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## **Sprigs N Sprouts Publication of The Gardeners of Lima For the Year 2022**

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# The Gardeners of Lima

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## Upcoming Meeting

Our first meeting for 2022 will be held at the clubhouse in Faurot Park at 7:00 p.m. on March 8<sup>th</sup>. We will not have a regular program but will take time to do some cleaning as well as discuss upcoming events. See you soon!

## President's Message

Spring is on its way, eventually. 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 nineteen different companies. I will be resuming the construction of our raised beds when the weather permits.

I thank the club members for Donna's Memorial Plaque. Donna's Florida Room was dedicated to her as we hung her plaque on the wall in her Florida Room. Once again this year will be holding the July Wine and Dine at the Maki's, so you will be able to see the completion of one of Donna's dreams. My hope was that Donna would have been able to see its completion before her death.

The 2022 Spring Plant Sale will be only for members and your families and friends. It will be held once again at the Maki property. Stay tuned for the details.

We will not be providing the plants and planting the downtown Lima planters this year. We will be providing recommendations on what variety of flowers to buy and on planting day to provide expertise to instruct the planters on the proper way to plant the flowers.

I thought you would find it interesting to read all of the honors and recognitions that our club has received from community organizations over the years. That listing is included elsewhere in this newsletter.

With the passing of Donna we are in need of a 2nd Vice President who is responsible for membership. We also are in need of someone to audit our finances. Persetta Bowsher provided that need in the past, but she can no longer perform those services since she is our treasurer. If you have an interest in helping our club please contact me.

Invite a fellow gardener to our members' meetings. Share with them the reasons why you are a member of The Gardeners of Lima.

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## Men's Garden Club of Lima / The Gardeners of Lima Community Recognitions and Awards

1. March 13, 1972: Allen County Children Services Board expresses thanks for donating four hardwood trees at the children's home, Allen Acres.
2. June 20, 1974: Lima City Council expresses appreciation to the Men's Garden Club for the tree planting in Schoonover Park toward the beautification of our city.
3. May 1975: Mayor Harry Moyer proclaims the week of May 4 through May 11, 1975 as Men's Garden Club Week in recognition of the many activities and services which have long contributed to the beautification and improvement of our community.
4. September 18, 1978: Mayor Harry Moyer proclaims the week of September 24 – 30, 1978 as Men's Garden Club Week in recognition of their many activities and services which have long contributed to the beautification and improvement of our community.
5. January 8, 1979: Certificate of Appreciation presented to Lima Men's Garden Club in recognition of service to and for The Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District.
6. 1982: Outstanding Community Service Award presented to Men's Garden Club by The City of Lima
7. July 16, (Year Unknown – David Berger, Mayor; Furl Williams, President of Council): Resolution expressing the appreciation of The Lima City Council to the Men's Garden Club for their efforts in the beautification of Lima's Town Square and Faurot Park.
8. April 19, 1989: Men's Garden Club receives a JC Penney Golden Rule Award to reward and recognize outstanding volunteers who have served the area.
9. The Senate of the 118<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of Ohio congratulate the Men's Garden Club of Lima on receiving a J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award for its outstanding record of service to the Lima Community.
10. May 14, 1991: Resolution of Appreciation by the Board of Trustees of the Veterans' Memorial Civic and Convention Center for the Men's Garden Clubs' hard work beautifying the courtyard and town square.
11. 1991: A R C Community Service Award to the Lima Men's Garden Club
12. August 1993: Resolution expressing the appreciation of the Lima City Council to the Men's Garden Club for their efforts in the beautification of Lima's Town Square and Faurot Park
13. August 1993: Certificate of Appreciation presented to the Lima Men's Garden Club for the voluntary contribution made toward protecting and preserving Ohio's natural resources; signed by Governor Voinovich and Director Buchholzer (Ohio Department of Natural Resources) in cooperation with Allen Metropolitan Housing Authority.

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Here are two excerpts from the Gardeners Gazette, the official newsletter of the Gardeners of America:

Winners! Congratulations to the winner of the National Newsletter Naming Contest who would like to remain anonymous. **The runner-up was Frank Cooley** and third place was Gwen Raupfer. Congratulations and thank you to all who participated!

In Honor Those Gone Before Us

**Donna Maki — The Gardeners of Lima**

**A memorial donation was made in honor of Donna Maki by her husband, Steve.**

### Dues are Due

\$15.00 for a single membership and \$23 for a couple.

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14. November 17, 1993: Certificate of Appreciation to the Men's Garden Club for Outstanding Active Participation in City of Lima, Ohio Adopt a Park
15. December 27, 1993: Lima City Mayor David Berger expresses appreciation for volunteering to plant and maintain flower beds in Lima's Town Square
16. August 14, 1997: Council for the Arts of Greater Lima expresses thanks for the Men's Garden clubs support and assistance for Square Fair '97, especially for the beautification of Town Square.
17. April 8, (Year unknown – Connie Graham, President): Achievement Award by Greater Lima Downtown Association for innovative actions contributing to the growth of Lima, Ohio.
18. January 1, 2002 Lima Men's Garden Club became The Gardeners of Lima.
19. November 8, 2012: Lima-Allen County Neighborhoods in Partnership Good Neighbor Award Nominee recognizing efforts of The Gardeners of Lima to support and improve Lima / Allen County Neighborhoods
20. 2014: Downtown Lima Achievement Award to The Gardeners of Lima
21. November 11, 2015: Lima-Allen County Neighborhoods in Partnership Good Neighbor Award Nominee recognizing efforts of The Gardeners of Lima to support and improve Lima / Allen County Neighborhoods

## Plant of the Month

I looked around in my flower beds for something I could tell was alive. What green plant did I spy but the yucca!

