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The Gardeners of Lima

January 2016

Lima, Ohio

## CHRISTMAS PARTY CAPPED GREAT YEAR FOR T.G.O.L.

Singer and guitarist Mike Hawkins treated club members and friends to some delightfully different versions of Christmas music at the annual Christmas party. His imaginative and creative wit and strong Christian witness, as well as his musical talent brought much enjoyment to all.

Delicious food was catered by the Morrissions, with amazing holiday desserts brought by several members.

A beautifully decorated clubhouse (thanks to the efforts of several members) added to the occasion. The stealing of white elephant gifts provided some laughs.

Thanks to Anita Lanning for installing officers for 2016.

President Steve Maki gave a review of accomplishments of The Gardeners of Lima in 2015. Among these was a joint meeting with Van Wert and Ft. Wayne clubs, an Open House event showing off the renovated Clubhouse and recounting it's history, the addition of several new members, starting our new web-site, planting the downtown planters, visiting the grounds of our home beautification winner, conducting successful sales of Spring Plants and Poinsettias and caring for the Clubhouse and grounds.



Mike Hawkins performs at TGOL Christmas Party

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Yum, yum! Christmas goodies brought to the Christmas Party made colorful and appetizing display.



## THE GARDENER'S WIFE

The gardener's wife says "How I love that guy.  
He's good at prepping the soil and planting the seeds.  
But there's one thing about him that makes me cry;  
He forgets to hoe to get rid of the weeds."

Then she remembered Santa's oft-spoken phrase.  
And quickly adding an "e" to each jolly "Ho"  
She called to her love on hot summer days,  
"Your garden needs you to Hoe, Hoe, Hoe."

Now, Christmas was coming; so she thought and she thought  
And she thought what she'd give to her gardening hubby;  
"Maybe," she figured, "He'd hoe like he ought  
If he had a shiny new hoe that wasn't so grubby."

How'd the plan work, I'm sure you'll ask.  
The following Spring, when weeds dared to show,  
He took pride in that tool and took joy in his task.  
As he happily chanted, "Hoe, Hoe, Hoe."

Frank Cooley  
November 2015



The Gardeners of Lima entry in the 2015 Christmas Tree Festival at the Allen County Museum. Featuring seed packets and tiny hoes, the wreath, assembled by Alice and Frank Cooley, is now on display at the Clubhouse.

## More from Christmas Party



Gardeners are no strangers to the concept of "digging in."  
Lots of good food for everyone.

## NATIONAL CONVENTION

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## Happy Gardening New Year

Gardeners one and gardeners all  
Review the year in thoughtful recall;  
Remembering spring with rain after rain,  
Soaking the ground, then pouring again!

We watched for growth with a gardener's hope,  
Weeding and tending, but, alas, no soap!  
Plants looked weak and tomatoes were few,  
Rarely did one exceed an ounce or two.

So, gladly putting the year behind us,  
We're not letting the old year blind us.  
We confidently look to the year that's ahead,  
Hoping for BIG tomatoes, plenty and red.

Frank Cooley  
December 2015

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March 2016

Lima, Ohio

## Club opening 2016 with Tim DeHaven

Long-time friend of The Gardeners of Lima Tim DeHaven will bring the program for the March 8 meeting.

Tim, owner of DeHaven Home and Garden Showplace, always is both informative and entertaining in his presentations.

Since our club doesn't hold meetings in January and February, it's time to get back together again. It'll be good to see our old friends and kick off our 2016 gardening season.

See you at the Clubhouse Tuesday at 7 p.m.

## Electrical Work Completed At Clubhouse

An overhaul of the electrical system at the Clubhouse has been underway during the last month and is now finished.

Brunk Electric was contracted by the Club for this work.

The contract included:

Retrofit & repair 24 florescent lights to T8 system Replace all ballasts & bulbs.

Repair outlets on main floor.

Replace exterior GFI & install lockable cover.

Install new 8' florescent fixture in furnace area.

Replace garage fixture with new T8 fixture.

## Donna Maki starting Herbs For Spring Plant Sale



Donna says "Pots are washed and ready to go with Dad's and Steve's help."

At last year's Spring Plant Sale Donna Maki brought some plants from home to be sold along with all the plants and baskets obtained from a commercial grower. Her items went well, so she decided to get some herbs ready for the 2016 sale.

From these pictures it looks like we will have a lot of items to offer to our customers. Many thanks to Donna for making this very special extra effort on behalf of T.G.O.L.



Seeds are being planted for the spring sale.



