



Chippewa Garden Club Newsletter

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President's Message

Close your eyes and imagine a space that instills calm and erases anxiety. A place where you are better after you leave it. For me that place is my garden. A peaceful paradise that allows me to customize its beauty. I get to shape this garden with colors and structures that speak to me. It's a very personalized experience.

This place should be a balanced environment. Easy and carefree plants mixed with a bit more challenging and formal plants that will allow a gardener sequences of rest from toil. Spring/summer bloomers mixed with fall interest plants that will extend the gardener's experience of good organic moments.

An easy way to "grow your own way" in your space is to add herbs to your garden. Herbs are speedy growers, sun loving, pest resistant and can be grown in pots. They offer a variety of fragrances and once harvested, can add taste and nutrition to our kitchen food preparation.

On May 27, 2025, Noelle Akins from Petitti's Garden Centers will be back to present to our Club, *Ten Top Culinary Herbs for Your Garden*. Please come to learn more about the planting and growing of these herbs. You will no doubt leave with new ideas on how to incorporate these herbs into your own special place.

In order to allow for more socialization at our Membership Meetings, we will begin our meetings at 6:00pm with refreshments and socialization. The speakers will continue to start their presentations at 6:30pm and a business meeting will follow afterwards ending at 8:15.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Warm regards, Lynne



CGC 2025 Officers

Dates To Remember

May

Thursday, May 8—Garden Club of Ohio Cleveland District Meeting. Woodside Event Center at St. Michael's Church, Broadview Hts.

Saturday, May 10—North East Ohio Iris Society at Rockefeller Greenhouse, 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 10—Library Program at the Brecksville branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library. Members will present and assist children making decorated potted plants for Mother's Day gifts.

Tuesday, May 13—Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Broadview Heights Club Room

May 18-22 National Garden Clubs 2025 Annual Convention in the Embassy Suites Hotel North Charleston, South Carolina

Tuesday, May 27—Membership Meeting 6:00 p.m. For those members who wish to socialize, come earlier at 6:00 p.m. to the Brecksville Community Room A. Noelle Akin, our May speaker, has been in the Green Industry for over twenty years. Noelle has instructed and assisted gardeners all over Northeast Ohio through her work in Petitti Garden Center and on Petitti's YouTube channel. Her topic is ten top culinary herbs to grow this summer.

June

June 1-7—National Garden Week

Friday, June 6—Senior Enrichment program at the Broadview Hts. Community and Recreation Center at 11:00 a.m. Participants will create a stylish plaque with pinecone flowers.

Tuesday, June 10 at 6:30—Board Meeting in the Club Room.

Saturday, June 14 at 11:30 p.m.—Annual Plant Exchange at Macintosh Farms. Contact Debbie Schuckert for directions and to sign up for a dish to share if you have not already done so.

Bring labeled plants to exchange. Please include name, light requirements and any other growing tips on your label.

June 17-19 97th Annual Garden Club of Ohio Convention at Embassy Suites in North Canton, Ohio.

Find more information in Garden Greetings Spring/Summer 2025.

June 20-22—Brecksville Home Days Chippewa Garden Club has a booth there. Watch your email for opportunities to volunteer.

Area Plant Events

| Date | Club | Time | Location | Event |
|------------------|--|----------------------|---|-------------|
| 5/1 to 6-/5 2025 | Fairview Park GC | NA | Deans Garden Center Westlake 26184 Bagley Road, Olmsted Falls | Fundraiser |
| 5/4/ 2025 | Olmsted Falls Garden Club Perennial Gardens of Chesterland | 1100-1400 | Falls | Sale |
| 5/10 2025 | | 0800 - 1400 | Chester Town Hall, Chesterland Goddard School 430m Avon Belden Rd | Sale |
| 5/10 2025 | Avon on the Lake Club | 0900-1200 | Brecksville United Methodist Church | Sale |
| 5/10 2025 | Emerald Necklace | 0900 - 1400 | Mayfield Village Activity Reg.com | Sale |
| 5/11/2025 | Mayfield Village Garden Club The Gardeners of Greater Cleveland | 0800-1200 | | Sale |
| 5/15-5/17 2025 | Gardenwalk Lakewood | 1000 - 1600 | Rockerfeller Greenhouse | Sale |
| 5/17 2025 | Ikebana International Ch.20 | | Gardenwalklakewood.org | Plant Swap |
| 5/23-25 2025 | Ikebana - Little Steps to Ikebana | 1030-1130; 1300-1400 | Cleveland Botanical Garden | Exhibition |
| 6/7 2025 | | | CBG Hudson home and garden tour.org | Class |
| 6/13 2025 | Hudson Garden Club | 1000-1900 | Hudson home and garden tour.org | Tour |
| 6/14 2025 | Hudson Garden Club | 1000-1600 | CBG | Tour |
| 6/17 2025 | Ikebana Intrntl;. Chapter 6 | | CBG | Class |
| 6-27-28 2025 | Gates Mills Garden Club | 1300-1700;100=1630 | 1280 Chagrin River Road | Flower Show |
| 7/10 2025 | Gardenwalk Lakewood | | Gardenwalklakewood.org | Gardenwalk |
| 7/19 2025 | Ikebana Intrntl;. Chapter 6 | | CBG | Class |
| 8/6 2025 | Herb Guild Garden Club | 1030-1400 | Emerald Event Center | Luncheon |
| 8/23 2025 | Ikebana Intrntl;. Chapter 6 | | CBG | Class |
| 9/6/2025 | Gardenwalk Lakewood | | Gardenwalklakewood.org | Plant Talk |
| 10/11/2025 | Western Reserve Herb Society | 1000-1500 | CBG | Herb Fair |

