The Germinator
August 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Gardeners!

I hope everyone is enjoying the fruits (literally and figuratively) of your labors, and all the fun that Summer brings.

As you tend your gardens, keep in mind our upcoming Horticulture Show on August 29th and 30th at the Davis Center in Fellows Riverside Gardens. More details are included in this edition of the Germinator, but please consider making at least one entry. Surely there's at least one specimen you'd like to show off! Or, plan to come out and see what others (this show is open to members and the public, including youth!) have entered. Over the years there have been some amazing entries!

Also on the horizon is the Canfield Fair. GOGY will have a table in the Floral building again this year. We are being asked to be on hand to answer questions fair goers might have about the horticulture entries they are seeing displayed or about our garden club. If you are interested in volunteering at our table, and were not at the August 4th meeting to sign up, just email me (pjmurphy0900@aol.com) or call/text to 330-635-8180. Volunteering will be in two-hour shifts between 9am and 7pm each day of the Fair. We hope to have two volunteers per shift. The Fair starts Wednesday, Sept.2nd and ends Monday, Sept. 7th (Labor Day). This is a great way to promote GOGY, share your knowledge, and enjoy all the Fair has to offer!

Congratulations our 2026 Scholarship recipients, Chloe Boye and Jillian Lemans. I look forward to meeting both at the August 4th meeting where they will receive their awards.Thank you to Tom Arens, and the Scholarship Committee, for their work to once again successfully promote this special program. We ALL benefit from supporting these students and their colleagues!

Remember: Tour of Hippley Gardens is Thursday, August 7th at 6pm. This enchanting, private garden is not to be missed!

We are also working on a possible tour of Pioneer Trails Tree Farm in the coming weeks. Stay tuned.

Finally, thanks to all for your understanding our need to cancel the July member meeting at the last minute. We have not held a July meeting for several years, and apparently Mother Nature decided we didn't need to this year either! Next year!

Enjoy the rest of Summer!
Pat

"August rain: the best of the summer gone, and the new fall not yet born. The odd uneven time."

- *Sylvia Plath*

Save The Date

Our 61st Annual Horticulture Show, is scheduled for August 29th & 30th in the DD Davis Center at Fellows Riverside Gardens. Once again, there is no entry fee, a full schedule is available for download on our website. Please share with family, friends and neighbors to make this another outstanding event. Check with Lisa Nicklash for volunteer opportunities!

Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, August 4, 2026
Austintown Township Park
Stacy Pavilion

Board Meeting - 5:30

General Meeting - 7:00

Program

Hort Show Prep
Meet Our Scholarship Winners

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"August is the slow, gentle month that stretches out the longest across the span of a year. It yawns and lingers on with the light in its palms."

Victoria Erickson

"Some days in late August at home are like this, the air thin and eager like this, with something in it sad and nostalgic and familiar."

William Faulkner

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Club News

Horticulture Show

Saturday, August 29th & Sunday, August 30th are the dates for our 61st Horticulture Show in the Davis Center at Fellows Riverside Gardens. Details are in this Germinator on page 4. Volunteers are also needed to help with registration, set up and to assist the judges. It's a great way to participate in club activities and watch horticulture judges in action.

Download the complete schedule on the GOGY website. Invite your family, friends & neighbors to enter, too!

Memorial Trees

Two pear trees were purchased, and, under the direction of Terry Voland and Mike Banks, were planted by Yeager Pond. Members are encouraged to stop by and check out our memorial to long -time member and mentor, John Schinker.

Field Trips

Thursday, August 6th is our visit to Hippley Gardens in Columbiana. Definitely worth the short drive to visit this unique garden. Text, call or email Tom Arens for details.

Watch for news on another outing to Pioneer Trails Tree Farm in Poland, date & time TBD. The tour is free, a chance to pick wildflowers will have a cost of $10 - $30.

Canfield Fair

GOGY will again have a table in the Floral Arts building at the Canfield Fair. Our goal is to provide information on GOGY in the hopes of recruiting new members. Set up for our table will be **Tuesday, September 1st**, ideally between **1:30pm - 5pm**. Check with Pat to help.

Lisa recently spoke with Emily Herman McMillan, the new Superintendent of the Floral Building.Emily is making some changes but is glad to have the support of GOGY. Her goal is to make new people that enter feel comfortable and supported. We can help accomplish this.

We need to supply our own table, which can be set up in the same location as last year. It's important to not 'obstruct' any of the decorated doors that will be present again. Emily is also reaching out to local Landscapers/ Greenhouses to give them an 'opportunity to decorate areas of the floral building that are sparse in an effort to make it look more like the Fine Arts building—they will be able to include a sign as advertisement.

Mahoning Career & Tech Center will assist in setting up floral building.

GOGY will be able to assist entrants bringing in their entries. Entry time periods are Tuesday **Sept 1 (1:30 to 5 pm) and Saturday Sept 5 (7:30-10 am)**. Birt and Lisa will cover the Saturday timeframe. Any GOGY members volunteering for Tuesday will need a brief review of expectations to ensure it goes smoothly. Contact Lisa or Birt for details.

