



A member of Garden Clubs of Ohio, Inc. – Cleveland District, Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

“Mindful Gardening” guides our 2026 goals!



The President’s Message

Dear Members,

February is fast fading and Spring is around the corner. Behind the wintery scene there has been much work brewing. The 2026 Programs, Yearbook, brochure and website updating are completed or are approaching completion. Communication with our community contacts have been made to set up many community projects for the year.

Projects like our Arbor Day celebration at the local schools, the Senior Enrichment Through Nature programs for the seniors of Broadview Heights have been developed and the Lend-A-Hand giveaway for the October distribution has been approved by the Food Pantry, just to name a few.

We will be asking all members to participate in these projects to make them a success. Please consider how you can help and not only share your talents but to learn new skills and enjoy our club camaraderie. Enjoy this newsletter that our Editor has prepared and many thanks to all the contributors to this publication.

The Executive Board is happy to welcome all to a productive and fun year and we appreciate your dedication to our club's mission.

Looking forward to our 77th year!

Warm regards,
Lynne



“Watching something grow is good for morale. It helps us believe in life.”
Myron Kaufmann

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Senior Enrichment Through Nature (SETN) February Valentine Program

Sometimes a store-bought Valentine card just isn't enough to express your feelings about a loved one. Why not craft a sentiment with your own two hands which demonstrates your feelings on Valentine's Day?

That's exactly what Club volunteers presented to Broadview Heights seniors on February 6, 2026. Seniors gathered at the Broadview Heights Human Resources Center to create handmade expressions of love and friendship to celebrate February 14th.



The Chippewa Garden Club "Senior Enrichment Through Nature Program (SETN)" volunteers provided beaded wooden hearts, decorative flowered paper, ribbon, beads, sentimental tags and dried flowers for the group participants to create their version of the celebration of affection. Some seniors created plaques for their grandchildren and their spouses. Each Valentine was individually created and a sincere expression of their personal feelings.

Participants were taught how easy it is to dry flowers that are grown in gardens throughout the summer months. These dried flowers are ready in the middle of winter to adorn not only Valentines but picture frames and dried floral arrangements to brighten a winter luncheon table.

Many thanks to CGC volunteers Roberta Anderson, Noreen Butano, Debby Compton, Lynne Evans and Sandy Ladebue for helping to make this program a fun and successful program for the seniors. The next SETN program will be in April 10.

Submitted by Lynne Evans

Dates to Remember

March 10

Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
Broadview Heights Club Room

March 11

Pressed Flower Workshop 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Western Reserve Herb Society
Smith Room, CBG

March 13 - 14

Greater Cleveland Orchid Society Show and Sale
CBG

March 24

Membership Meeting, 6:00 PM
Brecksville Human Services, Gathering Room.
Program: “Lavender trails” by Amy and Jim Duxbury.

March 30

Pressed Flower Workshop 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Western Reserve Herb Society
North Royalton Library
Any questions, email Darlene at dar.hritz@gmail.com.

April 10

Senior Enrichment Through Nature Program.
11:00 AM.
Broadview Heights Community Center
Program: “A swinging swag”

April 11-12

Midwest Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale
CBG – See information on this page.

April 14

Board Meeting, 6:30 PM.
Broadview Heights Club Room.

April 17

Garden Club of Ohio – Judges Council Meeting (Open to GCO members)
Worthington Hall Country Club
Contact Debbie Schuckert
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April 28

Membership Meeting, 6:00 PM
Brecksville Human Services, Gathering Room.
Program: “Intro to wreath making” by Chippewa Garden Club members

A Hearty “Well Done” to member Neil Evans



More Workshops

March 7, 2026 10 AM to 11 AM

Seed Starting

Mentor Library

www.mentorpl.org

Free but must register

March 14, 2026 8 AM to 4 PM

The 2026 Home Gardening Workshop

Historic Lake Erie College Painesville, OH

For more information: <https://lake.osu.edu/events>



February 24, 2026 - Membership Meeting

- Attendance: 19 members
- Education Program: Geoff Rapp, scientist, native plant consultant and founder of “Fantastic Foragers,” gave a presentation on “Wild Things”, native plants with medicinal qualities.
- Treasurer Report provided by Lynne Evans as Kathy Habib was absent. Both checking and CD assets are sufficient to cover projected budget expenses. The annual required audit will be done in early March.
- **Pertinent Standing Committee Updates:**
 - o **Broadview Heights Liaison**: Noreen Butano reported that the city is moving forward with its simplified plan. Participation from the Club may not be needed.
 - o **Finance**: Members agreed to have a spring fundraiser in late April with the Red Robin Restaurant. Mary Jane Maloney will coordinate.
 - o **Garden Club of Ohio Liaison**: Debbie Schuckert announced that the club submitted applications for 12 awards. Results will be made known at the annual state convention scheduled for June.
 - o **Holden Forests and Gardens**: Next Affiliate Forum scheduled for April 2026.
 - o **Media**: Meetings with the web designer are ongoing.
 - o **Membership**: The new 2026 membership brochures were disseminated to club members.
- **Pertinent Community Project Updates**
 - o **Arbor and Earth Day**: Aggie Goss will provide second and third graders at the Brecksville-Broadview Heights elementary schools tree seedings. On April 20 Arbor and Earth Day education with hands-on projects will be offered to three local private elementary schools.
- No Membership meeting in January.
- More information may be found in the February minutes emailed to members.
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Squire Rich Update: Looking outdoors at the frosty, frigid weather, it is hard to imagine that next month we will be planning our herb garden layout and adding new plants around the house. Gardens have healing power, which is much needed when news from the outside world feels overwhelming. The bonds I have formed with my fellow gardeners who love plants are a source of happiness. We will continue to have the usual annual herbs grown in the 19th century such as basil and parsley. We hope most of our perennial herbs have managed to survive this hard winter. Some possible new additions to the house’s south side are

