



September 2024



The Germinator

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Gardeners,

The next few weeks are very busy ones for our club - our 59th Annual Horticultural show is August 24th & 25th. Have you chosen your entries? The schedule is on our website. Email Lisa Nicklash - lisanicklash@yahoo.com - if you're able to help. Following right behind our hort show is the Canfield Fair. Tom Arens is looking for volunteers to help with setup and to help the club have a presence in the Floral Arts building. Give him a call if you can help. Don't forget the Gardeners of America National Convention at the OSU ATI Wooster campus September 12 - 14th. This is a great opportunity to network and learn from nationally accredited horticultural professionals. Tom Arens and John Schinker can give you more insight on the benefits of attending. Lastly, we have a wonderful opportunity for a fun day on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. Look for details inside. Checks need to be sent to John Schinker by September 1st, so get your check in the mail ASAP!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 3, board meeting is 5:30, general meeting follows at 7. Send in your garden pictures to gardenersofgreateryoungstown@gmail.com, we'd love to see them!

Be sure to check out the article on our 2024 scholarship winners! Bob Schulick and his committee submitted a wonderful group of students for this year's awards. We'll meet each of them in upcoming meetings.

Whew! I think that's everything... hope to see you soon!

Clare

2023 Horticulture Show Revisited



Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, September 3rd

**Stacy Pavillion,
Austintown Township Park
Board Meeting 5:30pm
All Members Welcome
Membership Meeting 7pm
Speaker: Elsa Higby
Subject: Our Climate
Guests Welcome**

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TGOA National Convention

The Gardeners of America will be holding its convention on Sept. 12th 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.



*The glory of gardening: Hands
in the dirt, head in the sun, heart
with nature. To nurture a garden is
to feed not just the body, but the soul*
Alfred Austin

*When the world wearies and
society fails to satisfy, there is always
the garden.* Minnie Aumonier

*The love of gardening is a seed
that once sown never dies.*
Gertrude Jekyll



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Club News

New Members

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've seem to have gotten away from voting on potential new members with them present. It might benefit them and the membership to begin meeting them in person.

2024 Canfield Fair Info Booth

This year's fair runs August 28th thru September 2nd. Once again our organization will have an information booth and we need members to help fly our flag and give attendees information about our objectives and activities.

Clare Neff and Tom Arens have been lobbying fair officials for an extended period to not only secure our presence but to get space in an appropriate building for our exhibit. They have succeeded to the point of being booked in the Floral Building this year but more work needs done.



It is vitally important that our booth be manned throughout the event. When a signup sheet was passed around during the August membership meeting, it landed in front of people who ignored it and didn't pass it on. The result was only two members signed up. Let's make things right by contacting Tom and volunteering for this important service to our organization.

Tom also needs people to help with the flower show Tuesday morning and on Saturday on fair days. Contact him for details.

Southside Community Garden Donation

Lois Martin-Uscianowski, the founder and driving force behind the garden and its Annual Butterfly



Festival, announced Ohio Edison will be donating and installing 200 trees in the three Youngstown city lots on Williamson Ave. just east of the festival site at Erie St. The once overgrown area has been cleared, the soil amended and pollinator attracting plants will be installed this fall all courtesy of the Ohio Edison. The utility also generously provided free button and spice bushes during this year's event and is more than doubling down on its involvement with the trees and plants.

Horticulture Show Preview and Tutorial

Lisa Nicklash and Bert Underwood, the new co-chairs of our Horticulture Committee gave a presentation on how to best stage show entries during our August membership meeting. They ably replace former chair Rodney Toth who put our show on the flower show must attend list for many years. Their presentation showed they are more than up to the job.



They advise carefully reading the show's schedule which was passed out during the meeting. The schedule will also be available at the show. Each individual class includes the number of items, foliage, etc. Lisa and Bert discussed the importance of cleanliness, that exhibits be in their prime, stems the same length, sprays and begonias being displayed in a water dish that must be provided by the exhibitor.

Cuyahoga Scenic Train Tour

John Schinker is organizing a train excursion along the length of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park for Friday, Oct. 18th. Train leaves the Akron Depot, 25 Rich St., Akron at 10am with return at about noon. Tour is known for beautiful scenery and wildlife. Price is \$21.20 PP; deadline is Sept. 1st. Send check to John at 1296 Macachee Dr., Youngstown, 44511.





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GOGA 2024 Scholarship Recipients

Our organization is happy to announce this year's club scholarship winners were also granted tuition assistance from The Gardeners of America, our national affiliation. It's no secret today's higher education costs often prohibit some deserving men and women from pursuing the careers of their dreams. While the \$1,000 per student received from each organization puts a small dent in their total education costs, it should provide some help and motivation to continue their road to success.

Many thanks to Bob Schulick and his Scholarship Committee for their diligence in selecting these outstanding young people and promoting their inclusion in the TGOA scholarship program.

Angela McKenna

Angela lives in Girard and will be entering her senior year at Youngstown State University pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science. She credits her close-knit family with providing an enduring love of nature, gardening and learning.

She volunteers with Youngstown CityScape, litter control pick-ups, planting flowers and tending beds with the Girl Scouts of Warren, and hopes to secure an internship with Mill Creek MetroParks. She has also worked at the Youngstown Country Club since 2021 and is a member of our organization.



Joseph Morrison

Joseph lives in East Palestine and, after completing two years Ohio State University ATI CFAES in Wooster majoring in Horticulture Science, is now attending OSU Columbus studying Ecological (plant/fungi/animal) Medicines. He had been working at Sutherin Greenhouse and Mexico City Bar and Grill.



