CHIPPEWA GARDEN CLUB



A member of the 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,
I am so grateful for the outstanding group of Executive Board Officers that I will be working with next year. I thank them for standing up to share their talents and time with our club. As members I hope you will all offer to assist our Board Officers with the many projects our club is involved in. "Many hands makes light work."

The Executive Board Officers for 2027 are as follows:
President: Lynne Evans
Vice President: Kelly Manocchio/Debbie Schuckert
Secretary: Susan Porter
Treasurer: Kathleen Habib
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I am looking for additional members to volunteer to be Chairs for our community projects and standing committees. Please contact me if you have an interest in being a chairperson or co/chairperson or in serving on a specific committee. All "entry level" volunteers will be met with open arms and advised by a mentor. Others on the Chippewa Garden team would be thrilled to have you join us!
Looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting,
Lynne

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Senior Enrichment Through Nature
"Hallow's Eve Hats"

The seasonal changes of fall are here and Halloween. one of our most popular holidays, is fast approaching. Halloween encompasses not only the celebration of harvest but neighborhood fun with a twist of ancient traditions from pagan and Christian origins. Through the evolution of folklore, the witch became a traditional spooky element of our Halloween tradition today.
To join in on the fun of Halloween, Chippewa Garden Club presented "Hallow's Eve Hats," an event where Broadview Heights seniors created their own styled witch's hat for wear or for decoration.



The club provided black conical hats for each participant along with seasonal flowers, ribbon, spiders, bats, and ornaments to accessorize. A history was provided on the origins of the witch's costume of today to include the iconic hat. Every hat design was creative and apt to be worn on Hallow's Eve.

Many thanks to member volunteers Bobbi Anderson, Noreen Butano, Debby Compton, Lynne Evans, Judy LaBuda, and Sandy Ladebue for their help in making this a fun program for the Broadview Heights seniors.

The next "Senior Enrichment Through Nature" program will be December 4, 2026. Mark your calendars to volunteer on these fun projects.



Witch Hat "Helpers": Sandy Labedue, Judy Labuda, Debbie Compton, Lynne Evans, Noreen Butano, and Bobbi Anderson.
Submitted by Lynne

Dates to Remember

November 5 – GCO – Cleveland District Holiday Show 9 AM
Woodside at St Michaels Broadview Heights

November 10 – CPG Holiday Show Fundraiser – "Oh Christmas Tree" 6 PM
Brecksville Community Center

November 18 – Budget & Board Meeting - 5:30 PM.
Broadview Heights Club Room.

No November Member Meeting!

December 4 - Senior Enrichment Through Nature Program. 11:00 AM. Broadview Heights Community and Recreation Center
Program: "A Basket Full of Scent."

December 10 – Club Holiday Party
Simon's Restaurant – Brecksville

No Board or Member December Meeting.

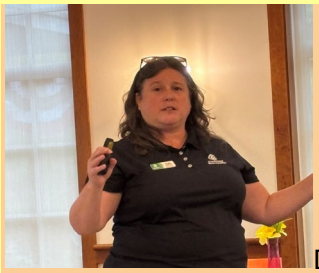
Note: Member Photos will resume in next newsletter.

Happy Holidays!

FUNDRAISER – Masters' Pizza – RESULTS ARE IN!

$114.98

Thank you to all members, families, and friends for participating.



Discover what is new at Cleveland Metroparks

During our August membership meeting, we heard Kelly McGinnis talk about the latest projects and developments going on at the Cleveland Metroparks. She has been a naturalist working in the Brecksville Reservation since 2000.

The Cleveland Metroparks was founded in 1917 and headed by landscape architect and engineer William Stinchcomb until his retirement in 1957. The initial vision grew over the years until the system now included a nationally renowned zoo, 25,000+ acres in 18 reservations throughout Cuyahoga and adjacent areas, nine golf courses, five nature centers, more than 325 miles of trails, several lakes, and its own police force.

Recent improvements include:

- Hinckley Lake Dam – lake was dredged and the dam rebuilt.
- Wallace Lake – new bathing, picnic, and recreation facilities
- Primate Forest Building at the Zoo – opening mid-October.
- Mandel Community Connector Trail between East 9th and E. 55th by the lake
- Greenway connector trails to Lake Erie and other communities
- Wildwood Marina and Hornblower's Barge – part of Euclid Creek Reservation
- Patrick S. Parker Sailing Center at the E. 55th St. Marina
- Continuing construction at Irishtown Bend along the Cuyahoga River
- Metroparks App that follows you along the trails and has lots of information.

