



Chippewa Garden Club Newsletter

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President's Message

Dear Members,

Summer is waning and September brings a flurry of Club activity. We had a month of August break, and now we are gearing up for other things, Executive Board Officer elections along with our main fundraiser in November. The Officer slate has been established, however nominations from the floor will be taken on the night of voting at the September Membership Meeting. As a CGC member, you are encouraged to participate in the operations and undertakings of the Club. Consider sharing the talents you have or learning new talents while working on a Club project. November's Annual Holiday Design Show tickets will be distributed at the next meeting as well. A volunteer sign up sheet will also be circulated for the fundraiser event.

I do want to acknowledge the many community publications giving accolades to CGC for the awards we have been bestowed this year. There were articles in the *Sun Gazette*, *Broadview Journal* and the *Brecksville Bulletin* to name a few. Thanks to Noreen Butano for her excellent PR work and to all who participated in achieving these awards. The awards are nice to receive; however the impact we make on the community is the most rewarding aspect of the work done by our volunteers.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge our Newsletter Editor, Pat Gabriel. Pat has decided to step down as editor of the newsletter after this publication. She has been a committed, talented and informative scribe of our Club's activities. She has given our Club much blood, sweat and tears while compiling information and dealing with technology to produce amazing and award-winning newsletters throughout the years. Her contributions have kept us members "in the know" for many years, and we will never forget her dedication. Pat will act as consultant to Mary Jane Maloney who has agreed to be Newsletter Editor in 2026. Thank you so much, Pat!

I hope to see you all at the September 23rd Membership Meeting!

Warm regards, Lynne

Dates To Remember September

**Tuesday, September 9—Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Broadview Hts. Clubroom**

**Tuesday, September 23—Membership Meeting
6:30 p.m.** 6:00 p.m. for those who wish to socialize before the meeting. Brecksville Human Services. Darlene Hritz, teacher of Ohara School of Ikebana, will present *Ikebana*.

Monday, September 29—Garden Club of Ohio Fall District Meeting, Woodside Event Center at St. Michaels, Broadview Hts. Presentations include *The History of Japanese Gardens* and *The Colors of Nature*.

October

Friday, October 10—Senior Enrichment Through Nature 11 a.m. Broadview Hts. Community and Recreation Center. Participants will create owl pumpkins and learn about owls and their routines.

**Herb Fair Date: October 11, 2025 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Cleveland Botanical Garden, 11030 East Blvd,
Cleveland, Ohio 44106**

**Sunday, October 12—Apple Butter Festival,
Brecksville Historical Association 1:00 to
5:00 p.m. Squire Rich Museum.** Come for apple butter and fritters and help with tours of the herb garden.

**Tuesday, October 14—Board Meeting at 6:30
at our Broadview Hts. Club Room**

**Monday/Tuesday, October 20 and 21 CAR Convention,
Cambridge, Maryland**

**Tuesday, October 28—Membership Meeting 6:30
p.m. at the Brecksville Human Services Center.** Tina Graver, Master Arborist and Tree Care Safety Professional will present Tree Planting and Young Tree Care for Long-Term Success.

Chippewa Garden Club Takes Cardinals to the 2025 Brecksville Home Days

One knows that summer is in full swing when the Brecksville Home Days are at the Brecksville Square. The fair began on Friday, June 20th and ran to Sunday the 22nd. Chippewa Garden Club members had one of the community booths, greeting and offering the crowds information on Ohio's state bird, the cardi-

nal. Children were encouraged to make a paper craft cardinal and to learn facts about the birds that inhabit the general Brecksville area. A colorful poster and handouts with facts about the songbirds were at the booth. Most visitors to the booth learned that the male songbird is covered in bright red plumage, that the birds were named after the red cloaked Catholic Bishops of Europe, the birds mate for life and that they love sunflower seeds presented on a tray feeder with a protective roof, which offers them refuge from predators. What a great way to add learning about nature to a fun fair venue! Many thanks to the Chippewa Garden Club members who volunteered their time to make the booth a fun and educational place for fair goers to visit.

Lynne Evans



Chippewa Garden Club Booth
at Brecksville Home Days 2025

Top and Middle
photos by Noreen
Butano

Bottom photo by
Lynne Evans



VP Debbie Schuckert
demonstrating the cardinal
craft



Lynne's Granddaughter
Evelyn with her completed
craft



**Don't miss your chance to attend!
2025 CAR-SGC Annual Conference
& Tri-Refresher
October 19-22, 2025
Maryland: "America in Miniature"**

[Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay](#)
100 Heron Boulevard at Route 50
Cambridge, MD 21613
Register Early to Secure Your Spot

The Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland invite you to attend the 2025 CAR-SGC Conference in the heart of Maryland's Eastern Shore.

This year's theme, America in Miniature, celebrates Maryland's diverse landscapes and cultural heritage. From mountains to seashores, urban centers to rural farmlands, Maryland reflects the vastness of the country in one small state. [Check out these points of interest.](#) Our program will showcase top-notch speakers, innovative design, environmental stewardship, and the joy of gardening together. The program has been designed to also serve as a refresher for Garden Study, Landscape Design and Environmental Consultants.

