July 2024

The Germinator

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Gardeners,

Summer is already here - a little damp-ish so far. Hope all of your gardens are thriving! We have had to adjust a bit for the next 2 meetings. We canceled July, since there has been a small turnout the past couple of years, it seems most are spending that week celebrating our Independence Day. Our August meeting will be a bit short. Austintown Park has asked us to not meet on the 6th - they are expecting a large turnout for the concert that evening. It's a local tribute band to 70's rockers Air Supply...So, our August meeting will be on the 13th, from 5pm - 7pm, an update & tutorial on the fast-approaching Horticultural Show at the end of August. Hope you're planning on entering!

Also quickly approaching is the The Gardeners of America National Convention. This is an amazing educational and networking opportunity for all gardeners.There have planned eight outstanding speakers, as well as a trip to Coshocton to visit historic Roscoe Village and Clary Gardens.Clary Gardens is a 20 acre botanical garden featuring herbaceous and woody plants. For more information, visit www.gardenersofamerica.club. Held on the Wooster campus of OSU's Agricultural Technical Institute and Agricultural Research and Development Center, it's a great opportunity to visit. If you prefer to not spend the night, Wooster is an easy drive from Youngstown. Call Tom Arens or John Schinker with any questions.

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Meeting Schedule

July Meeting Cancelled

August Meeting moved to 5–7pm Tuesday, Aug. 13th

There will be no Board Meeting

Stacy Pavilion, Austintown Township Park

Rodney Toth, Lisa Nicklash & Birt Underwood will update plans for the Horticulture Show.

Guests Welcome

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GOGY Annual Horticulture Show

Saturday, August 24th – Registration and Plant Prep begins at 7:30am. Judging begins approx. 10:30am.

Sunday, August 25th – Public Viewing & Awards Presented.

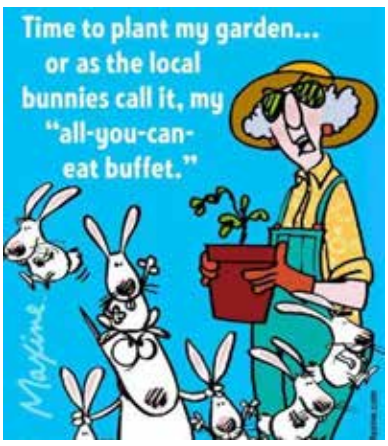
Show is Open w/ Non-member Participation Encouraged

Schedule has not yet been released but should be very similar to last year's show sections: Vegetables; Ornamentals; Fruits; Annuals; Perennials/Biennials; Dahlias; Bulbs/Tubers/ Roots/Rhizomes/Tuberous Roots; Roses; & Potted Plants. Youth Division (16 & Under) includes all sections. $25 awards for Youth Sweepstakes, Heaviest Tomato & largest Zinnia

Don't be caught off guard. Come to the August meeting for a schedule and the finer points on exhibiting entries.

TGOA National Convention

The Gardeners of America will be holding its convention on September 12 thru 14th at the Ohio State Univ. campus in Wooster. Included are 8 speaking sessions, tours, a plant show and a banquet. Go to: gardenersofamerica.club.



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Club News

New Member

Patty Sons and her husband, Carl, divide their time between Cortland and Haynes City, Fla. She is retired. Her gardening interests include landscaping, perennials and flowers.

Welcome Aboard

Each month the *Germinator* publishes the names of and general information about new members. It recently occurred to us that a photo of those people would be helpful in getting them known to the membership so that they can better participate in club activities.

We would like to publish photographs of all members who signed on since 2023, and ask those people approach Dave Campana at the meetings to get this done. We also believe that prospective members should be present when the Board of Gardeners votes on accepting them into our organization. This procedure was required in the past but bypassed in recent years.

Annual Scrappers Outing

Our Mahoning Valley Scrappers will be hosting will begin 5:30pm, game starts at 7pm. $24 per person.

Email Rodney Toth rkdahlias@aol.com with name and number of guests. *Guests Welcome*

Butterflies Are Free…

… on Saturday, July 20th, when Lois Martin-Uscianowski and friends host their annual Butterfly Festival at the corner of Williamson Ave. and Erie St. on Youngstown's Southside. The party runs from 1pm to 4pm, and features a band (Jericho Project), food, face painting, balloons, a Youngstown Fire Dept. truck, a library van, vendors and more. Ohio Edison will have native spice and button bushes and the hosts will be selling butterfly attracting plants.

But the stars of the show are a wide variety of native butterflies under netted tents where children of all ages can interact with them. With any luck, visitors will be able to witness new adults emerging from their chrysalis, which is quite likely, as there will be so many in various stages of life. At the end of the day, these beautiful pollinators will be set FREE.

Lois will be hosting tours for Purple Cat and OSU Master Gardeners a few days later. GOGY members should try to attend this free event not only to support a fellow member, but learn from the extensive array of educational props. And it is a great chance to give children a very enjoyable and educational outing.

Lois was nominated for Youngstown's Athena Chapter award which honors individuals who strive toward the professional accomplishment, excel in their chosen field, and/or help open doors so that others may follow their path.

Gabba Camp Community Project

Projects Committee Chairman Mike Banks has done a great job revitalizing our community beautification initiatives. In addition to Austintown Township Park's pond deck landscaping, Mike and members have been planting annuals around Purple Cat's Gabba Camp for the disabled. Thanks, Mike and friends.