According to "Ask Mr. Smarty Plants", only one type of yucca, *Yucca filamentosa* (Adam's needle), is native to Ohio. Another source, gardeningknowhow.com, states that this agave family plant is native to the Southeastern United States. "It was an important plant to Native Americans who used its fibers for cord and cloth, and the roots as a shampoo. Today, the plant is used primarily as an ornamental in the garden." It is very drought tolerant but doesn't like continually damp soil. Its tall stalks produce beautiful bell shaped white flowers in late spring. The name "Adam's needle" comes from the plant's foliage with its sword-like leaves and sharp needle tips. Take care if transplanting!



### The Gardeners of Lima Upcoming Events

1. March 8, 2022, 7 pm Members Meeting at the clubhouse
2. March 31, 2022 7 pm Board Meeting at the clubhouse
3. April 23, 2022 Noon to 4 pm Central Great Lakes Gardeners Regional Meeting at Kingwood, Mansfield
4. May 1, 2022 National Photo Contest Submittal Deadline
5. May 8, 2022 Mother's Day
6. June 1, 2022 National Scholarship Application Deadline
7. August 19 – 27, 2022 Allen County Fair
8. Mid-June or Mid-September 2022 National Convention near the OSU/ATI campus in Wooster, Ohio

## Sincerest Condolences

Our hearts go out to Frank Cooley at this time. His lovely wife, and our sister gardener, Alice Cooley, passed away March 1<sup>st</sup>. We will truly miss this beautiful lady.



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### Upcoming Meeting

**Our next meeting will be on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse in Fautot Park. Come for news, food, and conversation. Hope to see you then!**

### President's Message

The calendar says that Spring is here. It snowed on April 1st –no April fool’s joke. I am looking forward to getting back into the outdoors. I will be resuming the construction of our raised beds when the weather permits.

Spring has been a very difficult time for me due to Donna’s passing. Donna and I would be working together “playing in the dirt”. That was a favorite saying of hers – “playing in the dirt”. I miss my partner, but life continues.

Growers are having a difficult time this season with the availability of materials and plants. We will make due with what variety of plants are available for planting at the clubhouse.

I will be attending the Central Great Lakes Gardeners’ regional meeting on April 23rd at Kingwood in Mansfield. Let me know if you want to catch a ride with me.

“Renew in ‘22” We are finally resuming our national conventions. This year’s The Gardeners of America national convention will be held close to us near Wooster, Ohio on September 22 - 24. I hope that many of you will join me. Donna and I had great times at the national conventions – making many new friends, learning information from the seminars, and enjoying wine time.

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We’ve all heard the saying “April showers bring May flowers” - this saying can be traced back to England from the 1500’s poet Thomas Tusser. His poem contained the lines “Sweet April showers, do spring May flowers”. (Wearegreenbay.com)

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## Around the Yard...

I took a brief peek around the yard and here are some things I found.



Above: Last of the Snowdrops



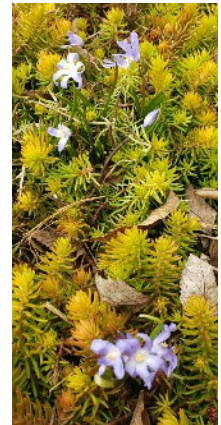
The daffodil to the left has both its foliage and blooms in the spring. But the resurrection lily (or magic lily) above produces only its leaves this time of year. The leaves will disappear by the start of summer and later the stem with the flower will appear!



Mystery Flowers - Can anyone identify the flower shown to the left? I believe I planted this several years ago, but I don't recall what it is. Also, I was surprised by the flowers shown at right. They appear to be a white violet?



My sister-in-law, Angie, gave me this plant (right) a number of years ago. I believe it's called Angelina Sedum. I was surprised by the small purple blooms as I was looking around the yard today. Sometimes it's easy to miss the beauty around us.



## Plant of the Month - Geranium

A botanist would tell you that "geranium" actually refers to a winter-hardy perennial shrub and that what we call geraniums are actually "pelargoniums". There was confusion on the name when the plant was brought from South Africa to Europe back in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. (sdgeranium.org) The name geranium seems to have stuck in many countries, such as ours.

Geraniums come in various colors and they make a very beneficial companion plant because they deter a number of common destructive pests such as Japanese beetles, earworms and cabbage worms. Because of this, some great companion plants for geraniums are corn, roses, grapes and cabbage. (Gardeningknowhow.com)

My grandmother used to put her potted geraniums in her attic space during the winter. Perhaps that's one reason I started over-wintering some of my plants. To the right is a picture of one such geranium currently in my sunroom, just waiting to go outside once the warm weather returns. In the meantime, these potted beauties are bringing me some joy right now.