Mary Jane Maloney

Spring Design Program

On April 7th, three of our members, Margaret DeWolf, Lynne Evans, and Kelly Manocchio, gave a design/spring decorating presentation to Brecksville Seniors at the Human Services room in Brecksville.

Margaret began with introductions and telling the guests a little about the Chippewa Garden Club. She had also brought several design examples to show. Margaret explained the different kinds of common designs one might create in the home using spring flowers. She spoke on arrangement, color choice and care. Margaret also brought a beautiful spring wreath and some potted plants to show how plants around your house can look fresh for spring or Easter just by changing pots or accents.

Lynne then spoke on examples of crafts that can be made for spring. She had an example of a carrot-shaped frame that was wrapped with orange jute and accented with flowers at the top that could be hung up. She demonstrated how to add and fill out the design to look balanced and full. Lynne also had a basket that could be hung on a door with flowers arranged in it. She described how she made these crafts, how she chose colors, size of container and mechanics of assembly.

Finally, Kelly spoke on using fresh flowers and spring plants in decorating. Member Debbie Schuckert could not be at the presentation but sent an Easter design with a bunny vase she had received as a gift which she filled with pink carnations. There was a green checked tablecloth, pink underlay and a wooden "Easter" sign as part of the decor. Kelly described the idea of using items you already have to create a decorative table scape. Kelly had taken a basket and added a small potted pink hydrangea, some moss for "grass", a ceramic bunny and craft "carrots" to create a natural Easter basket which could be used as a centerpiece or decoration on a side table.

Kelly also spoke about forcing spring bulbs in various containers as an easy way to bring some springtime indoors during the cold Ohio winters.

The presentation was well received and guests asked several questions. Membership pamphlets were also available for those interested. We hope to do another presentation in the fall.

Kelly Manocchio

Parallel Design

Debbie Schuckert's parallel design she did for the recent design show.

A creative design consisting of three or more groupings of plant material and optional components with a strong parallel placement in a single container.

1. Parallel direction may be vertical, horizontal or diagonal within the allotted space.
2. Multiple containers may be used if combined to appear as one unit.
3. Overall effect must appear parallel. Groupings do not need to be equidistant from each other.

Plant material in my design:

Dracaena (Snake Plant) prev.known as *Sansevieria*, *Ruscus*, *Zantedeschia* (Calla Lily), *Solidago*, *Pachysandra*, *Arborvitae*, *Chrysanthemum*-yellow

Debbie Schuckert



Floral Design

Photo by Debbie

Everything You Want To Know About Hydrangeas

On March 25th, OSU master gardener Kim Hawkins spoke to the Chippewa Garden Club. Her topic was *Everything You Want to Know About Hydrangeas*. Kim spoke about the three most common kinds of hydrangeas: panicle macrophylla and oakleaf.

The first kind, panicle or paniculata, are considered the easiest for beginners to grow. These hydrangeas include the common *Limelight*, *Little Lime*, and *Quick Fire*. Panicle hydrangeas are available in bushes and small trees. Most have white flowers with variations to light green and blush. Their flower color cannot be changed by altering the pH of the soil. Panicle hydrangeas are the most sun tolerant hydrangea, needing at least 4-6 hours of sun but tolerating full sun. These plants bloom on new wood so prune heavily in late winter or early spring. To keep large flowers from falling over in the summer, a light pruning in June of the new growth will create sturdier stems. Feed panicles with a balanced fertilizer like Plant Tone in early spring and mid-summer. These hydrangeas like to be well watered. Deadhead blooms as needed.

