

# The Gardeners of Lima

July 2023

Sprigs N Sprouts

## Upcoming Meeting

Join us for the annual “Wine and Dine” at the Maki house on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Steve will be making delicious spaghetti and garlic bread. Please bring a dish to share. *Note the special starting time of 5:00 p.m.* This is always a great time. See you there!



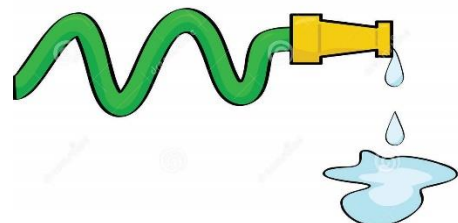
## President's Message

Again this year our July meeting will be the “Wine and Dine” at the Maki’s starting at 5 pm on Tuesday, July 11th. I will be making spaghetti as the main course. Please bring a dish to share (and a bottle of wine, if you like). Elsewhere in the newsletter is the sign-up sheet that indicates what some members are bringing thus far. Your significant other and children are welcome to attend. The swimming pool will be open. Bring your swim suit if you want to swim – skinny dipping is an option if you forget your suit.



The long range forecast for July 11th is a 60% chance of scattered showers and thunderstorms with a high around 80. I am sure that the forecast will change. If we have inclement weather we have sufficient space inside our home.

There is a lot of color at the clubhouse. We need people to volunteer to weed and water. Elsewhere in the newsletter is the sign-up sheet. Contact me to sign-up for one of the slots. We will also have the sign-up sheet at our Wine and Dine. Thank you to those who have gone to the clubhouse to water and weed.



Please remember our Home Beautification Award. Keep your eye out for a home that you would like to nominate. The homeowners need to be doing the gardening themselves (as opposed to hiring a company to do the landscaping) and you need to talk to the homeowner to get their approval to be nominated.

We have five members in our Big Tomato Contest: Joe Brown, Ray Brown, Diane Halpern, Steve Maki and David Rowe.

I hope that you will be able to join me at this year's National Convention since it is so close to Lima. The convention will be held in Dayton, Ohio and will be based out of the Springhill Suites by Marriott. The convention starts at 1 pm on Wednesday, July 26th and will conclude after a late lunch on Friday, July 28th. Everyone who has an email address should have received the convention packet. If you did not, please let me know.

If you decide to stay at the hotel the room rate will be \$99 plus tax. The hotel will also provide this rate if you want to come earlier and stay later to explore the area. The convention fee is \$175 per person. With additional family members and guests at \$150. If you only want to be there during a day, the daily fee is \$90.

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



**Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!**

# 2023 Wine and Dine at the Maki's

## Dish To Share

<u>Dish</u>	<u>Who</u>
Spaghetti	Steve Maki
Garlic Toast	Steve Maki
Cake	Ed Morrison
Fresh Fruit	Darlene Brown
Pasta Salad	Diane Halpern
Pie	Tim & Sharon Walsh
Olives, Cheese, Veggies tray	Sheila Rowe
Deviled Eggs	Joe Brown
Baked Beans	Persetta Bowsher

## Around the Yard...

**Daylily Downer** - At first I thought some of our daylilies were just dying back, but within a few days, they were decimated. I've never had any big issues with daylilies in past years, but this year, aphids have appeared. Evidently I'm not alone with this problem. Others on a daylily Facebook page I follow have also had an aphid problem this year. I tried spraying with commercial sprays, but I'm afraid I was too late.

Before the aphids spread to more of my daylilies, I'm going to try the water and dish soap spray that so many gardeners recommend.

Quote from the [extension.umn.edu](http://extension.umn.edu) website: "Aphids are good candidates for control with soap. Any place gardeners gather to talk about plants, there will be talk of soap. Dish soap and water are often referred to as the holy grail for...managing insects from aphids to Japanese beetles."

According to [daylilies.org](http://daylilies.org) "The daylily aphid is light green in color and feeds in colonies between the leaves of the plant, inserting the mouth parts into plant tissue and sucking up the juices. Whitish specks are often noticed on the plants when aphids are present. These are the cast skins left behind after molting." Here's a closeup of mine – Eeww!





On a more positive note...

There are many beautiful flowers in bloom right now such as geraniums, petunias, cornflowers, lantana and yarrow. One that we enjoy each year is the Moonflower with its huge white blooms and lush tropical looking leaves:



The moonflower (*Datura*) is known as a romantic plant because it opens at night and some varieties have a lovely scent. This is a self-seeding annual which is drought tolerant and deer resistant. We've found that the moonflower does well even in our clay soil and requires little effort on our end. The blooms really are stunning and are still open in the early morning. But, the moonflower plant is deadly if ingested so don't allow children or pets near it. (bhg.com)

**Weed or not?** We know that "weeds" like Milkweed are great for Monarch butterflies and other pollinators. I like them for these reasons, but also for their perfumy smell and the beauty of their delicate flowers. Below is a

close-up shot of one of the flower heads, revealing the delicate beauty of many individual tiny star burst flowers. Since a weed is “a plant considered undesirable in a particular situation, growing where it is not wanted”, the milkweed we let grow in our yard is therefore not a weed at all!



## **What's going on in YOUR yard?**

Please consider sharing something to include in an upcoming Newsletter. Suggestions to get you thinking: a photo of your garden, a favorite plant, a problem you're having, or a project you've done. Include a bit of description/explanation. We gardeners love hearing about what other gardeners are doing. Please email to [sheilabug100@hotmail.com](mailto:sheilabug100@hotmail.com).

## Watering and Weeding Schedule - 2023

TGOL Clubhouse

Dates	Who
June 12 - June 25	Joe Brown & Steve Maki
June 26 - July 9	
July 10 - July 23	
July 24 - August 6	
August 7 - August 20	
August 21 - September 3	
September 4 - September 17	
September 18 - October 1	
October 2 - October 15	

October 11th - average first fall frost for Lima

From birdsandblooms.com

## National Flower of the USA: Rose

On November 20, 1986, President Ronald Reagan declared the rose the National Flower of the USA in a special ceremony in the White House Rose Garden. The proclamation reads, in part:

*More often than any other flower, we hold the rose dear as the symbol of life and love and devotion, of beauty and eternity... We see proofs of this everywhere. The study of fossils reveals that the rose has existed in America for age upon age... Our first President, George Washington, bred roses... The White House itself boasts a beautiful Rose Garden. We grow roses in all our fifty States... We decorate our celebrations and parades with roses. Most of all, we present roses to those we love, and we lavish them on our altars, our civil shrines, and the final resting places of our honored dead.*

Roses have indeed been found in the area now known as the United States for millennia. Fossil specimens of roses dating back 40 million years have been found at Colorado's Florissant Fossil Beds. There are about 20 species of wild rose native to the U.S. today, including the Virginia Rose and the Wild Prairie Rose. Roses are routinely considered among the most beloved of blooms, making it an obvious choice for our National Flower.



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