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March 2015

Let's Plan for Spring

CLARK SPIELES TO KICK OFF 2015 TGOL YEAR

Opening the 2015 year for The Gardeners of Lima will be Mr. Clark Spieles. He comes to us from Spieles Nurseries on Reed Road.

According to the Spieles listing in the phonebook, they offer trees, shrubs, mulch and stone walls. Clark is listed as a horticulture graduate of OSU.

He will be talking about Landscaping. Come ready with your questions, as he will offer a Q & A session.

The meeting will be at the Clubhouse in Faurot Park at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10. See you there!

Open House Coming Soon

A big event is being organized for late spring. Members of The Gardeners of Lima will host an OPEN HOUSE. Club members can take pride in showing off our newly redecorated clubhouse.

Donna Maki and Rex Maurer, along with Don and Jo Hanley, Dave Williams and Ed Morrison are assembling old photos and documents to help tell the story of club's history.

Anyone with material and/or memories to share in this effort is encouraged to contact Donna or Rex.

It is hoped that a few new gardeners might find that TGOL is just right for them.



Yes, you CAN get to the Clubhouse, but, as of this writing, it is necessary to use the longer route which circles around the west side of the band shell. As you can see in the picture above, the gate at the top of the hill is closed.

If the snow hasn't melted by the Tuesday meeting, maybe you will want to bring your sled for a ride down the hill.



The road is blocked near North Shore Drive. The Clubhouse is just beyond the trees at the right of the picture.

These pictures were taken in a light rain on March 3.

LAST MEETING WAS OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE CLUBHOUSE



President Steve Maki was installed by Anita Lanning.



Newly installed officers. From left: Board members Frank Cooley, Dave Williams, and Dick Hussey; 2nd VP Donna Maki, 1st VP Rita Hardesty, Secy. Ed Morrison, Treas. Rex Maurer and Pres. Steve Maki.



Home Beautification Award winners for 2014, Tom and Sharon Fleming, who were guests of the club at the Christmas banquet.

Pictured at right: The Morrisons catered a delicious meal. Other members helped prepare the serving table.

Below right: Amid bright and colorful decorations, early arrivals wait for the festivities to begin.



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OPEN HOUSE PLANS



Committee members Dave Williams, Rex Maurer, Donna Maki, and Jo & Don Hanley at special planning meeting



Don Hanley & Ed Morrison inspect old pictures & records with Jo Hanley & Steve Maki looking on

Donna Maki, TGOL 2nd V.P., Has been spearheading efforts to hold an Open House at the Clubhouse on Saturday, June 6 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Extensive research has been on-going into the history of the club and of the building. A brochure and displays are being prepared. City, county, & Park District officials are expected. A plaque is to be presented in recognition of the "Johnny Appleseed Tree" which graces the clubhouse grounds. Refreshments will be served. All members are urged to be present in order to greet our guests. We're in hopes that a few new gardening enthusiasts will discover The Gardeners of Lima and decide to join us

HISTORIC CLUBHOUSE TO SHARE SPOTLIGHT

Open House will not only feature The Gardeners of Lima, but also show off the renovated Faurot Park Clubhouse. This is the old stone building which once housed zoo animals. Although owned by the City of Lima, it is maintained by the club. Recent restoration of the building became necessary after extensive water damage in the winter of 2013-14.

TGOL members will be proud to greet area officials and the public as they come in for a look and a snack.



New entrance door (left) with TGOL sign.

Restored and redecorated meeting area (right) .



RAINY APRIL

GOOD TIME FOR GARDENERS TO SOAK UP SOME IDEAS

See you at the Clubhouse for our **April meeting** Tuesday, **April 14**, at 7:00 p.m. Not sure who our speaker will be, but hints are that it may be a Master Gardener. I think we could all “dig into” that.

EARTH DAY AWARENESS CELEBRATION

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LAST MONTH

Clark Spieles

An Interactive Type of Program



With years of experience in landscaping, Clark Spieles, of Spieles Nurseries on Reed Rd., answered some questions and asked others.