The second type of hydrangea Kim spoke about was the macrophylla, also known as mophead. These hydrangeas come in shades of pink, blue, purple, red and white. Common varieties are *Endless Summer*, *Summer Crush*, *Blue Jangles* and many more. These do best with 4-6 hours of sun for best blooms and like to be well watered. White flowers are not affected by pH but other colors are. To make flowers pink, soil needs to be basic which can be accomplished by adding lime to the soil. To make blue flowers, soil needs to be acidic which can be done by adding aluminum sulfate. Note that it takes a while for these changes to occur, and the intensity of the color will not change, so a pale pink flower cannot become deep pink or deep blue. It will always be a pale color. In addition to these soil additives, fertilizing with a balanced fertilizer as with the panicle hydrangeas is needed. Macrophylla hydrangeas bloom on old and new wood.

Because of this, some winter protection is good to help preserve the buds on the old wood. Mulch, wraps and anti-desiccants can all help save the buds already formed. In early spring dead tips and remove stems to allow for new stems to grow which will also produce flowers. Mopheads are repeat bloomers and produce large round showy flowers.

The third hydrangea Kim talked about was the Oakleaf hydrangea. These beautiful plants have white flowers and large oak leaf shaped foliage that turns to vibrant colors in the fall. Common varieties are *Queen of Hearts*, *Munchkin*, and *Ruby Slippers*. These are the most shade tolerant of the hydrangeas and can handle as little as 3 hours of sun a day. Oakleaf hydrangeas also like to be well watered and fed with a balanced fertilizer such as Plant Tone. The color of the flowers is not affected by pH. These kinds of hydrangeas bloom on old wood so prune after flowering in late summer and protect from winter wind and severe cold to preserve the buds formed on the old wood. As with all hydrangeas the lace cap varieties have a lot of pollen and nectar in their flowers.

Kelly Manocchio

Ohio's Natural Areas and Preserves Association (ONAPA)

ONAPA is a non-profit partner with the Garden Club of Ohio and is dedicated to preserving Ohio's parks and natural areas through acting as a support group for sustainable management of state natural resources, educating the Ohio General Assembly and the general public and promoting the protection of rare species.

Chippewa Garden Club collects membership donations at monthly membership meetings. Last month, the monthly collection yielded \$12.77.

Arbor Day

Redbud tree seedlings were prepped and bundled by garden club volunteers for distribution Monday, April 21, in the Club room at 10 a.m.

Arbor Day at Lawrence School:

Ramute Mills and Susan Porter were welcomed to Lawrence School on Thursday, April 24 to make an Arbor Day presentation to about 30 third graders.

Lawrence School, on Wallings Road in Broadview Heights, is a private institution that focuses on children who learn differently. We met with the third graders and their teachers to talk about the history of Arbor Day and the importance of trees.

The students were enthusiastic and intelligent, asking lots of questions and telling us what they know about trees. We discussed the many types of trees in our area, how to plant and take care of trees, pests and tree problems, native trees, and the many ways trees are used to make products in our day-to-day lives.

After the group discussion, we distributed bundled redbud seedlings and planting instructions to students and teachers who wanted them. Lawrence School certainly made us feel welcome!

Susan Porter

Arbor Day at Assumption Academy

Noreen Butano and Lynne Evans distributed 30 redbud trees and discussed Arbor Day with Assumption Academy third graders on Tuesday, April 29.

Brecksville Earth Week

Bundled trees were also taken to the Brecksville Earth Week program on Sunday, April 27.

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. Nineteenth 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; therefore only products approved for use on food crops may be used, including deer repellents.

Kathy Habib



Herb Pot on Kathy's deck

Photo by Kathy Habib

Plant America-Feed America

National Garden Clubs' President Brenda Moore's project during her presidency continued the former president's project *Plant America-Feed America*. Brenda invited all garden clubs and community gardens to complete a donation form with information on donations given to food banks, etc.

Jo Ann Bartsch did so in 2024 with information on Greene Acres Community Garden, GA, and CGC's partnership with GA in Broadview Heights. Photos were also requested. CGC/GA was the **'only'** recipient in the entire State of Ohio who submitted the Presidents Project form.

Jo Ann and I were informed of a Zoom presentation which happened on March 12 by Suzanne Bushnel, chairman of the President's project. Here are current statistics for 2023:

- 50 Million people in the US relied on food assistance from charities in 2023.
- 47 Million people in the US were considered "food insecure" in 2023.
- 14 Million of the 47 million were children.
- Almost 7 Million Seniors were considered food insecure.