Scholarship Winners

Joining us at our August meeting will be our two scholarship winners, Chloe Boye and Jillian Lemans. After many interviews and much deliberation, the Scholarship Committee felt both of these students deserved this opportunity. They are both also eligible to receiving matching schoolarships from our national organization. Join us in congratulating these scholarship winners.

Fall Vegetable Garden Planting

Planting Fall crops extends your garden, and your harvest. Consider planting seeds or transplants for crops that thrive in cooler weather, such as lettuce, spinach, kale, radishes, beets, carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, and Brussels sprouts. Check frost tolerance of each crop and compare with your local estimated first frost date.

Soil temperature matters! Cool-season vegetables need soil above 55°F; warm-season crops need above 75°F. Transplant timing ia also important. Vegetables for spring planting should be started indoors about 4 weeks before the target planting date.

Be sure to cover your crops! If your garden is finished in late summer, you can plant cover crops in September or October to protect soil and add nutrients. In August, integrated pest management remains important, focus on monitoring for pests that can affect fall crops and using preventive measures to extend harvests. Apply mulch to retain moisture, suppress weeds, and regulate soil temperature.

Find your county office: search extension.osu.edu/lao#county for zone-specific advice. Ask a Master Gardener for personalized gardening questions.

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WHEN TO PLANT THE FALL GARDEN

Vegetable Crops (SEEDS)	Time to Plant (Seeds)	Average Days to Maturity
Bush beans	Mid July – mid August	50 -65
Beets - roots, (leaves)	Mid July – mid August (early Sept)	60-75 (30-40)
Carrots	Early July – early August	80-90
Chinese cabbage	Mid July – early August	50-70
Chard	Mid July – mid August	50-60
Cilantro	Mid July - late August	45-75
Collards	July	80-90
Kale	Early July – early August	70-80
Kohlrabi	Mid July – mid August	60-70
Lettuce (leaf)	July – late August	40-60
Mustard greens	Mid July – mid August	50-60
Radish	July – mid September	30-40
Snow Peas	Late July – early August	50-70
Spinach	All August	50-60
Summer Squash	Mid July – early August	80-100
Turnips – roots, (leaves)	Early July – mid August	40-75 (30-45)

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The 61st Annual Horticultural Show

Fellows Riverside Gardens-Mill Creek Metro Parks
Saturday August 29 & Sunday August 30, 2026

OPEN (FREE) TO ALL EXHIBITORS-Youth & Adult

Public Welcome - No Preregistration Required
You do NOT have to be a member of GOGY to enter

Entries will be accepted August 29th @ 7:30 am-10:30 am. For Additional Info, Call (330) 509-9158

Exhibitor Requirements and Qualifications:

Judging Starts at 11:00 am.

Show Open to the Public - 1:00-5:00 p.m. Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday.

Awards Ceremony - 4:00 p.m. Sunday, August 30, 2026.
Entries can be removed from show **ONLY AFTER** Awards Ceremony on Sunday.

Participation in the show is open to anyone interested in growing plants--All Exhibitors must register/receive a registration number.

Entry tags will be provided at registration. Any number of specimens may be entered in each class, provided each specimen is a different variety. More than one ribbon can be awarded in each class (first/blue/1 point, second/red, third/yellow). Sectional awards (5 points) will be given in each section of the schedule. These awards shall be determined by the judges from the blue-ribbon winners in each section. The Best of Show award (6 points) will be determined by the judges from the sectional award winners. The Sweepstakes award shall be determined by totaling the number of points. Larry Whetson Heaviest Tomato Award--Sponsored by Greier Ag--$25.00 for the heaviest edible tomato. Boe Korody Largest Zinnia Award--Sponsored by Trudy Korody-$25.00 for the largest Zinnia flower. Robert Voland Youth Gardeners Sweepstakes Award (16 and under) $25.00.

Tips for Showing:

Closely abide by all requirements in the show schedule. Be selective. Start surveying your garden for possible exhibits at least a week before the show. When more than one specimen is called for, they should be as uniform as possible. (color, size and shape). Specimens should be shown at a mature stage and be true to type. Exhibits should be clean and free from dust, soil and insecticides. Good grooming is very important. Arrange exhibits in an artful manner. Emphasize good qualities and minimize defects. Exhibits should match the size of the container. Containers for plants should be clean, plain and uncovered.

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Calendar of Events

August 4, 2026	Board Meeting	5:30PM	Stacey Pavilion	Austintown Park
August 4, 2026	General Meeting	7:00PM	Stacey Pavilion	Austintown Park
August 29, 2026	Horticulture Show Set Up & Show		Davis Center	Fellows Riverside Gardens
August 30, 2026	Horticulture Show	10am - 4pm	Davis Center	Fellows Riverside Gardens
Sept TBD , 2026	Board Meeting	5:30PM	Stacey Pavilion	Austintown Park
Sept TBD, 2026	General Meeting	7:00PM	Stacey Pavilion	Austintown Park
Sept 3-7, 2026	Canfield Fair		The Fairgrounds	Canfield
Oct. 6, 2026	Board Meeting	5:30PM	Stacey Pavilion	Austintown Park
Oct. 6, 2026	General Meeting	7:00PM	Stacey Pavilion	Austintown Park
Nov TBD, 2026	Board Meeting	5:30PM	Stacey Pavilion	Austintown Park
Nov TBD, 2026	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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