Many members seemed to enjoy the hearty discussion

Dates

April 14 - Members Meeting

April 18 - CGLG Spring Regional Meeting,
Kingwood Center, Mansfield

April 30 - Board Meeting

May 7 - 9 - Spring Plant Sale

May 16 - Downtown Planters 9 a.m.

June 20 - Joint Meeting with clubs from Lima, Ft.
Wayne, Van Wert & Findlay - 4 0.m. At Keith &
Karen Trowbridge home in Leo, IN.

June 25 - 27 National Convention, Clear Lake, IA

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SPRING PLANT SALE



Our sign as it appeared in another year

Plants have been ordered. The tent will be set up. Signs have been posted. Yes, it's that time again. The Gardeners of Lima annual Spring Plant Sale is about to begin. Members will be on hand to sell Hanging baskets of beautiful flowers, just in time for Mother's Day. They will also be selling a wide variety of flower plants and also some vegetable plants.

The Sale will be Friday and Saturday, May 8 and 9. Members are needed to help with unloading on Thursday, May 7.

Look for the tent in the vacant lot on Shawnee Rd. Just South of Breese Rd.

MEMBERS MEETING MAY 12

A representative from Dehaven's will bring our program Tuesday, May 12, at the TGOL Clubhouse in Faurot Park. Will it be the Tim Dehaven or one of his sons? Come and find out!

In any case, we can be assured of a fine presentation of some of their newest products for the gardening enthusiast.

Bring a friend. Guests are always welcome.

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FYI... Schnormeier Gardens Open House

75-acre private garden at 8701 Laymon Rd., Gambier, OH, having free Open House June 4 - 7. For details visit www.schnormeiergardens.org.

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May 23 - Clean-up & Plant Clubhouse grounds

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HELP FOR THE OLDER GARDENER

“Gardening for Older Age People” is the topic for our meeting on Tuesday, June 9.

The speaker will be Pat Komarek, who is a Master Gardener.

Hope to see you Tuesday at the Clubhouse.



Secretary Ed Morrison suggests the following Web site: [Buckeye Yard & Garden On Line,](http://BuckeyeYard.com)

bygl.osu.edu

Also you might check out

[Buckeye Gardening.com](http://BuckeyeGardening.com)

Tell us the name of your favorite garden web site.

MEMBERS WORK ON CLUBHOUSE GROUNDS



Ray Brown, Ed Morrison, Gary Good and Donna Maki are hard workers.

Ground was tilled, edging bricks were replaced and new annuals were planted in front of the clubhouse on Saturday, May 30. Work was also done clearing brush on the east side of the building and cleaning inside. A red, white and blue theme was used in arranging the plantings.

Volunteers included Darlene & Ray Brown, Frank Cooley, Jennie & Gary Good, Donna & Steve Maki and Ed Morrison. Their goal was to have everything looking good for our Open House on June 6.



Steve Maki finishes tilling while Donna lays out the planting pattern.



A load of flowers arrive at the Clubhouse.

OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY

The big day is here.

Several months in the planning, the time has come for Open House.

We are showing off the recently renovated Clubhouse.

We are celebrating the historic Johnny Appleseed tree on our grounds.

We are presenting an award to Potash Corporation for beautification.

We are entertaining several community leaders.

We are telling the story of The Gardeners of Lima.

We are inviting those interested in gardening to become members.

AND we are serving refreshing treats.

Don't miss it. It's Saturday, June 6, from noon to 3 p.m.

Dates

June 20 - Joint Meeting with clubs from Lima, Ft. Wayne, Van Wert & Findlay - 4 0.m. At Keith & Karen Trowbridge home in Leo, IN.. Starts at 4:00 with dinner at 5:30 and Raptor Rescue Presentation at 6:30.