Sheila Rowe received the Spade Club Award.



**Thank You** to those who helped clean the clubhouse: Darlene and Ray Brown, Joe Brown, Gary and Jennie Good, Diane Halpern

**Sneak Peek Ahead** - Dan Hodges will be our guest speaker in August. Microscopes and insects will be involved so this will be one program that all will enjoy, including children. Who might you invite to get the gardening "bug"?!



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## Upcoming Meeting

Join us for our upcoming meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse in Faurot Park. The weather forecast looks good so we will be preparing the beds for our planting on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Please do not park next to the beds to allow for movement of equipment. We'll start our meeting outside working and then move into the clubhouse for business and refreshments.

## President's Message

I attended the Central Great Lakes Gardeners' regional meeting on April 23rd at Kingwood in Mansfield. Kingwood gardener Ellen gave us a program on 'Perennial Solutions for Problem Areas'. Located else in this issue of the Sprigs-N-Sprouts are here recommendations.

“Renew in ‘22” We are finally resuming our national conventions. This year’s The Gardeners of America national convention will be held close to us near Wooster, Ohio on September 22 - 24. I will provide more details in my next month’s President’s Message.

The City of Lima Parks, Recreations and Forestry Division will be planning on planting minimal planters downtown due to the construction of the roundabout. Since there are very few planters they will not need our club members to recommend what to plant nor provide instruction on how to plant.

Rick Stolly, Deputy Public Works Director, has given his approval to plant a tree near the clubhouse in memory of Donna. The City has a Memorial Tree Recognition Program that we will be utilizing. More to come.

I went to check on the clubhouse on April 7th and noticed that lights were left on in the clubhouse. I am not aware of any of the board members at the clubhouse prior to that time. Rick Stolly had the Park Ranger look at the images from the cameras that are setup in the park, one of which looks at our clubhouse. A few days before April 7th the images showed that there was black SUV parked in the front. The individual went inside and was in the building for some time. I will be making frequent visits to the clubhouse to see if there is anything suspicious and notify Rick if I suspect anything. The handle and locks have been changed on the front door.

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# The Gardeners of Lima - Upcoming Events

1. May 10, 2022, 7 pm – TGOL Members Meeting at the Clubhouse
2. May 14, 2022, 10 am – Planting at Clubhouse plus members pickup plants that they have ordered from K&J
3. May 26, 2022, 7 pm – TGOL Board Meeting at the Clubhouse
4. June 1, 2022 National Scholarship Application Deadline
5. June 14, 2022, 7 pm – TGOL Members Meeting at the Clubhouse
6. June 30, 2022, 7 pm – TGOL Board Meeting at the Clubhouse
7. July 12, 2022, 5 pm – Wine and Dine at the Maki's
8. August 19 – 27, 2022 Allen County Fair
9. September 22 – 24, 2022 TGOA National Convention near Wooster, OH



## Plant of the Month - Bleeding Heart

Becky Wendroth took beautiful photos of her Bleeding Heart plants. They are a top favorite of hers. I was fascinated with them as a child, and still am. They are so stunning and unique. The bleeding heart is also called the “lyre flower” and “lady-in-a-bath”. It is actually part of the poppy family and is a herbaceous perennial. This beauty likes partial shade with an evenly moist, slightly acidic soil. While this plant is so pretty to look at, all parts of it are poisonous if ingested and it can cause skin irritation in some people if they come in contact with it. Reminds me of the saying, “Look but don’t touch!” (Source: justfunfacts.com)



The Johnny Appleseed website (Jampd.com) has a downloadable checklist for wildflowers in our area. Check it out!



## Plural of “Phlox”

The other day I bought two plants  
Both of which were marked “Phlox.”  
But I seem to be in ignorance  
How to label their shared box.  
Should “phloxes” be the plural name?  
Or is “phlox” a word like “deer”  
Where one or more is still the same?  
Some words are just plain queer!



Frank Cooley  
July 2021



## PERENNIAL SOLUTIONS FOR PROBLEM AREAS

### I. DEER RESISTANT PLANTS

#### A. Ornamental grasses and sedges

Calamagrostis (feather reed grasses)  
Carex (sedges)  
Festuca (fescues)  
Pennisetum (fountain grasses)  
Miscanthus  
Panicum

#### B. Shade Perennials

Ceratostigma (plumbago)  
Chelone (Turtle Head)  
Helleborus (Lenten Rose)  
Ferns  
Lamium (dead nettle)

#### C. Sun Perennials

Achillea (yarrow)  
Agastache (anise hyssop)  
Allium – many varieties with different bloom times  
Amsonia (bluestar)  
Baptisia (false indigo)  
Buddleia (butterfly bush)  
Coreopsis (tickseed)  
Geranium (cranesbill)  
Iris  
Lavender  
Lobelia (cardinal flower)  
Monarda (bee balm)  
Nepeta (catmint)  
Peonies  
Perovskia (Russian sage)  
Salvia  
Vernonia (Iron weed)

### II. DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANTS—Irrigate regularly until established

A. Achillea (yarrow)  
B. Agastache (anise hyssop)  
C. Allium (ornamental onion)  
D. Artemisia (wormwood, mugwort)  
E. Aster  
F. Baptisia (false indigo)  
G. Calamintha (lesser calamint)  
H. Delosperma (ice plant)  
I. Echinacea (purple coneflower)  
J. Gaillardia  
K. Gaura

