



Chippewa Garden Club Newsletter

Glimmer and Shimmer

Celebrating Our 75th Year



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Hello Members,

I just finished reading through the latest Spring/Summer newsletter from the Nature Conservancy.

The organization's State Director, Bill Stanley, wrote a

message of encouragement to the newsletter's readers that I would like to pass on to all of you members. He wrote that "Even as technology continues to change the ways that our species interacts with others, humans play ever more important roles in well-functioning and diverse ecosystems. As conservationists, our job is to lead people and societies to a path where we promote the health of ecosystems, and away from one that results in degradation and destruction." He continues that "if we care for nature, it will care for us."

Our club and its mission is a part of that network of organizations that are committed in being a part of the stewardship to safekeep nature. Our projects and events are all geared toward accomplishing this stewardship via education of the public and promoting the appreciation of nature's beauty and its spectacular complexities. Our commitment as a club and as individuals to these projects and events is important and helps us fulfill our personal responsibilities to sustain our Earth.

Thanks to you all for your participation in our recent events that include the SETN program, the Father's Day program and the Brecksville Home Days weekend and for your anticipated participation in our upcoming flower show in August. These events are grass root ways to lead people to a path of caring for nature.

With warm regards, Lynne

Members, a reminder that September 11, 2024, is the GCO Fall District Meeting at Woodside Event Center at St. Michael's in Broadview Hts.

Reservations are due by August 26. I'll be mailing Chippewa's in right after the Flower Show on August 12. If you want to sit with us as a group, get me your check by that date. You can give it to me at the July 23 membership meeting or at the Flower Show festivities.

Try to avoid mailing it to me! Here are the details....Cost is \$30, Regular or Vegetarian (no information about actual menu!). Make check payable to **GCO Cleveland District.**

Jo Ann Bartsch



Dates To Remember

July

Tuesday, July 9—Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Meeting will be held at our Broadview Heights Club Room.

Monday, July 22—Flower Show Committee Meeting 10:00 a.m. at our Club Room.

Tuesday, July 23—Membership Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Brecksville Human Services, Activity Room A.
Kevin Gross will present organic farming techniques in use at Crown Point Ecology Center.

AUGUST

August 10-11—*Glimmer and Shimmer in the Garden* Flower Show. Celebrating our 75th Anniversary, an NGC Standard Flower Show at the Brecksville Community Center, One Community Drive, Brecksville.

Sunday, August 11—Brecksville Historical Association Corn Roast 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the Squire Rich Museum on Brecksville Road.

Tuesday, August 13—Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Meeting will be held at our Broadview Heights Club Room.

No August Membership Meeting

Friday, August 30—Senior Enrichment Through Nature The program will demonstrate making pot-pourri from CGC members' blooms and herbs used in the August flower show.



Glimmer and Shimmer in the Garden 2024

August 10 & 11, 2024

Our Flower Show is only a few weeks away. We will have one last committee meeting on Monday, July 22, 2024, 10:00 a.m. at our Clubroom. All members are invited to attend. Please try to attend our General Meeting the next day, Tuesday, July 23, at Brecksville Human Services, Activity Room A.

Just a reminder that all members are expected to help and participate in the flower show. Start checking horticulture in your gardens and any indoor plants that can be brought into the show. Also, please read your schedule and look over General Rules.

Only designs can be brought in on Saturday morning from 8 a.m.-9:00 a.m. All horticulture, artistic crafts, photography and education exhibits should be brought in on Friday from 2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions you can call the consultants assigned to Divisions or contact Debbie Schuckert or Kelly Manocchio.

Debbie Schuckert

Membership Meeting

Glimmer and Shimmer in the Garden Botanical Arts

At our May membership meeting, Lynne Evans explained and demonstrated some of the floral designs to be exhibited in our August 10-11 Flower Show. Floral Designs were created by Lynne, Debbie Schuckert, Kelly Manocchio and Kathy Ziemba.

Section A. "Color Me Sparkly" – Artistic Crafts

Eligible for the Artistic Craft Award

Botanical Arts Consultant: Lynne Evans

Class 1. "Diamonds on the Soles" A Decorated Shoe
Debbie, Kelly and Lynne designed examples of shoes that were decorated with fresh and/or dried plant material.