Excerpt from:

## Thank You Letter to PCS Nitrogen

Thank you for your kind donation to The Gardeners of Lima. The funds that you have provided are very much appreciated. The Gardeners of Lima depends on donations and other support from the community to advance our programs and projects. It's companies and businesses like yours who are willing to support the community that make the Lima area a better place in which to live and work.

Thank you again for your support. We hope that you can continue to partner with other organizations such as ours in the Lima community.

Sincerely yours,

The Gardeners of Lima  
Edward P. Morrison  
Secretary



## Happy St. Patrick's Day

Traditional day for planting an early spring garden, including potatoes, peas, and onions.

“Successful gardening requires a regular supply of moisture - especially in the form of perspiration.”

The above was the solution of a Cryptogram found in an old puzzle book.

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## Put these Dates on Your Calendar

- March 5 Take down Christmas decorations at Clubhouse
- March 8 Members Meeting 7 p.m.
- March 31 Board Meeting 7 p.m.
  
- April 12 Members Meeting
- April 16 CGLG Spring Regional Meeting  
Kingwood Center, Mansfield, OH
- April 28 Board Meeting
  
- May 5 - 7 Spring Plant Sale
- May 10 Members Meeting
- May 14 Plant downtown planters
- May 21 Workday at Clubhouse

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## Bill Lanning Recognized

Frequent visitors at T.G.O.L. Meetings are Bill and Anita Lanning of the Findlay club.

The March-April edition of the TGOA/MGCA National Newsletter contains a tribute to Bill written by Tom Davis (Gardeners of Greater Cleveland).

Bill is retiring as treasurer of the Central Great Lakes Gardeners. He has served in both regional and national offices as well as in his local club.

Here's hoping you will take the time to read Tom's fine article.

Our hats are off to Bill Lanning!

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April 2016

Lima, Ohio

## What's a Gardener to Do After a Mild Winter?

The mild winter in the Lima, Ohio, region saved a lot of money for the highway department. Outlays for fuel, plow repairs and salt were down. But how does a mild winter affect the gardener?

One concern is whether pests may have survived in larger numbers, putting flower and vegetable plants at greater risk this year. Curtis Young, from Ohio State University Extension, who will be speaking at the April 12 meeting of The Gardeners of Lima, will explain what we may be facing with regard to garden pests in 2016.

You'll want to come and find out what you need to do to protect those little seedlings so they will grow and, in due time, deliver a great crop!

Remember the time: 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 12, at the Clubhouse.

### DID YOU KNOW THAT OSU EXTENSION -

- Operates under the OSU College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences?
- Has been helping Ohioans build better lives, better businesses, and better communities for over 100 years (since 1914)?
- Has an office at the Allen County Fairgrounds?
- Can be reached at: 419-879-9108?

## UPDATED MEMBERSHIP LIST

The membership list for The Gardeners of Lima has been brought up to date. Copies of the new list will be available for members to pick up at the April meeting.

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According to the March/April edition of the newsletter from the national office, the Convention will be packed with top-notch speakers and exciting opportunities.

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program at Apollo  
then back to Clubhouse
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- May 26 Board Meeting
- June 14 Members Meeting at Maki's



Many trees and bushes in our area display their white blossoms in the early Spring.. This bush is part of the parking lot landscaping for the 250 building, part of the St. Rita's complex.

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## HERBS STARTED BY DONNA MAKI FOR SPRING PLANT SALE



In last month's issue of *Sprigs N Sprouts* we had pictures showing preparations for Donna Maki's Herb Project. Donna sent these pictures along with this comment:  
"Some things are growing nicely and some are not. I need more light!!! They have heat and soothing music. LOL. "



Spring Plant Sale is just about a month away.  
Some of these sweet young things would make a fine addition to your garden.



# Tim DeHaven Featured At March Meeting



Highlight of the March gathering of The Gardeners of Lima was the program presented by Tim DeHaven, owner of DeHaven Home and Garden Showplace in Lima.

Much of Tim's presentation was of an autobiographical nature, focusing on his life-long love of plants and a life spent in a family business. He also noted the importance of landscaping as a part of that business, and gave some general guidelines regarding landscaping.

As always, Tim brought a car-load of samples, both of plants and of fertilizers and pest-control products.



