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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Everyone,

May presents us with a whole host of activities and opportunities for gardening both indoors and out. Those of us who have planted peas in March are already seeing them reaching for the sun. Now is the time to plant your cool weather crops directly in your garden: spinach, carrots, radishes, mustard, arugula, etc. Some indoor planting should've been done for those plants that need a 6-week head start. There's still time to plant zinnias and sunflowers indoors. This is also a good time to take cuttings from indoor plants to include them in outdoor plantings. I want to recommend a particularly attractive variety of Wandering Jew (*Tradescantia*) called "Nanouk". Its leaves are green and light purple on top and darker purple underneath, and are thick and almost succulent-like. I have seen them for sale at Giant Eagle.



We have two important fund-raising events coming up in May and June:

1. The plant sale will be held at the MASCO greenhouse on South Ave on May 5,6,7,9, and 10. By the time you read this we will have moved the plants we have been growing at the Leonard Kirtz Greenhouse to MASCO. We will need members to help out with the sale.

2. Our Plant auction will be held on 6-1-22 at 6pm at the Stambaugh Room in the Lariccia building at Boardman Park. The auction will take the place of our regular membership meeting. Prior to the auction we will have a potluck dinner for all to enjoy. Attendees should bring something for the dinner and plants to auction off. Now is the time to get your plants ready for auction. Perennials should be dug up and re-potted. Plants that have been started from seed should be ready to plant in the garden. This event is open to the public, so invite your friends and neighbors.

We are considering an alternative site for our monthly membership meetings. We will no longer be able to use the large room at the Davis Center. We can use the classroom there but based upon the attendance at the April meeting, it is too small. We can use the Georgiana Parker room at Boardman Park for a small monthly fee. We are also exploring the option of meeting at a church that can serve us a hot meal. Our hope is that if members (or guests) would pay for the meal, the club could use the facility at no cost. If anyone has suggestions, please contact Ron Fasano who is heading up an ad hoc committee.

We still have polo shirts for sale with our new logo on them. Cost is \$20. Text or email me if you're interested.

I wish you all a Happy Spring and hope to see you soon.

Tom Arens

Meeting Schedule

Fellows' Riverside Gardens

Board Meeting

5:30pm, Wednesday, May 4th

All Members Welcome

Membership Meeting

7pm, Wednesday, May 4th

Speaker: Dave Miller

Subject: Orchids

Guests Welcome

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May OSU Ext. Seminars

4-H Fabric Frenzy

Large selection of fabric and an impressive list of other sewing items for sale. Proceeds are a donation to 4-H youth. 8am – 4:30pm, May 6th. OSU Ext. Office, 490 S. Broad St., Canfield, OH. 330-533-5538.

Gardening for Pollinators

Participants will learn practical steps to create or enhance habitat including food and shelter that benefits pollinators. \$30.

Ext. Office, 1-4pm, May 19, go.osu.edu/05-19pollinators

Bees in Your Ohio Backyard

400 species of bees call Ohio home. Will focus on our most common bees, their biology and histories. Free.

Ext. Office, 6:30pm, May 19, go.osu.edu/05-19bees.



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CLUB NEWS

Spring Plant Sale

This year's sale will be held on May 5th, 6th, & 7th, the Thursday, Friday and Saturday before and May 9th, and 10th, the Monday and Tuesday after Mothers' Day.

After losing access to Mahoning County's Developmental Disabilities Workshop greenhouse on Bev Rd. we were hard put to find a suitable replacement. It is now our good fortune to have access to two facilities to grow annuals.

FlyingHigh Rehabilitation Services has taken charge of the former MCCDD greenhouse on Bev Rd. and given us access, but it is not in condition suitable for growing plants at this time. However, the Bev. Rd. facility will be where the sale will be held. At some point we will need covered trucks to transport plants from the Leonard Kirtz School greenhouse to Bev Rd.

We visited Kirtz recently and saw many thriving plants growing there. They include: 60 hanging baskets; Dazzle impatiens; Wave petunias; Penary Giant and Profusion zinnias; green, burgundy and variegated



Coleus; Dusty Miller; red and pink geraniums; dark red, coral pink and Titan Summer Bronze vinca; Whisky, Vodka and Ambass begonias; and white Alyssum. More plants may be grown privately by members or purchased wholesale.

Members who have been most active in growing the plants at Leonard Kirtz are Mike Beudus, John Schinker,



Tom Arens, Kadey Kimpel and Bruce Brungard. We will need many more members to work the show. There will be a signup sheet at our May meeting.

