

The Gardeners of Lima

October 2023

Sprigs N Sprouts

Upcoming Meeting

Come to the Faurot Park clubhouse at **6:00 p.m.** on October 10th for our annual Halloween Party and Hot Dog roast. Costumes aren't mandatory but certainly add to the fun! If you need a ride, please don't hesitate to contact another club member. Hot dogs, buns, and condiments will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share, plus your own beverage of choice. (See sign-up sheet at end of newsletter to avoid duplicate sides.)



President's Message

Our October meeting is our cookout and Fall/Halloween celebration. The meeting will start at 6:00 pm instead of 7:00 pm. Hot dogs, buns and condiments will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. I am sure that we will have plenty to eat, so if you cannot provide a dish to share come anyway. Sheila will have a list elsewhere in the newsletter of who is bring what so far. Costumes are optional, but I hope that you will come in costume. Feel free to bring your youngsters to add to the fun.

We have five members in our Big Tomato Contest: Joe Brown, Ray Brown, Diane Halpern, Steve Maki and David Rowe. We have had several weigh-ins so far. We will have one or two more before the growing season ends. Bring your tomatoes to the members meeting on October 11th for a weigh-in. Can anyone beat Ray Brown? Some have come close. What is his secret? The winner will be announced at our Christmas banquet.

The Christmas Banquet on December 12th starting at 5:00 pm and will be at the Clubhouse. There will be a sign-up sheet for carry-in.

Our next fundraiser activities are underway – our poinsettia sale. Our team is investigating growers for our poinsettias. Details will be provided at our October members meeting. Start thinking about calling your potential buyers starting this month.

Jeanne and I had a wonderful time at this summer's The Gardeners of America national convention in Dayton, Ohio. We are looking forward to next year which will probably be held in the Cleveland area. I hope that many of you will join us next year.

We will provide forms for the 2024 membership and start collecting dues for 2024. I assume that the dues for 2024 have not changed; I have asked national to verify. \$15 for a regular member plus \$8 for each additional family member for national dues. Regional dues will be an additional \$1 for each member. If you are a lifetime member you only owe the regional dues. Please consider joining me as a lifetime member. We have two lifetime members: Don Hanley and Steve Maki.

We mourn the passing of our friends: Frank Cooley, Charles Bowsher and Mel Halpern.

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.

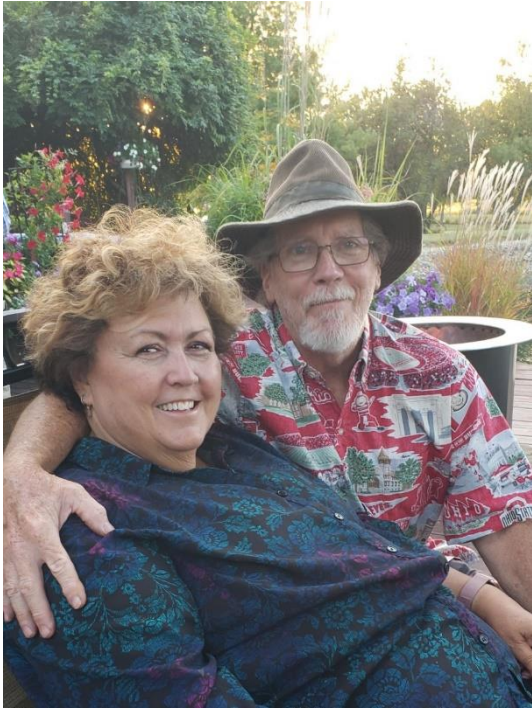
Steve



Condolences to Persetta Bowsher on the death of her husband Charles. Charles became a member of The Gardeners of Lima in 2008 and was involved in many club activities. He will be greatly missed.

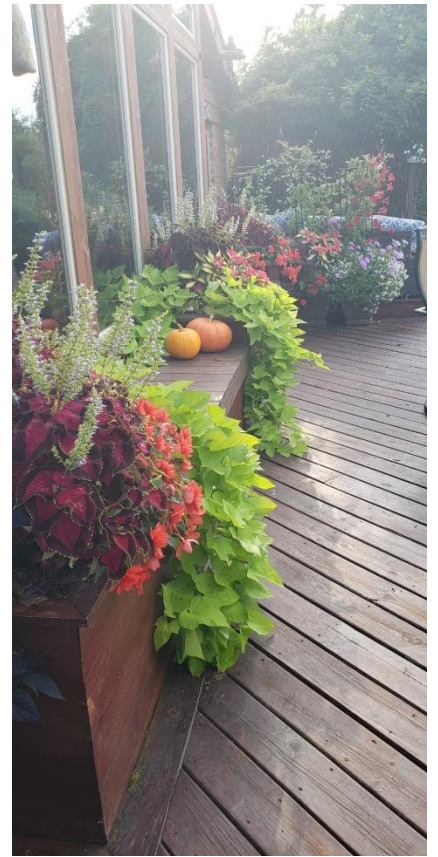


Around the Yard – at the Walsh's house



Garden Club members Tim and Sharon Walsh have certainly reaped the fruit of their labors as you can see in the photos featured here. Tim built raised beds out of wood and corrugated steel based on a design he found on the internet. He integrated a watering system on a timer. Sharon has selected beautiful plants along with everbearing strawberries - still producing in the fall! - and has even grown a surprise hanging cantaloupe! (See if you can spot it.) Many potted plants provide beauty all around their deck area. Gardeners be inspired!

