



# Sprigs N Sprouts

The Gardeners of Lima

November 2017

Lima, Ohio

## Ray Brown Wins

The annual Big Tomato Contest of The Gardeners of Lima for 2017 was won by Ray Brown. The September weigh-in proved to be decisive since there were no further entries in October. The winning tomato and the runner-up were pictured in last month's *Sprigs N Sprouts*.

Ray Brown's winner weighed 1 lb 12.35 oz. Second place went to Joe Brown with a tomato tipping the scales at 1 lb 6.25 oz. Donna Maki took third with 0 lb 7.05 oz.



Thanks to Diane Halpern we have plenty of seeds for the Ornamental Easter Egg plants for the Spring Plant Sale. One of our plants took first place at the Allen County Fair for fruit-bearing plant.

Diane will also be starting these plants plus other plants for the Spring Sale. Thank you so much, Diane.

## CHAMBERS TO SPEAK

Mark Chambers will be speaking to The Gardeners of Lima at the November meeting. He comes from Layman's on Elida Road. He will be talking about how to take soil samples and how to read the results. Products to amend the soil will also be discussed.

Members are asked to bring a favorite garden tool and to explain why it is your favorite.

We will also be considering Preparing for Spring and Spring Plant Sale Flowers.

The meeting will be at the Clubhouse in Farout Park on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 pm.

## NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 2018 National Convention of Garden Clubs of America will be at Ft. Wayne. Since it will be so close, our Lima club should have a good representation. The dates are June 27-29. Mark your calendar!

## POINSETTIA SALE

Prices for our Poinsettias were adjusted as follows:

Small \$8.00, Medium \$12.50, Large \$18.00

ORDERS GO TO PERSETTA BOWSHER BY NOV. 13 OR  
BRING THEM TO HER AT THE NOV. 14 MEETING.

PICK-UP PLANTS AT CLUBHOUSE ON FRI. DEC. 1.

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CGLG summer conference tour of Ohio City Urban Farm. 6 acres that supplies local restaurants and breweries with fresh produce. Only 1 mile from Cleveland City Center (in background).



CGLG summer conference tour of West Side Market



TGOA National Convention

Colorful bird in the Costa Rica rain forest exhibit at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens

Thanks to Steve Maki for pictures on this page.



## NEW OFFICERS CENTRAL GREAT LAKES GARDENERS

(Left to right in above picture)

Bob Bell (Treasurer)

Paul Shanabarger (2<sup>nd</sup> VP)

Steve Maki (1<sup>st</sup> VP)

Marcia Davies (Secretary)

Clark Bordner (Past President)

Larry Kell (President)

John Schinker (National President, who  
installed the officers)

## CHECK THESE DATES

Nov. 14 MEMBERS MEETING  
& Election of Officers

Nov. 30 Board Meeting

Dec. 12 Christmas Dinner/Party  
At Westgate



October meeting attracted many “wild and crazy” characters.

Creative and unusual costumes were worn by some of the more venturesome members.

Picture also shows a few of the Halloween decorations adding to the festivities.



Lots of tasty dessert and snack items were brought and shared.

## THE GARDENERS OF LIMA

President	Steven Maki
1 <sup>st</sup> V.P.	Ray Brown
2 <sup>nd</sup> V.P.	Donna Maki
Secretary	Ed Morrison
Treasurer	Rex Maurer
National Director	Steven Maki
Past Presidents:	

Don Hanley, Dick Hussey, Dave Williams

At-Large Members of Board:

Jo Hanley, Rita Rardesty, Frank Cooley

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