

# The Gardeners of Lima

March 2023

**Sprigs N Sprouts**

## Upcoming Meeting

Our first meeting of the year will be on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at the Faurot Park clubhouse.

## President's Message

We were lured into maybe thinking that winter was over with all of the past warm sunny days. But, back to normal – there is possible accumulation of snow on Friday and highs next week only in the 30s.

Spring will eventually be on its way. 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 thirty-two different companies. What to buy? What to plant? I will be resuming the construction of our raised beds when the weather permits.

In March in Ohio, after the ground has warmed some, it is usually safe to plant onions, asparagus, rhubarb, strawberries, grapevines, small bush fruits, fruit and shade trees, evergreens, shrubs, and roses. Prune fruit and shade trees, grapevines, and shrubs which bloom in summer and fall.

Our annual poinsettia sale fundraiser was successful. Every year since 2019 our profit has been increasing. We had the highest profit in the past four years. Thank you to all who purchased poinsettias and made many phone calls to your contacts for orders. In addition to my customers purchasing poinsettias I purchased several and gave most of them to family members and kept one for myself. My poinsettia is still looking

great (the picture of my poinsettia was taken on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>).

Our first members meeting in 2023 will be held on March 14, 2023 at the clubhouse. The clubhouse is still arranged for our Christmas banquet, so we will need to rearrange the tables and chairs and do some cleanup. We will also discuss the timeline for flower bed preparation and planting of the flowers

at the clubhouse. Our USA flag was getting pretty tattered from all of the high winds. When I went to replace it, someone had already done so. Thank you to that unknown patriot.

We will not be planting the City of Lima's downtown planters nor the business planters this year. We have offered to help with the design of flowers within the planters and instruct those doing the planting with the proper planting techniques.

We will probably not have a Spring Plant sale this year due to not being able to secure a source at reasonable prices. Persetta has been making many calls to wholesale growers and retail greenhouses. She may have at least found a source for obtaining our flowers for planting at the clubhouse.

Our Spring 2023 regional meeting of the Central Great Lakes Gardeners will be held on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Kingwood Center in Mansfield. The meeting will start at noon with lunch. After lunch we will have our business meeting then hear from Cori McCarthy, the head gardener at Kingwood's herb-rose garden. She will provide a presentation on pollinator gardening.

The deadline for submitting applications for national scholarships is June 1<sup>st</sup> and the deadline for the national photo contest is July 1<sup>st</sup>. Hold the dates of July 20 – 23 for our national convention. Jonny Prell ([jonnyprell@gmail.com](mailto:jonnyprell@gmail.com)) is our new national newsletter editor and Ritalyn Arps from the Green Bay club is our new national secretary. Heidi Logan Nations, our 1<sup>st</sup> VP, is updating our Facebook page and also looking at other social media platforms to reach other demographics.

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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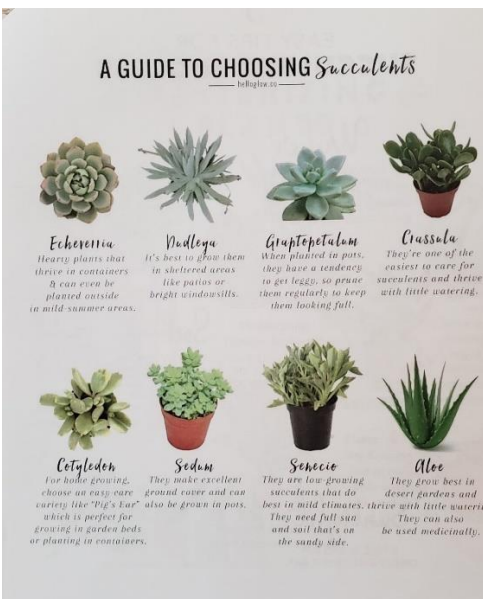
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# Plant of the Month – Succulents

To beat the winter blues, Patty Iszory and Sheila Rowe attended a “Succulent 101” class held at the Elida Library on February 11<sup>th</sup>. It was very informative, inspirational and fun!



SUCCULENT TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE		
PROBLEM	REASON	SOLUTION
Yellow, soggy leaves	Overwatering	Remove from soil and let dry out completely
Shriveled, wilted, or crispy leaves	Underwatering	Water thoroughly and let drain completely
Brown spots on leaves	Too much sun	Remove damaged leaves and adjust sun exposure
Stunted growth or stretched stems	Not enough sun	Move to place with increased sun exposure
Leaves turning brown, soggy, or odorous	Rot	Cut off rotten parts or propagate healthy parts

## Finished product!



**These snowdrops promise that Spring is on the way!**



## A Piece of Lima History

I recently found some old Lima postcards in one of my dad's photo albums and wanted to particularly share this card with you since it shows how the entrance to Faurot Park once looked!

## Christmas Party 2022: Food, Fun, Awards and Installation of Officers



Holiday and Awards Banquet was held on December 13, 2022.