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It's time to Plant the Garden

Gardening is America's favorite leisure outdoor activity, enjoyed by more than 78 million people, according to the National Gardening Association. For most of us, gardening provides a welcome sojourn in the natural world, a sanctuary that promises relief from the daily tasks of life. Yet many feel the need to give it up as they become less physically able. Gardening can enrich the life of the senior gardener in many ways - physically, mentally, and spiritually. The following tips for modifying tools and gardening techniques can make all the difference for the senior gardener.

Paint your garden tools a bright color. This will enable the senior gardener to easily locate tools. Purchase seed and seed tape for easier handling and planting. Use vertical garden or trellis. This allows the senior gardener to plant and weed without stooping or bending. Build and design raised beds that provide a place to sit and garden. Try using a stool, chair, or bench to avoid constant stooping or squatting. For safety sake, garden early in the morning or late in the day. Avoid being out between 10:00 a.m. And 2:00 p.m. Drink plenty of decaffeinated fluids to prevent dehydration. Also, allow time for breaks in the shade.

The above item appeared in a recent publication from Otterbein Cridersville with the notation "Article courtesy of University of Missouri Extension Center." Otterbein then added, "Move to Otterbein and enjoy a garden plot that is all ready for planting courtesy of the maintenance department."



Some of the flowers displayed at this year's TGOL Spring Plant Sale

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STEVE & DONNA MAKI TO HOST JULY MEETING

8230 Sugar Creek Road is the place for gardeners to meet on Tuesday, July 14.

The TGOL Board meeting will be combined with the Members meeting, all to be held at the Maki home starting at 6 p.m.

Everyone is invited to bring something to contribute to the meal or you may bring a favorite wine to share.

Donna and Steve have hosted this event for several years and always see that we have a great experience.

We hope that the extreme amount of rainfall in recent days will not detract from enjoyment of the beautiful flower beds throughout the yard.

A special part of the evening features a visit to see the home and yard of Tom and Sharon Fleming, the winners of our 2014 Home Beautification Award. You may remember meeting the Flemings at our Christmas Banquet.



TIGER SEEN IN PARK

A report came in to the Lima Parks Department that a tiger had been spotted in Faurot Park on Saturday, June 6. Not to worry. President Steve Maki seems to have the animal under control.

The realistic tiger, which usually resides in the Maki yard, was placed in front of the clubhouse during Open House as a reminder that the building had once been used as shelter for the animals of Faurot Park's former zoo.

NEW MEMBERS



New members were welcomed into The Gardeners of Lima at the June 9 meeting. They are Diane Halpern and Diane Wise.



For more of this story, see pages 4, 5, & 6.

Joint Meeting with Area Clubs

June 20 meeting with Ft. Wayne, Van Wert and Findlay clubs at Trowbridge home & gardens near Leo, Indiana.

SPECIAL AWARDS AT OPEN HOUSE



President Steve Maki and Lima Mayor David Berger unveil the new plaque placed in recognition of the Johnny Appleseed tree which graces the lawn east of the clubhouse.

The plaque is inscribed: *This tree was grafted (1973) and then planted in 1983 from the Johnny Appleseed tree (believed to have been planted by John Chapman) in Shawnee*



Lima Mayor David Berger applauds as Todd Sutton receives a plaque from President Steve Maki. Todd is General Manager of Potash Corporation, which has added attractive landscaping to the recently built headquarters building.

OPEN HOUSE ON JUNE 6



Some of the attendees awaiting presentations.



Special bulletin board displays were used to help tell the TGOL story.



Donna talks with visitors. Fresh strawberries were brought by Gary Good.



Johnny Appleseed (played by Mark Moore) let us in on a few of his secrets, telling us that the Disney depiction of him takes a few liberties. John Chapman (the real Johnny Appleseed) was quite a businessman according to Moore. Rather than scattering apple seeds randomly, he planted nurseries which he revisited and tended regularly.

Moore (a.k.a. Appleseed) is pictured at Right. Behind him you can see some of the attractive Open House refreshment table.

Above are some visitors and TGOL members hearing about Johnny Appleseed.



