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FROM OUR PRESIDENT MARY LOU SMITH

Plant America: Today's Youth - Tomorrow's Gardeners

Greetings GCO Members:

During my six-year term leading up to serving as the Garden Club of Ohio President, in my travels to the 10 Districts, it has been a pleasure for me to become acquainted with our members. I have always received a warm welcome at each District Meeting.

I want to thank the District Directors for serving your District and planning meetings that had excellent programming. As District Directors you had an important role in promoting the mission of Garden Club of Ohio to the member clubs of your District. I also want to thank the new District Directors that will be serving during Marlene Hatton's administration.

Installation of officers was conducted via a Zoom Meeting on April 14th and Spring District Meetings are scheduled in May. The GCO Convention has been moved to July 20-22. I hope everyone will feel more comfortable by that time and COVID will be under control and we can all gather safely for Convention. Thanks to the Convention Committee in Akron for making all the adjustments to accommodate the date change. These ladies have been a special team. The updated registration form is included in this issue of *Garden Greetings* and you can find complete details on the GCO website.

I am proud of the Garden Club of Ohio and our member clubs who support our projects that promote the mission of GCO. I received a nice thank you letter from the Chairman of the Heritage Garden Committee at the Ohio Governor's Residence. I want to share some remarks from her letter:

> "*The Garden Club of Ohio is the shining star in our ability to maintain a volunteer program at the Heritage Garden at the Ohio Governor's Residence. Without your help, we would not be able to supply the volunteers with many items they need to successfully manage the 3-acre property and keep it looking its best for its many visitors. All your donations are gratefully received! And greatly appreciated!*"
>
> Sincerely, Hope Taft

Thank you to the 101 GCO members that served on my Board. If you served in more than one chairmanship, I counted you twice. Our Board members have worked faithfully to promote the Mission Statement of Garden Club of Ohio. We will continue in the next Administration to carry on our duties. My thanks to all of the Board Members and Garden Club members that have supported me during my time as President. I will always have fond memories of my Garden Club of Ohio friends. You are the best.

Fondly,

Mary Lou Smith

CONGRATULATIONS 2020 GCO AWARD WINNERS!

Thank you to all clubs that submitted entries and to the entire Awards Committee for their hard work. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a new section was added: 2020 COVID Pandemic Adaptation Awards. These awards are included at the end of the Civic Project Awards.

Club size is defined as follows unless noted differently:
A: Extra Small Club—Up to 15 Members
B: Small Club—16 to 29 Members
C: Medium Club—30 to 45 Members
D: Large Club—46 to 75 Members
E: Extra Large Club—76 Members or More

CIVIC PROJECTS

101 CIVIC CONSERVATION AWARD: For outstanding work in environmental conservation
101D-Large Club
FIRST: **Westerville Garden Club—Columbus District**

102 CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION AWARD: For best completed civic beautification project
102A-Extra Small Club
Second: Berlin Heights Garden Club—Mansfield District
102B-Small Club
FIRST: **Shaker Farms Garden Club—Cincinnati District**
102C-Medium Club
FIRST: **Madison Garden Club—Cleveland District**
102D-Large Club
FIRST: **Nordonia Hills Garden Club—Akron District**
Second: Westerville Garden Club—Columbus District
102E-Extra Large Club
FIRST: **Gates Mills Garden Club—Cleveland District**

103 CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AWARD: For outstanding civic improvement to a community
103C-Medium Club
FIRST: **Madison Garden Club—Cleveland District**
Second: Chippewa Garden Club—Cleveland District
103D-Large Club
FIRST: **Westerville Garden Club—Columbus District**

104 CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION MAINTENANCE PROJECT AWARD: For the best effort of a completed civic beautification or improvement project providing continuing maintenance
104A-Extra Small Club
FIRST: **River Road Garden Club—Toledo District**
104C-Medium Club
FIRST: **Chippewa Garden Club—Cleveland District**
104D-Large Club
FIRST: **Ridgewood Garden Club of Parma—Cleveland District**

105 HORTICULTURE OR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AWARD: For the best effort for community education using educational projects, informational papers, pamphlets, booklets and/or displays
105C-Medium Club
Second: Emerald Necklace Garden Club—Cleveland District
105D-Large Club
FIRST: **Westerville Garden Club—Columbus District**
105E-Extra Large Club
FIRST: **Gates Mills Garden Club—Cleveland District**

106 BEAUTIFICATION OR IMPROVEMENT OF A PUBLIC BUILDING AWARD
106E-Extra Large Club
FIRST: **Gates Mills Garden Club—Cleveland District**

107 COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT PROJECT OR PROGRAM: For the best community enrichment project or program that is not eligible for any other GCO award
107B-Small Club
FIRST: **Shaker Farms Garden Club—Cincinnati District**
107C-Medium Club
FIRST: **Highland Heights Garden Club—Cleveland District**
107D-Large Club
FIRST: **Westerville Garden Club—Columbus District**
Second: Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club—Cleveland District
107E-Extra Large Club
FIRST: **Gates Mills Garden Club—Cleveland District**

108 TREE AWARD: To the garden club planting or initiating the planting of trees
108E (2. Mature Trees)-Extra Large Club
FIRST: **Gates Mills Garden Club—Cleveland District**

111 NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK AWARD: For best overall promotion of National Garden Week
111B-Small Club
FIRST: **Corey Woods Garden Club—Toledo District**
111D-Large Club
FIRST: **Westerville Garden Club—Columbus District**
111E-Extra Large Club
FIRST: **Gates Mills Garden Club—Cleveland District**

112 BLUE STAR / GOLD STAR MEMORIAL AWARD: For support of this outstanding program inaugurated in 1944 to honor the men and woman who have served our country in the military
112.1C Gold Star Memorial-Medium Club
FIRST: **Highland Heights Garden Club—Cleveland District**

113 BLUE STAR / GOLD STAR MEMORIAL AWARD LANDSCAPING AWARD: For the most outstanding Blue Star Memorial Highway, Byway or Memorial Marker landscaping project
113.1C Gold Star Memorial Landscaping Award-Medium Club
FIRST: **Highland Heights Garden Club—Cleveland District**
113.1D Gold Star Memorial Landscaping Award-Large Club
FIRST: **Ridgewood Garden Club of Parma—Cleveland District**

114 HOLIDAY PROJECT AWARD
114B-Small Club
FIRST: **Shaker Farms Garden Club—Cincinnati District**
114C-Medium Club
FIRST: **Chippewa Garden Club—Cleveland District**
Second: Berea Garden Club—Cleveland District
Third: Madison Garden Club—Cleveland District
114D-Large Club
FIRST: **Twinsburg Garden Club—Akron District**

114.1 HOLIDAY PROJECT AWARD - TREE DECORATION
114.1B-Small Club
FIRST: **Cleveland Flower Arrangers Guild—Cleveland District**
114.1C-Medium Club
FIRST: **Chippewa Garden Club—Cleveland District**
Second: Emerald Necklace Garden Club—Cleveland District
114.1D-Large Club
FIRST: **Ridgewood Garden Club of Parma—Cleveland District**

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

115 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD: For the best effort by one member club for a historic preservation project such as the restoration of a park, building, and/or garden of importance to local, state or national heritage
115D-Large Club
FIRST: **Westerville Garden Club—Columbus District**
115E-Extra Large Club
FIRST: **Western Hills Garden Club—Cincinnati District**

117 DECORATION OF A HISTORIC BUILDING: For tastefully decorating a historic building/house/mansion. Decorations are not required to be of the period of the building, but should be creative, distinctive and harmonize with the building's style.
117D-Large Club
FIRST: **Ridgewood Garden Club of Parma—Cleveland District**
Second: Westerville Garden Club—Columbus District
117E-Extra Large Club
FIRST: **Gates Mills Garden Club—Cleveland District**

118 CIVIC PROJECT WITH NATIVE PLANTS AWARD: For the best effort in environmental preservation and enhancement of Ohio roadsides
118D-Large Club
FIRST: **Westerville Garden Club—Columbus District**
118E-Extra Large Club
FIRST: **Gates Mills Garden Club—Cleveland District**

119 BUTTERFLY AWARD: For the most comprehensive and effective project on butterflies
119C-Medium Club
FIRST: **Chippewa Garden Club—Cleveland District**
119D-Large Club
FIRST: **Westerville Garden Club—Columbus District**