Some garden-related products from DeHaven's



1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ray Brown presiding over the March meeting

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Steve Drotar, Jo Hanley and Don Hanley checking out a few of the plants on display from DeHaven's





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May 2016

Lima, Ohio

## SPRING PLANT SALE

Friday, May 6 - Saturday, May 7

Calling all members! Help needed! Plants will be unloaded and arranged in the tent on Thursday, starting at 10 a.m. The sale is all day Friday and Saturday until noon. Sale will include hanging baskets, various colors of geraniums, and annuals.

This year's sale will also feature perennials and herbs. Club members have been helping Donna Maki in preparing these additional plants for sale. Donna planted the herbs in her basement, and the perennials have been dug up from her extensive gardens. Pictures throughout this issue of *Sprigs N Sprouts* show two recent events at the Maki home where members helped with these projects.

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- May 10 7 pm Members Meeting program at Apollo then back to Clubhouse
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The Maki patio is a bee-hive of activity as recently dug perennials are prepared for market. Diane Wise, Cheryl Williams, Darlene Brown, Alice Cooley Chuck Bowsher, Dave Williams and Don Hanley are paying close attention to their tasks of separating, potting and labeling.



Steve Drotar shows results of his digging.

## MAY MEETING AT APOLLO

Meet at Apollo, 3325 Shawnee Rd., At 7 p.m., Tues., May 10. Use the south entrance off of Shawnee Rd. And enter through the door by the greenhouse.

Our speaker is Mr. Joe Warnement, whose topic is Floral Design. He will also give us a tour, after which we will go to the TGOL Clubhouse for our business meeting and refreshments.

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# Can You Dig This?

It was a Digging Party at the Maki home on Mon., May 2.

Under Donna Maki's direction, several of the men dug up many of her perennials, while others separated, potted and labeled them.

Donna provided the group with sandwiches, an abundance of snacks, and an assortment of wines.

Members were delighted to see Dave and Cheryl Williams who have been absent from our meetings for several months due to health reasons. Also we were glad to see Dave Edwards.



Looks like Double-Decker Gardening on Maki's patio.



Betty and Dave Edwards and Diane Wise enjoy lunch during the Digging Party.



Diggers Clyde Wise and Steve Drotar get some mechanized help to move the clumps to the potting area.



Cheryl and Dave Williams, Steve Drotar and Ray Brown relax at the Maki's dinner table.



A second patio area at the Maki home is temporarily covered with flats of plants brought back by Donna on her recent trip to Michigan.

Many of these plants are destined for the downtown planters, which we are to plant on Saturday, May 14.

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# APRIL MEETING

Dr. Curtis Young, an entomologist from the Ohio State University Extension brought the program for the April 12 meeting of The Gardeners of Lima. He addressed concerns about insects that might be especially troublesome to gardeners after our recent mild winter.

A special feature of the April meeting was the presentation of National Spade Awards to Lima members Donna Maki and Ed Morrison. This award is given to persons recruiting the most new members.



Diane Wise, Ray Brown, Jo Hanley and Darlene Brown make labels for pots of perennials and helbs



Clyde Wise checks lighting on herbs started in Maki's basement.



Darlene and Ray Brown getting young plants ready for The Gardeners of Lima Spring Plant Sale.

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June 2016

Lima, Ohio

## June Meeting at Maki Home

Bring a covered-dish along and drive out to the Maki home at 8230 Sugar Creek Road for a pleasant evening as The Gardeners of Lima get together for their June meeting. Steve and Donna always entertain us well. Tuesday, June 14, at 6:00 pm.

## Joint Meeting at Ft. Wayne

Ft. Wayne club has invited clubs from Lima, Van Wert, Bluffton, and Findlay to a joint meeting. This is to be similar to the gathering last year and will again be held at the home of Keith and Karen Trowbridge, in Leo, Indiana. The date is Saturday, June 18.

### Planted Downtown Planters May 14



Cold & windy day for planting.



Thanks to Sheila Rowe for the photos above.

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## New Soil at Clubhouse and Spring Planting

On Thurs., May 19, new soil arrived and was spread, replacing the old dirt which had been hauled away. Then on Sat., May 21, members planted the new flowers

