



The Germinator



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Gardeners!

Here we are in September ~ already! The summer has flown by... we survived the storms, heat waves, and garden pests. Now it's time to be grateful for the bounty of the vegetables, fruits, and seeds we harvest, time to enjoy the late blooms, and the return of football!!! It's time to prepare for all the fun that the Fall season brings (my favorite season!).

Our club celebrated the bounty of ours and our Community's gardens with our annual Horticulture Show. Details are in this newsletter. I want to thank Lisa and Birt for another successful show. Such an abundance of beautiful entries! Thanks also to all the members who contributed time to help with set up, submitted entries, or just showed up to support this event!

Earlier in August GOGY members were fortunate to have opportunities to tour two popular places in our Community: The Hippley Village Garden and Pioneer Trails Tree Farm. Both tours were informative, educational, and beautiful in their respective way. Many of you who were not available for the Hippley Garden tour have requested another tour be arranged ~ stay tuned for details.

Now its on to the Canfield Fair. Once again, GOGY will host an information table in the Floral building where our members will be able to share details about our Club, and also be available to assist fairgoers with questions they may have about some of the exhibits. Several of our members will be judging the entries. Thanks in advance to the members who volunteered to staff our table during the Fair! Hope you will stop by while at the Fair.

To those celebrating birthdays this month – Happy Birthday!!
See you at the Fair... or at our next meeting on Tuesday, September 8th.

Pat



"Autumn... the year's last, loveliest smile."

- William Cullen Bryant

Meeting Date Changes

Check out the upcoming meeting date changes on page 5. The November meeting has changed to Thursday, November 5th due to Election Day. Also, the President's Reception in December is now scheduled as a luncheon on Saturday, December 12th at A La Cart Catering.

Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026
Austintown Township Park
Stacy Pavilion

Board Meeting - 5:30

General Meeting - 7:00

Program

Tom Beck

The Salem Community Pantry:
Feeding Our Neighbors In Need

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"Before the reward there must be labor.
You plant before you harvest."

Ralph Ransom

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Martin Luther King Jr.

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Franklin D. Roosevelt



Club News

Horticulture Show Recap

Congratulations to our members - and especially Lisa Nicklash and Birt Underwood for organizing this year's successful Horticulture Show. There were 14 new entrants, including 5 of our members who had never entered before. A couple new entrants might have mentioned they felt somewhat coerced into entering, but were glad they did. (We're not naming any names).



Pictured are our judges:
Tom Davis; David Rich;
Mary Ann Ferguson Rich;
Mindy Fortune; Cheryl
Bordner, & Clark Bordner.
Clerks included Julie Davis/
Tom Liggett & Pat Murphy/
Birt Underwood

Best of Section Winners:

Section A Vegetables: Terry Voland – Butternut Squash – A21

Section B Fruits: Terry Voland – Bluecrop Blubberies – B2

Section C Annuals: Joyce Yaslik – Cleome – C99

Section D Perennial-Biennial: Lisa Nicklash – Pink Elephant Hibiscus – D07

Section E Bulbs, Corms, Tubers, Etc.: Mike Banks – Dahlia – E03

Section F Roses: No Award

Section G Potted Plants: Tom Liggett – Trigona Euphorbia – G04

Section H Floral Design: Norma Harned – Bouquet – H01

Youth: Teagan Mellott – 16 points

Best in Show: Joyce Yaslik – Cleome – C99

Largest Zinnia—Megan Renshaw

Heaviest Tomato—No Award

Congratulations to our sweepstakes winners: Lisa Nicklash - 25 points, Terry Voland - 17 points with 9 seconds and Joyce Yaslik 17 points with 1 second.



Pictured right -
Teagan Mellott,
with her Best In
Show ribbons



Canfield Fair

Thanks to all the members who volunteered their time & talents to once again give us a presence in the floral arts building at the Canfield Fair. As always, Pat Murphy led with a great design display.