120 LITTER, RECYCLING OR RECLAMATION AWARD: For the most outstanding community project on litter prevention, reclamation and/or recycling
120E-Extra Large Club
FIRST: **Gates Mills Garden Club—Cleveland District**

121 ROADSIDE BEAUTIFICATION AWARD: For outstanding permanent roadside beautification within the state
121D-Large Club

FIRST: **Westerville Garden Club—Columbus District**

2020 COVID PANDEMIC ADAPTATION AWARD: For work, by a club or club members, to help their community in this time of crisis
2020-1 Club Activities

FIRST:	**Twinsburg Garden Club—Akron District**
Second:	Chippewa Garden Club—Cleveland District
Second:	Worthington Hills Garden Club—Columbus District
Third:	Gates Mills Garden Club—Cleveland District
HM:	Berea Garden Club—Cleveland District
HM:	Westerville Garden Club—Columbus District
HM:	Perennial Gardeners of Chesterland—Cleveland District
HM:	Lyndhurst Garden Club—Cleveland District
HM:	Highland Heights Garden Club—Cleveland District
HM:	The Herb Guild—Cleveland District

2020-2A1 Single Member, Not Club-Related

FIRST:	**Gates Mills Garden Club—Cleveland District**
Second:	Lake Shore Garden Club—Cleveland District
Third:	Lake Shore Garden Club—Cleveland District
HM:	Chippewa Garden Club—Cleveland District
HM:	Chippewa Garden Club—Cleveland District

2020-2A2 Club Members, Not Club-Related

FIRST:	**Madison Garden Club—Cleveland District**
Second:	Perennial Gardeners of Chesterland—Cleveland District
Third:	Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club—Cleveland District

2020-2B Club Project

FIRST:	**Gates Mills Garden Club—Cleveland District**
Second:	Corey Woods Garden Club—Toledo District
Third:	Emerald Necklace Garden Club—Cleveland District
HM:	Westerville Garden Club—Columbus District
HM:	Berlin Heights Garden Club—Mansfield District
HM:	Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club—Cleveland District

GARDEN THERAPY

130 FLORAL THERAPY AWARD: For outstanding work with shut-ins
130E-Extra Large Club

FIRST: **Gates Mills Garden Club—Cleveland District**

131 GARDEN THERAPY AWARD: For the best work with the physically or mentally challenged in institutions or private homes
131D-Large Club

FIRST: **Westerville Garden Club—Columbus District**

131E-Extra Large Club

FIRST: **Western Hills Garden Club—Cincinnati District**

132 GARDEN THERAPY SERVICE AWARD: For service to the elderly in institutions and/or private homes
132C-Medium Club

FIRST: **Chippewa Garden Club—Cleveland District**

YOUTH

140 GARDEN CLUB YOUTH AWARD: For the garden club doing the most outstanding work with youth
140A-Extra Small Club

FIRST: **River Road Garden Club—Toledo District**

140E-Extra Large Club

FIRST: **Gates Mills Garden Club—Cleveland District**

141 GARDEN CLUB YOUTH SERVICE AWARD: For the garden club doing outstanding work with youth in the service area
141A-Extra Small Club

FIRST: **River Road Garden Club—Toledo District**

142 GARDEN CLUB YOUTH LEADER AWARD: For a youth leader who has shown exceptional ability over a period of time
142A-Extra Small Club

FIRST: **River Road Garden Club—Toledo District**

144 YOUTH ESSAY AWARD: "Adapting our Actions to Protect our Natural Habitats"

FIRST: **Sampurna Sarker - Gates Mills Garden Club—Cleveland District**

SMOKEY BEAR / WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST: *"Only YOU Can Prevent Wildfires"*

Two clubs sponsored winning poster entries this year:
Gates Mills Garden Club—Cleveland District (1-1st, 1-2nd)
Independence Garden Club—Cleveland District (4-1st Place, 3-2nd, 3-3rd and 3-HM)

POETRY CONTEST - 2020 Theme: *"Exploring Backyard Mysteries"*

Two clubs sponsored winning entries this year:
Gates Mills Garden Club—Cleveland District (1-2nd)
Highland Heights Garden Club—Cleveland District (3-1st Place, 2-2nd, 2-3rd and 2-HM)

PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

160 MY GARDEN

FIRST:	**Chris Pappas—Perennial Gardeners of Chesterland—Cleveland District**
Second:	Cindy Mulligan—Member at Large—Cleveland District
Third:	Sharon Daviso—Highland Heights GC—Cleveland District
HM:	Deborah Wyght—Western Hills/Oakley GC—Cincinnati District
HM:	Joyce Daugherty—Westerville GC—Columbus District

161 MY CONTAINER GARDEN

FIRST:	**Deborah Wyght—Western Hills/Oakley GC—Cincinnati District**
Second:	Sharon Daviso—Highland Heights GC—Cleveland District
Third:	Marcia Price—Greentown GC—Canton District
HM:	Chris Pappas—Perennial Gardeners of Chesterland—Cleveland District
HM:	Helen Vladic—Highland Heights GC—Cleveland District
HM:	Cornelia Wagener—River Road GC—Toledo District

162 FLORAL CLOSEUP IN MY GARDEN

FIRST:	**Sharon Daviso—Highland Heights GC—Cleveland District**
Second:	David Smith—Westerville GC—Columbus District
Third:	Cindy Mulligan—Member at Large—Cleveland District
HM:	Deborah Wyght—Western Hills/Oakley GC—Cincinnati District
HM:	Donna Hessel—Emerald Necklace GC—Cleveland District
HM:	Vickie Muse—Westerville GC—Columbus District
HM:	Sue Godley—Perennial Gardeners of Chesterland—Cleveland District

163 BIRD(S) IN MY GARDEN

FIRST:	**Deborah Wyght—Western Hills/Oakley GC—Cincinnati District**
Second:	Cindy Mulligan—Member at Large—Cleveland District
Third:	David Smith—Westerville GC—Columbus District
HM:	Gwen Zoeller—Perennial Gardeners of Chesterland—Cleveland District
HM:	Susan Jagoda—Avon-on-the-Lake GC—Cleveland District

164 INSECT CLOSEUP IN MY GARDEN WITH FLOWERS

FIRST:	**Barbara Schuh—Gates Mills GC—Cleveland District**
Second:	Gwen Zoeller—Perennial Gardeners of Chesterland—Cleveland District
Third:	Cindy Mulligan—Member at Large—Cleveland District
HM:	Linda Westmeyer—Highland Heights GC—Cleveland District
HM:	David Smith—Westerville GC—Columbus District

165 BUTTERFLY CLOSEUP IN MY GARDEN WITH FLOWERS

FIRST:	**David Smith—Westerville GC—Columbus District**
Second:	Deborah Wyght—Western Hills/Oakley GC—Cincinnati District
Third:	Linda Westmeyer—Highland Heights GC—Cleveland District
HM:	Gwen Zoeller—Perennial Gardeners of Chesterland—Cleveland District
HM:	Helen Vladic—Highland Heights GC—Cleveland District
HM:	Kristen Beason—Twinsburg GC—Akron District
HM:	Cornelia Wagener—River Road GC—Toledo District

166 BEE CLOSEUP IN MY GARDEN WITH FLOWERS

FIRST:	**Cindy Mulligan—Member at Large—Cleveland District**
Second:	Deborah Wyght—Western Hills/Oakley GC—Cincinnati District
Third:	Kristen Beason—Twinsburg GC—Akron District
HM:	Chris Pappas—Perennial Gardeners of Chesterland—Cleveland District
HM:	Gwen Zoeller—Perennial Gardeners of Chesterland—Cleveland District
HM:	Sharon Daviso—Highland Heights GC—Cleveland District

167 MY WATER GARDEN

FIRST:	**David Smith—Westerville GC—Columbus District**
Second:	Chris Pappas—Perennial Gardeners of Chesterland—Cleveland District
Third:	Sharon Daviso—Highland Heights GC—Cleveland District
HM:	Marcia Price—Greentown GC—Canton District

168 PUBLIC GARDEN

FIRST:	**Chris Pappas—Perennial Gardeners of Chesterland—Cleveland District**
Second:	Barbara Schuh—Gates Mills GC—Cleveland District

Third: Marcia Price—Greentown GC—Canton District
HM: Joyce Daugherty—Westerville GC—Columbus District