L. Hemerocallis (daylily)

M. Salvia

N. Sedum

O. Sempervivum (hens and chicks)

P. Stachys (lamb's ears)

Q. Stokesia (Stoke's aster)

R. Thymus (thyme)

### III. Plants for Dry Shade—Irrigate well until established

A. Alchemilla (lady's mantle)

B. Asarum (wild ginger)

C. Brunnera (Siberian bugloss)

D. Carex (sedge)

E. Epimedium (barrenwort)

F. Euphorbia (spurge)

G. Geranium (cranesbill)

H. Dennstaedtia (hay scented Fern)

I. Helleborus (Lenten rose)

J. Heuchera (coral bells)

K. Iberis (candytuft)

L. Iris cristata (dwarf crested iris)

M. Pachysandra

N. Pulmonaria (lungwort)

O. Sedum ternatum

### IV. Plants for Wet Areas

A. Acorus (sweet flag)

B. Asclepias (milkweed)

C. Bergenia (pigsqueak)

D. Carex (sedges)

E. Chelone (turtlehead)

F. Eupatorium (Joe Pye weed)

G. Ferns, esp. Cinnamon & Ostrich

H. Filipendula (queen of the prairie)

I. Hibiscus (hardy)

J. Iris versicolor (Northern blue flag)

K. Juncus (common rush)

L. Ligularia

M. Physostegia (obedient plant)

N. Rodgersia

O. Vernonia (ironweed)



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## Upcoming Meeting

Our June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the clubhouse in Faurot Park at 7:00 p.m. We plan to do a little weeding in the flower beds especially since the Preen isn't working well on the grasses that are emerging. To quote Steve, "Weeding is one of the duties of us gardeners. Let's get into the dirt and pull the weeds to the end of their roots!"

## President's Message

"Renew in '22" We are finally resuming our national conventions. This year's The Gardeners of America national convention will be held close to us near Wooster, Ohio on September 22 - 24. The tentative schedule is:

- Thursday evening – Barbecue grill by our talented TGOA chefs
- Friday – Seminars
- Saturday – Seminars in the AM, Bus trip in the PM
- Saturday evening – Dinner at an Amish Restaurant

Speakers have been lined up including the entertaining and expert, Dr. Laura Dieter, on Perennials 101 and talks on everything from Lawn Care to Greenhouse Technology for Space Exploration. Registration cost will be similar to past conventions. Hotel (Comfort Suites across from OSU/ATI campus) will be \$129 + tax/night which includes breakfast. Registration will be in the hotel lobby.

Rick Stolly, Deputy Public Works Director, has given his approval to plant a tree near the clubhouse in memory of Donna. The City has a Memorial Tree Recognition Program that we will be utilizing. The Board has decided to select a flowering tree. Rick will notify me when the tree is going to be planted so that we can be there and have a brief memorial service for Donna.

Our annual Big Tomato Contest has started. Please provide me with your \$5 entrant fee if you wish to participate.

A big thank you to Ed, Patty, Persetta, Ray, Sheila and Tom for planting at the Clubhouse. We were very efficient in finishing the planting in two hours. At the June meeting there will be a signup sheet for watering and weeding.

Our July Wine and Dine at the Maki's will start at 5 pm on Tuesday, July 12th. In memory of Donna I will be making her spaghetti as the main course.

It is with a heavy heart that I request thoughts and prayers for the Diane and Mel Halpern family and the Barbara and Walter Paxson family. Both families are mourning the loss of their grandsons who have passed away.

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**Thank you** to those who helped prepare the Garden Club planting area at our meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>: Ray and Darlene Brown, Joe Brown, Persetta Bowsher, Diane Halpern, Tom and Patty Iszory, David and Sheila Rowe, Toni Schroeder

And to those who helped with the planting on May 14<sup>th</sup>: Ray Brown, Persetta Bowsher, Tom and Patty Iszory, Steve Maki, Ed Morrison, Sheila Rowe



Patty's dirt and worm dessert at our May meeting was a huge hit! Tom's modified drill allowed us to plant flowers at lightening speed! The camaraderie in working on a project - priceless!



Ta da....A job well done!



**Looking ahead...** Our July meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. at the Maki house for our annual Wine and Dine. Our August meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. at the Faurot Park clubhouse with a fun presentation by Dan Hodges.



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## Wine and Dine in July

Our July “meeting” - the annual “Wine and Dine”- will be held at the Maki’s house on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Steve will be preparing Donna’s special spaghetti and we’ll get to see the sunroom and plaque in her memory. Please bring a dish to share as well as some wine (optional). We always look forward to this event and thank Steve for hosting us.

## President’s Message

I am looking forward to getting together for our annual Wine and Dine at our home. We will start at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, July 12th. Many people enjoyed Donna's spaghetti, so in memory of Donna I will recreate her spaghetti as the main course. Please bring a dish to share (and a bottle of wine, if you’d like). So far we have members bringing a fruit salad, an Olive Garden inspired salad, potato salad and a dessert. Your significant other and children are welcome to attend.