Hippley Gardens Tour

Several members and friends enjoyed a tour of the Gardens, led by owner John Hoppley. The GOGY Board had voted prior to the tour to make a donation to this beautiful facility, President Pat Murphy made the presentation



Pioneer Trails Tree Farm

Pioneer Trails Tree Farm was another destination for GOGY members & friends with the opportunity to learn more about this working tree farm. There was lemonade at the end of the tour and an opportunity to pick wildflowers from their gardens.





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September Garden Tips

- ☼ [Control poison ivy](#) before it goes dormant.
- ☼ Start fall garden cleanup and compost plant debris.
- ☼ Dig and store summer flowering bulbs for winter.
- ☼ Fall is a good time for improving your garden soil. Add well aged manure, compost and leaves to increase the organic matter content.

HOME (Indoor plants and activities)

- ☼ Overwinter annual bedding plants such as begonias, coleus, geraniums and impatiens as bareroot plants or with cutting. Plants from cuttings can be overwintered in a sunny window and provide plants for next year's garden.
- ☼ Pot up chives, parsley and other herbs to extend the growing season in the house.
- ☼ Before [moving houseplants indoors](#) be sure to inspect, clean and prune them first.

LANDSCAPE (Lawns, trees, shrubs and flowers)

- ☼ Add fall color to the landscape with blooming mums, flowering kale, and pansies.
- ☼ Lawns: Fertilize lawns on Labor Day. Reseed bare patches, renovate large areas, dethatch, and core-aerify lawns. If necessary, dig or spray perennial broadleaf weeds. Follow label directions.
- ☼ Plant peonies. Divide daylilies, iris, peonies and other perennials.
- ☼ Save seeds from favorite self-pollinating, non-hybrid flowers such as marigolds.
- ☼ Pick bagworms from evergreen shrubs to eliminate spring hatch from over-wintered eggs.
- ☼ Do not prune or fertilize trees or shrubs until after leaf fall to avoid new, winter-sensitive growth.
- ☼ Begin to [rake leaves](#). Grind with mulching mower or leaf collector to reuse as landscape mulch.
- ☼ If needed, water trees and shrubs to provide sufficient moisture and prevent winter damage.

GARDEN (Vegetables, fruits and herbs)

- ☼ [Harvest and dry herbs](#) and hot peppers for winter use.
- ☼ Plant fall lettuces and greens.
- ☼ If fusarium and verticillium diseases have been problems on tomatoes, record varieties and try different, resistant varieties next year.
- ☼ Pears should be picked at the hard ripe stage and allowed to finish ripening off the tree. The base color of yellow pears should change from green to yellow as the fruit approaches maturity. Be sure to keep strawberry beds weed free to help make weeding much easier next spring.
- ☼ Prune out raspberry canes that fruited this past year.



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**Thank you to the Gardeners of Greater Youngstown's Friends for their Civic Fund donations.
Members are urged to give them a visit.**

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Calendar of Events

Sept 10, 2026	Board Meeting	5:30PM	Stacey Pavilion.....	Austintown Park
Sept 10, 2026	General Meeting	7:00PM	Stacey Pavilion.....	Austintown Park
Oct. 6, 2026	Board Meeting	5:30PM	Stacey Pavilion.....	Austintown Park
Oct. 6, 2026	General Meeting	7:00PM	Stacey Pavilion.....	Austintown Park
Nov 5, 2026	Board Meeting	5:30PM	Stacey Pavilion.....	Austintown Park
Nov 5, 2026	General Meeting	7:00PM	Stacey Pavilion.....	Austintown Park
Dec 12.....	President's Reception	6:30PM	A La Cart Catering.....	Canfield, Ohio
January 5, 2027	Board Meeting	5:30PM	Stacey Pavilion.....	Austintown Park
January 5, 2027	General Meeting	7:00PM	Stacey Pavilion.....	Austintown Park
February 2, 2027	Board Meeting	5:30PM	Stacey Pavilion.....	Austintown Park
February 2, 2027	General Meeting	7:00PM	Stacey Pavilion.....	Austintown Park

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.

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