169 FLORAL CLOSEUP IN A PUBLIC GARDEN
FIRST: Deborah Wyght—Western Hills/Oakley GC—Cincinnati District
Second: Sharon Daviso—Highland Heights GC—Cleveland District
Third: Barbara Schuh—Gates Mills GC—Cleveland District
HM: Joyce Daugherty—Westerville GC—Columbus District

170 FLORAL DESIGN: FLORAL ARRANGEMENT
FIRST: Barbara Schuh—Gates Mills GC—Cleveland District
Second: Deborah Wyght—Western Hills/Oakley GC—Cincinnati District
Third: Hope Rogers—Westerville GC—Columbus District
HM: Chris Pappas—Perennial Gardeners of Chesterland—Cleveland District

171 FLORAL DESIGN: TABLE DESIGN
FIRST: Barbara Schuh—Gates Mills GC—Cleveland District
Second: Deborah Wyght—Western Hills/Oakley GC—Cincinnati District
Third: Hope Rogers—Westerville GC—Columbus District

172 FLORAL DESIGN: SMALL OR MINIATURE DESIGN
FIRST: Barbara Schuh—Gates Mills GC—Cleveland District
Second: Hope Rogers—Westerville GC—Columbus District
Third: Deborah Wyght—Western Hills/Oakley GC—Cincinnati District

PUBLICATIONS

180 PUBLICITY PRESS BOOKS
180C-Medium Club
FIRST: Chippewa Garden Club—Cleveland District
Second: Emerald Necklace Garden Club—Cleveland District
HM: Madison Garden Club—Cleveland District
180D-Large Club
FIRST: Westerville Garden Club—Columbus District
HM: Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club—Cleveland District

181 PUBLICATIONS
181A-District Newsletter
FIRST: Columbus District
181.1B-Single Member Club-Card
FIRST: Gates Mills Garden Club—Cleveland District
Second: Westerville Garden Club—Columbus District
181.2B-Single Member Club-Flyer
FIRST: Gates Mills Garden Club—Cleveland District
181.3B-Single Member Club-Membership Brochure
FIRST: Westerville Garden Club—Columbus District
Second: Emerald Necklace Garden Club—Cleveland District
Third: Chippewa Garden Club—Cleveland District
181.4B-Single Member Club- Any Other Brochure
FIRST: Gates Mills Garden Club—Cleveland District
Second: Westerville Garden Club—Columbus District

182 CLUB NEWSLETTER
182B-Small Club
FIRST: Lake Shore Garden Club—Cleveland District
182C-Medium Club
FIRST: Chippewa Garden Club—Cleveland District
Second: Emerald Necklace Garden Club—Cleveland District
182D-Large Club
FIRST: Twinsburg Garden Club—Akron District
Second: Westerville Garden Club—Columbus District
182E-Extra Large Club
FIRST: Western Hills Garden Club—Cincinnati District
Second: Gates Mills Garden Club—Cleveland District

183 WEBSITE
183A-Single Member Club
FIRST: Westerville Garden Club—Columbus District
Second: Twinsburg Garden Club—Akron District
Third: Chippewa Garden Club—Cleveland District
HM: Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club—Cleveland District

YEARBOOKS

200 MOST OUTSTANDING YEARBOOK
200A-Club Membership under 20
FIRST: River Road Garden Club—Toledo District
Second: Milan Garden Club—Mansfield District

Third: Alliance Garden Club—Canton District
HM: Berlin Heights Garden Club—Mansfield District

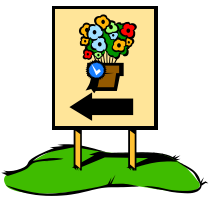
200B-Club Membership 20-29
FIRST: Perennial Gardeners of Chesterland—Cleveland District
Second: Lake Shore Garden Club—Cleveland District
Third: Shaker Farms Garden Club—Cincinnati District
HM: Monfort Heights Garden Club—Cincinnati District

200C-Club Membership 30-44
FIRST: Chippewa Garden Club—Cleveland District
Second: Emerald Necklace Garden Club—Cleveland District
Third: East Liverpool/Calcutta Garden Club—Youngstown District
HM: St Michaels Garden Club—Canton District

200D-Club Membership 45-69
FIRST: Westerville Garden Club—Columbus District
Second: Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club—Cleveland District
Third: Twinsburg Garden Club—Akron District
HM: Ridgewood Garden Club of Parma—Cleveland District

200E-Club Membership 70 or more
FIRST: Worthington Hills Garden Club—Columbus District
Second: Western Hills Garden Club—Cincinnati District
Third: Gates Mills Garden Club—Cleveland District

FLOWER SHOW AWARDS



308 BEST SCHEDULE FOR A STANDARD FLOWER SHOW
308A-Single Member Club
FIRST: Gates Milles Garden Club—Cleveland

312 BEST DESIGN SPECIALTY FLOWER SHOW
312A-Single Member Club
FIRST: Gates Mills Garden Club—Cleveland District

321 BEST EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT IN A STANDARD FLOWER SHOW
321A-Single Member Club
FIRST: Gates Mills Garden Club—Cleveland District

OUTSTANDING GARDEN CLUB AWARDS

400A-Extra Small Club
FIRST: River Road Garden Club—Toledo District
Second: Berlin Heights Garden Club—Mansfield District
Third: Milan Garden Club—Mansfield District
HM: Alliance Garden Club—Canton District

400B-Small Club
FIRST: Shaker Farms Garden Club—Cincinnati District
Second: Lake Shore Garden Club—Cleveland District
Third: Perennial Gardeners of Chesterland—Cleveland District
HM: Corey Woods Garden Club—Toledo District

400C-Medium Club
FIRST: Chippewa Garden Club—Cleveland District
Second: Emerald Necklace Garden Club—Cleveland District
Third: Madison Garden Club—Cleveland District
HM: Highland Heights Garden Club—Cleveland District

400D-Large Club
FIRST: Westerville Garden Club—Columbus District
Second: Twinsburg Garden Club—Akron District
Third: Ridgewood Garden Club of Parma—Cleveland District
HM: Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club—Cleveland District

400E-Extra Large Club
FIRST: Gates Mills Garden Club—Cleveland District
Second: Western Hills Garden Club—Cincinnati District
Third: Worthington Hills Garden Club—Columbus District

401 GARDEN CLUB OF THE YEAR 2020: The garden club with the highest score for a garden club of any size

River Road Garden Club

Toledo District

Congratulations to the Garden Clubs that sent in Award Applications. You **ALL** have won because you are involved in your community by sharing your love of gardening, even in the middle of a pandemic! On behalf of the Awards Committee - THANK YOU!

CAR PERENNIAL BLOOM AWARD WINNER
DOTTY HANEY, COLUMBUS DISTRICT

By Carol Ann Bowling, Past President Pickaway County Garden Club

Many of our outstanding flowers are perennials that bloom for many years. So it is with our garden club members who dedicate many years of service. The CAR Perennial Bloom Award was conceived to honor these members.

Dotty Haney, from the Columbus District, was chosen to represent Garden Club of Ohio. She was then selected to receive the CAR Perennial Bloom Award. Dotty was nominated by the Pickaway County Garden Club. Having joined in 1970, she is a 50 year member. Dotty served as President for six years and treasurer for eight years as well as holding many other offices. She volunteered her time as Flower Show chairman in 2019 and was co-chairman in 2016 and 2017.

Dotty joined Shawnee Arrangers in 1999 and led the club as President for 13 years. She has directed the monthly workshops and taught many members the art of flower arranging. She joined Creative Arrangers in 2010 and served as treasurer for five years. Dotty was a member of the Columbus Council of Garden Clubs, holding the office of corresponding secretary for four years and treasurer for four years. She was also a floral designer for the Art in Bloom event at the Columbus Museum of Art in 2012.

The Columbus District enjoyed Haney's leadership as District Director from 2013 -2015. Dotty was assistant treasurer of the Garden Club of Ohio from 2015-2019 and at the 2015 Convention she served as chairman of registration.

Dotty Haney is a respected leader and dedicated member of Garden Club of Ohio. Her love of flowers and gardening has been life-long. Dotty is very deserving of the Perennial Bloom Award.

Hudson Garden Club Annual

Garden & Outdoor Living Tour

HOURS

Saturday, June 26, 2021 • 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 27, 2021 • 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

To benefit Community/School Projects, Scholarships & Grants

Like us on Facebook at The Hudson Garden Club-Ohio

Plan your day in Hudson to tour beautiful gardens and outdoor living spaces.

