

# The Gardeners of Lima

June 2023

Sprigs N Sprouts

## Upcoming Meeting

Our next meeting will be on June 13th, 7:00 p.m. at the Faurot Park clubhouse.

## President's Message

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.

The flowers in the clubhouse flower beds look great. Thanks to those who prepared the soil, planted the flowers and have done the watering and some weeding.

Our annual **Big Tomato Contest** has started. Please provide me with your \$5 entrant fee if you wish to participate. The entry fee was due June 1st. But I have extended the date to our June meeting on June 13th.

Again this year our July meeting will be the "Wine and Dine" at the Maki's. We'll start at 5 pm on Tuesday, July 11th. I will be making spaghetti as the main course.

It is with a heavy heart that I request thoughts and prayers for the Diane Halpern family. The family is mourning the loss of Mel, Diane's husband, who has passed away.



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

## A big thank you to those who worked on the clubhouse grounds...

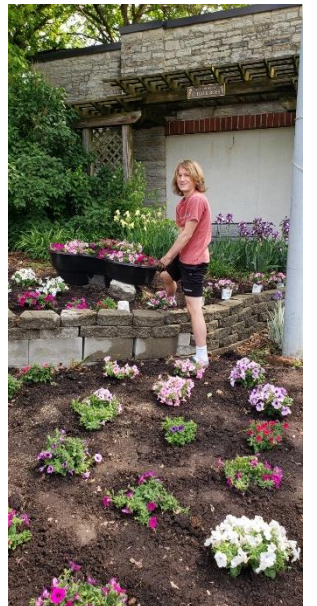
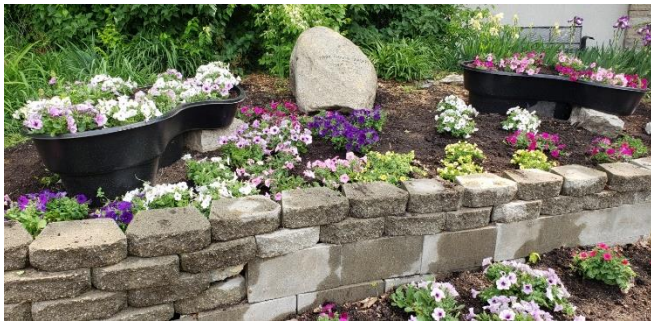
We appreciate the work that Joe Brown, Ray Brown, and Steve Maki put into preparing the flower beds at the clubhouse in order for flowers to be planted the following week. I understand that Joe's new German Shepherd pup, Arrow, played the role of supervisor! (photos courtesy of Steve Maki)



Thank you to Persetta Bowsher and her teenage grandson Andrew, Ray Brown, Sheila Rowe, Tim and Sharon Walsh and their adorable little granddaughter Elizabeth for planting the flower beds at the clubhouse. Thanks also to Diane Halpern for her clean up work inside. We are so happy that Persetta was able to find flowers to order! (photos courtesy of Sheila Rowe)