Lima, Ft. Wayne, Van Wert and Findley have Joint Meeting at Trowbridge Home in Leo, Indiana



Scenes from around the Trowbridge yard. Really worth seeing!

Upper Left picture shows Steve Maki arriving with his passengers from Lima.

Lower Left picture shows careful labeling of plants.

Middle picture on Right shows current project, still to be stained.



Hosting our joint meeting were Keith Trowbridge (2nd from right) and his wife Karen (right). In addition to having us tour their wonderful gardens and landscaping (even providing a golf cart), Keith and Karen furnished the meat and beverages for the meal.



A banquet in a workshop! The large and extremely clean shop provided ample space for us to enjoy a great meal.



The Trowbridge grounds contain a sizable vegetable plot, along with the vast array of floral and decorative areas.



Those who attended the joint meeting gathered for the program.

Representatives of Soarin' Hawk Raptor Rehabilitation Center provided an interesting, educational and entertaining program with the help of several of the birds they are currently helping. The handlers brought hawks, owls and falcons out for us to observe and photograph.

For more information on Soarin' Hawks, check out their attractive web-site at: <http://soarinhawks.weebly.com>.

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BIRDS & BUTTERFLIES

Topic for August

Beth Theisen will speak at The Gardeners of Lima meeting on Tuesday, August 11. Her presentation is on Birds and Butterflies. Beth is with the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District.

The meeting is to be at the Clubhouse in Faurot Park and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Dates

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VISIT TO HOME OF 2014

BEAUTIFICATION WINNER

Members and guests attending the July meeting of The Gardeners of Lima made a special trip to the home of Tom & Sharon Fleming, winner of last year's TGOL Home Beautification Award.

Pictures below and on page 2 suggest the care and effort Tom and Sharon have put into their surroundings.





Our tour of the Fleming yard and gardens was a most enjoyable event.

The combined effect of the flower beds, the water ponds and the architectural detail (especially of the front porch) is delightful.

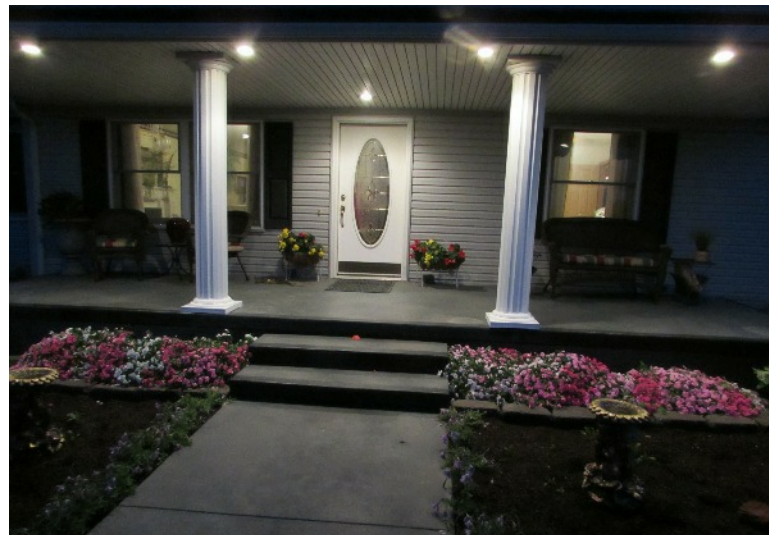
JULY MEET AT MAKI HOME

Good food and wine were enjoyed by members and guests at the home of President Steve Maki and his wife 2nd V.P. Donna Maki.

After the meal, Steve conducted a joint members & board meeting .



Past President Dick Hussey relaxes on patio. In background you can see a little of the Maki floral handiwork.



Beautiful front porch of Maki home.

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IT HAPPENED IN SEPTEMBER

Lots going on at the September meeting of The Gardeners of Lima. President Steve Maki conducted a trivia quiz on Insects.