- Tickets are available for purchase ONLINE ONLY at www.hudsongardenclub.org for $35 per person.
- All information on where to pick up your program will be emailed to you in advance. You will need to present your order confirmation as proof to pick up your tour ticket. Must choose Saturday or Sunday when you purchase your ticket.
- This 'outdoor only' Tour will take place rain or shine! The properties are sure to provide inspirations and ideas.

2021 GCO Convention Registration Form

Reservation Due Date - June 29, 2021

Last Name: First Name:

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone: E-mail *:

Garden Club: District:

*** Your reservation acknowledgement will be e-mailed.**

Please check all that apply to you:

_____ Delegate	_____ CAR Board Member
_____ Garden Club President	_____ District Director
_____ Garden Club Member	_____ GCO State Board Member
_____ National Board Member	_____ Landscape Design Consultant
_____ GCO Life Member	_____ Flower Show Judge
_____ Member-at-Large	_____ Gardening Consultant
_____ GCO Past President	_____ Environmental Consultant

PACKAGE PLAN
Includes Awards Luncheon, Banquet and Reception, Brunch, Programs and Flower Show

	Postmarked by June 29th	***Postmarked after June 29th***
	PACKAGE PLAN	
_____ Package Plan	$160	$175
	PARTIAL PACKAGE PLAN	
July 21, 2021		
_____ Awards Luncheon	$60	$65
_____ Banquet & Reception	$70	$75
July 22, 2021		
_____ Brunch	$35	$40
	SPECIAL RESERVATIONS	
_____ Board Dinner	$50	$55
_____ Life Member Breakfast	$35	$40
_____ Handmade Soap Workshop	$35	$40
_____ Paint Pouring Workshop	$35	$40

_____ Total Cost For All Reservations

Sorry, no refunds after July 1, 2021. No walk-ins will be accepted.

Mail check and completed registration form to:
Virginia Schmidt, Registrar
10081 Patton Street, Twinsburg, OH 44087-1011
Make check payable to 2021 GCO Convention Fund.

'FLOWER POWER'

CONVENTION FLOWER SHOW SPONSORED BY OHIO JUDGES COUNCIL

DIVISION II. HORTICULTURE - EARTH DAY

Eligible for the Award of Horticulture Excellence, HB, pg. 40.

SECTION A. THE POWER OF FLOWERS - Flowering Annuals

Eligible for Award of Merit, HB, pg. 41. Cut specimens, one stem with attached foliage unless otherwise specified.

Class 1. *Tagetes* (Marigold)
- a. *Tagetes* (Marigold) - Small, diameter 2" or less, 3 stems
- b. *Tagetes* (Marigold) - Large, diameter over 2"

Class 2. *Petunia*
- a. *Petunia* - Diameter 2" or less, 1 spray
- b. *Petunia* - Diameter over 2", 1 spray

Class 3. *Calibrachoa* - 1 spray
Class 4. *Salvia*
Class 5. *Zinnia*
- a. *Zinnia* - Small, diameter 2" or less, 3 stems
- b. *Zinnia* - Large, diameter over 2"

Class 6. Any other annual flower, 3 stems if diameter is 2" or less, single stem if diameter over 2"

SECTION B. CRIMSON AND CLOVER, OVER AND OVER - Flowering Perennials

Eligible for Award of Merit, HB, pg. 41. One cut stem with attached foliage unless otherwise specified.
Class 7. *Monarda*
Class 8. *Echinacea*
Class 9. *Rudbeckia*
Class 10. Any other flowering perennial

SECTION C. GREEN MANSIONS - Cut Shrub Branches

Eligible for Arboreal Award, HB, pg. 40-41. Maximum length not to exceed 30". Must include several nodes and the central leader.
Class 11. Broadleaf Evergreen
Class 12. Flowering Branch
Class 13. Needled Evergreen
Class 14. Any other cut shrub branch

SECTION D. TWIGGY - Cut Tree Branches

Eligible for Arboreal Award, HB, pg. 40-41. Maximum length not to exceed 30". Must include several nodes and the central leader.
Class 15. Broadleaf Evergreen
Class 16. Flowering Branch
Class 17. Needled Evergreen
Class 18. Any other cut tree branch

SECTION E. THE VELVET UNDERGROUND - Cut Specimens From Bulb, Corm, Rhizome, or Tuber

Eligible for Award of Merit, HB, pg. 41. Single stem unless otherwise indicated. Stem length to be in proportion to bloom. Foliage included if attached or as appropriate to type.
Class 19. *Gladiolus*
Class 20. Lily
- a. Asiatic Lily
- b. Oriental Lily
- c. Trumpet Lily
- d. Any other lily (except *Hemerocallis*)

Class 21. Any other flowering bulb, corm, rhizome or tuber

SECTION F. POT PARTY - Combination Planting
Eligible for Grower's Choice Award, HB, pg. 41. Container size not to exceed 30" in any direction. Plants must be numbered and accompanied with a 3" x 5" card with all corresponding scientific (binomial) names provided.
Class 22. Dish garden
Class 23. Terrarium
Class 24. Trough
Class 25. Any other combination planting in any other container type

SECTION G. POT PARTY 2 - Flowering Container-Grown Plant
Eligible for Grower's Choice Award, HB, pg. 41. Container size not to exceed 18" in any direction.
Class 26. *Orchidaceae* (Orchid)
Class 27. *Saintpaulia (*African violet)
a. *Saintpaulia* - Standard
b. *Saintpaulia* - Miniature or Dwarf
Class 28. Any other flowering container-grown plant

SECTION H. POT PARTY 3 - Foliage Container-Grown Plant
Eligible for Grower's Choice Award, HB, pg. 41. Container size not to exceed 18" in any direction.
Class 29. Cactus
a. Pot size 4" or less
b. Pot size greater than 4"
Class 30. Succulent
a. Pot size 4" or less
b. Pot size greater than 4"
Class 31. Fern
a. *Adiantum* (Maidenhair)
b. *Davallia* (Footed)
c. *Nephrolepis* (Boston)
d. Any other show-worthy fern
Class 32. *Hedera* (Ivy)
Class 33. *Peperomia*

Visit the GCO website at gardenclubofohio.org for the full flower show schedule.

SECTION I. HERB POWER - Cut Herbs
Eligible for Award of Merit, HB, pg. 41. One cut stem of larger herbs (mint, rosemary, etc.), three cut stems of smaller herbs (thyme, chives, etc.).
Class 34. *Mentha* (mint)
Class 35. *Ocimum baslicum* (basil)
Class 36. *Petroselinum crispum* (parsley)
Class 37. *Rosemarinus officinalis* (rosemary)
Class 38. Any other cut herb

SECTION J. IN THE JUNGLE, THE MIGHTY JUNGLE - Cut Foliage
Eligible for Award of Merit, HB, pg. 41. One leaf, frond or stem unless otherwise specified.
Class 39. *Begonia* - 1 leaf
Class 40. Fern - 1 frond
Class 41. *Hosta* -1 leaf
Class 42. Any other cut foliage - 1 leaf or stem

SECTION K. WOODSTOCK - Collections
A collection consists of five (5) or more different, related specimens exhibited in individual containers no larger than 8" in any direction. Containers must be compatible and furnished by the exhibitor. Each specimen must be correctly and clearly labeled with the scientific (binomial) name in a manner to easily identify its location. Eligible for Collector's Showcase Award, HB, pg. 41.
Class 43. Collection of Cut Annual Flowers - five cut specimens
Class 44. Collection of Cut Perennial Flowers - five cut specimens
Class 45. Collection of Cut Foliage - five cut specimens
Class 46. Collection of Container Grown Plants - five containers

BYLAWS CHANGE RECOMMENDATIONS

Marlene Hatton, Incoming GCO President

The GCO Board of Directors met and approve the following changes to the Bylaws. All that is required is a vote by the membership at the GCO Annual Meeting in July 2021. Please review them and be prepared to vote.

1. Page 1, Lines 35-41
   CHANGE: Committee Members to be listed by Office rather than by name.
   RATIONALE: The names change with each administration.

2. Page 2, Lines 57-59
   ADD: *OTCC for the new Ohio Tri Consultants Council.*
   RATIONALE: OLDCC, GSCC and OECC no longer exist.

