



Chippewa Garden Club Newsletter

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President's Message

What an exciting month of June for the Club! Noreen Butano prepared an excellent celebration of Garden Week to start off the month of June. The mid-June Plant Exchange was fun and informative thanks to Mary Jane Maloney's presentation on the Olla method of plant hydration. I for one, acquired many "new babies" to adorn my yard. GCO's Convention also in mid-June, honored our Club by presenting us many awards. A lot of hard work resulting in many accolades to acknowledge our Club's dedication to our community. The month ended with our booth at the Brecksville Home Days fair. The educational cardinal theme reached many children attending the event. Many thanks to the volunteers for our booth who suffered the heat and the unpredicted rainy weather. (I think by now it's predictable as it seems to happen every year lol).

July's Membership Meeting brings us a presentation on Irises by Fred Pedersen who is not only a member of CGC but the Regional Vice President for the North East Ohio Iris Society. He will speak on Iris planting, care and propagation. Anyone having Iris growing experiences, blooms or rhizomes they would like to share are encouraged to do so at the meeting.

In closing, I encourage everyone to be safe while gardening in the heat of the summer. Safety ideas include checking for heat alerts, hydrating before, during and after gardening, gardening during the early morning or after 6:00 p.m. and wearing loose light-colored clothing to reflect the sun. Wear a brimmed hat and sunglasses too. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the next membership meeting on July 22, 2025. Come early at 6:00 to socialize and munch on refreshments!

Warm regards, Lynne



CGC 2025 Membership Photo

<http://chippewagardenclub.com/>

Dates To Remember

July

Tuesday, July 8—Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Broadview Hts. Clubroom

Tuesday, July 22—Membership Meeting 6:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. for those who wish to socialize before the meeting. Brecksville Human Services, Member Fred Pedersen will present *Iris Planting, Care and Propagation.*

August

Friday, August 1—Senior Enrichment through Nature 11 a.m. Participants will make summer wreaths with seasonal foliage and discuss how wreaths can create a sense of connection with nature.

Tuesday, August 12—Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Broadview Hts. Clubroom

Friday, August 22—Field Trip to Columbus Park of Roses. There will be more information at our July membership meeting as to time and place to meet. Debbie Schuckert will have a sign up sheet at the meeting. We will likely have arrangements for car pools.

No August Membership Meeting

National Garden Week 2025

Chippewa Garden Club celebrated the 2025 National Garden Week of June 1-7 by displaying the NGC’s colorful poster, CGC’s membership flyers and a beautiful foliage plant donated by Petitti Garden Center, at the following locations: Brecksville Library, Jennings Independent Living, the Oaks, The Avenue Rehab, Danbury Senior Living, The Heights, Brecksville Senior Center, Broadview Hts. Rec Center, and posters

were put on numerous restaurants and grocery stores bulletin boards. A thank you letter was given to each location stating: “Thank you for celebrating National Garden Week 2025 with Chippewa Garden Club. The plant left for you was donated by Petitti Garden Center”.

Noreen Butano, Publicity Chair



Brecksville Library

Photo by Noreen Butano

Mothers Day Program Brecksville Library

May 10, 2025

Each year Chippewa Garden Club coordinates with Brecksville Library and Danette Fahey to celebrate either Mother’s Day or Father’s Day with children grades K-5. Each child is given a pot to decorate, add soil and an Impatiens flower. Then the fun begins with decorating their pots. Children are very creative, choosing feathers, glitter, hearts, pom poms, ribbons until they are happy with their project. They also make a special card for their moms too.

Kelly Manocchio and her team of helpers included Ramute Mills, Sandy Spann, Debbie Schuckert, Margaret DeWolf, Carol Burns and Noreen Butano. Approximately 30 attended the program.

Debbie Schuckert



Top: Bonding

Middle: Finishing project

Bottom: Instructing and helping

The 10 Top Herbs and How to Use Them



Noelle Akin

Photo by Noreen Butano

Herbs are remarkably versatile plants and a welcome addition to any garden, planter or kitchen. Chippewa Garden Club learned more about these popular plants when Noelle Akin, Manager of Training and Education for Petitti Garden Centers, spoke to our members at the May meeting. Her presentation, "The 10 Top Culinary Herbs for Your Garden," offered a wealth of information about growing and using these herbs.