Congratulations to Donna Maki who won the Big Tomato Contest. Her winning tomato weighed in at 3.3 ounces. Doesn't sound very big, but we've had a bad year for tomatoes in our area. Too much rain in early summer got us off to a poor start.

Delicious refreshments were provided by Jenny Good.



Treasurer Rex Maurer gives door prize to Janet Hussey

HEAVY CABINET MOVED



Past President Don Hanley checks out some files in the fire-safe cabinet, which was recently brought up from the basement. Lined with brick, the cabinet is extremely heavy. Thanks to Steve and Donna Maki and their son for moving it up. Club historical documents and other important papers will now have a safe home.

Dates

September 24 TGOL Board Meeting

October 10 CGLG Fall Regional Meeting at Kingwood Center, Mansfield, OH

October 13 Members Meeting/Halloween Party

October 17 Clubhouse & Grounds Clean-up



Donna Maki displays her winning entry in the TGOL Big Tomato Contest.

The ribbon, however, is for one of her Allen County Fair entries. You can see more of her Fair ribbons on next page.

Inset photo above shows her tomato next to a quarter.





Beautiful Cross-stitch pieces by TGOL member Jenny Good, which won awards at the recent Allen County Fair.



Two of the many Allen County Fair displays entered by Donna Maki.



Below are some of the ribbons won at the 3015 Fair by TGOL members Donna Maki, Janet Hussey and Dick Hussey.

The white box under the fluffy tomato is the scales used to weigh the entries in our own Big Tomato Contest.





Speaking at the August meeting was Beth Theisen, who works with the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District. She gave a very interesting illustrated talk on Butterflies.

Especially fascinating was her account of the travels of the Monarch Butterfly, and its need for milkweed along the way.

Right: 1st V.P. Rita Hardesty presided over the August meeting

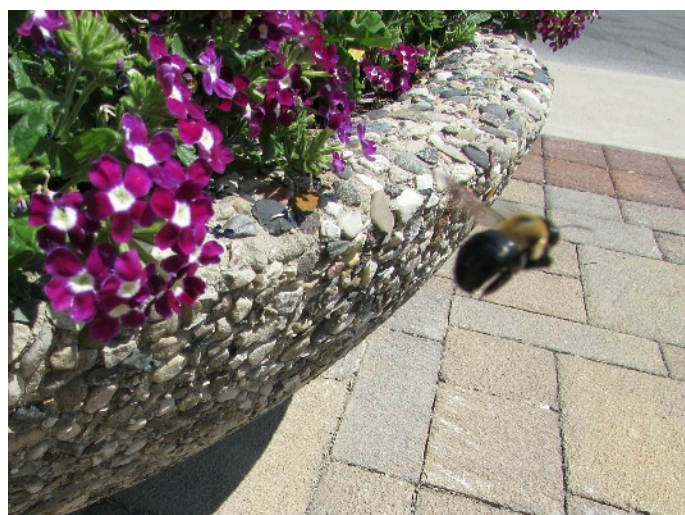
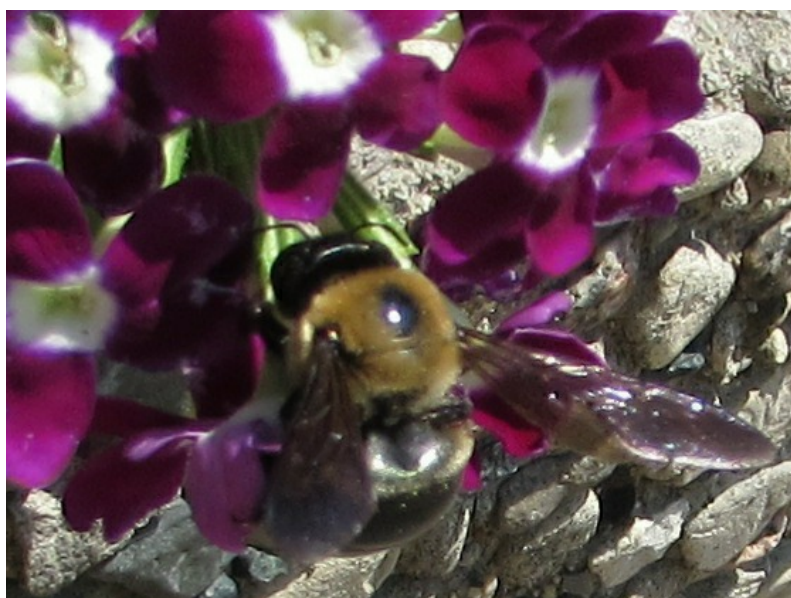