Visiting Norma Harned

In May, Norma Harned hosted a tour group of fellow members at her beautifully landscaped Courtland home. The bog garden she designed includes primroses and shade-loving plants, and a high ground area with perennials, shrubs and trees. Thanks, Norma

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Gardeners Of Greater Youngstown's Annual Plant Auction

Great plants, delicious food and a fun time is what members and guests have come to expect from one of our organization's most popular annual events, and those who packed Austintown Township Park's Stacey Pavilion weren't disappointed.

The entire event was very well organized from separate tables for appetizers, entrees and desserts to a nice mix of drinks, napkin wrapped eating utensils and table cloths. The club-supplied fried chicken was perfect. Our bad for not asking about the source.

The plant tables were also organized into sun and shade perennials and annuals. Auctioneers Rodney Toth and Tom Arens kept things efficiently rolling along while injecting humor and fun into the proceedings. They were ably assisted by Mike Banks, Bruce Neff and Lisa Nicklash. Lisa and Birt Underwood have taken over the Horticulture Committee from Rodney and they will be giving a Horticulture Show prep demonstration at our August meeting.

Although a vast majority of plants offered were in excellent condition, the stars of the auction were two Cannas brought by Bob Schulick. The variety is '*Cleopatra'* and they sold at just under $20 each. It's no wonder they went for a premium. The large, colorful flowers would enhance the appeal in any environment they grace.

Two scholarship recipients were also on hand. Eva Miller and member Angela McKenna are excellent students and we wish them good fortune as they continue their education in the horticultural sciences.

We don't know who purchased the most plants, but do know they and all who attended took home smiles.

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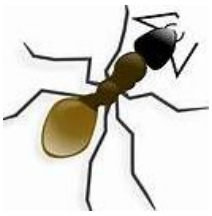
Cures for Garden Pests

www.gardenmyths.com is a blog that often takes issue with accepted gardening practices. In a recent issue, however, chief contrarian Robert Pavlis gave some helpful hints on dealing with some common garden pests.

Mosquitoes

While working in the garden or otherwise enjoying time outdoors, people are bound to work up a sweat and attract these nasty, disease spreading pests. Professional pest control companies are expensive even for one application, electronic bug zappers are largely ineffective, and harsh chemicals in DEET aren't worth the health risks.

One product Pavlis raves about is little green patches, **BugMD Squito Stickers**, seems to do the trick. The stickers contain harmless Citronella. Putting 3 on clothing should protect you up to 72 hours. If you order from his website, your purchase will be discounted 55%.



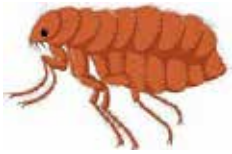
Getting Rid of Ants Naturally

This article is long and involved so we'll just go with the basics. First of all, ants in gardens can be both beneficial and harmful. They aerate soil and eliminate other pests, but also encourage aphids. You are never going to eliminate them entirely but can reduce associated problems.

A number of mostly unsuccessful remedies are mentioned. Borax for example, an ingredient in many commercial products, does bring some success. While the active ingredient, Boron, will kill ants, it is toxic to animal (including us) and plants. A 50/50 mixture with sugar can be applied to the nest either dry or mixed with water. Again, keep it away from plants, people and pets.

Other remedies that range from outright lies to not so effective are: Diatomaceous earth; mint; coffee grounds; cornmeal; nematodes; boiling water; cinnamon; essential oils and other ants.

Fleas and Other Pests



Another product Pavlis is hawking is **BugMD** whch contains a number of natural oils, and is safe for children and pets. Cottonseed oil has been used by farmers for centuries to kill insect pests. The other active ingredient is clove (eubdnol) oil. Not only does it kill fleas but acts as an insecticide.

Celebrating Independence

The happiness of America is intimately connected with the happiness of all mankind; she is destined to become the safe and venerable asylum of virtue, of honesty, of tolerance, and of peaceful liberty.
Marquis de Lafayette

Freedom is the right to tell people what they do not want to hear. George Orwell

America is a family. We all yell at each other. It all works out. Louis C. K.

May we think of freedom, not at the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right.
Peter Marshall

Summertime and the Gardening is Easy

I asked the gardener to brighten up my garden … so he planted some bulbs.

Roses are black, violets are black … I suck at gardening.

I was terrified to try gardening … But I finally decided to grow a pear.

Little 8-year-old Nancy was in the garden filling in a hole when her neighbor peered of the fence and asked what she was doing. "My goldfish died," Nancy sobbed. "And I buried it." "Mighty big hole for a goldfish," her neighbor replied.

Nancy patted down the last heap of earth with her shovel and replied, "That's 'cause he's inside your cat."

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

June 4 2024 ..... Board Meeting ..... 5:30PM ..... Stacey Pavilion, Austintown Park

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August 6 2024 ..... Board Meeting ..... 5:30PM .... Stacey Pavilion, Austintown Park

August 6 2024 ..... Membership Mtg .. 7:00PM .... Stacey Pavilion, Austintown Park

Aug. 24 & 25 2024 ..... Horticulture Show ...Davis Center....Fellows Riverside Gardens

Sept. 3 2024 ..... Board Meeting ..... 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.

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