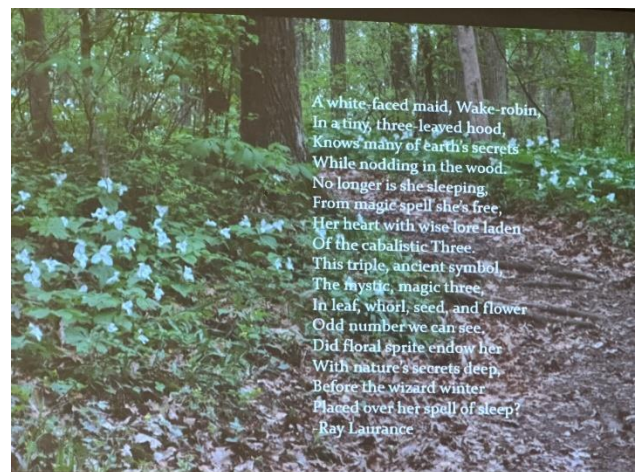
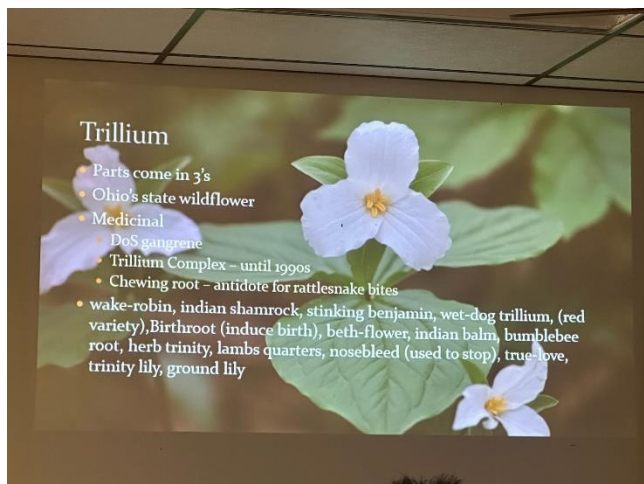
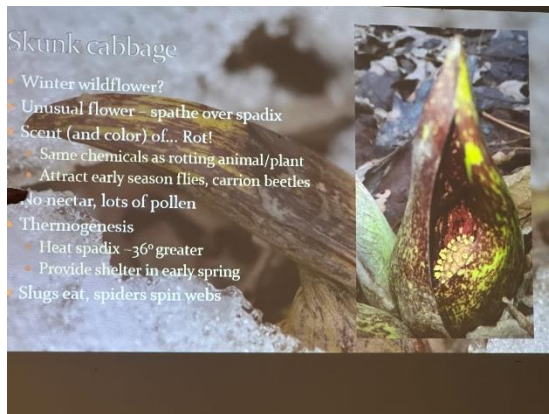






# May's Meeting

Thank you to Dan Hodges from the Johnny Appleseed Metro Park District for presenting a beautiful program in May on Spring Wildflowers. (photos courtesy of Sharon Walsh)





## Around the yard...

At the Maki house – beautiful iris flowers:

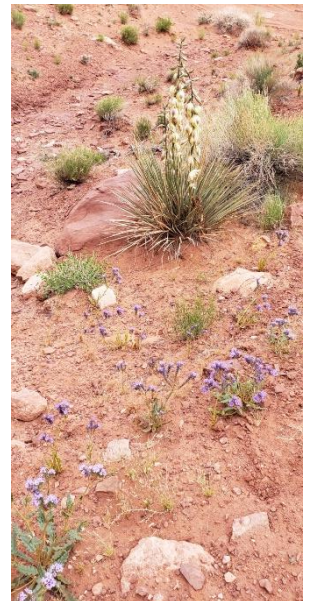


At the Rowe house: Delicate white irises that Persetta gave me a few years back (complete with Bumblebee), a mauve rose that my mother gave me that I transplanted when I moved 15 years ago, a new rose I purchased from Gurney's this year – “Livin’ Easy Floribunda”, a beautiful pink-flowered mounding plant (with an unusual name - Bloody Cranesbill) that came from a start that Donna gave me, and of course, some daisies that I planted somewhere along the line 😊





## Wildflowers from a trip out west - the beauty is kind of amazing!





## Milk Jug Green House Experiment

I tried some early planting in clear plastic milk jugs for the first time this year. Around March, while it was still cold outside, I gathered about 12 milk jugs, cut them in half leaving a small “hinge”, and filled the bottom half with potting soil after drilling a few drainage holes. I then planted seeds, watered, and sealed the seam back up with duct tape. I labelled the jugs - should have used a paint pen instead of a Sharpie to avoid fading. I set the containers outside and basically left them alone except for an occasional drink of water during periods of no rain. The cap is left off of the jugs, so I periodically peeked in to see when the seeds had decided it was time to germinate.

How did it turn out? Well, I had some epic fails! But I did end up with a few nice starts. Here’s a photo of “successes”. However, it was a little difficult getting them transferred into the ground once spring hit, so we’ll see if any of them actually make it through the summer!



Maybe better luck next year...

If you have ever tried this, we’d love to hear how it went for you!

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