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 89 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE MAHONING VALLEY AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

President's Message

I'd like to thank Dennis James of DJ's Greenhouse in Transfer, PA, for a great presentation at last month's membership meeting. He has long been a good, supportive friend of our organization, and I was glad we had a good turnout. Readers should check out the many workshops and demonstrations at DJ's next year and select from his topnotch inventory. He usually donates to our Winter Seminar's Chinese auction.

Speaking of the Winter Seminar, members interested in helping out met prior to the meeting. At that time, two speakers with impressive credentials had been booked with a third being considered. While a significant number of members will hopefully take part including acting as 'table captains', all of us can make a significant contribution.

While last year's seminar continued the tradition of being better than the last, one disappointment was the number of sponsors who contributed to the Chinese auction. All members can help in this area by approaching businesses they patronize on a regular basis. You can pick up flyers at our meetings explaining the seminar and what these businesses can do to help. If you value our organization, this is something you'll want to do to make the event just that much more successful.

I'm sad to say we won't be having a Fall Breakfast this year. Fellows' Riverside Gardens classrooms were booked solid. We'll have to get on next year's calendar earlier to enjoy these fun events.

The holidays are approaching – can you believe it – and that means our annual Christmas Party/President's Reception Dinner. It's a great chance to enjoy the company of members and their significant others while getting a jump on Christmas festivities. Contact Bob McGowan ASAP because he will be joining the annual 'herding of the six-toed cats' in Key West in early December. And if Judge Pat Cunning is to play Santa Claus again, he'd best get started on that beard.

I'd like to congratulate and thank the following members who will serve as MGCY officers in 2020. They are Tom Arens, President; Ron Fasano, First Vice President; Bob McGowan, Treasurer; Joe Fagnano, Recording Secretary; and Mike Banks, Corresponding Secretary.

Finally, remember to thank a vet for his/her military service on Nov. 11th.
Sincerely; Bruce Brungard, President

Christmas Party/President's Reception Dinner

Wednesday, December 11th, 5:30pm, Dinner at 6pm

A La Carte Catering Hall, Canfield, OH

Menu: *Chicken Cordon Bleu or Stuffed Pork Chop, Wedding Soup, Spinach Salad, Twice Baked Potato, Wine, Coffee, Tea*

Entertainment: **Acoustic Guitar Duo**

Top Awards Presented Poinsettias for the Ladies \$20 Per Person
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Membership Meeting

7pm, Wed., Nov. 6

Christopher Thompson
 MGCY & TGOA/MGCA
 2019 Scholarship Winner
Subject: 'Agro-Forestry'

Guests Welcome

Board Meeting

6:30pm, Wed., Nov. 13

Austintown Library
All Members Welcome

MetroParks In November

MidWinter Memories	1-30
Chipmonk Challenge	1-30
Garden Design 101	2
Photo Clique: <i>Lens Choice</i>	5
Dance Classes	5,12
Naturalist Series: <i>Raptors</i>	6
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Club News

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Latest Changes to TGOA/MGCA

The following information was taken from the Central Great Lakes Region's newsletter, *The Johnny Appleseed Journal's* fall issue, and is a synopsis of the business meetings held prior to the national convention in July.



Realizing that the current national membership could not continue to support the headquarters building and staff, cost-saving measures had to be adopted. This would involve closing the headquarters in Iowa and moving to OSU – Wooster, pending a vote by all members, and manning the facility with volunteers. A proposal to continue to draw from the Investment & Endowment Fund until it is depleted was rejected as it would put the national's 501c3 tax exempt status in jeopardy.

The proposed move to Wooster would cost less than \$2000 a year as opposed to \$17,000 to maintain the current facility. Additional streamlining will be necessary. TGOA/MGCA merchandise will now be handled by outside suppliers. Core activities such as scholarships, Gardening-From-The-Heart and Children's Gardening will be maintained but at a reduced levels. Other activities will be eliminated.

The use of the headquarters was granted by Pioneer Seed Company to the Des Moines Men's Garden Club in 1977 and turned over to the national in 1982. Pioneer has been notified the national will be leaving in the fall.

MGCY Christmas Tree Decorating

Recording Secretary Joe Fagnano will supervise our club's decorating our contribution to Fellows' Riverside Gardens' annual holiday extravaganza. As of now, the date is Nov. 25 or 26 with the time to be announced.



While there are some dried garden and nature items in stock, we always like members to bring new and different things that have always made our tree unique.

