



The Gardeners of Lima

Sprigs

March 2022



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Upcoming Meeting

Our first meeting for 2022 will be held at the clubhouse in Faurot Park at 7:00 p.m. on March 8th. We will not have a regular program but will take time to do some cleaning as well as discuss upcoming events. See you soon!

President's Message

Spring is on its way, eventually. I am looking forward to getting back into the outdoors. The avalanche of seed and plant catalogs started in December of last year. So far I have received catalogs from nineteen different companies. I will be resuming the construction of our raised beds when the weather permits.

I thank the club members for Donna's Memorial Plaque. Donna's Florida Room was dedicated to her as we hung her plaque on the wall in her Florida Room. Once again this year will be holding the July Wine and Dine at the Maki's, so you will be able to see the completion of one of Donna's dreams. My hope was that Donna would have been able to see its completion before her death.

The 2022 Spring Plant Sale will be only for members and your families and friends. It will be held once again at the Maki property. Stay tuned for the details.

We will not be providing the plants and planting the downtown Lima planters this year. We will be providing recommendations on what variety of flowers to buy and on planting day to provide expertise to instruct the planters on the proper way to plant the flowers.

I thought you would find it interesting to read all of the honors and recognitions that our club has received from community organizations over the years. That listing is included elsewhere in this newsletter.

With the passing of Donna we are in need of a 2nd Vice President who is responsible for membership. We also are in need of someone to audit our finances. Persetta Bowsher provided that need in the past, but she can no longer perform those services since she is our treasurer. If you have an interest in helping our club please contact me.

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

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President	Steven Maki	Past Presidents: Don Hanley, Dave Williams
1 st V.P.	Ray Brown	At-Large Members of Board:
2 nd V.P.	TBD	Diane Halpern, Toni Schroeder
Secretary	Becky Wendroth	Visit our Facebook page
Treasurer	Persetta Bowsher	www.thegardenersoflima.com

Men's Garden Club of Lima / The Gardeners of Lima Community Recognitions and Awards

1. March 13, 1972: Allen County Children Services Board expresses thanks for donating four hardwood trees at the children's home, Allen Acres.
2. June 20, 1974: Lima City Council expresses appreciation to the Men's Garden Club for the tree planting in Schoonover Park toward the beautification of our city.
3. May 1975: Mayor Harry Moyer proclaims the week of May 4 through May 11, 1975 as Men's Garden Club Week in recognition of the many activities and services which have long contributed to the beautification and improvement of our community.
4. September 18, 1978: Mayor Harry Moyer proclaims the week of September 24 – 30, 1978 as Men's Garden Club Week in recognition of their many activities and services which have long contributed to the beautification and improvement of our community.
5. January 8, 1979: Certificate of Appreciation presented to Lima Men's Garden Club in recognition of service to and for The Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District.
6. 1982: Outstanding Community Service Award presented to Men's Garden Club by The City of Lima
7. July 16, (Year Unknown – David Berger, Mayor; Furl Williams, President of Council): Resolution expressing the appreciation of The Lima City Council to the Men's Garden Club for their efforts in the beautification of Lima's Town Square and Faurot Park.
8. April 19, 1989: Men's Garden Club receives a JC Penney Golden Rule Award to reward and recognize outstanding volunteers who have served the area.
9. The Senate of the 118th General Assembly of Ohio congratulate the Men's Garden Club of Lima on receiving a J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award for its outstanding record of service to the Lima Community.
10. May 14, 1991: Resolution of Appreciation by the Board of Trustees of the Veterans' Memorial Civic and Convention Center for the Men's Garden Clubs' hard work beautifying the courtyard and town square.
11. 1991: A R C Community Service Award to the Lima Men's Garden Club
12. August 1993: Resolution expressing the appreciation of the Lima City Council to the Men's Garden Club for their efforts in the beautification of Lima's Town Square and Faurot Park
13. August 1993: Certificate of Appreciation presented to the Lima Men's Garden Club for the voluntary contribution made toward protecting and preserving Ohio's natural resources; signed by Governor Voinovich and Director Buchholzer (Ohio Department of Natural Resources) in cooperation with Allen Metropolitan Housing Authority.

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Here are two excerpts from the Gardeners Gazette, the official newsletter of the Gardeners of America:

Winners! Congratulations to the winner of the National Newsletter Naming Contest who would like to remain anonymous. **The runner-up was Frank Cooley** and third place was Gwen Raupfer. Congratulations and thank you to all who participated!

In Honor Those Gone Before Us

Donna Maki — The Gardeners of Lima

A memorial donation was made in honor of Donna Maki by her husband, Steve.

Dues are Due

\$15.00 for a single membership and \$23 for a couple.

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14. November 17, 1993: Certificate of Appreciation to the Men's Garden Club for Outstanding Active Participation in City of Lima, Ohio Adopt a Park
15. December 27, 1993: Lima City Mayor David Berger expresses appreciation for volunteering to plant and maintain flower beds in Lima's Town Square
16. August 14, 1997: Council for the Arts of Greater Lima expresses thanks for the Men's Garden clubs support and assistance for Square Fair '97, especially for the beautification of Town Square.
17. April 8, (Year unknown – Connie Graham, President): Achievement Award by Greater Lima Downtown Association for innovative actions contributing to the growth of Lima, Ohio.
18. January 1, 2002 Lima Men's Garden Club became The Gardeners of Lima.
19. November 8, 2012: Lima-Allen County Neighborhoods in Partnership Good Neighbor Award Nominee recognizing efforts of The Gardeners of Lima to support and improve Lima / Allen County Neighborhoods
20. 2014: Downtown Lima Achievement Award to The Gardeners of Lima
21. November 11, 2015: Lima-Allen County Neighborhoods in Partnership Good Neighbor Award Nominee recognizing efforts of The Gardeners of Lima to support and improve Lima / Allen County Neighborhoods

Plant of the Month

I looked around in my flower beds for something I could tell was alive. What green plant did I spy but the yucca!

According to "Ask Mr. Smarty Plants", only one type of yucca, *Yucca filamentosa* (Adam's needle), is native to Ohio. Another source, gardeningknowhow.com, states that this agave family plant is native to the Southeastern United States. "It was an important plant to Native Americans who used its fibers for cord and cloth, and the roots as a shampoo. Today, the plant is used primarily as an ornamental in the garden." It is very drought tolerant but doesn't like continually damp soil. Its tall stalks produce beautiful bell shaped white flowers in late spring. The name "Adam's needle" comes from the plant's foliage with its sword-like leaves and sharp needle tips. Take care if transplanting!



The Gardeners of Lima Upcoming Events

1. March 8, 2022, 7 pm Members Meeting at the clubhouse
2. March 31, 2022 7 pm Board Meeting at the clubhouse
3. April 23, 2022 Noon to 4 pm Central Great Lakes Gardeners Regional Meeting at Kingwood, Mansfield
4. May 1, 2022 National Photo Contest Submittal Deadline
5. May 8, 2022 Mother's Day
6. June 1, 2022 National Scholarship Application Deadline
7. August 19 – 27, 2022 Allen County Fair
8. Mid-June or Mid-September 2022 National Convention near the OSU/ATI campus in Wooster, Ohio

Sincerest Condolences

Our hearts go out to Frank Cooley at this time. His lovely wife, and our sister gardener, Alice Cooley, passed away March 1st. We will truly miss this beautiful lady.