Red, white and blue flowers are featured in the gardens in front of the T.G.O.L. Clubhouse in Faurot Park.

2nd V.P. Donna Maki laid out the design with planting done by several club members.

The large stone in the background is inscribed in memory of Clyde Stemen, who was club president when the club first renovated and moved in to the Clubhouse.

Lima Downtown Planters (planted by TGOL) Looking Good in Mid-August



Flowers in Downtown Planters not only attract appreciative glances from humans. Here is a bee who stopped by. Picture at right shows the departure of the satisfied visitor.

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Free Conservation Booklets

TGOL member Ray Brown has downloaded 13 booklets provided by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources on their website. He suggests that others may wish to download them as well. Topics include Birds, Butterflies, Mammals, Fish, Spiders, and Reptiles. All topics are limited to species found in Ohio. Here is the link to this material:

<http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/education-and-outdoor-discovery/conservation-education-project-wild/education-materials>

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FINGER FOODS & FUN

Halloween costumes are optional for this year's October party/meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m.

Rather than have a full meal, members are asked to bring a favorite finger food, hors d'oeuvre, or dessert to share. Plates and napkins will be provided.

The program will be by master gardener Pat Komarek.

Downtown planters, which were planted by TGOL members in the spring continue to look good. This is how they looked on Sept. 15.



SIGN HANGING ON OUR CLUBHOUSE WALL



Slate of Officers for 2016

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2 nd Vice Pres.	Jo Hanley
Secretary	Ed Morrison
Treasurer	Rex Maurer

Elections are held at the November meeting.

Dates

October 10 CGLG Fall Regional Meeting at Kingwood Center, Mansfield, OH

October 13 Members Meeting/Halloween Party

October 17 Clubhouse & Grounds Clean-up

October 23 & 24 Bd. Of Directors Meeting in Overland Park, KA, Convention Center (Hyatt Place



Flowers in Downtown Planters continue to bloom as seen in these photos taken on October 1.

ROLL UP THOSE SLEEVES

There's work to be done! Clubhouse and grounds need our attention!

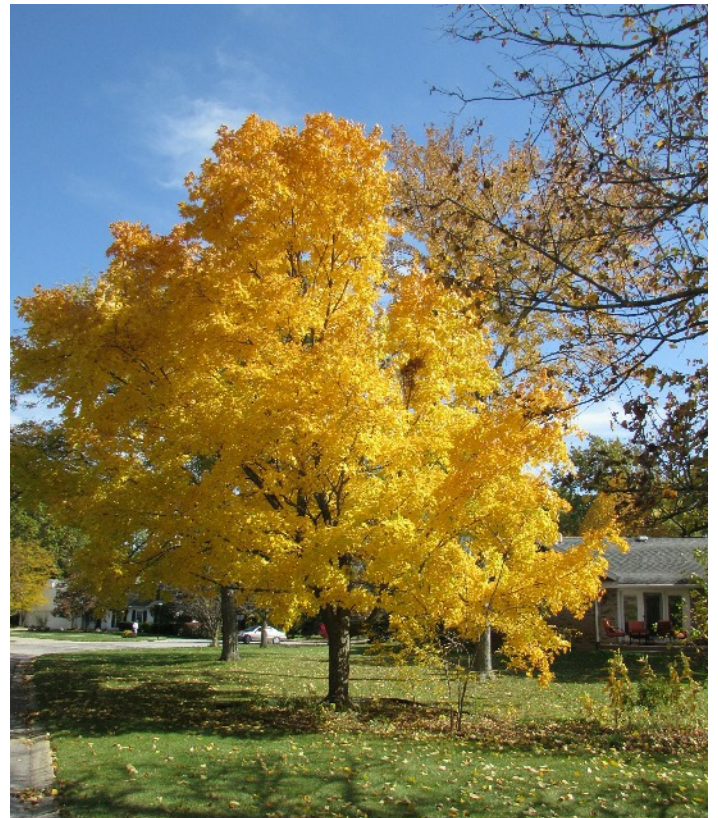
Saturday, October 17 has been selected as a Clean-up Day. The basement and garage areas of the building could use some extra work.