3. Page 2, Line 78
   ADD: *Ohio Tri Consultants Council* to replace OLDCC, GSCC and OECC.

4. Page 5, Line 217
   CHANGE: *Garden Greetings* deadline to April 1.
   RATIONALE: Deadlines were changed.

5. Page 5, Line 219
   CHANGE: A list of nominated candidates will be ***submitted to*** *Garden Greetings* by December 1.
   RATIONALE: 'Submitted to' rather than 'published' in *Garden Greetings* for timing purposes.

6. Page 7, Line 291
   ADD: *a. Term of office shall run from installation of office to installation of the President-Elect.*
   Re-letter following lines.
   RATIONALE: To avoid any confusion.

7. Page 8, Line 379
   ADD: *any exception must be approved by the BOD.*
   RATIONALE: The terms of office for some positions are better served with some continuity.

8. Page 9, Line 397
   CHANGE: b. A quorum shall be a majority of the voting members *in attendance*.
   RATIONALE: Not all voting members are present at the Annual Meeting.

9. Page 9, Line 400
   CHANGE: A Special Meeting of GCO may be called by the Executive Committee *either electronically or in person at the committee's discretion.*
   RATIONALE: To make use of electronic media.

10. Page 9, Line 426
    CHANGE: A quorum shall be a majority of the voting members *in attendance and an Executive Officer.*
    RATIONALE: Rather than stating a number of voting members at committee meetings.

11. Page 10, Line 452
    DELETE a. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the president ~~with at least a seven (7) day notice to all members of the committee~~.
    RATIONALE: With e-mail a delay in not necessary.

12. Page 10, Line 454
    CHANGE: b. The committee may vote by mail *or any electronic means*. Any action must be presented for ratification at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.
    RATIONALE: Expediency

DESIGN SPOTLIGHT
MULTI-RHYTHMIC DESIGN

Margaret DeWolf, Floral Design Chairman

A multi-rhythmic design is a creative design with emphasis on two or more rhythms in the design with one rhythm dominating (see page 75 in the Handbook).

(1) Lines create two or more separate and distinct rhythms, each creating a different pattern and movement unlike the other.

(2) Lines may go in any direction, be continuous, interrupted and/or crossed.

Creative designs have two or more openings, minimal plant material and dynamic balance. Principles of design were applied (pgs.66-68 in the Handbook).

The plant material used includes: *Hydrangea macrophylla* 'Emerald', Harry Lauder Walking Stick (*Corylus avellana contorta*), strips of fan palm and *Dracaena fragrans* 'Gold Star'.

Suggested Garden Reading

Helen A. Vladic, Horticulture Book Review Chairman

By the time you get this issue of *Garden Greetings*, Public Libraries should be open - possibly with restrictions. The books that I suggest you might look for this time are:

Lessons From The Great Gardeners by Matthew Biggs
Lessons from forty gardening icons are included. These lessons have been handed down through centuries - from fifteenth century Japan to the 21st century in the United States. The book is illustrated with botanical drawings and garden photos. It includes a small biography of the gardeners and their gardens.

Do you love dahlias? If so, here's the book for you.

The Plant Lovers' Guide to Dahlias by Andy Vernon
The author recommends the best plants for containers to cut flowers, to advice on their care. The pictures are gorgeous.

NO RISK, NO REWARD!

Katie Rourke, Soil & Water Quality Chairman

Once upon a time, while visiting friends in North Carolina, I bought a pink crape myrtle at a garden center. I asked the clerk about its chances of survival in Ohio. She replied, "Oh no! This bush will never survive in Ohio's cold winters." She discouraged me from purchasing it and suggested several alternatives. Well, I had my heart set on a crape myrtle, so I bought it anyway thinking to myself, "This is probably $16.95 down the drain." Long story short, the plant not only survived, but grew tall and full of blossoms, and now it is the envy of my neighborhood. My glorious crape myrtle stands tall and majestic, defying the Ohio winters. Money well spent!

GCO Scholarship Fund Donations

Shirley Basista, Scholarship Contributions Chairman

In spite of all the turmoil for the last 15 months or so, clubs and individuals continue to contribute to the Scholarship Fund for which I am most grateful. Since the Annual Appeal letter went out at the beginning of November 2020, we have collected $2,965. In these uncertain times and with few garden clubs meeting (even with Zoom), we are pleased with the participation for the Annual Appeal, Memorials and Honorarium.

As always we are a TEAM—Together Everyone Achieves More. Thank you so much for your contributions during these difficult times and keep up the good work. Stay well.

APPEAL DONATIONS

Canton District
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Cincinnati District
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Nancy Heber
Serendipity Garden Club

$25-49 *
$50-99 **
$100-149 ***
$150-249 ****
$250-500 *****
$500+ ******

ALL SCHOOLS DONATION

Deborah Wyght, GCO Co-Treasurer

A donation was made by Serendipity Garden Club in honor of the eight years that club member Winnie Garabis has served Garden Club of Ohio as editor of *Garden Greetings*.

The Nature Conservancy of Ohio

Kathy Wagner, The Nature Conservancy of Ohio Chairman

Thank you for your generous donations to The Nature Conservancy of Ohio. We have collected $700 through March 17, 2021. The 2020-2021 campaign will end on June 30, 2021.

Your donations have helped The Nature Conservancy protect nearly 65,000 acres of Ohio lakes, forests, rivers and rolling hills.

Anthony Wayne Garden Club
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Chillicothe Garden Club
Creative Arrangers Guild
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Perennial Gardeners of Chesterland
River Road Garden Club
Rolling Hills Garden Club-Chillicothe
Town & Country Garden Club - Norwalk
Twinsburg Garden Club
Westerville Garden Club

2021 - 2022 GCO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Aggie Goss, GCO Scholarship Chairman

The GCO scholarship winners for the 2021-2022 academic school year are Hayley Harmon and Emily Becker. Both students were recommended by GCO members. Our scholarship recipients are grateful for our investment in their education. Thank you to all GCO members for your generous scholarship contributions.

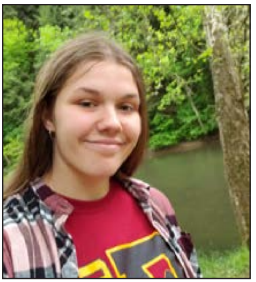
Betty Cookendorfer with Hayley Harmon

HAYLEY HARMON – Harrison OH $8,000

Hayley is a sophomore at Maryville College in Tennessee. She has a double major in Biology (BS) and Environmental Studies (BA) and maintains a 3.76 GPA. She will be taking over her academic advisor's research project on box turtles in the Maryville College Woods, a 180-acre forest on campus. The data collected on this project will form the basis of her senior thesis.

In addition to her academic program, Hayley is a member of the women's basketball team. She is also involved with the school's Environmental Action Team, a group dedicated to raising awareness of environmental issues.

Hayley's outstanding record has been forwarded to the National Garden Club Scholarship Committee for further consideration. Thanks to Shaker Farms Garden Club, Cincinnati District, for nominating Hayley.



EMILY BECKER – Brecksville OH $8,000

Emily is a sophomore at the University of Mount Union in Alliance, Ohio. She is majoring in Environmental Science with a minor in Biology and Sustainability. She maintains a 4.0 GPA.

Emily assists in conducting research with her professors. She also did an internship in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. She hopes to eventually work in the field of conservation biology or restoration ecology.

In addition to her academic studies, Emily is a member of the Alliance Symphony Orchestra. Emily brings to all her activities energy, enthusiasm and commitment. Her future work will make a better world. Emily's outstanding record has also been forwarded to the CAR Scholarship Committee for further consideration. Thanks to Lenore Siegman of Chippewa Garden Club in Cleveland for nominating Emily.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP FUND UPDATE

Jane Bodnar, Life Membership Chairman

New Life Members

Kathy Durkin ..... Ridgewood Garden Club
Susan Mason..... Ridgewood Garden Club

Remember that membership fees and donations go into the Permanent Fund for Scholarships. The principal is never touched, only the interest is used for scholarships. Please consider honoring a fellow club member through the Life Membership Scholarship Program. You can recognize an individual for service to your club, make a memorial donation, or as an individual become a life member. As the fund grows, so does the amount of the scholarship. It is truly the gift that keeps on giving.

Hatiora

hah-tee-OR-uh

By Nancy A. Heber,
GCO Horticulture Chairman
Emeritus NGC Horticulture Instructor

The stem segments are fully revealed in this close up photo of *Hatiora*. Can you see the tiny "tufts" of white on the end of the stem on the left of the photo? Those are areoles.

