



# The Gardeners of Lima

Sprigs

April 2022

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## Upcoming Meeting

Our next meeting will be on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse in Faurot Park. Come for news, food, and conversation. Hope to see you then!

## President's Message

The calendar says that Spring is here. It snowed on April 1st –no April fool's joke. I am looking forward to getting back into the outdoors. I will be resuming the construction of our raised beds when the weather permits.

Spring has been a very difficult time for me due to Donna's passing. Donna and I would be working together "playing in the dirt". That was a favorite saying of hers – "playing in the dirt". I miss my partner, but life continues.

Growers are having a difficult time this season with the availability of materials and plants. We will make due with what variety of plants are available for planting at the clubhouse.

I will be attending the Central Great Lakes Gardeners' regional meeting on April 23rd at Kingwood in Mansfield. Let me know if you want to catch a ride with me.

"Renew in '22" We are finally resuming our national conventions. This year's The Gardeners of America national convention will be held close to us near Wooster, Ohio on September 22 - 24. I hope that many of you will join me. Donna and I had great times at the national conventions – making many new friends, learning information from the seminars, and enjoying wine time.

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

We've all heard the saying "April showers bring May flowers" - this saying can be traced back to England from the 1500's poet Thomas Tusser. His poem contained the lines "Sweet April showers, do spring May flowers". (Wearegreenbay.com)

## The Gardeners of Lima

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## Around the Yard...

I took a brief peek around the yard and here are some things I found.



Above: Last of the Snowdrops



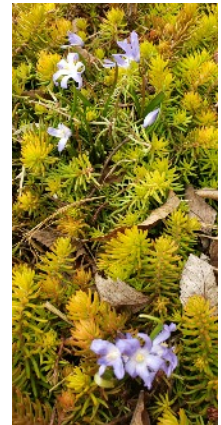
The daffodil to the left has both its foliage and blooms in the spring. But the resurrection lily (or magic lily) above produces only its leaves this time of year. The leaves will disappear by the start of summer and later the stem with the flower will appear!



Mystery Flowers - Can anyone identify the flower shown to the left? I believe I planted this several years ago, but I don't recall what it is. Also, I was surprised by the flowers shown at right. They appear to be a white violet?



My sister-in-law, Angie, gave me this plant (right) a number of years ago. I believe it's called Angelina Sedum. I was surprised by the small purple blooms as I was looking around the yard today. Sometimes it's easy to miss the beauty around us.



## Plant of the Month - Geranium

A botanist would tell you that "geranium" actually refers to a winter-hardy perennial shrub and that what we call geraniums are actually "pelargoniums". There was confusion on the name when the plant was brought from South Africa to Europe back in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. (sdgeranium.org) The name geranium seems to have stuck in many countries, such as ours.

Geraniums come in various colors and they make a very beneficial companion plant because they deter a number of common destructive pests such as Japanese beetles, earworms and cabbage worms. Because of this, some great companion plants for geraniums are corn, roses, grapes and cabbage. (Gardeningknowhow.com)

My grandmother used to put her potted geraniums in her attic space during the winter. Perhaps that's one reason I started over-wintering some of my plants. To the right is a picture of one such geranium currently in my sunroom, just waiting to go outside once the warm weather returns. In the meantime, these potted beauties are bringing me some joy right now.



Sheila Rowe received the Spade Club Award.



**Thank You** to those who helped clean the clubhouse: Darlene and Ray Brown, Joe Brown, Gary and Jennie Good, Diane Halpern

**Sneak Peek Ahead** - Dan Hodges will be our guest speaker in August. Microscopes and insects will be involved so this will be one program that all will enjoy, including children. Who might you invite to get the gardening "bug"?!