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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we enter an exciting month for GOGY, from the interaction at the Fair to our much anticipated 60th Annual Horticultural Show, we are saddened by the loss of fellow member and dear friend John Schinker. John volunteered and remained involved in every aspect not only of GOGY, but other clubs as well as the national organization. His work at the greenhouse, prepping and planting for our Spring Plant Sale has been the foundation for that fundraiser. His knowledge, experience and work ethic will be greatly missed. I valued John as a friend and a mentor.

Hopefully Bruce Brungard, who worked side by side with John for many years, will continue with the greenhouse. I'm sure he would appreciate additional help.

Speaking of the Hort Show, I hope you have identified your entries! Remember, registration is free, Saturday, August 23rd, 7:30am - 10:30am, the show is open to the public from 1-5pm, with the awards ceremony Sunday, August 24th at 4pm.

JOHN SCHINKER

1945 – 2025



*Rest in Peace
Dear Friend*

2024 Horticulture Show Best of Section Winners



Nice, But We Can Do Better!

Meetings Schedule

Wednesday, September 2nd
Austintown Township Park
Stacy Pavillion

Board Meeting 5:30pm

All Members Welcome

Membership Meeting 7pm

Birt Underwood

English Gardens Tour

Guests Welcome

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CLUB NEWS

60th Horticulture Show Preview

For even those of us who are veterans of past shows, we had all learned at some new twists. Lisa Nicklash and Birt Underwood, Horticulture Committee co-chairs, gave a show tutorial at our August meeting.



They began by urging all members to attend and recruit non-members to do so.

The main issue is carefully reading the show schedule including number of items per entry, uniform size, stems, leaves, etc. Except for mixed vegetable, floating leaf and flower, and floral design exhibits, exhibitors must use the provided containers. No leaves should be in the container water. Transporting exhibits to the show is always awkward. They suggested using wine case boxes that have interior sections for individual bottles.

The show opens with the 7:30am – 10:30am registration and setup period, followed by judging on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. We'll need members to volunteer for classification and clerking duties. On Friday, Aug. 22nd, we'll need members to set up the Davis Center from 2-4pm.

One Busy Young Woman

Two-time GoGY scholarship recipient MacKensie Kelso gave a presentation on ozone nanobubble technology at our membership meeting. Nutrient runoff from farms, industry and animal waste cause fresh water bodies to be filled with aquatic plants. When the plants die, oxygen in the water is depleted in the oxidation process killing wildlife and making the water toxic. The system uses ozone to add oxygen to the water with bubbles so small they stay in the water column, also acting as a disinfectant. She is pictured here with Bob Schulick, Scholarship Chairman.



MacKensie took part in the project as part of her Environmental Science major at Ohio State, Columbus, where she is a sophomore. She was also a summer undergraduate fellow there. In addition, she is president of the Society of Professional Environmental Engineers, and helped form the Club Community Urban Garden in a distressed area of Columbus.

Halloween at Fellows Gardens

The Gardeners of Greater Youngstown's Board of Gardeners approved a \$50 fee to participate in the celebration scheduled to run through the month of October. Fellows will provide the wire frame to be decorated by members.

Our members will pick up the frame in early September and deliver the finished product to Fellows on September 25th. Large crowds are anticipated throughout the event's run and it is a great opportunity to fly our flag. Further details will be announced via email in the near future.



179th Canfield Fair Participation



We will again participate at the fair that runs August 26th thru September 1st. Members are asked to volunteer for 3 hour shifts promoting our organization, answering gardening related questions and handing out bulbs. Contact Tom Arens to sign up.

Certified horticulture judges from our club will help judge various entries in the various flower competitions on Tuesday, Aug. 25th and Saturday, Aug. 29th. Members will also assist entrants in placing their exhibits. Be sure to check out the exhibits when you attend for ideas on next year's landscapes.

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15th Annual Butterfly Festival

Since 2015, the Southside Community Garden has hosted an educational exhibit promoting the environmental necessity of pollinators is general and butterflies in particular. Gardeners of Greater Youngstown member Lois Martin-Oscianowski and volunteers put on this popular, one day festival that is a joy to attend.

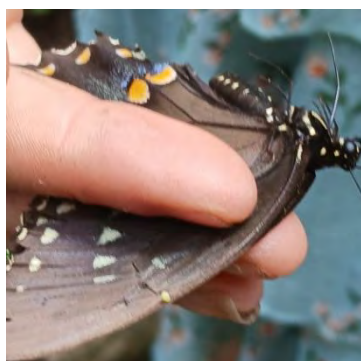


As we walked onto the property at Williamson and Erie on Youngstown's southside, we were greeted by soft jazz sung by Rochell Joy. Throughout the afternoon, Rochell mixed her beautiful singing with an eclectic mix of recorded music.

The center piece of the event is a screened structure filled with various species of live butterflies is



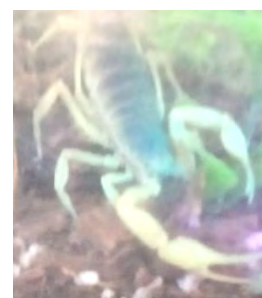
various stages of development. Inside, Lois was giving children a hands-on explanation of the various stages of the insect's development. Some were allowed to carefully handle them, one of which had eggs on its wings.