Check your beds and gardens for any flowers or foliage that you think would add distinction to the tree, dry them, and bring them to the Fellows' decorating. If we don't have a more accurate decorating time by print time, an email with same will be sent.

Helping our Valley to Grow Since 1930

Fall Blooming Plants

Our friend Dennis James' presentation at last month's membership meeting was what we have come to expect from the owner of DJ's Greenhouse in Transfer, PA –concise information with a nice variety of example plants. Not only did he discuss bedding plants that look great in autumn, but added info on their care.



First up were **chrysanthemums**. When buying mums, it is important to know how well the variety will hold up during cold winters and possibly return next season. All variety's blooms do well in cool weather but die following a freeze. Annual mums, often marketed as 'hardy', will not likely survive the winter especially when bought and planted in fall.

'Perennial' mums will usually survive freezing weather and return in spring. For best results they should be purchased and installed in August where they can enjoy full sun. Let the foliage stay the first year. Prune off one half in May and another third in early July. Water consistently.

Dennis is partial to the 'Igloo' varieties which include some



daisies. Among them are 'Pumpkin', 'Warm', 'Ice Pink', 'Sundance', 'Frosty', 'Sunny', 'Cool', 'Icicle', 'Harvest', 'Snowy', 'Radiant', 'Firedance', 'Dainty Pink', 'Fireworks' and 'Sizzling'.

The **Winterberry holly** shrub gets its name from the profuse number of Christmas-red berries that decorate its bare stems throughout most of winter. In order for the berries to produce a male must be present, usually in a ratio of one to six-eight. Plant the male behind the females because...



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...it will not have the trademark berries.

Because it is a native marsh plant, winterberry prefers moist, acidic soil. While maintaining hydration, the top two inches of soil should be allowed to become somewhat dry. There should be moderate sunlight available. Pruning is important for the shrubs to spread. Do so in spring before new growth appears.

Forsythias and many other traditionally spring-blooming plants can flower in fall when their normal growing season in late spring and summer puts them under such stress as extreme heat and/or drought. When this occurs, the shrub will not bloom the following spring.



The plant prefers full sun but, if only part shade is necessary, opt for morning and early afternoon exposure. While soil pH may not be important, amending clay soils with compost is necessary to improve drainage. Prune not more than 25% immediately after flowering to shape and remove spent blooms.

Chamaecyparis (False Cypress) comes in a host of varieties so we'll just give some general information on care. The two common types of growth are:

Thread leaf with arborvitae type, sometimes stringy golden yellow or green foliage. The form is broad and spreading.



Squarrosa has short needled, blue-silver foliage with a twisted appearance. The form is upright with a central leader.

The plant prefers full sun – afternoon shade in hot regions. Weekly watering, especially when young, is required especially during extreme heat. They will become more drought resistant as they mature. Fertile, well drained soil is best. Considered deer resistant, they should be planted at least 5 ft. apart.

Another native plant is the **Oakleaf Hydrangea**. Blooming to greenish-white in spring, they pick up subtle shades of pink and reddish brown reaching their peak in autumn with the most color appearing on the sun exposed side. Another attraction is the leaves which turn bright shades of red and orange as fall turns to winter.



Once established, they are disease and pest free.

While the plant will bloom in shaded areas, the most attractive flowers appear when exposed to full morning sun. The plant can reach 10 ft. tall and 8 ft. wide so some pruning is required to keep them in allowable space. Pruning is also necessary to make the plant's shape fuller, but don't do so until after it blooms because buds form on last year's growth.

Tips From Tom

Thanks to Rodney Toth for sending the October issue of *Tom's Gardening Blog*. We don't know the author but hope he doesn't mind our using his material.

Closing Up The Garden

Fall unofficially comes with the first frost. All ripe, tender crops should have been picked before this occurs. Until temps go below 30 degrees, unpicked immature veggies can be protected with baskets, burlap, blankets, row covers or, if nothing else is available, misted with water before sundown. If using a cold frame, be sure to close the lid at night and open it at sunup so the produce doesn't overheat.

Cool weather crops like broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower and spinach can withstand the cold. In fact, their flavor may be enhanced after a frost. While they can't stay in the garden as temps get progressively colder, they can withstand the first frost.

Carrots, kale, lettuce, bunching onions, parsley, parsnips and beets may survive all winter if the garden is properly mulched. Most can be dug or picked as needed throughout the winter and early spring.