Click on this link to register and see a full schedule of events and program topics. <https://www.car-sgc.org/2025-conference>

Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs

Ohio is one of the seven states in CAR and will host CAR in 2026.

Debbie Schuckert

Chippewa Garden Club Celebrates Summer with Wreaths

Summer brings blooms, herbs and grapes! On August 1, 2025, Broadview Heights seniors met at the Broadview Heights Human Services room to make midsummer wreaths out of nature's summer yields. Grapevine wreath bases, fresh lavender, artificial blooms and greens and ribbon were all furnished by the Senior Enrichment Through Nature program sponsored by the Chippewa Garden Club. Chippewa member volunteers also provided design style and wreath mechanics instructions to the participants. Details on how grapevine wreaths are constructed and on how to grow lavender were discussed. Participants worked in a group with each one creating a breezy summer design ready to grace a front door or garden table in their home.

Many thanks to Chippewa Garden Club members Bobbi Anderson, Noreen Butano, Debby Compton, Lynne Evans, Judy Labuda and Sandy Ladebue for making this program a success.

The next Chippewa Garden Club Senior Enrichment Through Nature program will be on October 3, 2025. Call the Broadview Heights Human Services Center to RSVP. wi within

Lynne Evans



Top Getting ready to craft

Center At work

Bottom: Noreen Butano, Lynne Evans, Sandy Ladebue, Judy Labuda, and Bobbie Anderson

Left: a completed wreath

**It was announced at the 2025 GCO convention that our Debbie Schuckert is a Master Flower Show Judge, a prodigious position within the Garden Club of Ohio
Congratulations Debbie!**



Restaurant Fundraiser for Chippewa Garden Club in October

When: From Monday, October 6, 2025, through Saturday, October 11, 2025.

Where: From your mobile device or computer. It is all digital!!!

What: Purchase an electronic card (E-Card) in any denomination starting at \$20.

Choose any denomination you prefer.

E-cards may be used for the restaurant, bar, carryout, or catering purchases.

Personalize the E-card with a message.

Various E-card themes are available.

E-cards can be scheduled to be sent at a future date.

Why: To be able to continue our community programs by celebrating or gifting fun events:

* Date night * Girls Wine Night Out * Relaxing Sunday breakfast * Bourbon night with the guys * Happy Hour * Book Club * Family night dinner * After club meetings * Catering a party * Baby or wedding showers

Who: Pass the word! Anyone may purchase the E-Card with a special code name from October 6 through October 11, 2025.

How: An instructional handout with FAQs will be given to each member at the September monthly meeting. Additionally, all members will receive the same handout by email on Sunday, October 5, 2025.

Creekside Restaurant is located at 8803 Brecksville Road.

Mary Jane Maloney

Chamomile

Each year, the International Herb Association chooses an herb of the year. These herbs must be outstanding in at least two of the following: culinary, decorative or medicinal.

The 2025 Herb of the Year is *Matricaria chamomilla* (German chamomile). There are two different kinds of chamomile (German and Roman), and both have daisy-like flowers. These plants differ in size, life cycle, and in use. German chamomile is an annual, native to Europe and North Africa and is self-seeding. Flowers can be used in teas, salads, candied as cake decorations or in ice cubes to add to drinks.

Chamaemelum nobile (Roman chamomile) is a hardy perennial used in essential oils, perfumes and in aromatherapy. Ancient Greeks, Romans and Egyptians used chamomile in herbal remedies as it is believed to have sedative and anti-inflammatory properties. Since chamomile is a ragweed relative and can cause allergic reactions or prescription drug interactions, consult a doctor before using any herb medicinally.

Chamomile prefers well-drained soil that is rich in organic material but can also be grown in pots.



Chamomile Free Image



Brecksville Human Services Community Room and Fred Pedersen's Iris Presentation



Fred Pedersen

Photo by Noreen Butano

Iris Planting, Care and Propagation

Tuesday, June 22, Fred Pedersen, Regional Vice-President of the Iris Society, Affiliate President for the North East Iris Society and Chippewa Garden Club member discussed aspects of learning about and growing irises at our Membership meeting.

Iris are said to be a symbol of life, and the French fleur-de-is was adopted by French royalty. There are 325 species of irises. Fred had many slides of individual flowering plants and described their sizes and cultural requirements.

Propagation of bearded irises is done annually by dividing rhizomes, which are thick, fleshy modified stems growing just under the surface of the soil. Plant in July and August, prior to mid-September, 12-24 inches apart.

Irises require a half day of sun, proper air flow and watering and treatment with fungicides and insecticidal soap. Iris rust is a disease which causes mushy, discolored rhizomes and wilted leaves.

After Fred's presentation, members and guests enjoyed a refreshment table which included a lovely cake celebrating Chippewa Garden Club's Outstanding Garden Club of The Year (Medium Size) award.



Pat Gabriel



Photos left and right by Noreen Butano