



The Gardeners of Lima

Sprigs

September 2022

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Upcoming Meeting

Our next meeting will be September 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse in Faurot Park. Hope to see you then!

President's Message

We still need help weeding and watering. I watered on Thursday, September 1st. The ground was very dry. I have signed up to weed and water the week of September 4th. After me there is no one else signed up to weed and water. We have a sprinkler that has a timer so you can turn the sprinkler on for hours and leave and then come back later to do the weeding.

It is time to start weighing your tomatoes for the Big Tomato Contest. Entrants are:

- Joe Brown
- Ray Brown
- Steve Maki
- David Rowe
- Becky Wendroth

I have many tomatoes but I don't think that I will have any that will place.

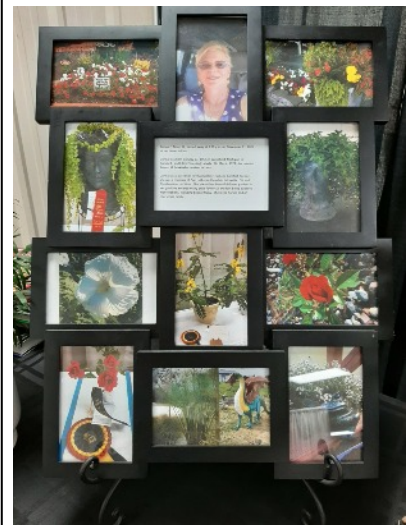
I hope to see some of you at the The Gardeners of America national convention. I have sent in my convention reservation and made my hotel reservations.

Donna's flowering memorial tree was planted just west of the clubhouse. The tree is a Sensation Magnolia. It has masses of upright, golden yellow flowers with a rosy-purple blushed base that blooms mid to late spring. Each sunny flower is quite large, seven inches across. The blooms are borne on leafless branches, as they emerge before the new leaves begin to unfurl. Since the tree flowers late in the season its blossoms rarely run the risk of damage from late frosts. The foliage of elliptic, ovate leaves is dark green. The tree grows upright with a pyramidal habit up to 20 – 25 feet tall and 6 – 8 feet wide. Rick Stolly will let me know when the plaque will be installed.

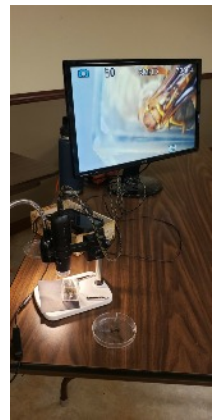
There was a nice memory display of Donna. I hope the picture that I took of the display will be legible. Walking through the flowers I noticed that the number of entries in the flower show has declined from past years. I hope many of you will consider entering your specimens next year.

Our next fundraiser activities will be starting soon – our poinsettia sale. Start thinking about calling your potential buyers starting in October.

Steve



Young, old, and in-between enjoyed our August program presented by Dan Hodges from the Johnny Appleseed Park District. It was amazing how many different bugs we were able to catch in a short time right outside the clubhouse. It was even more amazing to look at each one under the special microscope that Dan brought. Fascinating!



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Around the Yard...at the Good's house

Club members Jennie and Gary Good have such beautiful plants and garden areas on their property so I'd like to feature them in this month's issue. Looks like a spread from a magazine. The photographer is none other than Jennie herself!