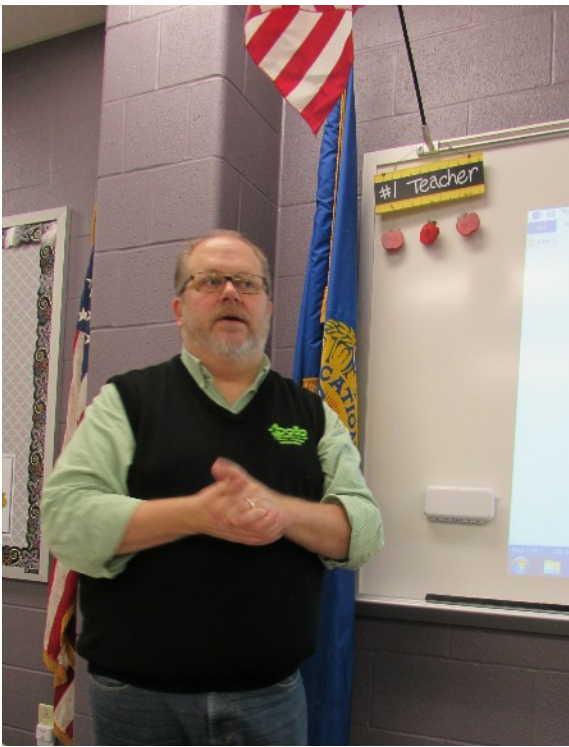


Clark Spieles, one of our speakers last year, delivered new soil.





# May Meeting at Apollo Career Center's New Horticulture Dept.



Mr. Joe Warnement was our host and speaker for the May meeting of The Gardeners of Lima. He told about Apollo's extensive program in horticulture, floral arranging, interior décor, and floral shop managing and marketing.

He then gave a tour through the attractive retail area which is in the department. A cold storage room is a part of this area.

In the greenhouse, he pointed out some special features, such as automatic light and climate controls. (See pictures on next page.)

In the large class work room, he had set up an area with refreshments for our group.



Cold storage room for cut flowers.





According to Mr. Warnement, the greenhouse has many automatic features, but the watering is done the old-fashioned way. It looks like the plants are enjoying their greenhouse stay.

Some members bought plants to take home.

Refreshments were served to the delight of T.G.O.L. Members (as seen at right).

After leaving Apollo, members went back to our regular stomping grounds, the Farout Park Clubhouse for our business meeting. Then, guess what? As you can see in the picture below, another round of refreshments! Is this a great club, or what?



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July 2016

Lima, Ohio

## SHOW JUDGE TO SPEAK

Mr. Patrick Flynn, who judges for various flower shows, particularly in Mercer and Hardin Counties, will be our speaker for the July Meeting of The Gardeners of Lima.

The meeting will be Tuesday, July 12, at 7 p.m. At the Clubhouse.

Come and learn how to arrange your display for showing. Find out what judges are looking for. Even if you do not plan to enter anything this year, you should find the program interesting.

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Check out the flowerbeds in front of the T.G.O.L. Clubhouse in Faurot Park.

New soil and new blocks, as well as new flowers. Thanks to many hard-working members.



## DOWNTOWN PLANTERS LOOKING GOOD



The plaza in front of the Veterans Memorial Convention and Civic Center is adorned with flowers planted by members of The Gardeners of Lima.

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# DONNA & STEVE ENTERTAIN IN JUNE



President Steve Maki conducts business meeting in June from his back steps. Member Persetta Bowsheer gives support.



One of many flower beds in Maki yard



Hostess Donna Maki takes a well-deserved break while visiting with Rex Maurer on the pool deck



Cheryl Williams visits with Ray Brown and Steve Maki on the Maki patio



Outdoor meetings are great, as evidenced by this picture of Don and Jo Hanley

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August 2016

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## Gardens of St. Petersburg

First V. P. Ray Brown will present a slide show of the Gardens and Palaces of St. Petersburg at the August meeting of The Gardeners of Lima.

The meeting will be at the Farout Park Clubhouse on Tuesday, August 9, at 7:00 p.m.

### Update Your Calendar

Aug. 9 7 pm Members Meeting at Clubhouse

Aug. 19-27 Allen County Fair

Aug. 25 7 pm Board Meeting

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## REQUESTED RECIPE

After the July Meeting of The Gardeners of Lima, a member asked Alice Cooley to share her recipe for the dessert she had served. It is copied here from the Centennial Cook Book of the former Grace United Methodist Church (Lima, Ohio).

The book recognized the 100 years from the founding of the congregation in 1879 to 1979. In 2008 Grace merged with Trinity United Methodist Church, also in Lima.

This recipe had been submitted for the book by Rowena Michael.

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### CHOCOLATE CREAM CHEESE LAYER

Chocolate Layer:

½ c. oleo	1 oz. Baking chocolate, melted
1 c. sugar	1 c. flour
2 eggs	1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. Vanilla	½ c. nuts

Mix in order given and spread into greased 13 x 9 inch pan.

