



Chippewa Garden Club Newsletter

Glimmer and Shimmer Celebrating Our 75th Year



Member of Garden Club of Ohio, Inc.,
Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs and National Garden Clubs, Inc. **January/February 2024**



President's Message

Throughout this year you will be hearing many references to our rich history that began in 1949. Our activities will be geared towards acknowledging this club's accomplishments for 75 years. As current members of Chippewa Garden Club, we are not only a part of this long legacy formed by the members before us, but as members today, we have agreed to remain committed to continuing that legacy.

I want to acknowledge and gratefully thank the members who have stepped forward to lead our club as Board Officers this year. Without these members and their sense of responsibility to our club, we would not be able to move forward to fulfil our club's mission.

Many thanks to Jo Ann Bartsch, Vice President, Kathy Habib, Treasurer, Sandy Ladebue, Secretary, Debbie Schuckert, CoFinance and Margaret DeWolf, Historian.

There are many Community Project Chairpersons who will be busy as well. We have newsletters, a flower show, library projects, senior programs and Lend-a-Hand projects planned, to name a few. Each of these leaders have much to do, and I encourage all of the membership to offer them assistance as we progress throughout the year.

Many thanks also for all of you who participated in the successful Holiday Fundraiser. We raised a grand total close to \$4,000!— the most in recent history. Our Annual meeting at Creekside was a relaxing event that offered us all a chance to socialize and look back on the events of the year. It was also a chance to celebrate friendships and the accomplished projects of 2023.

Our first membership meeting will be on January 23. Kathy Habib will present the preservation and drying of botanicals. Hope to see you there! Refer to the upcoming dates of events listed in this newsletter and mark your calendars. We have many fun things planned for you all.

As a final note, the United States Department of Agriculture has presented an updated plant hardiness zone map as of November 15, 2023. This updated version (since 2012) can be accessed by going to <https://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/>. They have also included a "Tips for Growers" feature to help us gardeners! Check it out! Looking forward to seeing you all at the January meeting.

With warm regards, Lynne Evans

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Dates To Remember

January

Tuesday, January 9—Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Meeting will be held at our Broadview Heights Club Room, located on the Broadview Heights Campus, Broadview and Oakes Road, Building 21 (across from the Police Station).

Tuesday, January 23—Membership Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Brecksville Human Services, Activity Room A. 2 Community Drive, Brecksville, OH 44141. Human Services Building is in the rear of the Brecksville Community Center.

Our first program for 2024 finds one of our very own members, Kathy Habib, presenting “Preserving Plant Material”. Debbie Schuckert and Kelly Manocchio will present and discuss the 2024 Flower Show schedule which they will email to members prior to the meeting.

In a Standard Flower Show, which we’ll be doing in August, there is a division called Botanical Arts – it’s not Horticulture, it’s not Design, but something of a combination of the two that provides additional exhibiting and creativity for our garden club members.

In an Artistic Crafts section we will be creating artistically pleasing objects, that have a purpose, using both fresh and dried plant material. The secret is out – we’ll be exhibiting embellished shoes, and decorated champagne glasses or packages.

Kathy’s presentation will help us get ready for our Flower Show! On January 23 Kathy presents “Preserving Plant Material”. Dried plant material can be used in the Artistic Crafts Section, and what better place to get it than from your own yard. Dried plant material has had the moisture removed from it, either by natural means or by mechanical means. Kathy will show us a variety of ways to do this: using glycerin, pressing, drying with desiccants and air drying.

January 28-March 12 *Orchids Forever!* at the Cleveland Botanical Garden

Check CBG website for more details.

<https://holdenfg.org>.

February

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Greater Cleveland Orchid Society’s Show and Sale at the Cleveland Botanical Garden.

Friday, February 9—Senior Enrichment Through Nature Broadview Hts. Community and Recreation Center, Maple Room at 9543 Broadview Road in Broadview Hts. *Early Spring Blooms* demonstration on forcing daffodil bulbs to bloom, a make-it and take-it program. Seniors will receive instructions and a bulb to force.