When one thinks of a member of the Cactus family, we often visualize sharp spines, as often seen on a ball, globular or columnar form. Only cacti have areoles (modified pad-like buds from which spines, shoots and flowers grow). The ball shaped *Mammillaria* with spines and areoles is an easily recognizable, frequently seen, in plant shops or nurseries.

Hatioras are related to *Rhipsalis* which can be readily recognized in that both of these cacti have segmented, club shaped stems with areoles; the stems being either erect, bushy or pendent (quite suitable for a hanging basket.) Both of them can be either epiphytic or terrestrial. There are only about 6 species of *Hatiora* from the forest or rocky areas of Brazil. *Rhipsalis*, on the other hand, (known as a jungle type cactus) has a wider range of growing sites in the world. Neither of these cacti have spines, but what makes each one a cactus is that they each have areoles!

The yardstick shows how perfect this *Hatiora* would be suited for a hanging basket.

The *Hatiora* pictured at left is *Hatiora salicornioides*, (commonly known as 'Drunkard's Dream'); one of the more rare ones. It has grown in my home for at least 30+ years. As the yardstick in the photograph shows, it would be quite suitable for a hanging basket.

How has this plant survived for 30+ years, you might wonder. When any plant is given what its culture requires; the proper light, temperature, soil (or none as the case may be), the correct amount of water and fertilizer at the optimum times; this all adds up to surviving to a ripe old age. The closer the caretaker of a plant comes to mimicking how nature provides for the particular plant, the better the plant will do.

In the spring, one is rewarded as golden funnel-shaped (1/2" long) flowers appear. They are diurnal (open only during daylight) and originate from the areoles of new stem segments. This plant grows in an epiphytic cactus potting mix. The light given to it is bright filtered or indirect light since it is a forest type cactus. It is fertilized in the growing season (late spring and summer). Water moderately. Keep soil just moist in winter until buds develop, then increase water slightly. The best temperature range is from 55-95 degrees. It is sensitive to temperatures over 100 degrees.

The best thing about *Hatiora salicorniolides* is how relatively care-free and rewarding it is. Maybe that is another reason it has survived for so long!

THE IMPORTANCE OF TREES IN CLEANING OUR AIR

Marilyn Drescher, Air & Energy Conservation Chairman

You can't see it, feel it, taste it or hear it, but it's one of the most important factors for life - air. What helps clean it? Harms it? Dirties it?

Look around. Are there trees in your yard or neighborhood? Parks nearby? Trees clean and purify the air. Unfortunately, trees are being cut down, dying, burning at an alarming rate.

Many cities and towns are labeled "Tree Cities", but most have 10 - 30% less trees than fifty years ago. The tree-lined streets of mighty maples, oaks and others are fast diminishing due to disease, storms, building construction or to eliminate "annoying" leaves. Studies show trees absorb carbon dioxide which improves air quality for health, plus soak up storm run-off. The absence of trees creates urban "heat islands" which have deadly consequences during heat waves.

Tree canopies are diminishing in Ohio. Many areas are falling below the U.S. average of 39% for urban areas. Communities are responding, but not quickly enough. Cleveland has been planting about 2,500 trees per year since 2016. Cuyahoga County has 26 tree programs, but according to the CEO of the Western Reserve Conservancy, promises and projects don't match the scale of the problem.

Municipal ordinances can help by requiring developers to either preserve or plant new trees on construction sites or suffer penalties of substantial fines. Persuading homeowners to plant more shade trees in backyards and curbside instead of removing them is also of utmost importance.

Garden Clubs must continue to stress street tree planting in all communities, plus strongly support the Penny Pines program. Collecting loose change at each meeting can quickly net enough for another $68 Penny Pines planting.

Legendary master gardener Jerry Baker always recommended spanking your trees to ensure good growth. Using a rolled up newspaper against the trunk is called "beating with a bear switch". Finally, give your trees a quick hug of thanks for the breath of fresh air they provide.

CLEVELAND GARDEN HAS 83 YEAR HISTORY

Carol Ann Bowling, Historical Gardens Chair

Frederick E. Bruce and William H. Kinsey raised money to found the Shaker Heights Community Rose Garden in 1928. Charles Schneider designed the garden on land owned by the Shaker Heights schools. Originally, the garden was maintained by the schools.

Budget cuts hit the garden and by the 1990's there was talk of making the land into a parking lot. In 1993, former resident Lowell Van Deusen donated money to the Onaway Community Association to help revitalize the garden.

The restoration of the garden was the result of the work of twenty volunteers and support from the schools and the city of Shaker Heights. Donors provided funds to purchase hundreds of new roses and benches for the garden.

At present, there are almost 1,000 rose bushes from old to modern floribunda and hybrid tea roses in the garden. The hybrid tea roses are arranged according to color and type in 30 beds. Most were planted after 1993, but there are many from earlier years - even from the 1926-27 planting.

In recent years, the roses have suffered from lack of volunteers and the objection to spraying near the elementary schools. Many roses have been lost, but the garden is still ongoing. Future plans include going native. Native plants will be added on either side of the center rose gardens. Formal beds are no longer emphasized. There is a new Shaker Heights Nature Center. Roses are at their best in early summer, so June is a favorite time to visit.

A PASSION FOR DAYLILIES

By Antonio Garabis, Hosta and Daylily Chairman

You are likely familiar with the orange daylily often found along the roadside which is commonly referred to as the "ditch lily", but did you know that there are currently over 90,000 registered varieties of *hemerocallis*?

Daylilies come in all colors, forms and sizes. Some bloom early, some late and if the summer season lasts long enough, some will even re-bloom. There are tall and short varieties. Some are fragrant. Everyone from backyard hobbyists to expert hybridizers are busy looking for the next big thing. Will anyone produce the elusive true blue flower? Who will hybridize a variety with reliably variegated foliage and a pretty bloom? Can they create a smaller or larger flower than has ever been registered? Hybridizers scan their blooming seedlings daily looking for something different and new.

Which form do you find most appealing? Large round blooms in solid hues? Spider forms with narrow petals with a bright, contrasting eyezone? Fluffy double blooms? Are you passionate about a certain color? Do patterned blooms or ruffled edges top your list? There is something for everyone within the vast range of daylilies.

This year the American Daylily Society (ADS or AHS) is celebrating its 75th anniversary. Looking back to the early history of hybridizing by the likes of Dr. Arlow B. Stout to where the plant is now is simply astonishing. I joined my local daylily group, the Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society, in 2004 and my eyes were opened to the possibilities. I've never ventured into the hybridizing ring. My reluctance is not for a lack of interest, but it is a hobby that requires more physical strength, acreage and time than I have to devote to it. I am satisfied to support others and grow their amazing creations. Like all gardening groups, membership numbers in the local and national societies are dwindling, but there are still plenty of daylily lovers to keep it going as we strive to introduce more people to our favorite plant.

The daylily bloom season does not cover the entire Ohio summer bloom season, but you can stretch the color by selecting varieties with different peak seasons. The ADS offers an online daylily database that includes every registered cultivar with important information about their bloom season, plant habit and in most cases, a photograph of the bloom. The Society continues to work on securing pictures of varieties that were registered before a photograph became a requirement.

Daylilies make terrific companion plants and they can grow in a variety of conditions. While they love the sun, some actually perform better in part shade. Deep colored blooms often maintain more intense color when offered some sun protection. Consider scape height when making your selections as well. Are you looking for something for the

back of the garden? Or maybe a miniature variety to add along the front edge of your perennial bed?

Have you ever selected plants based on their cultivar names? We have a heart-shaped bed filled with daylilies with love-themed names in our garden. We've visited other gardens with themed beds – candy names, family names, occupation-themed – a pilot had flight inspired daylilies and garden art and another garden featured a literal 'Yellow Brick Road" leading through plants with "Wizard of Oz" names.

You may wonder how to get started in making your selections with so many options available. The ADS sponsors an annual Popularity Poll where members vote on their top 10 favorite cultivars based on how they perform in their region. And yes, it does differ across the country. Some plants do better in one area than another. Plants hybridized in the South may bloom their heads off in that environment, but when grown in our area, the number of blooms may disappoint and other aspects of the plant may even differ. Even better are the ones that are great everywhere. You can find the results of each region's Popularity Poll as well as combined national results on the ADS website. Oh, and heads up, Ohio is part of Region 2, which coincidentally is the region with the most members.