GOGY 2022 Scholarship Winners

Our Board of Gardeners voted to follow Scholarship Committee Chair Bob Schulick's recommendation to award two deserving students each a \$1,000 grant toward their continuing horticulture education.

Taylor DeLand, who also won in 2021, will be entering her second year at OSU's Agriculture Technical Institute (ATI) majoring in greenhouse management this fall. She currently carries a 3.5+ GPA. She also works at Dunkin' Donuts and Muddy's.



Joseph Morrison is a senior at Cardinal Mooney and will join Taylor at ATI this fall. He has been employed as a self employed landscaper for the past two years, and also worked at Molnar's Nursery where he picked vegetables and helped install an irrigation system.

Joseph also started a garden club at Mooney.

Both have been sponsored for The Gardeners of America, our national umbrella organization, scholarship. They should be attending one of our next membership meetings where we'll have a chance to meet and congratulate them in person.

Membership Meeting Update

We are currently looking for a new location for our monthly membership and board meetings that is reliably available the first Wednesday evening of each month. And it should be large enough to comfortably accommodate at least fifty people and be free or inexpensive.

Our April meeting was held at at Fellows' Davis Center classroom which is available for \$33 per meeting. We had a very good attendance but it was a bit crowded. The classroom comes with storage for our audio/visual equipment and coffee/snacks amenities, a perc many feel is worth the price given this gear would have to be transported to meetings at another location. A committee has been formed to explore alternative locations.

Another item broached was possibly have dinners catered at each meeting similar to what the Akron and Cleveland clubs often do. The dinners are usually about \$20 and mainly attended by members and their guests. Many feel it beats cooking another dinner and gives couples a night out. The Board of Gardeners would like your thoughts on the matter and it will come up at future membership and board meetings.

War Memorials Planting

Members will meet at the Youngstown City Square 9am, Tuesday, May 24, to plant flowers at the Civil and Korean Wars Memorials. Please help continue this long-lived club tradition.



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The Gardens at Hippley Village

It isn't often that we dedicate a full page to a membership meeting's speaker or their subject but John Hippley's decades-old project in Columbiana wowed his audience, especially those of us who have never been there. That's a shame because the Gardens is a nearby destination not to be missed, as the attached photo sampling will testify. It is free and open to the public every day and night.



The Gardens is located on a 3 acre parcel off Stanton Ave., and features 8 gardens and 8 water features. John purchased the land in 1986 from Ed Curl, and he and loyal contributors began construction of the first garden in Mr. Curl's honor in 1999, the Train Garden featuring



25 miniature buildings including a grist mill that light up at night. Also featured is a 6' water wheel powered by an electric pump that circulates 3,900 gals. of water per hour. The garden is home to a small town with houses, bridges, 3 waterfalls, and plants and trees including Sedums, Alberta Spruce and dwarf Elms.

After a 9 year hiatus, expansion began in 2008 with the tiny stone Potting Shed imported from England. Since then 6 gardens have been added. In 2017, the Gardens became the Hippley Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.



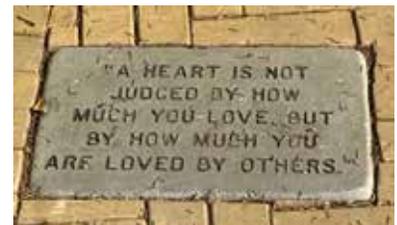
The Watershed was named in honor of Doc 'Doc' Hager who devoted over 26 years working in the Gardens. 10,000 gals. of water flow from the foot of the shed up through its chimney and down the slate roof. The building materials were rescued from a 1890's barn.

In 2014, the Garden's largest undertaking was completed with the construction of a 20' x 48' Tudor-



style building. Included is an outdoor fireplace and TV under a 20' x 16' pergola, a water feature and a secret garden. The interior contains a restroom, fireplace and workout area. The building is constructed of stone recycled from an 1800's barn foundation and the roof slate from another 200 year old barn. The structure is named after Rich and Jo Berryman, long-time Columbiana residents.

In 2019, in honor of the 80th anniversary of the



Wizard of Oz's debut showing on the big screen, the Gardens developed a Wizard of Oz Garden complete with a yellow brick road where visitors can see all their favorite Oz characters.

The Victorian Doll House is a replica of the historic Mullin Doll House located in Salem constructed in 1891 by employees of Mullin Manufacturing. Unlike the original, this structure has electricity.



Another feature is a restored 1954 Chevy pickup, sans engine and transmission, with a tailgate waterfall, a bed full of flowers in summer and pumpkins in fall. The head and tail lights come to life after dark.