hollyhocks. Additionally, we are looking at the house’s north side porch. There are beds which have some hidden gems like peonies and hostas, and those, yet to be discovered. Finally, the MetroParks plan to replace the front yard sign. The new sign has a surrounding empty bed where an interesting mix of sturdy drought tolerant plants is planned to offer year-round beauty. Anyone interested in joining the Squire Rich gardening group is more than welcome. We plan to meet on Friday mornings at 10:00. Weather permitting spring cleanup will start mid-April.

Submitted by Bobbi Anderson

Flower Design - Color and Texture

Color and Texture are two principles of designs that play a vital role in creating a floral design. The color wheel and its relationships can guide the choice of colors creating high contrast or a more subdued look. Complementary colors can add vibrancy but should be balanced with softer hues to avoid visual overkill. Grouping similar colors together can give a bold impact. These are just a few visual color items to consider.

Photo from [All About Adding Texture to Your Floral Design - Randy Lemmon](#) – no copyright declared



Texture adds depth and dimension to a design. When adding a variety of textures to large petal flowers it can dramatically change the design's feel and appearance. Pairing smooth, large lilies against rough textured dried branches can enhance the visual appeal and add an unexpected twist to a traditional design.

The world of floral design is ever-changing with unique trends. By mastering the balance of color, mixing textures and following basic design rules designers can create a visually appealing arrangement that stands out, and leaves a lasting impression to win an award.

Submitted by Margaret DeWolf



Horticulture - *Clematis terniflora* (Sweet Autumn Clematis)



Clematis terniflora (Sweet Autumn Clematis) is a woody-stemmed perennial in the buttercup family. It is native to Northeastern Asia. It was introduced into the United States in the late 1800's and has become naturalized in some eastern states but is considered invasive in some areas due to self-seeding. As of 2025 this species is not considered invasive in Ohio. This vine can grow 20-25 feet and blooms on new growth with small, white, 1" fragrant blooms in masses. The late summer to mid-fall blooming flowers attract pollinators. The flowers turn into fuzzy seed heads. The vine needs support such as fences, arbors or trellises. If not supported, it can be grown as a ground cover. Prune back in late winter or early spring to control growth.

Sweet Autumn clematis grows in full sun but will do well in partial shade. It needs well-drained soil. This plant is considered deer-resistant but is toxic to pets and people.

Submitted by Kathy Habib



What is “mindfulness”?

Mindfulness is a mental process that was identified greater than 30 years ago. It has been found to decrease one's cortisol levels and thereby, stress.

“Mindfulness is the quality of being present and fully engaged with whatever we're doing at the moment — free from distraction or judgment, and aware of our thoughts and feelings without getting caught up in them.”

Source: URL <https://www.mindandsoil.com/pages/mindful-gardening-for-beginners-what-is-mindful-gardening>

Many of us already practice “mindfulness gardening” and are just unaware. To start from the beginning the magazine, “Mind and Soil”, has created free gardening guides on this topic. I encourage you to click on the above source to see where you are in your mindfulness gardening journey.

Submitted by Mary Jane Maloney



Starting to make a Dried Flower Wreath

During our April membership meeting a panel of club members will demonstrate the initial process to make dried flower wreaths which the club hopes to sell at the August Corn Roast this year as another fundraiser.

According to the 2025 Farmer's Almanac the best flowers to dry are:

Ageratum (floss flower)	Sea holly (eryngium)
Amaranth (globe)	Eucalyptus
Artemisia for its silvery foliage	Ferns
Astilbe	Globe thistle
Baby's Breath	Gomphrena
Calendula	Hydrangea
Celosia (cockscomb)	Larkspurs
Coneflower	Lavender
Cornflower	Lisianthus
(Bachelor's Buttons)	Lunaria
Delphinium	Pansies
Roses and rose buds	Queen Anne's Lace
Salvia	
Statice	
Strawflower	
Sunflower	
Tansy	
Yarrow	

Best Herbs to dry for a wreath:

Rosemary, thyme, oregano flowers and eucalyptus, chamomile

Other:

Boxwood Stems *(requires a certain method with glycerin)

Bunny Tails

Pappus Grass

Bay leaf stems

Cedar

Ideas:

[49 Chic And Everlasting Dried Flower Wreaths - DigsDigs](https://www.digsdigs.com/dried-flower-wreaths)

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Thoughts:

If you are unsure what flowers to plant this season, try some of the above.

Rosebuds are best to dry instead of an open rose.

The picture below is an idea for one of the wreaths which may be made. See listed website for more ideas.

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