Bring your swim suit if you want to swim – skinny dipping is an option if you forget your suit.

You will also see our new Florida Room dedicated to the memory of Donna. I had hoped that she would have lived long enough to see its completion.

The long range forecast for July 12th is a 40% chance of scattered thunderstorms with a high around 90. Since this is one week in the future I am sure that the forecast will change. If we have inclement weather we have sufficient space inside our home, especially with Donna's large Florida Room.

We will have a sign-up sheet at our Wine and Dine for watering and weeding at the clubhouse. Thank you to those who have gone to the clubhouse to water and weed.

At our Wine and Dine you will also be able to sign-up for our big tomato contest. Entry fee is \$5. So far we have Joe Brown, Ray Brown and Steve Maki in the contest. Will someone put an end to Ray Brown’s reign of having the biggest tomato?

Those destructive Japanese Beetles have returned and are eating Donna’s roses. So, I am doing my daily spraying.

It had been almost three weeks and no rain at our home. It takes me about six hours to water the flower beds and pots. I hope this week will bring some much needed rain.

We will resume our Home Beautification Award this year. Please keep your eye out for a home that you would like to nominate. The homeowners need to be doing the gardening themselves (as opposed to hiring a company to do the landscaping) and you need to talk to the homeowner to get their approval to be nominated.

Looking forward to our get together.

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Our June meeting was cancelled due to the high heat index and a number of members being unable to attend. On August 9th we look forward to meeting at the Faurot Park clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. to enjoy Dan Hodges' presentation on bugs. You are encouraged to bring children to this entertaining, educational, hands-on event.

## Plant of the Month

There seems to be an abundance of **Purslane** popping up this year. It loves hot weather and dry soil. I'm sure we've all seen it and pulled it out as a weed, but it is a succulent that can be used as a ground cover, vegetable and medicine. It has a sour, salty flavor. Choose newer growth to avoid any bitter taste. It can be a great addition to salads - just don't get it mixed up with the poisonous Hairy-Stemmed Spurge that looks a lot like purslane and grows in the same areas. Purslane is plump



since it's a succulent, and does not have the hairy stems or maroon-colored markings on its leaves like spurge does. The sap from purslane is clear unlike spurge's milky sap. You can eat the leaves, stems and flowers of purslane. It can be eaten raw, cooked or pickled. Creek Stewart says, "I love it mixed raw into salads, blended into green smoothies, as a lush green (like sprouts) on sandwiches, and lightly sauteed with other summer vegetables." (Sources: Stewart's book Wild, Edible Plants and Apelian & Davis' book The Lost Book of Herbal Remedies)

With grocery prices rising, maybe we need purslane to supplement our food supply! :)

## What did Thomas Jefferson grow in his garden?

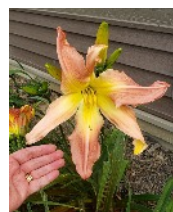
"Salads were an important part of Jefferson's diet. He would note the planting of lettuce and radishes every two weeks through the growing season, grow interesting greens such as orach, corn salad, endive, and nasturtiums, and yearly plant sesame in order to manufacture a palatable salad oil. Although the English pea is considered his favorite vegetable, he also cherished figs, asparagus, French artichokes, and such "new" vegetables as tomatoes, eggplant, broccoli, and cauliflower."

(www.monticello.org)



## Around the Yard

The daylilies are starting to shine. An Easter lily is blooming! We picked our first peppers and some plum tomatoes, but the lettuce is prolific!



## How many people in the United States garden?

An estimated 31.9 million U.S. Households participated in vegetable gardening in 2019. (www.statista.com)

Check out the chart above at <https://www.yourgreenpal.com/blog/home-gardening-statistics-in-the-us>





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### Upcoming Meeting

We welcome Dan Hodges from the Johnny Appleseed Park District to our upcoming meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse in Faurot Park. Dan will lead us in exploring the topic of bugs. Young and old will delight in this program so we hope to see you there!

### President's Message

Thank you all for attending our annual July Wine and Dine. Great time and such a feast. We remembered and toasted our fellow gardeners who have gone to rest:

- David Edwards (6/8/18)      Mel Kaehler (7/31/18)      Dick Hussey (6/24/20)
- Donna Maki (11/11/21)      Alice Cooley (3/1/22)

Bill and Anita Lanning were able to attend our Wine and Dine. They have been very active in the local Findlay club, & the regional and national clubs. Both are honorary members of our club. Bill is a past national president and Anita was a long time national director. Donna and I developed a close relationship with them, beginning at our national conventions.

We need help weeding and watering. The sign-up sheet will be available at the August members meeting. We have a sprinkler that has a timer so you can turn the sprinkler on for hours and leave and then come back later to do the weeding.

The August Meeting is the last time that our gardeners can enter the Big Tomato Contest. Entrants thus far are Joe Brown, Ray Brown, Steve Maki, David Rowe, and Becky Wendroth.

There are national convention schedules and information at the clubhouse for your review. Convention fee is \$220 for the first person in the family. Additional family members are \$150. The Comfort Suites is across the street from our convention site and they have reserved a block of rooms that will be available at \$129/night with full breakfast. Mention TGOA when you make your reservations at the Comfort Suites. I have sent in my convention reservation and made my hotel reservations.