Kelly also highlighted recent projects in our local Brecksville Reservation, including ongoing construction of over two hundred steps on the Chippewa Gorge Trail, the Sagamore connector trail, annual Fall Fest held in late September and Fossil Day in October. She then talked about the history of the Brecksville Nature Center and its human and animal guests. To learn more, visit www.clevelandmetroparks.com.

Endless ways to brighten your fall and winter landscapes

Fall and winter landscapes do not have to be dull and drab. Noelle Clark Akin, expert in gardening and training at Petitti Garden Centers, gave us plenty of ideas on how to create interest during our September meeting. Her suggestions: Experiment with contrasting colors, textures, and silhouettes. She said many plants are bred to be late bloomers, such as coreopsis, panicle hydrangeas, spirea, and others. She showed numerous examples of cold-tolerant varieties, interesting foliage textures, and even edible plants like cabbage, kale, and ornamental peppers.



Perennials also come into their own during these seasons, such as Joe Pye weed, zebra grass, anemones, lambs' ear, etc. She urged us to consider planting bulb combos in the fall, plants with fall fruit such as crab apples and chokeberries, colorful evergreens, and plants that have interesting bark (ninebark, juneberry, river birch, and others).

As an experienced garden trainer and educator, Noelle noted that garden planning, experimenting and luck play a big role. She brought several appropriate plants to give away and illustrate the beauty of fall showcase plants that are available. She stressed that this could take time and showed a famous small garden in England that was designed and created over a 40-year period to highlight color and interest in all four seasons. To see this remarkable example, visit www.fourseasonsgarden.co.uk.

To learn more about plants for winter interest, visit https://www.petittigardencenter.com/creating-winter-interest/.

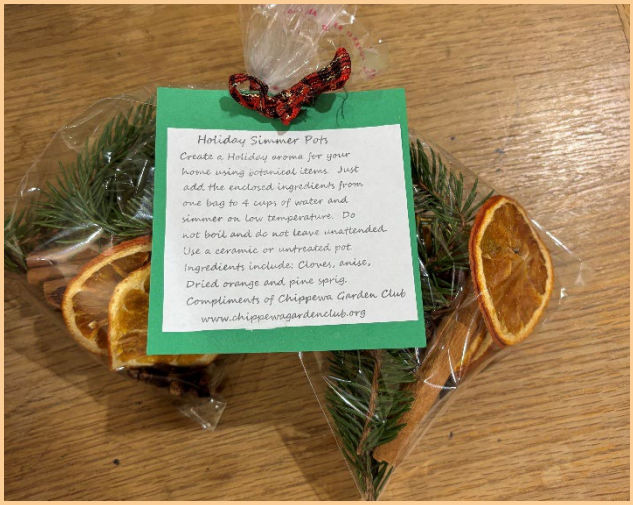
Chippewa Garden Club Sends Holiday Greeting to Lend-A-Hand Recipients

Chippewa Garden Club (CGC) has been collaborating with the Lend-A-Hand Food Pantry in Broadview Heights for several years. This year CGC decided to provide packets filled with everyday fragrant kitchen ingredients for simmer pots. Creating a holiday atmosphere in the recipients' homes of the pantry distribution will hopefully build anticipation for the holiday season. Simmer pots are a natural stovetop potpourri that when heated in water releases natural botanical fragrances that capture the nostalgic aura of the Holidays. The use of aromatics for mood



Club members: Kathy Ziemba and Lynne Evans

enhancement and healing has been used for thousands of years. This practice in modern times is referred to as aromatherapy. Simmer pots are a safe, nontoxic and more economical option for candles. Some candles can emit dangerous chemicals and cause fire hazards. Each packet made by Chippewa Garden Club contained cinnamon sticks, anise stars, cloves, dried orange peels, and pine sprigs. The ingredients were placed in a cellophane bag and tied with a festive ribbon that secured an instruction tag. The instruction tag provided the botanical names, a guide for safe use and a holiday greeting from the club. A total of 120 bags were made for distribution on October 16, 2026.



Many thanks to CGC member volunteers Kathy Ziemba, Lynne Evans, Judy LaBuda, Sandy Spann, Noreen Butano, and Sandy Ladebue for their help in completing this community project.

Submitted by Lynne Evans

Squire Rich Herb Garden Update

The Squire Rich Herb Garden is a lovely spot to visit, clip a few herbs, to sit peacefully and enjoy the beauty it offers. A variety of herbs, plants, birds, insects abound Spring, Summer, and Fall. The Garden welcomes everyone.