In a word: HELP!

Joint Meeting Being Considered

President Steve Maki announced at the September Board Meeting that there is consideration of another joint meeting with neighboring clubs of The Gardeners of America. Van Wert and Findlay (OH) and Ft. Wayne (IN) were included along with our Lima Club at our last joint meeting.

It is suggested that other nearby clubs, such as Bluffton, and St. Marys might be included.



Tree in editor's yard in October last year

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Program Featuring Butchart Gardens

“The lovely Sunken Garden at The Butchart Gardens would not exist today if a bleak limestone quarry had not piqued the ingenuity of a remarkable woman. In Jennie Butchart, industrial devastation met its match.” So states the blurb on the package of the video which we will view at our November 10 meeting. We’ll learn the history of the Gardens while also seeing some of the beauty.

Located on Vancouver Island in Western Canada, The Butchart Gardens is visited by thousands of people. T.G.O.,L. Members Alice and Frank Cooley enjoyed their tour of the Gardens in 2007.

We will meet at the Clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. On Tuesday, Nov. 10.



Plans for Christmas Party

The Gardeners of Lima annual Christmas Party will take place at the Clubhouse on Tuesday, December 8 (our regular meeting night). It will be catered by the Morrisons. Desserts to share may be brought by the members.

The tradition of a white elephant gift exchange will continue, adding to the fun of the night.

Installation of officers will also be a part of the evening’s activities.

November is Election Time for Club

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Few Workers for Fall Work Day

Although turnout was low for the Fall Clean-up Day at the Clubhouse on Saturday, Oct. 17, a lot of work got done by the few who came. Rita Hardesty, Donna Maki, Jo Hanley and Don Hanley did a lot of cleaning and organizing in the basement storage room.

Donna reports “We had 2 trucks full. Don and Jo took all of the metal junk plus I had the chemicals and trash. Disposal of the chemicals (3 five gallon buckets plus) cost \$100.00 (\$1.00 per pound) and Steve had to pay extra for our trash man to unload our truck. (\$25.00)”

Poinsettia Sale Coming

Our annual Poinsettia Sale is here. Time to be taking orders. The plants will be delivered to the Clubhouse on Saturday, December 5, and may be picked up then.

You will hear more about the at the Nov. 10 meeting.

Board Meeting



Regular Board Meeting on Oct. 29 was moved to Panera due to some work being done in the area of the Clubhouse. Pictured above (clockwise from lower left) are Rita Hardesty, Jo Hanley, Don Hanley, Rex Maurer, Steve Maki, Dick Hussey, Ed Morrison, and Janet Hussey.

Pictured below (in same order) are Dick Hussey, Ed Morrison, Janet Hussey, Rita Hardesty, Jo Hanley, Don Hanley, Rex Maurer, and Steve Maki.



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It is suggested that other nearby clubs, such as Bluffton, and St. Marys might be included. Perhaps our club might be the host this time.

Result of Tardy Planting

Your editor planted some beets which came up, then couldn't handle the peculiar weather and died out. This left some space which he decided to use for a muskmelon vine. The store was out of started plants, but the clerk said he thought it wasn't too late to plant seeds. Seeds were planted. A vine sprouted and grew, producing many blossoms, and eventually 7 or 8 little melons appeared. Then came the first frost while your editor was on vacation.