Cheese Layer:

¼ c. oleo	1 (8 oz.) Pkg. Philadelphia cream cheese, softened (reserve 2 oz. Cheese)
½ c. sugar	1 (6 oz.) Pkg. Chocolate chips
1 egg	¼ c. nuts
2 Tbsp. Flour	
½ tsp. Vanilla	

Mix all ingredients except chocolate chips. Blend well and spread over chocolate layer, then sprinkle chocolate chips. Bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes. Remove from oven and sprinkle 3 cups miniature marshmallows. Place in oven for 2 minutes until marshmallows melt. Remove and swirl over top. Cool.

Frosting:

¼ c. oleo	2 Tbsp. Milk
2 oz. Cream cheese	3 c. powdered sugar
1 oz. Baking chocolate	1 tsp. Vanilla

Melt oleo, cream cheese, chocolate and milk over low heat. Remove from heat and add powdered sugar and vanilla; mix well.



# Pictures from Inter-club Meeting



Beth and a Feathered Friend



A Kaimen is being held by Namoi



Hedgehog, a smaller type found in England or, perhaps, Africa

Bernie Holm sent these pictures from the entertainment at the joint meeting at Trobridge's on June 18. Bernie said: "Beth, from 'Indiana Wild', presented a very interesting program. I, for one, was very fascinated with the program. The critters she had she carried around so we could touch. Not everyone wanted to touch everything."

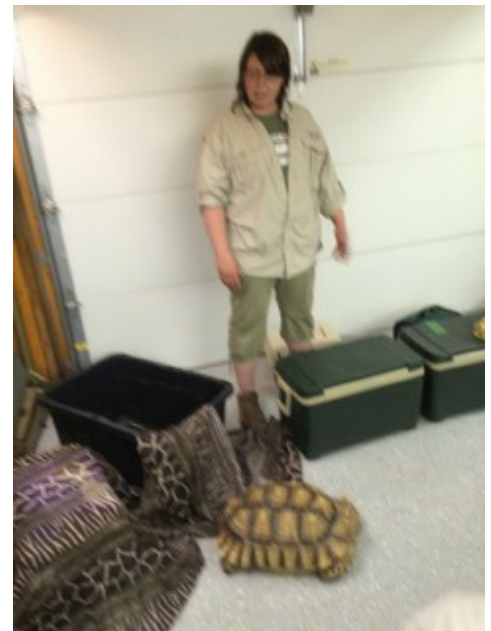


Beth displaying a Ball Python



A Hissing Cockroach

This is one of two which Beth carried in her pocket.



Tortoise weighs 50 lbs.



# MAKING A GOOD SHOWING

Mr. Patrick Flynn, an experienced judge for vegetable and flower shows, was our speaker for the July Meeting.

He shared some inside secrets to help us know what judges look for in displays. Those who were in attendance will have “a leg up” whenever they prepare their next show entry.



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## DONNA MAKI WINS MANY RIBBONS AT ALLEN CO. FAIR

TGOA member Donna Maki came away from the 2016 Allen County (Ohio) Fair with a bundle of ribbons including at least one Best of Show (pictured below Left). Also shown here are some of her other prize-winners. Congratulations, Donna!

Janet Hussey recruited several members to serve as host or hostesses for the flower show at the Fair.



IT'S HALLOWEEN TIME  
See October meeting details on  
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# DRESS UP FOR HALLOWEEN (IF YOU PLEASE)

Costumes are encouraged and appreciated, though not required for the October meeting of The Gardeners of Lima. The clubhouse will be decorated for Halloween, and, in past years, members have enjoyed seeing the resourcefulness of others with regard to costuming.

Another way to get creative involves pumpkins. Try your hand. See what you can do. Carve and/or decorate a pumpkin and enter it in the Halloween Pumpkin Contest at the meeting.

Beth Thiesen, from the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District, will bring us a program on the topic of "Bird Feeding in Winter."

Bring some FINGER FOOD to share during the social time.

See you at the meeting TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, AT 7 P.M. at the Clubhouse.

## HELP

Saturday, October 8, at 10 a.m. is the time for decorating the clubhouse, in preparation for the Halloween party/meeting. Come and lend a hand if you can.

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## RAY BROWN TELLS OF TRIP TO RUSSIA

Featured at the August meeting of The Gardeners of Lima was an illustrated recount of 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Ray Brown's trip to St. Petersburg, Russia. He showed slides of gardens and palaces and told of some of his experiences as part of a student group from Bluffton several years ago.