Class 2. "Bubbly" A Decorated Champagne Glass
Kathy Ziemba described how she designed the lovely champagne glass she held for all to see.

Champagne glass decorated with fresh and/or dried plant material. Glass may be one of the three champagne glass types: coupe, flute or tulip.
Glass to be furnished by exhibitor.

Class 3. "Special Delivery" A Decorated Package.
Lynne designed 2 packages using a fabric wrap design method called *Furoshiki*.

Decorated package must include fresh or dried flowers. Exhibitor's choice of color in decorations.
Exhibit must be no larger than 12" in any direction.

Roberta Anderson

Membership Meeting

Flower Show Design Instruction: Photography with Vicki



CGC members welcomed newly elected President David Tipp and Vicki Wert from the Cleveland Photographic Society of Broadview Heights. Vicki has been one of the three judges at our previous flower shows, judging the Photography section.

Vicki's knowledge of taking photos and her "love" of floral photos made an enlightening and educational presentation. She spoke mainly of using a camera as she has done for many years. She does not own an iPhone, just an Android phone; therefore, she doesn't use it for photos.

Vicki spoke on what gear to have and the composition, focus, exposure, structure and settings to use to accomplish better photos. And many of these can be set on an iPhone.

Some great tips from Vicki were to watch YouTube videos, from which you can find much help, even with using your particular iPhone or camera.

She suggested taking photos from the front, back, sides and even the top of a flower or landscaping. You can use a black board behind a flower, especially if the flower is white, or the background is too busy. Best times for photos are in the morning and after a rain. A tripod is very useful. Use the 9 square grid on your camera or iPhone when editing. And mainly – PRACTICE – PRACTICE – PRACTICE. After she bought her camera and took some classes at CPS, she started to enter their competitions and learned much.

Vicki's website is www.VickiWertPhotography.com
CPS is www.ClevelandPhoto.org for information on classes and events.

Noreen Butano

National Garden Week 2024

Chippewa Garden Club celebrated the 2024 National Garden Week by displaying the NGC's colorful poster, CGC's membership flyers and a beautiful foliage plant at the following six locations: Brecksville Library, North Royalton Library, Jennings Independent Living in Brecksville, the Oaks of Brecksville, the Avenue Rehab at Broadview Heights and Danbury Senior Living in Broadview Hts.

Thank you to Noelle at Petittis Garden Center for donating six plants for these locations. A plant was left at each location and a letter mailed saying: "Thank you for celebrating National Garden Week 2024 with Chippewa Garden Club. The plant left for you was donated by Petittis Garden Center".

Noreen Butano



Photos by Noreen Butano

Chippewa Garden Club Plant Exchange

It was a warm, sunny morning with a pleasant breeze as Chippewa Garden Club members headed to the Cleveland Metroparks Harriet Keeler Woods Memorial Nature Center in Brecksville, OH, to enjoy their annual "Plant Exchange". This event is always a relaxing and favorite time that members truly enjoy.

There is nothing more rewarding than sharing plants with fellow gardeners. The plant exchange allows members to come together and to share seeds, cuttings and plants from their own gardens and trade them for items from other members' gardens. Only healthy plants that have been well cared for are brought to the exchange. The plants are identified with the genus name, the species name or the common name. Additional information about the plant's care must be included, such as sun or shade care, etc., etc. and this is marked on the exchange card.

Plant Exchanges are a popular way to share your garden with others and to obtain new plants and garden advice.

This summer morning was topped off with a splendid lunch. Each club member brought either a salad, a small casserole or a dessert for sharing a picnic lunch. This gave members time for enjoyable conversation and an ideal time to deepen friendships. The gathering overall proved to be a perfect way to gather friends and exchange plants on a gorgeous summer morning in an awesome nature setting.

Margaret DeWolf

I've heard it said that many Brecksville gardens and yards sport plants from the many years of CGC's plant exchanges. Pat Gabriel.

Father's Day Program at the Brecksville branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library

Chippewa Garden Club members Sandy Spann, Lynn De-Negro, Lynne Evans, Noreen Butano and Debbie Schuckert assisted the children on Saturday, June 15, 2024, decorating pots and potting an impatient plant for their Dads on Fathers Day. There were 54 participants for this event. This year children chose a variety of decorations that included sports teams, feathers, ties, fringe and googly eyes and got very creative. Every child made a special card for their Dads. Our library assistant, Danette Fahey, Brecksville Branch Services/Librarian and Supervisor-Children, had tables set up in advance that morning and was very excited to see that many attended the event. Plans for next year's library program are already in the 2025 plans with Chippewa Garden Club members for Mother's Day.