Preparing Soil For Winter

Pull up all dead and unproductive plant material and place it on the soil to be tilled under or dumped in the compost pile. Any material bearing evidence of disease or pests should be burned or otherwise removed from the garden. Compost, manure and dried leaves tilled into the soil will add needed nutrients to next year's crops. Waiting until spring may mean these materials will not break down sufficiently to benefit future crops. Be sure to clean and sanitize gardening tools so that this year's problems don't raise their ugly heads next year.

Thanks, Tom, whoever and wherever you are.

_____ 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 \$215.00 per individual.

Your name: _____

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

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Newsletter: _____ Nominations: _____ Public Relations: _____ Refreshment: _____

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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.

Thank You For Your Service



Never was so much owed by so many to so few.
Winston Churchill

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter the words, but to live by them.
John F. Kennedy

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.
John 15:13

Everyone loves freedom but everyone isn't willing to serve our country and fight for it. Today we honor those that have.
Sonya Parker

The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by the nation.
George Washington

Thank YOU For YOUR Blessings

Thanksgiving Day is a jewel, to set in the hearts of honest people; but be careful that you do not take the day, and leave out the gratitude.
E. P. Powell

Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year; to the honest person it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow.
Edward Sandford Martin

On Thanksgiving Day we acknowledge our dependence.
William Jennings Bryant

The Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts. No Americans have been more impoverished than these who, nevertheless, set aside a day of thanksgiving.
H.U. Westermayer

The unthankful heart... discovers no mercies; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day and, as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find, in every hour, some heavily blessings.
Henry Ward Beecher

Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them is the true measure of our thanksgiving.
W.T. Purkiser

Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never have enough.
Oprah Winfrey

'Emery Paul' Dahlia

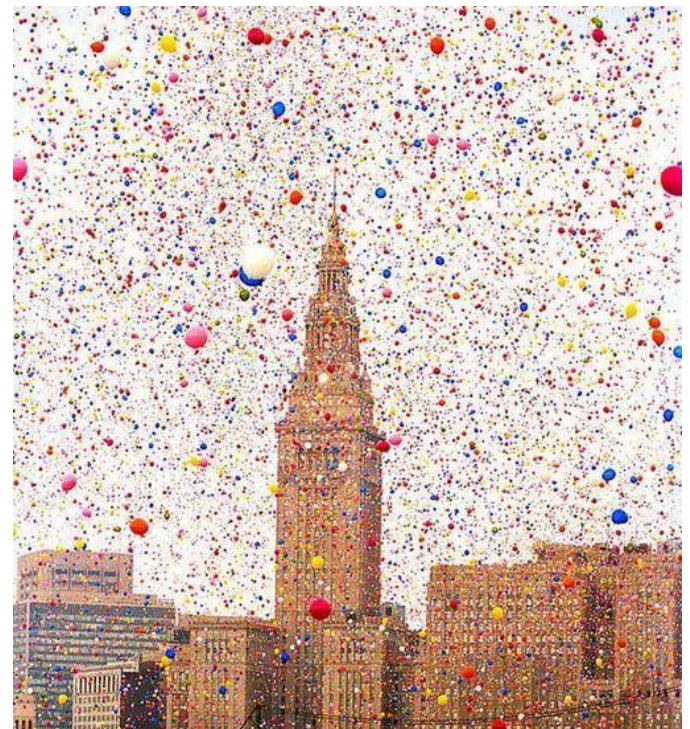
Rodney Toth brought this stunner from his garden to the October membership meeting.



We think most people who saw it thought it was artificial. Ain't nature grand?

Remember This?

On Sept. 27, 1986, 1.5 million helium-filled balloons were released in Cleveland as part of Balloonfest '86, a United Way fundraising stunt. It was meant to be whimsical and fun while setting a world record. The result, however, was an environmental disaster.



The balloons got caught in a storm and drifted back to earth. They also clouded the sky causing a Hopkins' Airport runway to be shut down. We're sure they also clogged storm sewers and harmed wildlife.

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Members are urged to give them a visit.

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*Veterans
 Day*

*November
 11th*

calendar of events



- November 6 General Meeting FRG 7:00 pm
- November 13 Board Meeting APL 6:30 pm
- December 4 DUES FOR 2020 TO BE PAID Bob McGowan
- December 4 Board Meeting APL 6:30 pm
- December 11 Christmas Dinner A La Cart 6:00 pm

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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