Donna's flowering tree memorial will be planted in September just west of the clubhouse. Rick Stolly will let me know the date so we can hold a remembrance.

The Allen County Fair is this month: August 19th through the 27th. Will you have entries? I was planning on entering in the flower show to continue in Donna's memory, but I will be on a vacation so I will not have time to prepare the flowers for entry.

Steve

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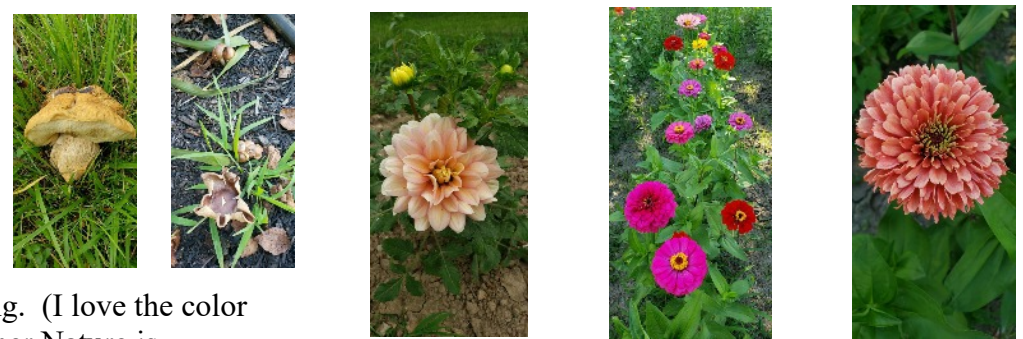
A relaxing and fun time was had by all at our annual July Wine & Dine. Thank you to Steve for hosting us and for making Donna's delicious spaghetti and garlic bread! It was wonderful to see the completed sunroom dedicated to Donna's memory.



**Plant of the Month - Yarrow** Five fun facts about yarrow from celticrootsfarm.com:  
 1.) Yarrow is a perennial and so comes back every year    2.) It is easy to grow from seed  
 3.) Yarrow is deer resistant  
 4.) Bees and other pollinators love yarrow    5.) Yarrow makes a wonderful dried flower  
 It makes a lovely accent to my zinnia bouquets. My husband once used the leaves as a poultice on an injured hand and it amazingly stopped the bleeding immediately!



**Around the Yard...**



The vegetable garden is producing. (I love the color of the purple peppers!) And Mother Nature is producing some interesting fungi.



The Resurrection Lilies are blooming (far left) and a few late blooming daylilies are showing their colors.



The dahlias have started blooming and the zinnias always put on a show. Dahlias and zinnias are both in the aster family which also includes daisies and sunflowers. The single zinnia (above right) is an unusual color.

Classics like the hydrangea (left) and gladiolas (right) are a welcome sight.





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## Upcoming Meeting

Our next meeting will be September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse in Faurot Park. Hope to see you then!

## President's Message

We still need help weeding and watering. I watered on Thursday, September 1st. The ground was very dry. I have signed up to weed and water the week of September 4th. After me there is no one else signed up to weed and water. We have a sprinkler that has a timer so you can turn the sprinkler on for hours and leave and then come back later to do the weeding.

It is time to start weighing your tomatoes for the Big Tomato Contest. Entrants are:

- Joe Brown
- Ray Brown
- Steve Maki
- David Rowe
- Becky Wendroth

I have many tomatoes but I don't think that I will have any that will place.

I hope to see some of you at the The Gardeners of America national convention. I have sent in my convention reservation and made my hotel reservations.

Donna's flowering memorial tree was planted just west of the clubhouse. The tree is a Sensation Magnolia. It has masses of upright, golden yellow flowers with a rosy-purple blushed base that blooms mid to late spring. Each sunny flower is quite large, seven inches across. The blooms are borne on leafless branches, as they emerge before the new leaves begin to unfurl. Since the tree flowers late in the season its blossoms rarely run the risk of damage from late frosts. The foliage of elliptic, ovate leaves is dark green. The tree grows upright with a pyramidal habit up to 20 – 25 feet tall and 6 – 8 feet wide. Rick Stolly will let me know when the plaque will be installed.

There was a nice memory display of Donna. I hope the picture that I took of the display will be legible. Walking through the flowers I noticed that the number of entries in the flower show has declined from past years. I hope many of you will consider entering your specimens next year.

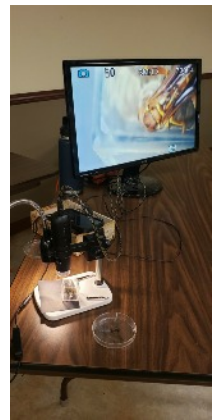
Our next fundraiser activities will be starting soon – our poinsettia sale. Start thinking about calling your potential buyers starting in October.

Steve





Young, old, and in-between enjoyed our August program presented by Dan Hodges from the Johnny Appleseed Park District. It was amazing how many different bugs we were able to catch in a short time right outside the clubhouse. It was even more amazing to look at each one under the special microscope that Dan brought. Fascinating!