Another attraction was the Bug Mobile from the Ohio State Univ. Agriculture Technical Institute which has been attended by many of our scholarship



recipients. Inside were many creepy-crawlies including Madagascar hissing cockroaches, a scorpion that fluoresces under UV light, and other exotic arthropods.



Other attractions included a YFD fire truck, numerous butterfly attracting plants, a snack grill, tables with insect-related trinkets and, further east on Williamson, a plot owned by Lois that has been planted by First Energy and the Mahoning Valley Green Team with native wild flowers in bloom.



Go to Facebook to learn when next year's event will occur. It's a day of educational entertainment not to be missed.

Pucnanthemum tenuifolium

Gardenmyths.com blogger Robert Pavlis loves this member of the mint family. Also known as mountain mint, narrow leaf mountain mint, Virginia thyme and common horsemint, is much less invasive than its mint relatives. He has had this plant in his beds for five years and it has not spread, although it's surrounded by wood chip mulch. It is native to our area.

It is a butterfly/pollinator magnet that looks good



all season, making a nice, light green, lacy bush in spring, and flowering for several weeks in late summer. It is well suited as a ground cover. While it prefers a sunny spot with some moisture, it will grow well in sun or shade, wet or dry. It's extremely thin leaves are needle-like and have a minty aroma when crushed.

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Maintaining Container Plantings

Patio planters and window boxes need special attention as the growing season comes to an end, and colder comes our way.

The plants in containers have probably become quite large by now, and the amount of soil may be insufficient to maintain them and hold the water they need. They will need watering more frequently especially in hot, sunny, dry weather. Be sure to saturate all soil, not just around the edges. Pots that dry too quickly may have more plants in them that the soil can support. Reduce watering chores by choosing light-colored, non-porous containers such as plastic or glazed pottery. In that case, remove some plants, prune them back or move them to a less sunny location.

Rapidly growing plants need plenty of nutrients especially potted ones where the limited amount of soil and frequent watering depletes nutrients. In addition to slow release fertilizer mixed into the soil, add water soluble fertilizer in a watering can once or twice a week. Use one-half to one-quarter strength of the recommended amount per gallon.

Groom and remove dead flowers. Keep plants looking lush and full by pruning leggy stems back to buds or branches, and removing off-colored or damaged foliage. Pinch flower stems back to just above a leaf or bud. Many plants continue to produce new flowers if spent blooms are removed before they set seeds.

Change plants seasonally when they look tired and past their prime. Pull them out and replace with new potting soil and plants. Keeping with seasonal themes, plant in succession like bulbs and primroses in spring, annuals and vegetables in summer, and colorful kale and pansies in fall.

In cooler-weather climates, containers and their contents need protection when freezing temperatures threaten. Even hardy perennials and shrubs cannot tolerate completely frozen roots that can happen in containers. Terra cotta and ceramic pots may crack if left outside to freeze. Empty their contents into the compost pile and store the dry pots in a protected area. Wrap chicken wire around pots of small trees, shrubs and perennials, and stuff with loose mulch such as straw. Store in an unheated but not freezing garage or shed for winter.



A Labor Of Love

He who works with his hands is a laborer. He who works with his hands and his head is a craftsman. He who works with his hands and his head and his heart is an artist.

Saint Francis of Assisi

All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

I believe in the dignity of labor, whether with head or hand; that the world owes no man a living but that it owes every man an opportunity to make a living.

John D. Rockefeller

The labor movement was the principal force that transformed misery and despair into hope and progress.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Labor is prior to, and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior to capital, and deserves much the higher consideration.

Abraham Lincoln

Genius begins great works; labor alone finishes them.

Joseph Joubert

Labor disgraces no man; unfortunately, you occasionally find men who disgrace labor.

Ulysses S. Grant

Labor was the first price, the original purchase – money that was paid for all things. It was not gold or silver, but by labor, that all wealth of the world as originally purchased.

Adam Smith





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Members are urged to give them a visit.

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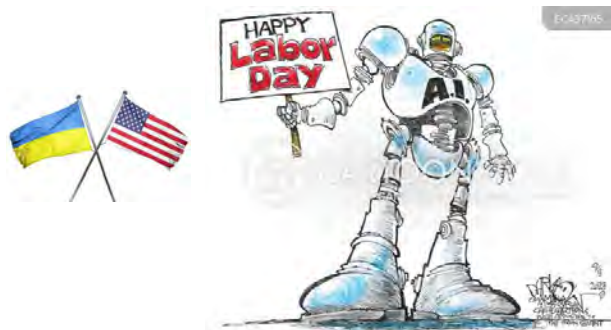


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Calendar of Events



August 23-24, 2025 .. Horticultural Show Fellows Riverside Gardens
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Oct. 7, 2025 Board Mtg 5:30PM Stacey Pavilion, Austintown Park
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Nov. 6, 2025 Board Mtg 5:30PM Stacey Pavilion, Austintown Park
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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.

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.

To join, contact us at: Gardeners of Greater Youngstown

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