Debbie Schuckert
Photos by Debbie Schuckert



Chippewa Garden Club Informational Display at the Brecksville branch of the Cuyahoga County Library May/June 2024 Photo by Kathy Ziemba



Sandy Spann and Father's Day Participant
Photos by Noreen Butano

Ticks

This article originally appeared in one of our 2017 newsletters. It is appropriate to revisit it again due to the increased population of ticks in Ohio, partially due to mild winters, and bringing with them an increase in Lyme disease cases in our state.

Ticks and mites are closely related and, along with spiders, are arachnids. All have 8 legs, whereas adult insects only have 6 legs. There are two major tick families: hard ticks which are difficult to crush and have beak-like mouthparts at the front of their bodies and soft ticks whose mouthparts are on the underside of their abdomen. There are 700 species of hard ticks worldwide.

Ticks are blood-feeding parasites that cannot jump or fly. They wait on tips of grass or shrubs, holding on by their lower legs, for a host to pass by (known as questing). They attach themselves to the host by stretching out their front legs and climbing on. Since they secrete saliva with antiseptic properties, the host does not realize that the tick has attached. Once attached, ticks can feed on blood for several days. There are three medically significant hard ticks in Ohio that may infect the host animal with diseases: black-legged (deer) tick, lone star tick and the American dog tick.

The black-legged (deer) tick (*Ixodes scapularis*) has become common in Ohio since 2010, and is found mostly in or near forests. They can attach to an animal at any stage, commonly white-tail deer, but can include birds, reptiles and amphibians. They are the only vector of Lyme disease in the Eastern and Midwest States, as well as causing several other diseases, all of which may be transmitted at the same time.

The lone star tick (*Amblyomma americanum*) is more prevalent in Southern Ohio, but may be found throughout the state, spreading several diseases through birds to mammals.

The American dog tick (*Dermacentor variabilis*) lives in grassy areas close to shrubbery. Their hosts range from small mammals to raccoons, groundhogs, dogs, and humans. This tick is the main vector for Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. Several cases are reported in Ohio each year.

To repel ticks: Use a product with at least 25% DEET, wear light clothing, long sleeves, and long pants. Avoid grassy areas and check yourself and pets for ticks frequently. Protect pets with an anti-tick product for pets.

Removing ticks within hours will reduce the chance of getting Lyme disease. To remove ticks: do not crush or puncture them, do not use a match or a cigarette, do not apply solvents or other chemicals, avoid touching tick body with hands, use paper towels, wear gloves or use tweezers.

GRASP/PULL/DISINFECT/SAVE THE TICK FOR IDENTIFICATION

For more information: Ohioline.OSU.Edu : Fact Sheet HYG2073

Kathy Habib



Deer Tick
Photo by Noreen Butano

Editor's addition: Ticks are here in Brecksville and Broadview Heights. One our CGC members was bitten by a deer tick in June. She had been mowing at her Macintosh Farms home and discovered a tick when she felt it on her neck. She went to the emergency room and was hospitalized. Recovery was slow. She took the above photo to the docs in the emergency room for a positive identification.

Be aware and be cautious.

Pat

Senior Enrichment Through Nature

Chippewa Garden Club brought flowers that bloom all summer to Broadview Heights Seniors on June 14, 2024. The Seniors gathered at the Broadview Heights Human Services Building to learn about sunflowers and to create a craft symbolic of the flower. Now that summer is in full bloom, what could be more interesting than learning about the sunflower, *Helianthus annuus*, one of Mother Nature's best flowers?

The sunflower is an annual plant in the *Asteraceae* family. Most sunflowers have large blooms and can display many colors ranging from yellow, red, orange or maroon. They have brown centers that ripen into seeds that are edible for animals, birds and humans. Sunflowers make excellent cut flowers for bouquets, and many attract bees and butterflies to gardens which promotes pollination of plant species and crops.

