower, deeply colored with a touch of lavender.

**Supertunia Watermelon Charm** – Spreads up to 24 inches in bright fuchsia pink.

**Carpet Pink** – Heat & disease resistant; compact.

**Carpet Pink Morn** – Multiflora; soft pink.

**Carpet Rose Star** – Vibrant pink w/white stripes.

**Tidal Wave Hot Pink** – Large, intense blooms.

**Frilled** and **Double Petal** types with new varieties that are heat and rain tolerant protecting delicate petals.

**Double Valentine** – Mounding & massing.

**Espresso Frappe Rose** - Deep color, ruffled edges, some shade tolerance.

**Double Cascade Pink Orchid** – Variety of tones.



**Double Cascade Pink** – Extra large, dark rose, frilly.

**Pink Fluffy Ruffles** – Blooms up to 4.5" across.

**Frillytunia Pink** – Old fashioned but updated.

Other popular pink petunia varieties: Aladdin Peach Morn, Bella Rose & White, Candy Picotee Rose, Dolcissima Fragolino, Aladdin Pink, Daddy Orchid and Dreams Neon Rose.

Source: [Gardeningknowhow.com](http://Gardeningknowhow.com)

Our organization's Spring Plant Sale has offered Wave and Supertunia varieties for several years, and they have been a best seller. We will begin planting in March and hope to have a good volunteer turnout.

## 2019 – Thankfully No Elections

*Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one.*

Brad Paisley

*There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind.*

C. S. Lewis

*One thing with gazing too frequently into the past is that we may turn around and find the future has run out on us.*

Michael Cibeuko

*Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.*

Carl Bard

*New Year's Day is the accepted time to make your annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving the road to hell with them.*

Mark Twain



*If you were born in September, it's a pretty good bet your parents started the new year with a BANG.*

*To me New Year's is all about kissing someone at midnight and then spending the next 2 weeks writing the wrong date on checks.*

*Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Old age is when you're forced to.*

*A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.*

*New Years wish:  
May God grant you 12 months of happiness,  
52 weeks of fun, 365 days of success,, 8,760 hours of good health,  
52 minutes of good luck, and 3,153,600 seconds of joy.*

*This year resolve to: Free your heart from hatred, free your mind from worries, live simply, give more, and expect less.*

*This year my wish is that everyone gets exactly what they deserve. (You listening, D.J.?)*



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Members are urged to give them a visit.

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## calendar of events



January 2.....	General Meeting.....	FRG .....	7:00 pm
January 9.....	Board Meeting.....	APL .....	6:30 pm
January 25-27 .....	Tri County Home Show.....	Metro Expo Center .	10 am - 6pm
February 6.....	General Meeting.....	FRG .....	7:00 pm
February 13 .....	Board Meeting.....	APL .....	6:30 pm
February 16 .....	Winter Seminar .....	FRG .....	9:00 am
March 6.....	General Meeting.....	FRG .....	7:00 pm
March 13.....	Board Meeting.....	APL .....	6:30 pm
March 16.....	Spring Breakfast .....	FRG .....	9:00 am

## 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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