

The Gardeners of Lima

December 2023

Sprigs N Sprouts

Upcoming Meetings

See you at the Faurot Park clubhouse on December 12th at 5:00 p.m. for our Christmas banquet. Please bring a dish to share as well as your own beverage.

Reminder – there are no club member meetings in January and February.

President's Message

I went to New York to celebrate Thanksgiving with my son, Steve, and his family. We are blessed. We have so many reasons to be thankful. We live in this country with our many, many freedoms. We have an abundance of food. Countless blessings.

I look forward to seeing you at our Christmas banquet this month on December 12th. The banquet will be held in our clubhouse. Many people will be bringing a dish to share. Contained elsewhere in the newsletter are the dishes that individuals have signed up for their carry-in dishes. Social time starts at 5:00 pm with dinner planned for 5:30 pm. Some of our activities will be awards, announcement of the Big Tomato contest, installation of officers, and Christmas trivia.

The poinsettias for our fall fund raiser were delivered on Monday, November 20th at the clubhouse. Perhaps the final numbers will be in by our Christmas Banquet.

Forms for the 2024 membership and collection of dues has begun for 2024. The dues for 2024 have not changed. \$15 for a regular member plus \$8 for each additional family member in the household for national dues. Regional dues will be an additional \$1 for each member. If you are a lifetime member you only owe the regional dues. Please consider joining me as a lifetime member. We have two lifetime members: Don Hanley and Steve Maki. Membership applications are at the clubhouse and included in the newsletter.



We have two openings in our club officer positions: 2nd Vice President and Secretary. Please consider volunteering to be considered to fill these open positions. I am pleased to report that Joe Brown has joined the board as an at-large member.

Our first members meeting in 2024 will be held on March 12, 2024. Enjoy the winter season until then.

Invite a fellow gardener to our members' meetings. Share with them the reasons why you are a member of The Gardeners of Lima.

Take care and treasure your blessings. Every day is a gift.

Steve



Mistletoe is the common name for obligate hemiparasitic plants in the order Santalales. They are attached to their host tree or shrub by a structure called the haustorium, through which they extract water and nutrients from the host plant.

Mistletoe is also the only **food source** for the larva of the great purple hairstreak (*Atlides halesus*), one of our most beautiful **southern butterflies**.

With more than **1,000 species** around the world, mistletoe is generally easy to find and its variety of **berries** make a nice decorative touch for the holidays.



Most mistletoe plants reach a maximum size of **12 – 18 in.** diameter. At the point of attachment of the mistletoe plant to the branch, there will often be a swollen area on the branch.

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Mistletoe and Holly

Holly



Holly berries are prominent in the winter. GREGORY ADAMS/GETTY IMAGES

Holly (*Ilex Aquifolium*) is a shrub or tree found primarily in North America, Europe and Asia. With hundreds of species of the plant ranging from short shrubs (two meters high) to tall trees (up to forty meters high), it's known primarily for its bright crimson berries and prickly green leaves.

Hollies can be evergreen, meaning the plant's glossy leaves are on the tree year-round, or deciduous, meaning the leaves fall off seasonally. Most hollies are evergreens that can thrive in the sunlight or the shade and benefit from well-drained soil. The leaves, characterized by a waxy texture and serrated edges, are **dioecious**, with male and female reproductive structures found on separate plants. Both male (**staminate**) and female (**pistillate**) hollies bloom in May or June, yielding white flowers. But only the females can produce berries. In order for this production to occur, a male plant must be near a female plant for the process of pollination to take place. Insects, like **bees**, help cross-pollinate female hollies, transferring pollen from the male to the female plants.

Like its holiday companion, mistletoe, a holly's berries are toxic to humans, resulting in nausea and severe stomachaches when ingested. Not so for some animals. Berries are a vital source of food for birds such as thrushes and blackbirds. Holly berries, which ripen in early winter, typically contain four seeds each. The birds that eat these seeds help scatter them for germination, the growth of new holly plants.