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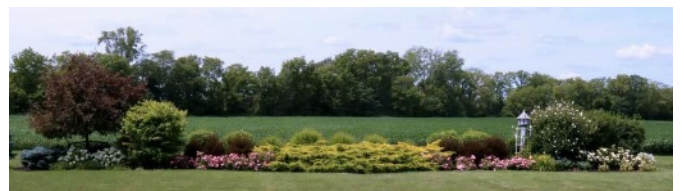
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# Around the Yard...at the Good's house

Club members Jennie and Gary Good have such beautiful plants and garden areas on their property so I'd like to feature them in this month's issue. Looks like a spread from a magazine. The photographer is none other than Jennie herself!





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## Upcoming Meeting

It's time for our fall party! We hope to see everyone at the clubhouse on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. (Note the special time!) Hot dogs, drinks and table service will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Costumes are optional but encouraged. Feel free to bring youngsters to add to the fun.

## 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. Main course will be provided. Please bring finger foods to share. Costumes are optional, but I hope that you will come in costume.

Just one more weigh-in for your tomatoes in the Big Tomato Contest. Results so far are:

- Ray Brown 1# 9.2 oz.
- Joe Brown 0# 11.6 oz.
- Steve Maki 0# 7.8 oz.
- David Rowe Not weighed yet
- Becky Wendroth Not weighed yet



Bring your tomatoes to the members meeting on October 11th for the final weigh-in. Can anyone beat Ray Brown? Some have come close. What is his secret?

I had a great time at The Gardeners of America national convention in Wooster, Ohio. After several years we are finally having national conventions again. National Conventions were a highlight for Donna and me. I caught up with old friends and have made some new ones. I had so much laughter at the Amish dinner with two of my new friends, Marti and Deb. My experiences at the convention will be in next month's newsletter. I am a member of the 2023 National Convention Exploratory Committee. Our initial location to scout is Grand Rapids, Michigan. Our national treasurer has some family issues such that she desires to no longer serve. I will audit her books when a new treasurer is named.

I had some conversations at the national convention with the President of the Fort Wayne club. We are going to explore resuming some possible joint activities.

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## In memory of Dave Williams

Dave was an active member of The Men's Garden Club/The Gardeners of Lima for more than 50 years. He served as President for some of those years and always shared his knowledge of gardening with others. He provided great advice! Dave also played a large part in making the clubhouse what it is today. Before he retired, Dave was a teacher and was instrumental in the construction of more than one school greenhouse in Ohio. Dave owned Williams Greenhouse and was a supplier of poinsettias for churches and the garden club. He also supplied bedding plants such as marigolds, geraniums, and petunias. We will greatly miss this kind and knowledgeable member and friend.



## President's Message continued from page 1

We mourn the passing of our friend and lifetime member of The Gardeners of America and TGOL, Dave Williams. We will be having the City of Lima plant another flowering tree near Donna's in memory of Dave.

Our next fundraiser activities have started – our poinsettia sale. Details will be provided at our October members meeting. Start thinking about calling your potential buyers starting this month.

We will provide forms for the 2023 membership and start collecting dues for 2023. The dues for 2023 have not changed: \$15 for a regular member plus \$8 for each additional family member for national dues. Regional dues will be \$1 for each member. If you are a lifetime member you only owe the regional dues. Please consider joining me as a lifetime member.

Steve

## Plant of the Month - Lettuce



Lettuce makes a good crop to grow in the fall in Ohio. Lettuce “matures in 45-55 days and keeps growing well when it's cool out. In fact, lettuce prefers cool weather, which makes it one of the key healthy veggies that can help a fall garden succeed.” (farmanddairy.com) Varieties that tolerate the cold well in Ohio are Grand Rapids, Great Lakes 118 and Lollo Rosso. (floridayards.org)

These can be planted in the early fall to mature before the first frost hits. It may be too late to actually plant lettuce now where we live, but lettuce that was planted in the spring and was left to go to seed has probably sprung up in your garden now by re-seeding itself. It's a treat to be able to make a salad fresh from the garden even though it's October!

## Should I Prune in the Fall?

This seems to be a controversial question, but according to evergreenlandscapes.ca, you should NOT prune in the fall. Pruning encourages new growth which you do not want at this time of year. Wait until the plant has become dormant. Pruning shouldn't be done when it's damp outside either because you run the risk of spreading disease. There is an exception (because there is an exception to everything!). You CAN prune any dead, diseased or damaged wood. Need more to do? Rake up your leaves, mulch your garden and consider amending the soil so that it's in great shape for spring planting. Pruning at the proper time will produce healthier plants so “avoid the pitfall of pruning in the fall for a more beautiful landscape next spring.”



Happy 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday to Frank Cooley on October 23<sup>rd</sup>!!





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### Upcoming Meeting

Our upcoming meeting at the Faurot clubhouse is on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Our club president, Steve Maki, will be showing pictures and sharing experiences from this year’s National Convention. See you this Tuesday!

### Planting Fall Flower Bulbs

While most of the fall color is now fading or gone, there’s still time to plan for beautiful, bright color for the spring! Fall bulbs in our area should be planted when evening temperatures average between 40 -50 degrees F. However, as long as the ground is still workable, you can still plant. The cooler weather allows the bulbs that we plant in the fall to winter over, which is an essential process so that they can bloom in the spring. Some common bulbs that should be planted in the fall are crocus, tulip, daffodil, hyacinths, grape hyacinths and snowdrops. Americanmeadows.com lists the following steps for fall bulb planting. They say that planting flower bulbs is fast, easy and nearly foolproof!

