



Chippewa Garden Club Newsletter

Humane Gardening Cultivating Habitats for Wildlife



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President's Message

As we begin a new year of activity, I want to reflect on the events of the last two months of 2024. Our annual Holiday Fundraiser on November 12th once again was a great success that reaped funds for our club's projects in 2025. Thanks to the members who generously participated in providing raffle items, bakery, selling tickets and offering their time to the ensure the success of this event. Together we offered the community a fun event!

Another accomplishment headed by Kathy Ziembra was the creation of a beautiful Christmas tree for the Cleveland Botanical Frost Show. The tree ornaments reflect the theme from *The Wind in the Willows*, written by Kenneth Grahame. Each ornament was skillfully made by our volunteers, and the end product was a 10-foot tree donned with originality and creativity. A great job once again!

Our 75th Anniversary Celebration at Creekside Restaurant was another memorable event. Thanks to Jo Ann Bartsch for conducting the meeting and to Debbie Schuckert and Kelly Manocchio for managing the special details of the event. Having Daryl Kingston, Mayor of Brecksville, present a city proclamation from Brecksville was an honor. Both the Brecksville and the Broadview Heights proclamations represent the continuous dedication our club has had to our communities throughout the 75 years of our club's existence, a legacy all our members can share.

Finally, Kathy Habib has completed the 2025 Yearbook and will email a copy to our members. Hard copies will be distributed at the February 11th Board Meeting and the Membership Meeting on February 25th. (Editor's note: Kathy emailed the Yearbook on December 31, 2024.)

I'm looking forward to spending 2025 meetings, projects and activities with you all. The Programs Committee has worked hard to ensure that this year is an informative, invigorating and social year for us all! Meeting topics will reflect our 2025 theme *Humane Gardening: Cultivating Wildlife Habitats* and will inspire new perspectives on our roles as to how we can help nature flourish.

Warmest regards to you all for a wonderful New Year,
Lynne

Dates To Remember

January

Thursday, January 16 at 6:00 p.m. Potluck at Co-vice president Kelly Manocchio's home for incoming club officers, committee chairpersons and project leads.

January 21, 22, 23--Landscape Design School Course 3 Series 16 Zoom course Garden Club of Ohio, registration required. Contact Bert Nero at bertnero@gmail.com

No Membership Meeting in January

February

Friday, February 7 at 11:00 a.m. Senior Enrichment Through Nature program at the Broadview Hts. Community and Recreation Center, Maple Room. The topic is Winter Sowing.

Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting at our Broadview Height's Club Room.

Tuesday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m.— Membership Meeting at the Brecksville Human Services Activity Room A, 2 Community Drive, Brecksville. Jenny McClain, Brecksville Nature Center Naturalist, will present *Creating Habitats for Backyard Birds*.

Jenny joined the Outdoor Education staff permanently in 1996 and has worked at the Brecksville Nature Center since 2000. Her special interests include insects, trees, primitive skills and pre-K programs. She also enjoys getting people of all ages out on the trails throughout the Cleveland Metro-parks.

Kathy Ziemba

Edible Landscaping

Edible landscaping is the use of food-producing plants in a residential landscape. The goal is to replace or grow edibles among ornamentals by combining fruits, vegetables, herbs and edible flowers into attractive designs that produce food for home use. These can be planted in any garden that is free of pesticides and herbicides, including front, back and side yards. Plantings can be in the ground, vertical as an espalier or trellis, or in containers.

Edible landscaping is one of the oldest forms of gardening. Ancient Persians and medieval monasteries included flowers, herbs, fruits and vegetables. 19th century English gardens included edible fruits and berries. WWI and WWII victory gardens were planted by Americans and Britons to help supplement food rations and feed troops.

Edible landscaping is an important part of sustainability. Consuming locally-grown food reduces energy output (transportation), which protects the environment. Other advantages are availability of fresh food, control of chemicals on food crops and growing varieties not readily available in stores.

Disadvantages include increased maintenance (fertilizing and pruning), design limitations (does it fit in your community), insects like bees and wasps next to outdoor living spaces and protecting crops from unwanted pests. Food crops will have poor yields without proper growing conditions. Clay soils may need amendments and tree-filled yards may compete for sun and space. Some food crops are sensitive to chemicals, so only products approved for use on food crops may be used, including deer repellents.

