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 89 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE MAHONING VALLEY AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

President's Message

Members and guests at our annual Plant Auction/Casserole Dinner last month had a wonderful time, and most walked away with some great plants. This highly anticipated event has withstood the test of time and remains one of our organization's most popular activities.

It would not be a surprise to see some of the plants purchased produce Best-In-Section winners at our annual Horticulture Show in August. In addition to giving potential winners a lot of tender loving care, participants would be wise to attend our annual Steak Fry at Larry Duck's home in Poland. Doubling as our August Membership Meeting, show veterans will be giving tips on how to best present entries.

In regard to the Horticulture Show, every member should make a concerted effort to show their pride in our organization. The best way to do that is by entering as many plants as they can. I've made no secret of my disappointment in the declining Show participation by our members. Let's do a 180 and fly our flag high.

It should go without saying that all members are welcome at our monthly Board of Gardeners meetings. This month we will be meeting at FlyingHigh, Inc. Development Center, 77 Bissell in Youngstown. In addition to providing services that address multiple needs in the urban community, they have 35, organic vegetable beds. I would like to see a good showing by our club.

Also, there are still some spots available for our annual baseball outing at Eastwood to cheer on our Mahoning Valley Scrappers. Contact Rodney Toth if you and guest(s) would like to attend.

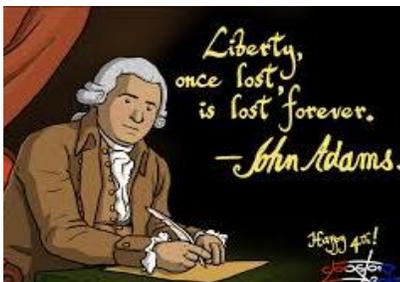
Sincerely; *Bruce Brungard, President*

MGCY Annual Horticulture Show

Sat. & Sun., Aug. 24,25 - Fellows Riverside Gardens

Entry Prep Begins at 7am, Judging at 10am on 24th

Awards at 1pm on 25th Setup at noon on the 23rd



Membership Meeting

7pm, Wed., July 3rd

Fellows Riverside Gardens

Speaker: Kim Lewis

The Green Team

Reduce, Re-Use, Recycle
 No Plastic Containers, Please

Guests Welcome

Board Meeting

6:30pm, Wed., July 10th

FlyingHigh Gardens

77 Bissell, Y'town

All Members Welcome

MetroParks In July

Nature's Graces

Photo Exhibit 1-31

Live at the Morley 3,10,17,24,31

Biodiversity Hikes 7,21

Park Activity Sampler 8-11

Yellow Creek Concert 11

Garden Forum Show 15-16

Summer Flower Garden 16

On the Terrace at 5 19

Birding the Sanctuary 20

Book Talk: *The Everglades* 20

Check out more events at:

www.millcreekmetroparks.org

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Club News

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84 Members • 2 Associates

New Member

Denny Frank, 6020 Boulder Creek Dr., Austintown, OH, 44415, denny6020@yahoo.com, 330-792-2188, 330-881-0383. Denny is interested in home horticulture.

Welcome Aboard

2019 Scholarship Winner

This year's scholarship recipient is Christopher Thompson, a sophomore at Kent State Salem majoring in Horticulture with an emphasis on Urban Forestry. He is a graduate of Richmond Heights High School. After beginning his studies at Kent State's main campus, he transferred to the Salem campus where he currently resides.



Christopher has had a passion for plants since he was a small child. He furthered his knowledge by planting his own garden, joining garden clubs and volunteering at greenhouses. Despite attempts at other life pursuits, he has always been drawn back to horticulture. His goals include getting a summer internship, completing his Associate Degree, and receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

Congratulations and Best of Luck

Scrappers Baseball Outing

Join fellow members, friends and family on Aug. 8th when our Mahoning Valley Scrappers meet the Auburn Doubledays at Eastwood Field. There will be a complimentary meal beginning at 5:30pm with the game beginning at 7:05pm. Reserve your seat(s) with Rodney Toth, 330-759-1993, or at rkdahlias@aol.com.



Price is \$15 per person.



Ron Fasano, one of our newest members, introduced Jeffery Magada to those attending our June Board of Gardeners meeting. Jeff is executive director of Flying High, an individual development center located at

Helping our Valley to Grow Since 1930

former Cafaro Osteopathic Hospital on Youngstown's Northside. It is open to Mahoning Valley residents.

FlyingHigh is a non-profit organization providing opportunities for people serious about developing their potential and making a better and more productive future for themselves. Services include a vocational school, job readiness and placement services, GED tutoring, the GROW urban farm, drug and alcohol treatment, case management, and the Eagle's Nest Recovery House.

More specifically:

The Mahoning Valley Partnership for Employment helps clients choose a career; expand their education from GED and vocational school to college; and overcome a criminal history in finding a job. Current vocational training includes welding, licensed practical nurse and other healthcare careers, and machining.

The Professional Development Center offers a curriculum developing skills required by potential employers. Instruction includes resume development, professional conduct, job search, interview skills and career exploration.

Nutrition Assisted Alcohol and Drug Treatment is a licensed provider of prevention and outpatient treatment services. Included is the Eagle's Nest Recovery Home offering a safe and sober living environment. Peer support is a vital element of the process.