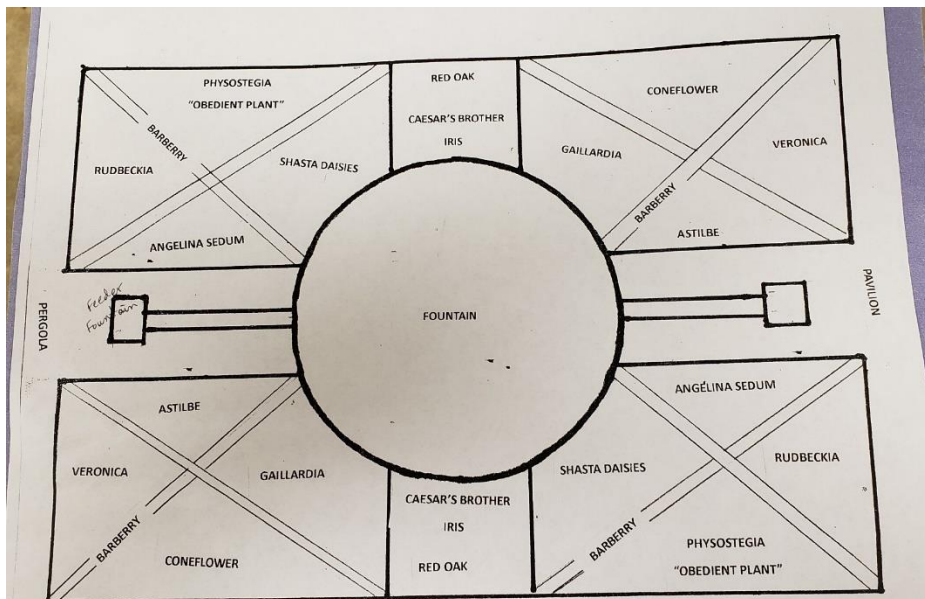




September's Meeting



Bill Kelley enlightened us about his garden work at Lakeside Chautauqua. The Lakeside shoreline is sometimes referred to as “Ohio’s Most Beautiful Mile” but Bill found that there is a lot of work to do in refurbishing and maintaining the garden areas within the community.



Pictured at left is the design of the main garden that Bill worked on

Around the Yard – at the Brown house

Ray took these photos of his gorgeous planters. Wow!



Current sign-ups for Side Dishes and Desserts for Halloween Party:

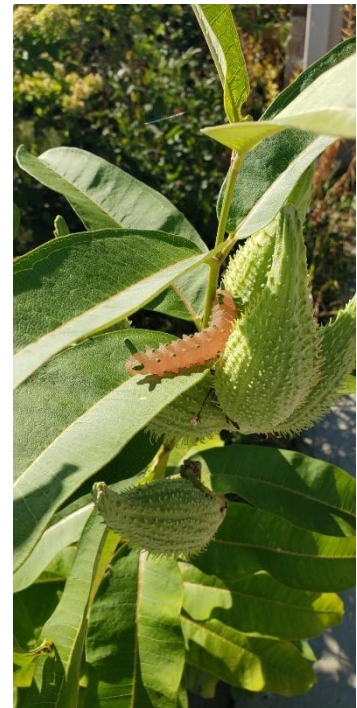
Ed	Chocolate Cake
Ray & Darlene	Hot Dogs, Buns, Condiments
Joe	Baked Beans
Persetta	Olives, Pickles, Cheese
Sharon & Tim	Au Gratin Potatoes
Sheila & David	“Pumpkin” cheeseball with crackers and something else TBD!





Trick or Treat?

My husband and I like to let milkweed grow in our yard since the monarch butterflies need it. Early in September, David had spotted a couple of monarch caterpillars on our plants. One morning I was standing on the driveway waiting for David to come out to the car, and I was looking at some of the milkweed, when I spotted a caterpillar. I knew that it wasn't the right coloring for a monarch caterpillar, but wondered what it could be. When David came out, I called him over to take a look at my discovery. He immediately grabbed the caterpillar, and popped it in his mouth. Needless to say, I was horrified! David stood there laughing. He had planted this fishing lure several days before, just waiting for me to find it.



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