Photo and article by Kathy Habib



**Glimmer and Shimmer For the Holidays
was presented by Mathew Caleb Moore, owner of Leaf Homes and Blooms
on November 12, 2024, at the Brecksville Community Center.**

Visitors to the show were welcomed, viewed the 45 raffle items donated by members and area businesses putting raffle tickets in bags for items they hoped to win. They then enjoyed home-made goodies and beverages provided by our club members and sat visiting with friends until show time.

Mr. Moore demonstrated creating a lovely tablescape for the holidays and showed how he created the various objects that he used to adorn the table. He answered questions throughout his presentation and generously donated 4 items to the raffle.

Pat Gabriel



Left, Mr. Moore at work. Middle, a completed design, Right, answering a question

All photos on this page by Margaret DeWolf



Left, raffle items. Middle, hospitality table, Right, raffle items

Below, President Lynne pulling raffle tickets



Chippewa Garden Club's Tree Decorated For Cleveland Botanical Garden's *Frost Fables and Tales of Frost Flora and Fauna Show*

The Theme for Chippewa's entry was the children's book *The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame published in 1908.



Above left and right are examples of hand-made decorations for our tree. In the middle are our garden club members who helped make the decorations and decorate the tree: Mary Lou Melena, Kathy Ziemba Project Chair, Debbie Schuckert and Kelly Manocchio. Refer to Kathy Ziemba's article in our November/December issue for more background.



These decorations represent Toad Hall, Mr. Ratty and Mr. Mole from *The Wind in the Willows*.

Decorating the tree were Debbie Schuckert, Mary Lou Melena, Kelly Manocchio, Kathy Ziemba, Kathy's son Matt and his wife Jen. Chippewa Garden Club donated their copy of the book *The Wind in the Willows* to the Cleveland Botanical Garden. Other participating GCO Cleveland garden clubs donated their copies as well. Photos and text by Kathy Ziemba, Project Chair

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Annual Meeting and 75th Anniversary Celebration

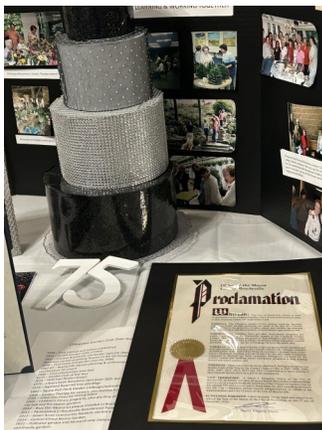
December 5th, 2024, Vice-President Jo Ann Bartsch greeted members to our annual meeting, a wrap-up of our activities in 2024 and a preview of our activities in 2025. Jo Ann discussed events from 2024 and told us that our club received a Proclamation from both Brecksville and Broadview Heights later in the evening . Margaret DeWolf read the Historian’s report. Our theme this year is *Humane Gardening: Cultivating Habitats for Wildlife*. Jo Ann gave an invocation, and dinner was announced. Members went by tables to a delicious and plentiful hors d'oeuvres buffet.

Officers for 2025 are President, Lynne Evans; Co-Vice Presidents, Debbie Schuckert and Kelly Manocchio; Treasurer, Kathy Habib; Secretary, Susan Porter; Co-Finance, Lynne Evans and Mary Ann Maloney and Historian, Margaret DeWolf. The 2025 budget was discussed and a motion to approve it was passed by a unanimous vote.

After we finished dining and sat visiting with friends, Brecksville Mayor Daryl Kingston joined us, reflected on our contributions to the city and read the Proclamation.

Debbie Schuckert was awarded the Seibel Silver bowl for Designer’s Choice (2024 Flower Show); Judy Labuda was awarded the Zuzan Silver bowl for Petite Award (2024 Flower Show); and Jo Ann Bartsch was awarded the Blue Vase for outstanding CGC 2024 member.

Pat Gabriel



Top Left, the Proclamation; Middle, 75th Anniversary Cake; Right, Mayor Kingston

Bottom Left, Jim Armstrong, Sandy Ladebue, Kathy Ziemba
Middle, Susan Porter and Diane Mele; Right, Noreen Butano, Kathy Habib, and Pat Gabriel

Photos by Margaret DeWolf