Tuesday, February 13—Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Broadview Hts. Club Clubroom

Tuesday, February 27—Membership Meeting 6:30 p.m. Brecksville Human Services, Activity Room A. Kathy Habib and Jo Ann Bartsch will present our 2022 Flower Show review plus *Entering Horticulture in the 2024 Flower Show*.

Spoiler Alert: April 16-18—GCO 2024 Convention in Independence, Ohio.

Cleveland Botanical Garden

Frost: Fables & Tales of Forest Flora and Fauna **Cleveland Botanical Gardens 2024 Holiday Show**

Chippewa Garden Club has been asked to decorate a twelve-foot tree in the front entrance of the Cleveland Botanical Garden. We agreed to their request, and the theme of our tree is Wind and the Willows. If any club member has Christmas bulbs they no longer need, please bring them to the January membership meeting. Also, please let me know if you would like to join the committee working on this project. I’ve included my email below. If you’re relatively new to the club, this is a good way to get to know club members better and learn more about what the club does for our community.

Kathy Ziembra

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Glimmer and Shimmer in the Garden

An NGC Standard Flower Show

Celebrating our 75th anniversary

Happy New Year CGC members! Just a reminder that our flower show committee members are planning a flower show on August 10 & 11, 2024, so please mark your calendars for those dates. We need all members to participate. A working schedule for our Flower Show will be emailed to you in January so everyone can start planning their gardens and creative ideas in design and botanical arts.

Chippewa Garden Club began May 19, 1949, with fifteen women who were interested in gardening and arranging floral designs on their tables as they entertained their guests. They also wanted to educate themselves and others on knowing how to grow and protect those flowers, vegetables and fruits better.

Our mission statement is as follows:

The purpose of this club shall be to cultivate beauty through gardening, to study the fine art of flower design, to aid in the protection of native plants and wildlife, to encourage civic beautification, and to provide educational opportunities.

At our Flower Show, we will be celebrating 75 years featuring some of our best projects and community service that include Squire Rich and Community Gardens and will highlight other events from the last seventy-five years.

Dates to Remember:

January 23, 2024--General Meeting

You will receive the working schedule in an email. Please take a few minutes to look it over. Debbie Schuckert and Kelly Manocchio will introduce the flower show overall and briefly talk about designs and horticulture that will be in our flower show.

February 27, 2024--General Meeting

Kathy Habib and Jo Ann Bartsch will present a Flower Show review from 2022 and discuss how to enter horticulture in our 2024 Flower Show. Debbie Schuckert and Kelly Manocchio will have sign-up sheets for design, botanical arts and horticultural displays.

March 8, 2024--The flower show committee will meet Friday, at 10 a.m. in the club room. All members are invited to attend.

April 23, 2024--General Meeting Debbie Schuckert, Kelly Manocchio, Margaret DeWolf, Aggie Goss will present flower show designs with instructions and ideas to members.

May 28, 2024--General Meeting

Lynne Evans will present Botanical Arts/Artistic Crafts.

June 25, 2024--General Meeting

Vikki Wert (Cleveland Photographic Society) and Noreen Butano will present instructions for entering photos in our upcoming flower show.

Debbie Schuckert



**Squire Rich Herb Garden:
The fence is done!! Look for
more renovations in 2024.**

Mila

Transitioning Through The Holidays

Chippewa Garden Club's 2023 Holiday Program

Held on Tuesday, November 14, our major annual fundraiser was presented by Sharon Thompson and her crew from Lowe's Greenhouse, Florist and Gift Shop in Chagrin Falls. Sharon showed the well-attended event the mechanics behind flower design and then demonstrated the art of designing tablescapes for the holidays. She donated several designs including a cornucopia to be raffled. Members donated many raffle items and provided refreshments for our guests.

The many raffle items donated by club members included holiday designs, gift cards and clever snow globe angels made with light fixtures. Many more were enjoyable to browse and fun to think about winning. I went home with a lovely Christmas topiary.

The weather cooperated to make it an enjoyable evening.

Kathy Habib and Pat Gabriel



Speaker Sharon Thompson
All three photos by Noreen Butano



One of several raffle tables



Audience

Primula sp.