I was overwhelmed when 4 groups spoke on Zoom of their donation projects and the members involved. What wonderful projects to help food insecurity.

Greene Acres is thankful to be a small part of the President's project to help the South Hills Lend a Hand food pantry serving Seven Hills, Independence and Broadview Heights. Greene Acres has **donated over 3,000 pounds** of fresh produce since 2013 to our local food bank.

Per Suzanne, 135 garden club affiliates donated 74,000 pounds of food in 2024, and as of March 12, it has increased to 121,000 pounds.

If you know of someone in need, please contact Lend a Hand at 440-526-0514.

Noreen Butano

Lend-A-Hand Food Pantry Project

On February 10, 2025, our committee members, Kathy Ziembra, Lynne Evans, Judy Labuda, Sandy Spann and Mary Lou Melema decided to give the families of the Lend-A-Hand Food Pantry in Broadview Hts, a three-ounce jar of honey plus a wooden honey dipper and a gold bee charm.

The tag read:

Compliments of Chippewa Garden Club

Bees are not only an important pollinator of a wide variety of crops, they make honey too!

Honey is rich in antioxidants and has antibacterial properties and when consumed can give you an energy boost.

We made 60 jars of honey, one for each family when they pick up their items from Lend-A-Hand. They appreciated an extra surprise for their family. Thank you to Sandy Spann for running to the store to purchase two more 3-ounce jars of honey to finish the project.

Recipients received the jars of honey on April 11, 2025.

Lynne Evans and Kathy Ziembra



Top: Lend a Hand Honey donation

Bottom: Greene Acres Community Garden GA

The Common Carrot Brightens Up Broadview Heights Seniors

On April 11, 2025, seniors met at the Broadview Heights Human Services Center to construct a door design to celebrate spring. Carrots have long been associated with the season of spring as they are usually sown as the earth warms up from winter. The common orange carrot *Daucus carota* has a rich history of significance to humankind. Throughout the ages carrots have held a message of spiritual symbolism. The root emerging from the dark soil reaching towards the light represents inner wisdom and personal growth.

As spring is upon us, Chippewa Garden Club volunteers for the Senior Enrichment Through Nature program decided to incorporate the root vegetable into a door design project.

Each participant was provided with donated supplies from the Club to complete the design, and Chippewa Garden Club volunteers guided the seniors on the step-by-step process to completion. Floral wire, felt, artificial flowers, ribbon and a carrot wire base all came together with the assist of glue guns to fabricate a cheerful spring design for use indoors or on a welcoming front door.

All participants of the group were pleased with the end results as noted by the many smiling faces and enthusiastic positive comments about their end products.

Many thanks to Chippewa Garden Club volunteers Roberta Anderson, Lynne Evans, Judith LaBuda and Sandy Ladebue who made this program a positive experience for the seniors.

The next Senior Enrichment Through Nature Program will be on June 6, 2025.

Lynne Evans

Affiliate Day Meeting April 17, 2025, Cleveland Botanical Gardens (CBG)

1. August 16, 2025: Wade Park Oval Concert near CBG starts at 7PM. From 5PM to 7 PM affiliate garden clubs can recruit or show case their organization. You must bring your own table and chairs.
2. Today is the 25th anniversary of CBG's Affiliate Day. All members (there are fifty-five organizations) are encouraged to take part in all the Holden Arboretum and CBG activities. Chippewa's representative is Kathy Habib.
3. The goal for the Affiliate Organization is to support and promote flourishing garden clubs and for the clubs to support the CBG mission in all aspects.
4. The Affiliate Council is a group of garden clubs that provide mutual support, communication, and philanthropic aid for the Garden. It began in 1940, and in the last 85 years it has transformed into a conduit of communication between CBG and the Arboretum
5. This year the Japanese Garden will celebrate its 50th year.
6. The Affiliate Council will celebrate its 100th year in 2026.
7. The Hershey Children's Container program is supported by twelve clubs this year. The theme is *Changing of the Time*.
8. The Frost program will focus on *Changing of the Seasons* = very abstract. Use as many natural items as possible. No tinsel or flocking. Sign up 8/1/2025, Decorating 11-16. Take down: 1-5-2025.
9. Speaker spoke on the flowers, botany and trees at the Cincinnati Zoo and other famous American gardens.

Mary Jane Maloney



**Door Design
Materials**



**SETN Chippewa
Volunteers**



**Door Design
Complete**