**Read the label** - since you can’t tell the color of the flower that the bulb will produce, keep the label together with the bulbs until planting.

**Choose where to plant** - try to choose a place where the soil drains well. The Dutch say, “bulbs don’t like wet feet”. Bulbs like sun, but since the leaves aren’t out on the trees yet when the bulbs emerge, you can plant in many areas for spring blooms.

**Prepare the planting bed** - loosen soil to a depth of at least 8 inches. Your soil may need some organic matter added such as peat moss or compost. You may also wish to add a slow releasing fertilizer.

**Plant** - follow the planting depth from the label. Larger bulbs need to go deeper than smaller bulbs. Plant with the pointy end up. If you can’t tell which way to plant the bulb, plant it on its side. Usually the flower will find its way on its own.

**Water** - after the bulbs are planted, back fill with soil, lightly compress it, and then water once to start root growth and to fill air pockets. Then wait until spring for the beautiful results!



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# You never know what characters will show up at the October Halloween party!

Take a look...



## Plant of the month - Oh, baby!

I wasn't familiar with honeynut squash until I saw an article in the Nutritionaction Healthletter. This squash looks like a baby butternut. Honeynuts are nutty tasting, but super sweet. Sounds delicious, plus they are the perfect size for two servings. The article says that honeynuts are "newbies on the vegetable scene". Have any of you seen them in the grocery or a farmer's market? I haven't, but I did find that seeds are available on-line. It would be fun to try these babies in the garden next year!



**In Sympathy...**  
Our condolences to Steve on the passing of his father.

Upcoming: Christmas Carry-in -  
December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30



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## Upcoming Meeting - Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas Party will be held in the Faurot Park clubhouse on December 13<sup>th</sup>. We plan to start eating at 5:30 p.m. Members have been asked to bring a dish to share. Join us for a time of food, fun, and fellowship as we end the year.

## President's Message

It is December already. It was sunny and cool today, so I worked outside since coming home from church until dusk. A satisfying day.

The family gathered together and celebrated our Thanksgiving meal here. We are blessed. We have so many reasons to be thankful. We live in this country with our many, many freedoms. We have an abundance of food. We are not in harm's way like our armed forces personnel and the conflicts that are occurring in other countries. Countless blessings.

We gardeners have the joy of working in the soil, planting seeds and flowers that will bloom into an array of colors & produce food, and we have the fellowship that we share amongst us. Yes, we are blest.

One of our major fundraisers has finished – the annual poinsettia sale. I think that you may hear a preliminary status.

I look forward to seeing you at our Christmas banquet this month on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Many people will be bringing a dish to share. I think we will have a great attendance with an estimated 40 people attending. Social time starts at 5:00 with dinner planned for 5:30. Some of our activities will be awards, announcement of the Big Tomato contest, installation of officers, Christmas trivia and a live auction.

The City of Lima planted another flowering tree near Donna's in memory of Dave Williams – a flowering dogwood.

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Our first members meeting in 2023 will be held on March 14, 2023. Enjoy the winter season until then.

Take care and count your blessings,

Steve

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## November's Meeting...

Thank you to the following who helped clean the clubhouse meeting space: Ray & Darlene Brown, Persetta Bowsher, Diane Halpern, Ed Morrison, and Sheila Rowe. Thank you to Steve Maki for his presentation from the National Convention with an emphasis on Amish life.



## Poinsettia Sorting and Delivery

A big thank you to all who helped unload, sort, and/or deliver poinsettias on November 21 - Joe Brown, Ray Brown, Persetta Bowsher, Diane Halpern, Tom & Patty Iszory, Steve Maki, Ed Morrison, Sheila Rowe, Becky Wendroth Special Deliveries: Rex Maurer, Toni Schroeder, Tim Walsh



We don't know who the winners of this year's Big Tomato Contest are yet, but someone grew some pretty big carrots!



### CARING FOR POINSETTIAS from <https://shadyhillgreenhouses.com/>

- After you have made your poinsettia selection, make sure it is wrapped properly because exposure to low temperatures even for a few minutes can damage the bracts and leaves.
- Unwrap your poinsettia carefully and place in indirect light. Six hours of light daily is ideal. Keep the plant from touching cold windows.
- Keep poinsettias away from warm or cold drafts from radiators, air registers or open doors and windows.
- Ideally poinsettias require daytime temperatures of 60 to 70°F and night time temperatures around 55°F. High temperatures will shorten the plant's life. Move the plant to a cooler room at night, if possible.
- Check the soil daily. Be sure to punch holes in foil so water can drain into a saucer. Water when soil is dry. Allow water to drain into the saucer and discard excess water. Wilted plants will tend to drop bracts sooner.
- Fertilize the poinsettia if you keep it past the holiday season. Apply a houseplant fertilizer once a month. Do not fertilize when it is in bloom.
- With good care, a poinsettia will last 6-8 weeks in your home.

**Reminder:** There are no general membership meetings in January and February