His love of plants began with a shared interest in pelargoniums with his grandmother that included studying the difference between them and true geraniums (Joe did a club meeting presentation on those plants).

When an injury ended his baseball career at Cardinal Mooney High School, he switched his focus to reviving

the School's then dormant garden club. He wants to eventually research the medicinal properties of plants. He has several chronic medical issues and plant-based medicine have successfully relieved many symptoms.

MacKenzie Kelso

MacKenzie lives in Boardman and was a straight 'A' student and captain of her state-qualifying Envirothon team. Her employment includes lifeguarding at the Applewood Swim Club, hostess at Carmella's Café and Tropical Smoothie Café. Growing up on the family farm, her love of horticulture blossomed and grew. She founded the Boardman High School Garden Club by rejuvenating an unused field and encouraging other students to join.



She has since begun her Horticulture Studies at Ohio State University hoping her education will enable a career having a positive impact on nature. MacKenzie would like to assist government in developing sustainable farming and gardening methods.

Eva Kathern Miller

Eva lives in Alliance and, having recently graduated high school there, is currently a freshman at Ohio State University ATI, Wooster, studying agriculture and environmental sciences. She has worked at Canterbury Villa as an activities aid, Stark Parks Walborn Marina and Molesky Farm and Greenhouse. Flower, vegetable and hydroponic gardening are among her horticulture pursuits. She is proficient in several string instruments and hopes to minor in music.



Future plans include getting an associate degree at ATI and resuming her education at Ohio State. She hopes her education will enable her to become involved in sustainable agriculture and conservation including making an impact in the way food is grown and distributed throughout communities.

These bright young people give us hope for the future. Ours and past generations have provided the technology to hopefully overcome the changing climate and ecological decline they've inherited.

We congratulate them and wish them good luck.



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Guide to Fall Vegetable Gardening

The days are getting shorter and autumn is on its way so it's time to plant cool season and short maturity vegetables. With the right timing and plants, fall can be one of the most successful times to garden.

Salad Greens – Lettuce, spinach, arugula and mesclun grow well in cool weather and are less likely to go to seed like spring planted crops. Lettuce and spinach germinate poorly when soil temps climb above 60 degrees so, if planted in late summer, cover beds with shade cloth.

Hardy Greens – Kale, collards, Swiss chard, mustard greens and bok choy thrive in cooler weather. A light frost will even sweeten the taste of kale. If planning to harvest kale at full size, plant about two months before the first frost date. If growing as 'baby' greens, sow seeds just a few weeks before frost is expected.

Cole Crops – Brussels sprouts taste best when sweetened by a light frost. Since it takes a long time to mature, it should be planted in early to mid-summer. Other cabbage family members include broccoli, cabbage, kohlrabi and cauliflower.

Root Crops – Beets, carrots, turnips and radishes that mature in cool weather will be sweet and mild. In fact, they can be grown throughout winter.

Peas – They grow well in cool weather but developing pods can be damaged by frost. Plant so they mature a week or two before the frost date, and prepare to cover plants if an early frost is expected. Keep the soil well watered to ensure germination.

To figure when to plant, start with the average first hard fall frost (28 degrees). If, for example, Black Seeded Simpson lettuce matures in 45 days and you add a 14 day harvest period, seeds should be sown 66 days before a hard frost is expected.

Plant fast maturing crops such as lettuce, arugula, mustard and mesclun in succession. Make a small planting every few weeks from midsummer on to enjoy a continued harvest. Sometimes gambling on extended warmer weather will yield a longer harvest. Giving crops some protection including cold frames, row covers and low tunnels can also extend harvest times.

Root crops like beets, carrots, turnips and parsnips should be mulched before the ground freezes hard. A foot of straw over and 18 inches on each row side offers protection that can be moved to the side for harvesting then replaced.

Source: garden.com

Take the Day Off

What is Labor Day?

A celebration that the pressure to lose weight for the summer is finally over.

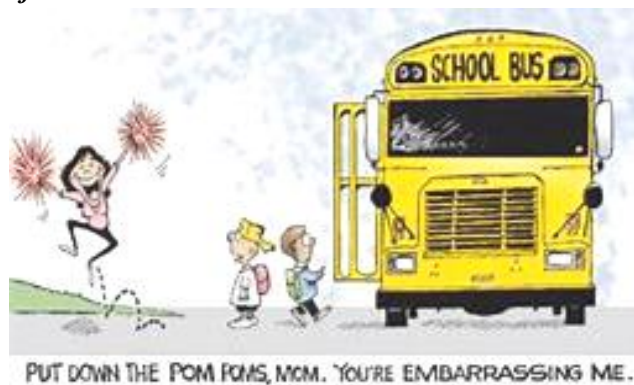


Why was the tunnel worker unhappy on Labor Day?

Because he was working with a boring machine.

Good Old Golden Rule Days

Teaching is not the filling of a pot but lighting of a fire.
W. B. Yeats





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Calendar of Events



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

Aug. 28 - Sept..2 Canfield Fair Canfield Fairgrounds

Sept.3 2024 Board Meeting 5:30PM Stacey Pavilion, Austintown Park

Sept. 3 2024 Membership Mtg 7:00PM Stacey Pavilion, Austintown Park

Oct. 1 2024 Board Meeting 5:30PM Stacey Pavilion, Austintown Park

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Nov. 5 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.

To join, contact us at: Gardeners of Greater Youngstown

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or on our website at www.gg-yo.org



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