It's inspiring that there are people willing to invest their time and resources in projects that enhance the quality of life in their community.

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Groundhog Scourge

When our organization entered into an agreement with FlyingHigh Rehabilitation Services last year, it was a way to fulfill our horticulture education mission by mentoring FRS clients. Our members tutored clients in planting hundreds of tomato and pepper plants in plots at the Youngstown urban farm. Other vegetables, herbs and flowers were planted in raised beds.



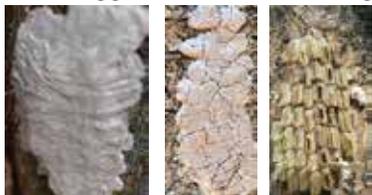
Initially, everything went well. But when the plants began to develop ripening fruit events went sour quickly. Resident groundhogs took a particular liking to the tomatoes, taking a single bite off many and knocking the rest off their vines. Other plants also suffered damage.

What should FlyingHigh do to correct the problem to ensure successful crops this year? It could hire a professional extermination company but how expensive would that be and for what duration? Poisoning could involve inhumane suffering, and endanger domestic animals and wildlife.

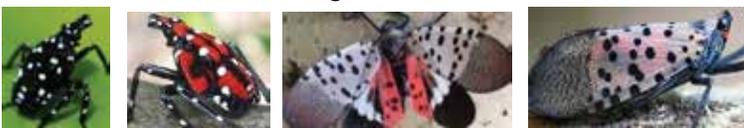
Live traps baited with cantaloupe, potatoes, etc. before crops begin to ripen seems the best solution. Ohio law allows for euthanizing groundhogs. Subsequently shooting them would require relocation because discharging a firearm in the city is illegal and Youngstown has a shot spotter system that would summon police. A local farmer we know suggested drowning the animals, cage and all, in a water-filled 55 gallon drum.

Spotted Lanternfly

The Spotted Lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*) is an Asian invasive that attacks fruit and woody trees. They now have established populations in eastern states including Ohio's Cuyahoga and Jefferson counties. It is not a strong flyer but is often spread when infested materials or egg masses are moved by people.



Egg masses are small, grey masses protected by a waxy covering. After hatching in late spring, SLF goes through 4 nymph stages reaching adult moth stage (1 inch) in late summer and autumn. The first 3 stages have white dots and black



stripes. Anyone suspecting an infestation should collect a sample or take a photo, and report it to plantpest@agri.ohio.gov or call 614-728-6400.

A Memorial to Their Sacrifice

This is the day we pay homage to all those who didn't come home. This is not Veterans' Day, it's not a celebration. It is a day of solemn contemplation over the cost of freedom. Tamra Bolton



Regard your soldiers as your children, and they will follow you into the deepest valleys; look upon them as your own beloved sons, and they will stand by you even unto death.

Sun Tzu

...And if words cannot repay the debt we owe these men, surely with our actions we must strive to keep faith with them and with the vision that led them to battle and to final sacrifice.

Ronald Reagan

Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in service to our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America can never forget their sacrifices.

Harry S. Truman

And they who for their country die shall fill an honored grave, for glory lights the soldier's tomb, and beauty weeps the brave.

Joseph Rodman Drake

Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God such men lived.

George S. Patton

Mothers' Day, Every Day

Life began with waking up and loving your mother's face. George Eliot



We were born of love; love is our mother.

Rumi

A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose pace no one else can take. Cardinal Meymilod

If at first you don't

succeed, try doing it the way mom told you to in the beginning.

Unknown

A mother's love is peace. It need not be acquired, it need not be deserved.

Erich Fromm

A mother's love for her child is like nothing else in the world. It knows no law, no pity. It dares all things and crushes down remorselessly all that stands in its path.

Agatha Christie

Mothers and their children are in a category all their own. There's no bond so strong in the entire world. No love so instantaneous and forgiving.

Gail Tsukiyama

The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness. Honore De Balzac



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calendar of events



- May 4Board Meeting 5:30PM Fellows' Riverside Gardens
- May 4Membership Meeting7:00PM Fellows' Riverside Gardens
- May 5, 6, 7, 9 & 10Spring Plant Sale South Ave. & Bev Road
- May 24 ... Decorate War Memorials ..9:00AM Youngstown Central Square
- June 1 Plant Auction & Potluck ...7:00PMLariccia Ctr., Boardman Park
- July 6 Board Meeting 5:30PM Fellows' Riverside Gardens
- July 6 Membership Meeting 7:00PM Fellows' Riverside Gardens

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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