Noelle's list of top herbs included:

Basil – Not only is it wonderful for cooking, but it can repel flies, sooth nerves and provide nutrients like iron and Vitamin C.

Chives – Both "onion" and "garlic" chives add a lot of flavor to dishes and grow well with roses, carrots and apples.

Cilantro – People either like or hate cilantro, which tends to bolt. An added bonus is that it can draw metals out of the body.

Dill – This is a butterfly attractor that can thrive in poor soils. It can help with heartburn too.

Mint – Keep mint from taking over by planting in baskets, pots or window boxes. It can deter a variety of pests from mice to flies, and also help settle the stomach.

Oregano – Use this to liven up your cooking and also to sooth sore muscles.

Parsley – This is a natural diuretic with Vitamins K, A and C. Both curly and Italian varieties are very popular.

Rosemary – If only rosemary was a Zone 6 plant! It's great for adding earthy flavor and can also help to keep you alert or even fight cancer, Akin said.

Sage – The flavor of sage is wonderful with fatty foods and its scent repels various pests. It also offers Vitamins K, B and iron.

Thyme - This delicious herb offers beautiful edging in the garden and repels pests. Use Lemon Thyme for its citronella qualities.

Noelle also talked about ways to prune, harvest, dry and freeze herbs for later use. She recommended harvesting them in the morning and keeping herbs in glass, rather than plastic, bottles. She said the rule of thumb is 1 tablespoon fresh herb equals 1 teaspoon dried herbs.

After her presentation, she answered questions. Each attendee received an herb to take home. For more information, visit the Petitti gardening tips link: www.petittigardencenter.com/herb-gardening.

Susan Porter



Debbie Schuckert
Mixed Combination Planter
First Place
Growers Choice Award
Pelargonium x hortorum 'Vacouver
Centennial'
False dracaena 'Red Star'
Lysimachia nummularia

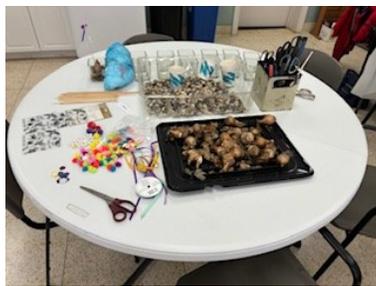
Broadview Heights Seniors Recycle Pinecones to Blooms

Seed-containing pinecones are nature's way of reproducing pine trees. Once the seeds have been dispersed from the cone, the cone or *strobilus* remains with its scales intact. Artists and crafters have developed many ways to use the leftover cone for artistic purposes or to recycle nature's creation into expressions of art.

On June 6, 2025, Chippewa Garden Club volunteers presented a program to Broadview Heights seniors on how to make pinecone flowers and create a three-dimensional plaque with the flowers. Participants were instructed in the preparation of the pinecones that included the process of breaking the pinecone apart and painting the resulting flower structure and the attachment of the blooms into a three-dimensional plaque design. Each plaque resulted in unique creations that pleased each crafter. Facts about pinecone and pine seed structures and genus *Pinus* reproduction were presented to the group as well. All supplies were provided by the Chippewa Garden Club.

Many thanks to CGC volunteers Roberta Anderson, Noreen Butano, Debby Compton, Lynne Evans, Judith LaBuda and Sandra Ladebue. The next group will meet on August 1, 2025.

Lynne Evans



Supplies for the pinecone project



Volunteers Debby Compton, Lynne Evans, Sandy Ladebue and Judy LaBuda



Finished plaques

Fireflies or Lightning Bugs

Fireflies or lightning bugs are nocturnal flying beetles with over 2000 species in tropical and temperate zones except in Antarctica. There are 171 species in the U.S. and Canada, with 24 species in Ohio. There are no fireflies in Alaska, Hawaii or California. The most common species in North America and in Ohio is *Photinus pyralis* (Common Eastern Firefly). Fireflies and lightning bugs are the same insect. It's a matter of geography. In the West and Northeast, they are commonly called fireflies and in the South and Midwest, they are called lightning bugs. Their life cycle consists of egg, larva, pupa and adult.