Once you've created your "Wish List", where are you going to purchase the plants? Here are some tips on the available sources. I've found that local nurseries offer a very limited selection of only the usual suspects, so if you are looking for something more interesting, most local societies offer plant sales at least once a year. It's a great way to purchase good daylilies at a reasonable price. You can also go straight to a hybridizer's website, but let me warn you that the first thing you will see are advertisements touting their latest introductions with price tags averaging about $150 for a single fan. Resist the temptation and wait a few years and the supply will go up and the price will come down. Honestly, there are plenty of outstanding plants available for $5-10 per fan and they multiply quickly with little special care if your garden conditions are right.

Thank you for allowing me to share my passion for daylilies. Accompanying this article are some of my favorite photographs that I have taken of daylilies. I hope I have inspired you to add a daylily or two to your garden or better yet, to join your local daylily society to learn more about one of my favorite plants.

Opposite page, top to bottom:
Hemerocallis 'North Wind Dancer'
H. 'Panic in Detroit'
'Woman on Top'

This page, top to bottom:
'William Austin Norris'
'Blue Flirt'
'Siloam Baby Talk'
'Buckeye Barnstormer'
'Lizetta'

HOUSEPLANT TELEHEALTH WITH DR. NANCY

"Dr" Nancy Heber provided helpful diagnoses and treatments for ailing houseplants.

During the pandemic, Serendipity Garden Club has been meeting via Zoom with member Jutta Wait serving as the host. Our meetings always begin with a social time for catching up on the most recent happenings and news pertaining to our members. The club members decided that some of our houseplants had suffered over the winter and needed a diagnosis and some medicine from club member "Dr." Nancy Heber, GCO Horticulture Chairman and Emeritus NGC Horticulture Instructor.

Serendipity Members Attending the March Meeting, left to right:
Top row: Jutta Wait, Anne Kilkenny, Debby Colvin
Row 2: Cindy Kozakewich, Barb Snyder,
Club President Antonio Garabis and Winnie Garabis
Row 3: Mary Ellen Bibyk, Nancy Heber, Mary Anne King
Row 4: Kathie Houchens, Tricia Yurkovich

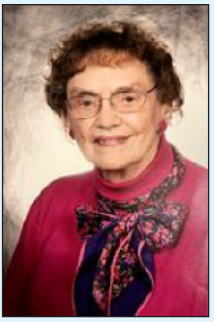
Each member was encouraged to share views of any ailing houseplants to get a diagnosis and suggested treatment from "Dr." Nancy. Somehow even a member's outdoor plant received some advice. It was a fun evening and we all learned a lot!

In April, Nancy will present a program entitled "Your Summer Flower Garden." As club members look forward to spring and summer, it was decided that we needed a program to help us plan our garden to obtain a continuity of color by planting various varieties to bloom harmoniously at different times.

Since one goal of Serendipity is to further education, Serendipity's policy is that whenever a member presents a program for the club, a $50 donation is given to the GCO Scholarship Fund. This serves two purposes: 1) It benefits the GCO Scholarship Fund to provide college students with financial assistance in their fields of horticulture, agriculture and related studies; and 2) It encourages our members to enroll in one of the schools provided by GCO. Since Serendipity also pays for the school's registration fee, the member is asked to provide a program to share what has been learned. This way everyone is a winner!

Submitted by Nancy Heber with photos by Barb Snyder.

FLOWER TRAIL GARDEN CLUB CELEBRATES THE LIFE OF MEMBER ELEANOR KOHLMANN



Long-time member Eleanor Kohlmann passed away in February. She joined Flower Trail Garden Club of Beavercreek in 1967 and has been celebrated throughout her adult life as a wonderful Garden Club member. Eleanor was a former Dayton District Director, Flower Show Judge and Horticulture Judge. She won many blue ribbons for her distinctive floral designs. When the Club became involved in moving the Jarusiewic cabin to Wartinger Park, Eleanor donated lots of her time to establish the herb garden of about 50 plants which later evolved to 150 plants.

Submitted by Kathy Wagner.

HOW RIDGEVIEW GARDEN CLUB OF PARMA USED THEIR DOROTHY KOUNTZ GRANT

The Dorothy Kountz Grant received from Garden Club of Ohio, Inc. helped Ridgewood Garden Club complete a major landscaping project. The Club has been heavily invested in improvements at the Parma Veteran's Memorial Park. In June 2019, the club installed Blue & Gold Star Memorial Markers honoring Veterans. Funding for the landscaping project was supplied by the Ridgewood Garden Club, donations from friends of the garden club, a grant from GCO, Councilman Roy Jech and the City of Parma Parks and Recreation Department.

Members of Ridgewood Garden Club of Parma along with the City collaborated on a massive landscaping project at the Parma Veteran's Memorial Park. In October 2020, the Parma City Parks & Recreation Department removed the old landscaping and planted 26 shrubs and 10 perennials. Seven club members planted 200 daffodils at the memorial later that same month.

Blue Star Memorial Markers continue to be dedicated each year on highways, at Veterans' facilities, National Cemeteries, parks and civic and historic sites, showing our appreciation for those who defended our country. The Blue Star Memorial Marker program of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. began in 1945 to honor men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

The club could not successfully make all these beautiful improvements without the support and close collaboration of the City of Parma.

Submitted by Barb Okleson.

Shakespeare with a Twist
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IS YOUR CLUB CELEBRATING A MILESTONE?
COMPLETED A PROJECT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH OTHER GCO CLUBS?
HAVE A FLOWER SHOW COMING UP?

Submit your news and photographs to Editor JoAnn Bartsch (jabartsch@att.net) for consideration to be included in *Garden Greetings*. The deadline for the next issue is July 1st.

RIVER ROAD GARDEN CLUB 'POETRY IN FLOWERS' TOUR

Garden Owner Laura Slusher with her horse, Magic.

Last August, club members and guests enjoyed a tour of four of our member's gardens. Each garden had a uniqueness that stirred everyone's imagination. Our first visit was to Laura Slusher's ranch style property featuring a horse corral. The area was open and airy with various outdoor flowers and flora, including vegetables, fruit, beautiful trees with daylilies, ferns, potted plants with brown turkey and figs to mention a few. The corral contained two horses and one was named Magic, who enjoyed being petted. She made our visit special and added to the beauty of nature. It was picture perfect.

The next stop was at Carolyn Gintert's home. Carolyn shared her indoor house plants and flowers. Lilies, purple *Guinean Aurantiaca*, philodendrons and air plants all fit well into her home décor. Outside we viewed her vegetables and herbs and wide variety of succulents.

Club members enjoyed the variety of plants in Margaret Fischers' gardens. The tour group included Susan Noss, Carolyn Gintert, Sara Moomaw, Jan Lowe, Shirley Karras, Kay Yavorsky, Cornelia Wagener, Margaret Fischer, Violet Lowe and Laura Slusher. Violet is our youngest member at age 13. We are very proud of her as she is quite active with our club and helps us set up programs at her school.

Our next garden was Marjorie Fischer's front yard filled with a variety of plants, then on to her backyard filled with *Lycoris* (Resurrection Lily), tea roses, daylilies and climbing 'Don Juan' roses. Marjorie made her garden more interesting by allowing Mother Nature to take a hand in adding to nature's blooms, making the gardens stand out with color taking a place among her flowering friends.

At our last stop we enjoyed the gardens of Jan Lowe. Jan's flowers and plants flow throughout her landscaping and include canna lily, hosta, purple coneflower, vegetables and herbs. Throughout her property she has added antiques that highlight her gardens including headboards, white fencing, and a bicycle. Smaller items are nestled among her vegetable and herb plantings as well. Jan added interest by telling stories about the history relating to her antiques. We sat among her gardens and relaxed by her fishpond to enjoy an afternoon luncheon.

A small example of Jan Lowe's beautiful gardens in which she includes antiques to enjoy.

The event was a hit and members are anxious to have another garden tour this summer.

Submitted by Shirley Karras.

GLEANERS GARDEN CLUB REMEMBERS TWO LONG-TIME MEMBERS

Pearl Marlos passed away on July 25th at the age of 90. Pearl served as a club officer and was also a member of the Ohio Judges Council and the Garden Forum of Youngstown for years. Pearl often served as the Judges Chairman for flower shows held by the Forum. She also belonged to an Ikebana study group focused on the Ohara School of Ikebana.