*Sprigs N Sprouts* editor Frank Cooley (right) is presented an award by President Steve Maki for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the national newsletter competition among clubs having 25 to 50 members.



Refreshment time at the August meeting

WELCOME to MARY LEIDEL  
newest member of TGOL

Ed. Note: There was no September issue of *Sprigs N Sprouts*. Editor was on vacation. Background picture at top of Page 1 was taken in Florida. Also note below: editor's new e-mail address.

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# Sprigs N Sprouts

The Gardeners of Lima

November 2016

Lima, Ohio

## ORGANIC IS NOV. THEME

Amanda Wischmeyer from Little Riley Creek Farm will be speaking at our meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 8. She will present a program on Organic Gardening.

We will gather at the Clubhouse at 7:00 p.m.

## POINSETTIA SALE

Persetta Bowsher is organizing our annual Poinsettia Sale. Members need to turn in their orders by Nov. 23.

Plants can be picked up at the Clubhouse on Friday, Dec. 2.

## NOTES FROM FALL REGIONAL

National President Billy Clark was in attendance at the Fall meeting of the Great Lakes Region at Kingswood Center in Mansfield, Ohio, on Oct. 22. Our own Steve Maki was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for the region. Congratulations, Steve!

## HOME BEAUTIFICATION

John & Jeanette Evans and Larry Esmonde have been selected as Home Beautification winners for 2016. They are invited to be our guests at the Christmas Party. We thank our committee: Ray Brown, Diane Halpern and Persetta Bowsher.

## BIG TOMATO CONTEST WINNERS

Donna Maki, with a tomato weighing 1 lb. 11 oz.  
Steve Maki, 1 lb. 8 oz.  
Diane Wise, 12.9 oz.

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Beth Thiesen, from the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District, talking to members at the October meeting.



Display of items brought by Beth Thiesen, who spoke on Bird Feeding in Winter.





Yes, this assortment of characters showed up at the October (Halloween) gathering of The Gardeners of Lima. Under the costumes they are, Dick Hussey, Frank Cooley, Alice Cooley, David Rowe, Sheila Rowe, Janet Hussey, Donna Maki, Served Maki and Ed Morrison.

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Winners of the Pumpkin Carving contest  
Donna Maki and David Rowe.





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The Gardeners of Lima December 2016 Lima, Ohio

## Christmas Banquet

The Clubhouse will be all aglow for the annual T.G.O.L. Christmas Banquet on Tuesday, December 13, at 6:00 pm.

The Gardeners of Lima come together for some holiday food and fun along with a little business. Bev and Ed Morrison are catering the dinner, while individual members may bring a salad or dessert. For the \$15 gift exchange men are to bring a gift for a man and women provide gifts for women.

Mike Hawkins, who delighted us with his guitar and singing at last year's Banquet, will return to bring us more of his unusual Christmas renditions. What a treat!

Installation of officers for the 2017 year will be performed by Anita Lanning.

Special guests for the event will be the winners of the Home Beautification Awards for 2016, They are John and Jeanette Evans and Larry Esmonde.

### DECORATING & CLEAN-UP

Members are asked to help with decorating the clubhouse on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 1 pm.

Also, weather permitting, some outside clean-up can be done, particularly in the flower beds.

### DUES

2017 Dues may be paid along with payment for the Banquet. See Treasurer Rex Maurer.

### NEW MEMBERS IN 2016

The Gardeners of Lima enrolled two new members in 2016. They are:

Mary Leidel

And

Joseph E. Brown

WELCOME!

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# NOVEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Amanda Wischmeyer talked to us about Organic Gardening during our November meeting.

Her farm, known as the Little Riley Creek Farm, has only 40 acres of which 23.65 acres are tillable. Most of the tillable area is in hay. 3.95 acres are rotated between market garden, clover and wheat.

Hazelnut and pecan trees use 3.3 acres. Natural areas including a pond occupy 10 acres.

She passed out copies of a booklet which explains reasons for certified organic farming, and practices used. The booklet ends with: "It all boils down to..."

- Working together as a family.
- Growing healthy food for our community.
- Enriching our land."

## PLAN AHEAD

April 22 Central Great Lakes Gardeners Regional Meeting - Kingwood Center

July 19-21 National Convention Cleveland, Ohio

Better buy a 2017 TGOA/MGCA Calendar sale price \$ 5.00.



Delicious refreshments were provided and served by Persetta Bowsher. She is wearing the "I Love Voting" sticker (shown below) as the meeting was on election day.



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