



Sprigs N Sprouts

The Gardeners of Lima March 2019 Lima, Ohio

CITY PARKS

Mr. Ric Stolly, Deputy Public Works Director for the City of Lima, will speak at the March meeting of The Gardeners of Lima. His program will center on the Lima City Parks. One of these parks is Faurot Park, where our clubhouse is located.

Kicking off our 2019 year, this meeting will be held at the clubhouse at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 12.

After our winter recess, it'll be good to get back together with our gardening friends.



Officers of The Gardeners of Lima

Rex Maurer, Treasurer; Becky Wendroth, Secretary; Donna Maki, 2nd Vice President; Ray Brown, 1st Vice President; and Steve Maki, President

Installation of Officers



Bill Lanning, a past president of The Gardeners of America, installed officers for 2019 for The Gardeners of Lima during the 2018 Christmas Banquet.

Looking Ahead

- March 28 Board Meeting
- April 9 Members Meeting
- April 27 Spring Regional Meeting at
Kingwood in Mansfield

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President's Message

Spring 2019

Do you have your seeds and plants ordered? Are you still looking through your seed and plant catalogues with anticipation of spring planting? After a month of up and down winter weather think positive. It is only about three weeks until March 20th, the Vernal Equinox, the first day of spring. Will Mother Nature cooperate?

Some of you may be seeing some robins appear in your yard, especially if you have fruit-bearing trees or shrubs that still hang on to their fruit, like the holly, juniper, hawthorns and crabapples. For me the first welcome sign of spring is the conk-la-ree musical trill of the red-winged blackbird.

We have several bird feeders in the yard that we feed the birds year-round. We have to keep an eye on their predators. There are two black cats that make their daily rounds through our yard. When the cats try to hide or be perfectly still near our feeders, we try to swoosh them away. It doesn't take much – just the opening sound of one of our patio doors or the sound of our voice will cause them to flee.

Then there are the hawks – two different species are occasionally seen in some of the trees on our property. We are not as successful keeping the hawks from grabbing a meal. We can't continuously be looking in our trees. I know the hawks have to eat too, but it breaks my heart to see them swoop down and grab one of the song birds.

The very high winds we recently experienced has wreaked havoc on our greenhouse. A number of the panels have been blown out. Once the weather gets a little warmer we have repair work to do so we can get an early start on our plants in our greenhouse. It is such a welcome feeling to be in a warm greenhouse playing in the dirt while it is a little cool outside the greenhouse.

Happy dreaming of planting,

Steve Maki



2018 Christmas Banquet



Diane and Clyde Wise, dressed up for the occasion, are all set for the banquet to begin.



Past national president Bill and Anita Lanning at the 2018 TGOL Christmas Banquet



Secretary Becky Wendroth with son Henry and husband Dr. Scott Wendroth await the festivities.



The Saturday before the banquet, several members came to the clubhouse to decorate. Shown here are Donna Maki, Becky Wendroth, Jennie Good and Joe Brown.

We are now on
Facebook



Pictures of club events have been posted on our Facebook page.

WEB-SITE UPDATE

Check out the new look of our Web-site
thegardenersoflima.com

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