Moral of story: Regardless of clerk's advice, plant earlier.



News from October

Master Gardener Pat Komarek spoke at the October meeting. She gave suggestions to make gardening easier for older folks.

Among her ideas was painting (or taping) tool handles to make them more visible when they are on the ground.

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The Gardeners of Lima

December 2015

Lima, Ohio

Christmas Party

The annual Christmas Banquet will be catered by the Morrisons. In addition, members are encouraged to bring a dessert to share.

Music for the evening will be provided by Mike Hawkins and his son.

We expect a lot of fun will come with the "white elephant" gift exchange.

An important part of the evening's activities will be installing the 2016 officers.

The Clubhouse will be aglow with beautiful Christmas decorations for the occasion. Remember the time: 6:00 p.m. On Tuesday, Dec. 8.



President Steve Maki trimming last year's Clubhouse tree

Officers to be Installed

President	Steve Maki
1st Vice Pres.	Ray Brown
2nd Vice Pres.	Jo Hanley
Secretary	Ed Morrison
Treasurer	Rex Maurer
National Director	Steve Maki

Poinsettias to be Delivered

The plants will be delivered to the Clubhouse on Friday, December 5, at about 8:00 a.m., and may be picked up then.

Please note that this is a change in plans announced earlier. Delivery is Friday rather than Saturday.

Help Us Deck the Halls

You are invited to help decorate the Clubhouse for Christmas. Sunday, Dec. 6, at 1:00 we will be putting up trees, stringing lights, and hanging all sorts of colorful reminders of the season.

All of this is in preparation for the annual Christmas Banquet.

Those who helped last year will remember that it was an enjoyable experience. Come and join in the fun!

A Christmas Legend

A Mexican legend explains how Poinsettias came to be associated with Christmas. Apparently, a child who could not afford a gift to offer to Christ on Christmas Eve picked some weeds from the side of a road. The child was told that a humble gift, if given in love, would be acceptable in God's eyes. When brought into the church, the weeds bloomed into red and green flowers and the congregation felt that they had witnessed a Christmas miracle.

(from theflowerexpert.com)



The Gardeners of Lima entry in the 2015 Christmas Tree Festival at the Allen County Museum, going on Dec. 2-6.

Featuring seed packets and tiny hoes, the wreath was assembled by Alice and Frank Cooley.

It Happened in November

The history and beauty of the Butchart Gardens, located on Vancouver Island in Western Canada, was presented to the members through a video presentation at the November meeting.

Officers for 2016 were elected. Ray Brown will serve as 1st V.P. And Jo Hanley as 2nd V.P. Other positions remain unchanged.

The club is grateful for the tireless service of the out-going vice presidents Rita Hardesty and Donna Maki.



Dick and Janet Hussey and Rex Maurer arrive at refreshment window, while Alice Cooley serves.

Father of Poinsettia Industry

Paul Ecke Jr. is considered the father of the Poinsettia industry due to his discovery of a technique which caused seedlings to branch. This technique allowed the Poinsettia industry to flourish. The Paul Ecke Ranch in California grows over 70% of all Poinsettias purchased in the United States and about 50% of the world-wide sales of Poinsettias. As of August 2012, the Ecke Ranch, which was family-owned and operated for nearly 100 years, announced that it had been acquired by the Dutch-based Agribio Group. (Continued in next column)

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Highlight of every meeting is social time around the table. In foreground are Chuck Bowsher and Steve Maki.



Ray Brown and Ed Morrison form a volunteer clean-up crew to sweep the floor after the meeting.

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The Ecke family had a secret technique that caused every seedling to branch, resulting in a fuller plant. In 1991, a university graduate student published an article that described a method for causing Poinsettias to branch. With the secret out and available to everyone, competition flourished, especially from Europe, resulting in a decrease of Ecke's share of the market.

From The Poinsettia Pages, Univ. Of Illinois Extension

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