<https://people.howstuffworks.com/culture-traditions/holidays-christmas/holly2.htm>

Poinsettia sale

Thank you to Persetta Bowsher, Joe Brown, Chad Bowsher, Ray Brown, Tim Walsh, and Sheila Rowe for their work on the poinsettia delivery on November 20th. Thank you also to those who picked up their own orders. The new vendor from Michigan worked out well, providing us with beautiful plants to deliver to our customers.



Dish To Share	
<u>Dish</u>	<u>Who</u>

Spiral Ham	Ray and Darlene

Dessert	Diane

Scalloped Potatoes	Tim and Sharon

Relish Plate	Persetta

Corn Casserole	Steve and Jeanne

Cole Slaw	Steve and Jeanne

Green Bean Casserole	Joe

Dessert	Sheila

7 Layer Salad	Gary and Jennie



WHY SHOULD I BECOME A MEMBER OF “THE GARDENERS OF LIMA”?

Guests are always welcome!

MONTHLY MEETINGS MARCH THROUGH DECEMBER- Meet and share gardening experiences with other gardeners in the area. Interesting speakers will present information on a wide variety of gardening topics of interest to members. Gardens are for sharing and we often share items of interest including plants, bulbs, seeds and produce at our meetings. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month beginning in March at 7:00 p.m. at our clubhouse in Faurot Park.

SPRIGS 'N SPROUTS- Is our monthly newsletter filled with news about our various activities, upcoming events, member news, committee activities and other information of interest to our members.

LENDING LIBRARY- As a member, you will have access to a wide variety of gardening books, magazines and catalogs. You may check out up to 3 items each month for return the following month. Why buy great garden books when you can borrow from our growing library.

MAY FLOWER SALES PROJECT- Those helping with the setup and unloading of flowers for the sale on Thursday afternoon will get to “cherry pick” flats and hanging baskets before they go on sale to the public the following morning.

COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION- As a member you can take pride in the various club activities to beautify and support gardening in the Lima community. These include the planting and maintenance of the planters and other projects as may be appropriate.

SCHOLARSHIPS- As a member you can also take pride in the funding of Scholarships for students pursuing a career in Landscaping, Turf Management or a related horticultural field.

GARDEN TOURS- As a member you will have an opportunity to tour some of the most beautiful gardens in the Lima and surrounding areas.

We participate in other gardening activities as funds, imagination and energies permit. At the same time we are learning as we share our collective knowledge of gardening. “The Gardeners of Lima” is an organization dedicated to keeping the art of gardening alive and well in the Lima community.

TGOA Mission: To promote gardening education and related environmental issues to its membership and the gardening public through charitable, educational and scientific means.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
THE GARDENERS OF LIMA
2024

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

My (our) primary gardening interests are: (Rank in order of interest starting with 1 as first choice)

Annual Flowers _____

Shrubs _____

Lawn _____

Perennial Flowers _____

Bulbs _____

Trees _____

Vegetables _____

House Plants _____

Bonsai _____

Water Gardens _____

Weed Control _____

Insect Control _____

Other: _____

The Gardeners of Lima is an active gardening club for both men and women. One of the best ways to meet and get to know other gardeners and learn about gardening techniques is to take an active part in one or more of the many projects or committees. Please check two or three that would be of greatest interest to you.

Downtown Beautification _____

May Flower/ Plant Sale _____

Programs _____

Clubhouse/Grounds Maintenance _____

Public Relations _____

Poinsettia Sales _____

Membership _____

Club Newsletter _____

After Meeting Refreshments _____

Club Officer _____

Yearly national dues are \$15 per person plus an additional \$8 for each additional family member in the same household.

Yearly regional dues are an additional \$1 per person.

Cash or check made payable to TGOL

Membership applications may be returned to any officer or to the Interim Membership Chair listed below:

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The Gardeners of Lima

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1st VP: Ray Brown

2nd VP: (Open)

Secretary: (Open)

Treasurer: Persetta Bowsher

National Director: Steven Maki

Past President: Don Hanley

At-Large Members of Board: Diane Halpern,
Toni Schroeder, and Joe Brown

Newsletter: Sheila Rowe

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