After a full season of activities and visitors, our Garden is readying itself to rest during the dormancy of Fall and Winter to reawaken again in the Spring. Our dedicated team of Bobbi Anderson, Jim Armstrong, Lynne Evans, Ramuté Mills, Debbie Schukert, and Sandy Spann for tending to all the seasonal tasks. Final clean up in November.

Our Cleveland Botanical Gardens Holiday Tree Project

Hello everyone,

"Tonga soa e" – Welcome in the Tonga language! For our new members please note that our club volunteers to decorate an eight-foot Christmas tree at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens (CBG) based on a theme provided. This year's theme is "Tropical Holidays" with the assigned country of Madagascar. The committee starts to plan in late Spring after CBG announces the holiday project. Many of the decorations (animals, insects, trees, clothing, and educational cards) are made.

Our committee this year is almost done with the "ornaments" and gearing up for tree set up mid-November. Once times are assigned for our club, info will be sent out so members who want to help may attend. .



Also, the club is given a benefit for free admission to the show for the first fifteen members to attend. Just let the desk staff know you are from the Chippewa Garden Club. The holiday show opens Saturday November 21, 2027, and closes Sunday January 3, 2027. Please come and join us.

Submitted by Kathy Ziemba

Horticulture

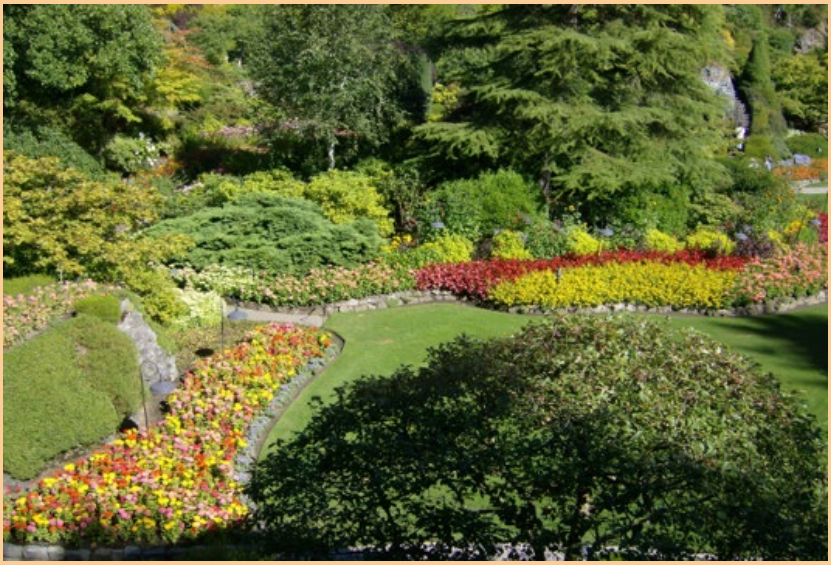
Butchart Gardens

It may seem like a long journey but a visit to Butchart Gardens on Vancouver Island in British Columbia is well worth the effort. These gardens, in a former limestone quarry, were begun in 1904 by Jennie Butchart and remain privately owned by her descendants. They were named a Canadian National Historic site in 2004.



The gardens sit on fifty-five acres with individual gardens including the sunken garden, Japanese and Mediterranean gardens, rose garden, with over 250 varieties of roses, and a bog garden. There are 151 flower beds, nine hundred varieties of bedding plants and 65,000 bulbs are planted for spring. There are seasonal shows including firework shows in July and

August. These gardens are an easy drive from the city of Victoria B. C. or a longer ferry trip from Vancouver B.C.



Submitted by Kathy Habib

Central Atlantic Region State Garden Club Conference
Ohio – The Heart of It All
October 18, 19 and 20, 2026

Once more Chippewa Garden Club members participated in the smooth running of another Garden Clubs of Ohio regional event - the 2026 CAR-SGC. Whether it was clerking, registration, table decorations, vendor assistance and more, our members were seen and experienced a fantastic event and Flower Show.



First Place to Club member Debbie Schuckert for Parallel Design.

Eucalyptus
Chrystantamum



Club Members at the Costume Dinner: Amy Carter, Debbie Schuckert and Noreen Butano

Annual Holiday Fundraiser

It's right around the corner…Many who have attended say its one of the best shows around…Time to finish your donation and decide on what "goodies" to bring as "Santa Claus is coming to town…"