There are more than 430 species of primula. "*Primula*" comes from the Latin "prime" because these perennials are one of the first to bloom in the spring. They are an important source of nutrients for early pollinators. These plants are toxic to dogs and cats.

One of the most familiar species to gardeners is *Primula vulgaris* (common primrose), which is a perennial native to Europe, NW Africa and SW Asia. These short-stalked plants are purchased around Mother's Day and are usually grown as annuals. The flowers can be yellow, white, purple, pink, or a combination of colors. Outdoors, they need moist, soil rich in organic material and partial shade. They do not do well in wet soil. Pests include slugs, aphids, and red spider mites. Indoors, place in indirect light and treat as a house plant where they may last for several months if deadheaded.

Primula japonica (Japanese cowslip) is a native perennial in Japan. In NE Ohio, they bloom in April. They have upright stems 12"-24" tall and prefer moist soil, cool temperatures and shade. In the wild, they grow near bogs, marshes and swamps and spread readily by seed. They are deer resistant. There are many cultivars in colors of red, pink, purple and white.

Kathy Habib



Primula japonica

Photo by Kathy Habib

Chippewa Garden Club Ends 2023 with a Botanical Christmas Tree Program

Throughout 2023, Chippewa Garden Club volunteers provided the seniors of Broadview Heights with a variety of programs that highlighted nature's beauty and its unique influence on our lives. Each program was formulated to focus on promoting socialization amongst participants and the nurturing of personal talents through the use of botanical materials.

Seniors for the final program met at the Broadview Heights Human Services Center on December 8, 2023. To celebrate the holiday season, participants were assisted in creating botanical Christmas trees. Botanical supplies including foraged twigs, dried hydrangea, pine cones, acorns and donated flower pots were provided by Chippewa Garden Club. Instructions on how to forage and gather and preserve the botanical items were explained. Ribbon, bells and pom poms were furnished to further accessorize the trees.

Each participant created a tree expressive of their own personalized design interpretation while enjoying throughout the program the presence of good holiday cheer!

Chippewa Garden Club is happy to announce that we will resume the "Senior Enrichment Through Nature" programs for Broadview Heights seniors in 2024.

Lynne Evans



SETN Participants at Work

Above and Below



**CGC Volunteers: Noreen Butano,
Sandy Ladebue, Lynne Evans,
and Bobbi Anderson**

Photos by Noreen Butano

Chippewa Garden Club Annual Meeting

Chippewa Garden Club's annual dinner meeting took place on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at Creekside Restaurant in Brecksville and was attended by twenty-four members.

President Lynne Evans called the meeting to order and informed us that the Holiday Show was very successful and that membership did a great job.

Our historian, Margaret DeWolf, presented a review and described our numerous undertakings and accomplishments from 2023. After the presentation Lynne announced the 2024 Board Officers, who were applauded. Officers for 2024 are: President, Lynne Evans; Vice President, Jo Ann Bartsch; Treasurer, Kathy Habib; Secretary, Sandy Ladebue; Finance Co-Chairs, Debbie Schuckert and Lynne Evans; and Historian, Margaret DeWolf.

Dinner was served, and the six of us at each of the four tables enjoyed conversation with new members and members we have known and worked beside for many years.

After dinner, the meeting resumed and Vice-President Jo-Ann reviewed recommended changes to our by-laws from our bylaw committee and asked for a motion to approve the revisions. The vote to approve was unanimous. Our budget for 2024 was also approved.

Lynne introduced Standing Committee Chairs and Project Leaders. She awarded **Kathy Ziemba, a member for twenty-three years**, the Blue Vase Award for last year's outstanding club member. The club also awarded her with a lifetime membership to the Garden Club of Ohio. **Congratulations Kathy!**

Each member left with a clever lightable Christmas tree decoration and the knowledge of how it was created.

Pat Gabriel



Mary Jane Maloney
Ramute Mills
Lynne Evans



Bobbi Anderson
Susan Porter



Pat Gabriel
Kathy Ziemba



Paula Kramer
Lynne Evans
Sharon Hemeyer



Aggie Goss
Jim Anderson

All photos by
Margaret DeWolf