The larval stage, called glowworms, is spent underground in moist areas or under bark, near streams, for 1-2 years, feeding on slugs, snails and other insects. Adults emerge in Ohio in late spring to early summer, with a peak around July 4, having an adult life span of 3-4 weeks. Some adult species are carnivorous, some are herbivores and some don't eat at all. *Photinus* feeds on pollen and nectar.

Males blink (their light organ is called a lantern) to attract females using the chemical process of bioluminescence. Not all species blink. They are harmless to humans but most species are distasteful to predators such as bats, mice and spiders because they contain the steroid lucibufagins. Female species in the genus *Photuris* mimic male blinking to trick males of other species into becoming a meal. Loss of lightning bugs is due to loss of habitats, light pollution, and pesticides.

Kathy Habib



Photinus Pyralis
(Lightening Bug)

Photo by Kathy Habib

Annual Plant Exchange Saturday June 14, 2025

Members met this year in MacIntosh Farms at the Barnsley pool pavilion. We had torrential rainfall in the early morning but it cleared by 11:30 a.m. This event is always fun and relaxing, getting together with our garden friends with no stress

Members brought plenty of plants to share with others. All plants were identified with genus name as well as common name, and indicated sun or shade which is so helpful knowing if we can add a few more plants to our already full gardens.

Mary Jane Maloney demonstrated the "Olla". Ollas are unglazed terracotta pots that are buried in the garden with their necks protruding slightly above the surface. The pot is filled with water that seeps slowly into the soil and encourages plant roots to grow. She raffled off an Olla pot, and Mary Lou Melena was the lucky recipient.

Members brought appetizers, salads, pizza and many brownies. It was suggested that next year members bring recipes to share with members too.

Debbie Schuckert



Plants To Share



Members Enjoying Conversation and Pot Luck before Looking for New Plants for Our Gardens

Photos by Noreen Butano

Oshibama – the Art of Pressing Flowers

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Though most think of Victorian times when pressed flower art is considered, this art form has been found on 3000- year-old Egyptian coffins and in ancient China. The Chinese used the pressed flower method predominantly for storage of medicinal flowers and herbs. It was not until the mid-19th century that Victorians popularized pressing flowers to preserve memories and express sentiments. Great Britain became exposed to the art of pressing flowers (Oshibama) once trade with the Japanese nation was increased. Oshibama is an art form where pressed flowers are used to create a whole picture using skill and detail.

In the Victorian period, pressed flowers became a creative outlet and gained botanical importance. Flowers were often combined with ribbons to create beautiful pictures. Whilst a flower was often slipped between the pages of a book, to preserve the memory of a special day. The ease through which one could press flowers also made this an enjoyable hobby. In the Victorian period books were the predominant pressing device. Nowadays, flowers are pressed using a flower press, ironed and/or microwaved. Pressed flowers are used to decorate cards, bookmarks, displayed behind glass frames, ornaments and displays of landscapes. There is no limit how this medium can be used.

Before there were cameras, nature samples were captured by sketches. Innovative people started to keep samples in scrapbooks for preservation while travelling; field presses would be used. Through identification (physical description, location and date) and professional sharing, important botanical findings were discovered leading to an expansive botanical literature.

Back to present day two Chippewa Garden Club members (Noreen Butano and Mary Jane Maloney) attended a pressed flower workshop in late March. Notecards, gift cards and bookmarks were made for the Western Reserve Herbal Society October Fair in exchange for instruction. See a sample of their creations:

Mary Jane Maloney



The 97th Annual GCO Convention

OHIO FOOTBALL

CANTON OHIO

June 17-19, 2025

This year the GCO convention took place at the Embassy Suites in North Canton, Ohio. Chippewa Garden Club members attending were Lynne Evans, Mary Jane Maloney, Susan Porter, Noreen Butano, Jo Ann Bartsch, Margaret DeWolf and Debbie Schuckert. The Flower Show presented by Ohio Judges Council was all about football with a lot of red and gray, brown and orange. Margaret DeWolf and Debbie Schuckert entered designs. Noreen Butano and Debbie Schuckert also entered horticulture in the show. CGC members challenged themselves to creating the buffet table that all attending the event voted on. Chippewa Garden Club received many awards at the Awards luncheon and were Outstanding Garden Club (medium size club) in 2024. See awards, pg. 8.