We lost Rose Marie Roth on November 13th at the age of 91. She was a member and past President of both Gleaners and Daphne Garden Clubs, served as President of the Garden Forum of Youngstown for four years and was also a member of the Ohio Judges Council.

Club members acknowledge them for their many contributions over the years. They will be missed.

Submitted by Mary Lou Flere.

BUILDING A HOMEGROWN NATIONAL PARK

JoAnn Bartsch, Native Plants and Wildflowers Chairman

In my cheerleading effort for the use of native plants, I'm frequently revising my presentation to incorporate new information. Earlier this year Dr. Doug Tallamy released a book called "Nature's Best Hope." The book builds on his earlier work (presented in "Bringing Nature Home") in convincing us that we can no longer afford to grow plants simply for ornamentation, but we must grow to support the nature that is our back yards. I encourage all of you to dive into his suggestion to turn our yards into one great Homegrown National Park. Here are his recommendations:

- **Shrink the Lawn:** Lawns are degraded environments. Restrict turf grass to paths or places to define beds. Think of your lawn as an area rug, not wall-to-wall carpeting.
- **Remove Invasive Species:** Dr. Tallamy calls invasive species "ecological tumors….castrating ecosystems' ability to function." Remember the Callery pear will be designated an Ohio invasive in 2023.
- **Plant the Keystones:** The keystones are the species that are the backbone of food production in your yard. Think oaks, willow, cherries, goldenrods, asters, sunflowers. If you don't have at least one in your yard, your food web will collapse!
- **Be Generous with Your Plantings:** Not something that needs explanation to a group of Garden Clubs! We certainly don't need encouragement to buy more plants…just make them native.
- **Plant for Specialist Pollinators:** Many of our native bees are specialists and need certain plant species in order to do their pollinating work. Find out which bees and which plants will work best in your yard.
- **Network with Your Neighbors:** Here's where social media just might help. Check Facebook to see what others are doing. Share milkweed patches within your community. Think about starting a pocket prairie in some unused area or vacant spot.
- **Build a Conservation Hardscape:** Expand your thinking beyond just plants. Think about those other things that protect wildlife (reducing light at night, keeping mowers high, providing places for bees and birds to use for shelter and nesting).
- **Let the Caterpillars Pupate:** Learn to love leaf litter! Most caterpillars don't pupate on their host plant, but drop to the ground or even go underground. Don't remove the leaves in the fall in your beds and be slow to clean up in the spring.
- **Don't Spray or Fertilize:** We're trying to protect nature so not using insecticides and herbicides should be a no-brainer. But if we're growing native, we don't need fertilizer either. Test your soil and see what's going on. Most of the time a good dose of compost is all that's needed!
- **EDUCATE—spread the word:** Education is one of the cornerstones of garden clubs, isn't it? You may have to go beyond the safety of just your membership and make sure schools, governments and homeowner associations get on board.

Remember the bottom line: It's not humans or nature….it's humans AND nature. The fate of our land eventually will be the fate of the people.

Outgoing Editor Message

By Winnie Garabis, GCO Editor 2013-2021

It has been my great pleasure to serve as the *Garden Greetings* Editor for the past eight years at the request of the last four GCO Presidents. The prior editor, Gisela Meckstroth, was a good friend and set me up for success in this role.

In some ways, so much has changed over the past 8 years, but one thing remains constant - the joy of being a member of Garden Club of Ohio. We are so lucky to have so many outstanding resources and experts right here in our own state.

As I leave this position, I want to extend my thanks to everyone that has contributed content and resources to support the publication of *Garden Greetings* during my time as Editor. There are several people that I really must personally recognize:

- My 'Go-To' Contributor: Nancy Heber. Her articles are always top notch with no need to edit and the accompanying photographs are perfection! You can certainly tell that Nancy is a long-time educator and we are so fortunate that she shares her knowledge with us.
- All of the Club Contacts that have submitted information about their club's activities over the years. *Garden Greetings* is a communication tool for GCO members and it is wonderful to be able to share information and ideas between clubs.
- And lastly, my husband Antonio. I work full-time and we never dreamed that generating this publication would keep us at home so many weekends for so many years. He never complained - well, almost never - and we have both benefited with many friendships that we likely would not have made had I not served as Editor.

It has been a treat to get to know so many of you over the years and enjoying your creativity whether it be through your written words, your photography, your projects, your programs, your Flower Show entries or your participation at District Meetings or Conventions. Garden Club of Ohio is filled with creative, talented individuals. It has been my pleasure to serve this great organization. I encourage all of you to think about ways you can serve. I hope to see you at a GCO event soon!

PHRAGMITES - EASY TO HATE, HARD TO ERADICATE

Bonnie Faber, Invasives Chairman

If you live anywhere near water, phragmites (*Phragmites australis*) are there choking out native species. Removing this non-native perennial grass is important because the wetlands filter water and help prevent the harmful algae blooms we have seen and read so much about in the last few years. Often referred to as common reed, phragmites are found all over the world. They grow tall and dense; stalks can grow to fifteen or twenty per square foot. The growth reduces access to fishing and swimming as well as blocking shoreline views and affects ecotourism in Ohio. When they are dry, they can create fire hazards. Glyphosphate will kill it but it is nonselective, so application should be done carefully. It kills the roots, but can be spread by wind or animals.

Garden Club of Ohio, Inc. Mission Statement

Garden Club of Ohio, Inc. supports endeavors in every aspect of gardening through educational programs, horticulture and floriculture. We will show by means of example a responsible stewardship of our land.

GARDEN CLUB OF OHIO CALENDAR

Dates to Remember for 2021

July 1.....*Garden Greetings* Deadline
July 20.....GCO 92nd Annual Convention Board Dinner, Akron
July 21-22 .....GCO 92nd Annual Convention, Akron
August 18-19 .....GCO Board Meeting
September 6-17.....Fall District Meetings

- Mansfield ..... September 6
- Dayton ..... September 7
- Jackson ..... September 8
- Columbus ..... September 9
- Cincinnati ..... September 10
- Youngstown.... September 13
- Akron ..... September 14
- Canton ..... September 15
- Cleveland ..... September 16
- Toledo ..... September 17

September 22-24..... NGC Fall Board Meeting in St Louis, MO
October 20-21 ..... GCO Board Meeting
November 5..... Ohio Judges Council Meeting
November 11-12..... GCO Holiday Shows
December 1 .....*Garden Greetings* Deadline

Dates to Remember for 2022

April 1 .....*Garden Greetings* Deadline
April 6-7.....GCO Board Meeting
April 22 .....Ohio Judges Council Meeting
April 26-28.....GCO 93rd Annual Convention, Columbus
May 9-27 .....Spring District Meetings

- Toledo ..... May 9
- Akron ..... May 10
- Canton ..... May 11
- Cleveland ..... May 12
- Youngstown ..... May 13
- Mansfield ..... May 23
- Dayton ..... May 24
- Jackson ..... May 25
- Columbus ..... May 26
- Cincinnati ..... May 27

May 17-20 .....NGC Convention in Orlando, FL
July 1.....*Garden Greetings* Deadline
August 3-4 .....GCO Board Meeting
October 3-14 .....Fall District Meetings

- Mansfield ..... October 3
- Dayton ..... October 4
- Jackson ..... October 5
- Columbus ..... October 6
- Cincinnati ..... October 7
- Toledo ..... October 10
- Akron ..... October 11
- Canton ..... October 12
- Cleveland ..... October 13
- Youngstown.... October 14

November 2-3..... GCO Board Meeting
November 10-11..... GCO Holiday Shows
November 18..... Ohio Judges Council Meeting
December 1 .....*Garden Greetings* Deadline

Dates to Remember for 2023

April 1 .....*Garden Greetings* Deadline
April 3-4.....GCO Board Meeting
April 18-20.....GCO 94th Annual Convention, Mansfield
May 2-5 .....NGC Convention, Sulphur Springs, WV
May 26.....Ohio Judges Council Meeting

All dates are subject to change. Please consult the GCO Website for the latest updates.

Hatiora

The top left of the above photo shows what would appear to be “dead” stems. Not so! See the new growth that has emerged from them.

The funnel shaped flowers and the segmented stems are clearly in evidence in this close up. Some *Hatiora* blooms are fully open, others in bud stage.

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