The GROW Urban Farm is a social enterprise providing workforce development and job readiness for individuals having barriers to employment. The farm includes 35 (and expanding) large raised vegetable beds producing organically grown produce sold to local restaurants and at pop-up markets on Youngstown's north, east and west sides, and downtown.

GROWing You! Is an urban agricultural program that provides volunteers with vegetable gardening skills that gives back to and protects the community's health and environment. Volunteers receive free admission to farm events and celebrations, and a 10% discount at GROW markets. Our club's website will have the locations and schedule. Info is also available at flyinghigh.org.

Our July 10th Board of Gardeners meeting will be held at FlyingHigh, 77 Bissell Ave., Youngstown. We encourage all MGCY members to attend. The time will be announced via email and at our club website, mgcy.org.

Flying High representatives also will be giving a presentation a MGCY membership meeting in the near future.



Plant Auction/Casserole Dinner



The crowd attending our annual auction at Boardman Park included a number of guests. While attendance was average, the number and variety of plants was exceptional. As always, there was plenty of good food and everyone had a great time. The auction has always been one of our organization's most anticipated events and this one lived up to expectations.

One member brought several beautiful ferns. Two were purchased before they left his truck by a lady who couldn't stay for the auction. He sold



the others for the same price inside. Rodney Toth was at his usual auctioneer best with his knowledge of plants on full display. Bob McGowan was again one of the most prolific buyers.

Someone brought Yellow Archangel (*Lamium galeobdolon*), a member of the mint family with variegated leaves and yellow spring flowers. It is popular ornamental ground cover but so highly invasive it has been banned as a noxious weed in some locations. One of our members acquired two dozen starts from a neighbor and planted them under some mature spruce trees. It quickly filled the space and is only kept in check with weekly weed-whacking.

He gave some starts to a friend whose back yard consisted of a steep hill where little would grow and was subject to erosion. The Yellow Archangel quickly filled in the hill and began growing up the evergreen trees at the top. Bottom line: Plant at your own risk.



We won't go into much more further detail except to add a list of some of the plants sold so that those who did not attend the auction will know they missed



some great deals: *Nine bark, Chicago fig, bear's breaches thistle, butterfly bush, sedum, chocolate dwarf tomatoes, various hostas, coleus, caster bean, yellow loosestrife, smoky fennel, black-eye susan, amaranth, day lilies, Canadian anemone, lilies of the valley, ginger, pineapple lily, purple salvia, ironweed,*

hardy geraniums, hellebore, toad lily, begonias, lambs ear, dusty miller, rudbeckia, various ornamental grasses and blue belles.

You shudda been there.

The Germinator

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INVASION!!!

Dave Campana

You know the sound. Sci-Fi movies from the '50s usually included an eerie, screeching soundtrack of giant mutant ants or attacking UFOs. That's what my Girard neighbors and I have endured - four weeks of cicada mating calls whenever we stepped outside. When doing yardwork, I couldn't help but occasionally look around for approaching zombies intent on eating my brain. And they landed everywhere - after mowing the lawn, I walked in the house with 3 attached to my clothes. Relief came only at sundown.



This is my second time witnessing Girard's cicada scourge, but people without similar experience usually think I'm exaggerating. Another problem is that they're loud. Depending upon the species, the combined male



shrilling can reach 85 to 116 decibels - prolonged exposure to levels of 85 decibels and greater can cause auditory damage. And when they start dying off in mass, they really stink.



Here are a few photos including a maple tree with adults, emerging nymphs and discarded shells.

The last pic shows mating cicadas doing it with their version of the reverse cowboy position.

Party Like It's 1776

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You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4th, not with a parade of guns, tanks and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism.

Erma Bombeck

America is much more than a geographical fact. It is a political and moral fact - the first community in which men set out in principle to institutionalize freedom, responsible government and human equality.

Adlai Stevenson

How often we fail to realize our good fortune in living in a country where happiness is more than a lack of tragedy.

Paul Sweeney

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Abraham Lincoln

If our Founding Fathers wanted to care about the rest of the world, they wouldn't have declared their independence from it.

Stephen Colbert

The United States is the only country with a known birthday.

James B. Blaine

There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured with what is right with America.

Bill Clinton

Those who would deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves.

Abraham Lincoln

Better to starve free than die a fat slave.

Aesop

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calendar of events



- July 3.....General Meeting.....FRG 7:00 pm
- July 10.....Board Meeting @ Flying High - 77 Bissell Ave 6:30 pm
- August - TBASteak Fry/General Meeting.....Larry Duck's Home 6/7:00 pm
- August 8.....Scrapper Ball Game Eastwood Field 5:30 pm
- August 14.....Board MeetingAPL 6:30 pm
- August 23.....Setup for Horticulture Show...FRG 12:00 pm
- August 28-31 Canfield Fair Fair Grounds..... 9am - 9pm
- September 1-2 Canfield Fair Fair Grounds..... 9am - 9pm
- September 4.....General Meeting.....FRG 7:00 pm
- September 11.....Board MeetingAPL 6:30 pm
- September 14.....Fall Breakfast.....FRG 9am - 11am

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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