Developing sunflower heads are heliotropic. The flower's head follows the course of the sun from east at sunrise to west in late afternoon. By dawn the flower head will have returned back to face east in preparation for the next day of sunlight.

A perfect planting site for sunflowers would be in nutrient rich soil, as they are considered to be heavy feeders, and in an area of full sun. Larger varieties of sunflowers need to be in a sheltered area or staked to prevent strong wind damage.

Participating seniors were encouraged to try growing sunflowers as June is an optimal growing time in Ohio for the plant. One participant mentioned that many sunflowers are imported from Ukraine and that the flower has been associated with courage, good luck and longevity throughout history.

After the informational program, Chippewa Garden Club volunteers assisted the group in decorating a flower pot with sunflower inspired decorations. All supplies were provided by the Chippewa Garden Club.

Many thanks to the CGC Senior Enrichment Through Nature team that included Judy LaBuda, Sandy Ladebue and Lynne Evans for their help in making this program a success. The next program will be on August 30, 2024.

Lynne Evans



Left: Judy LaBuda, Sandy Ladebue and Lynne Evans Center: Participants creating the basin for their sunflower Right: the finished craft

Photos by Lynne Evans

Brecksville Home Days

The entire city of Brecksville was bursting with festivity during Brecksville Home Days, June 21st – June 23rd Brecksville Square, Booth Row on Stadium Drive and the Horticultural Building held most of the lively atmosphere. Chippewa Garden Club members hosted one of the booths. Club members staffed the booth from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

Energetic children surrounded the Chippewa booth at times to create a “seed bomb.” “Seed bombs” are created by rolling into a ball a few seeds, clay and compost. Once they are tossed to the ground and begin to germinate, they add beauty to our landscape. They also provide essential food and a habitat for local wildlife, such as pollinators and birds. It’s a wonderful way to engage with the natural world and help native plants reclaim their place in our local ecosystem. CGC also handed out milkweed seeds accompanied by a flyer containing instructions.

Home Days participants were encouraged to stop by the club’s booth to receive flower seeds and to ask our club members for advice on their gardening questions. There was also a pine cone project for children to enjoy. A flyer containing instructions was available to take home.

Another unique opportunity that transformed our Home Days booth was the fun-loving photo backdrop. Many spirited children visiting the booth with family members enjoyed the photo backdrop and gave it their best summertime smile.

Some families joined the children’s playful amusement and decided to create a summer family photo.

Margaret DeWolf

Captions

Top down and left: # 1 Chippewa Garden Club booth at Brecksville 2024 Home Days No. 2: CGC’s Photo Booth No: 3 CGC member Ramute demonstrating and helping 2 children make a seed bomb #4 Ted Lux, Brecksville Home Days Coordinator, and a DARE Police Officer #5 Our booth on Sunday when Jo Ann Bartsch arrived to open up our Home Days booth on Sunday. This was before the really big storm about an hour later...

Photos by Lynne Evans and Jo Ann Bartsch



Squire Rich Projects

Members of the Chippewa Garden Club have been hard at work tending the Herb Garden. This wonderful recreation of the Squire Rich kitchen garden has many culinary, medicinal and flowering herbs to discover. All are invited to visit this inviting garden.

Recently Foster Brown of the MetroParks held the annual *Life on the Farm* event. The Brecksville Historical Association invited us to participate in introducing campers to the Herb Garden and its plants during the event. It was an enjoyable and educational adventure to acquaint 7 and 8-year-olds with herbs and their uses. The campers were also thrilled to meet the Herb Garden’s resident mole.

Chippewa Garden Club volunteers recently completed another project at the Squire Rich Museum. Native plants were used to refresh and replant the landscaping in front of the Museum.

Ramute Mills, Squire Rich Herb Garden Project Leader



**Squire Rich after Chippewa Garden Club’s Work at the Herb Garden
Photo by Lynne Evans**

Fairy Gardens

Member Lenore Siegman sent the following suggestion and two lovely examples she created for her adorable granddaughter **“If you don’t have room for a big garden you can create a small fairy garden.”**

Lenore created one for her granddaughter’s home and one for her home when her granddaughter visits. Lenore says the one and a half year old loves her fairy gardens.
Pat Gabriel



**Fairy Gardens
Created and Photographed by
Lenore Siegman**