You can read more in the upcoming *Garden Greetings* arriving soon.

Thank you to my committee. We had fun planning. Now I have an 8-quart crockpot that I have to decide to keep or return.

Debbie Schuckert

Tailgate Party Competition with Chippewa Garden Club members and GCO Garden Clubs

Chippewa Garden Club members Lynne Evans, Noreen Butano, Susan Porter, Ramute Mills, Kathy Habib, Kelly Manocchio and Debbie Schuckert met on April 9, 2025, to discuss and plan for entering a Buffet Table in the Flower Show at the GCO convention.

This was a club competition section that would be judged by people's choice and more than one exhibitor from club must participate. There were four entries in this section.

A Buffet Table was staged on floor space of 6' x 6' in the hallway against a dark wall. Two 18" x 6 ft tables were available for our use. A buffet table is service for 4 or more with components conveniently and logically placed for ease of self-service. At least one serving piece is required and options include dishes, napkins, glasses/cups, flatware, table covering, runner and a decorative unit completed with a floral design (HB Chapter 76-77)

CGC members chose Ohio State for their tailgate party. Thanks to Kelly and Mike who provided us with many Ohio State football memorabilia to use on our buffet table. Voting took place during convention and votes placed in a bowl. Chippewa Garden Club got second place and lost by 3 votes to River Road (Toledo club).

Debbie Schuckert



Chippewa Garden Club
Tailgate Party
Second Place
Pachysandra
Eucalyptus Silver Dollar
Dianthus (Red)
Chrysanthemum (White)
Asarum wild ginger

| <u>submitted by</u> | Award | Awards for projects in 2024 | Results |
|---------------------|--------------|--|--------------------------|
| Ramute Mills | 105C | CONTINUING CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION OR IMPROVEMENT-Squire Rich Herb Garden new fence project | Second |
| Jo Ann Bartsch | 106C | HORTICULTURE ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSERVATION EDUCATION-Library projects | Second |
| Ramute Mills | 107C | HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD- Squire Rich garden front) | Second |
| Lynne Evans | 108.1C | COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT -LENDING HANDS | First |
| Lenore Siegman | 109.1C | TREE AWARDS- SEEDLINGS -at Brecksville Earth Day/Third Graders at Assumption and BBHS Elementary | First |
| Noreen Butano | 110C | NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK | Second |
| Kathy Ziemba | 112.1C | HOLIDAY -FROST TREE IN 2024 | Honorable Mention |
| Lynne Evans | 131C | GARDEN THERAPY -SETN | First |
| Debbie Schuckert | 140C | YOUTH AWARD-Mothers Day Library project | Second |
| Jo Ann Bartsch | 166 | Photography Award-close up Bee | Honorable Mention |
| Noreen Butano | 170 | Photography Award-floral arrangement | Honorable Mention |
| Margaret DeWolf | 180C | PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK | Second |
| Kathy Habib | 181.3B | CGC MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE | Third |
| Jo Ann Bartsch | 181.4B | FLOWER SHOW BOOKLET | First |
| Jo Ann Bartsch | 181.4B | SQUIRE RICH BOOKLET | Third |
| Pat Gabriel | 182C | NEWSLETTER | First |
| Jo Ann Bartsch | 183A | WEBSITE | Third |
| Jo Ann Bartsch | 184 | FACEBOOK | Second |
| Kathy Habib | 200C | YEARBOOK | Second |
| Debbie Schuckert | 302A | FLOWER SHOW IN STANDARD PUBLIC BUILDING | First |
| Debbie Schuckert | 308A | FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE | First |
| Noreen Butano | 321A | FLOWER SHOW-EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT | First |

400C Outstanding Garden Club-in year 2024 Medium Size First

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS AWARDS PRESENTED MAY 2025

"GLIMMER AND SHIMMER IN THE GARDEN" FLOWER SHOW First AWARDED TO CHIPPEWA GARDEN CLUB

Certificate in Appreciation Award for the following

- EC-1 Conservation Education Award
- MAE 4 Publications

Debbie Schuckert

