

Chippewa Garden Club Newsletter



Peering Into Nature

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President's Message

Dear Members:

It's 2014 and it's going to be a great year for gardening and this garden club! It took me 18 years of training to become your President....and I hope I observed and listened well! I truly hope I can live up to your Expectations, and if it appears I'm not, then I expect to hear about it!

The theme selected for 2014 is "*Peering into Nature*". As I explained at the Installation Luncheon, the inspiration first came from a rock Pat Gabriel gave us one year inscribed with the words: *Lose yourself in Nature and find Peace*. How inspiring and true. The second bolt of inspiration came from Doug Tallamy and his book *Bringing Nature Home*. It's a fascinating tale of how nature can become out of balance, usually due to human intervention. He provides explicit, doable advice on what we can do in our yards to help nature maintain or regain balance. I hope to use this newsletter as a way to communicate, each issue, one of his research findings or recommendations.

Gardeners work hand in hand with nature. We all know that. But sometimes we need reminders of that relationship, strengthening it, re-establishing those bonds with our birds, butterflies, insects, and native plants. Sometimes we need more knowledge as our world changes, not just reminders. So look forward to a year of programs based on a nature theme and hopefully gardening as if life depended on it.

It's not enough, however, to spread the word, so to speak, just within our Club. We are a civic organization and our civic projects will be geared to this theme too. We can touch friends, family, and neighbors with our new knowledge and resolve. I encourage you to become a responsible, involved member of Chippewa Garden Club and the communities it serves. Our civic projects are flourishing....and who knows what may be added to the list!

You will receive your 2014 Yearbooks at our first meeting, **January 28**. Please be sure and read this newsletter for other important dates!

Jo Ann Bartsch, President

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'Tis the Season

Chippewa Garden Club presented 'Tis the Season for its annual Christmas fundraiser on Thursday, November 7, 2013, at the Brecksville Community Center.

Larry Novak, Owner and Floral Designer of Novak's Florist Shoppe presented an outstanding Christmas program. Mr. Novak recently returned from the Atlanta and Chicago Florist Design Shows and revealed the latest trends in holiday flowers and seasonal Christmas decorations. Members were captivated as Mr. Novak, along with his two top designers, created artistry and quality floral designs to enhance homes from Christmas gatherings to New Year's Eve parties. The room was filled with the fragrance of fresh greens and flowers, and this wonderful scent moved gently throughout the room as Mr. Novak created floral designs. Eye catching tablescapes, foyer size designs in tried and true traditions, sophisticated arrangements in silver and gold, and a few tropical floral designs were featured.

Guests observed new techniques using wire mesh ribbon, battery operated tea lights, and the use of incredible deco wire which is ideal for adding that burst of color and design to everything. Also, burlap ribbon is returning to the decorating scene, and all were shown how to create a simply burlap bow. Flocked, glazed and glittered branches were used in many of the designs.

A Chinese auction with a Christmas theme was held during the evening.

Club members donated wreaths, swags, Christmas trees, and flower arrangements that they had created from natural materials of evergreens, cones and dried flowers.

Other desirable bidding items in the auction were wood carvings, gift cards, books and Christmas decorations. Mr. Novak was very generous to the Club and placed several of his floral designs, created during the evening, into the Chinese auction. He also gave each guest a 20% discount to be honored at his florist shop. Guests were given an opportunity to purchase some of the floral arrangements he created during the course of the evening.

Chippewa Garden Club members baked their favorite pastries and cookies for this occasion, and they were placed on several festive tables for guests to enjoy. A sparkling holiday punch was served along with coffee and tea. Guests truly enjoyed the evening and left embracing the Christmas Spirit.

Mr. Larry Novak is the Owner of Novak's Flower Shoppe in Maple Heights. Mr. Novak began his career at Alexander's Florist while still attending school and has over 48 years of experience in the industry. He is a past president of FTD Association, a top 500 member in FTD, and has been very active in the Maple Heights community and over the years has served on many civic boards. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and is currently the President of the Chamber Board of Directors. He is the past president of the Rotary Club and has served as a Trustee for the Cleveland Home and Flower Show.

Margaret DeWolf

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Thanksgiving arrangement



Larry Novak demonstrating a Christmas arrangement

Dates To Remember

Tuesday, January 14

Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Aggie Goss, 8677 Hollis Lane, Brecksville.

Tuesday, January 25

Business meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Brecksville City Hall community room. Master Gardener Chris Harris will present a great program on container gardening. We will learn to design our landscape with containers, as well as learning the basic rules of planting containers. Chris will discuss how to choose pots and plants, plus fertilizing and daily care. She will also suggest examples of containers to use throughout your yard. Join us, and discover how you can add another dimension to your landscape.

Saturday, February 8

Garden Therapy "Valentine's Posies."

To celebrate the Season of Love, program participants will create an adorable Valentine plant for their loved ones.

Tuesday, February 11

Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Broadview Hts. club room.

Tuesday, February 25

Business meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Brecksville City Hall community room. Chippewa Garden Club's Master Gardeners JoAnn Bartsch and Kathy Habib will discuss gardening in partial to dense shade. We will also learn about site and soil conditions. Learn to choose the right shrubs, bulbs, ground covers, annuals, and perennials for your shady locations.

Cleveland Botanical Garden Glow Show

Chippewa Garden Club is an affiliate member of the Cleveland Botanical Garden. As the affiliates representative, I act as a liaison between our club and the CBG and send you the affiliates' newsletter, *The Root*. I am also on the Affiliates Council for a term of 3 years. The Affiliates Council members work with the CBG, planning events that would be of interest to our garden club members, including Affiliates Day and the fall forum workshops.

To thank affiliate garden club members for their support, each year CBG invites garden club members to attend affiliates night at the winter show, Glow. Admission and parking are free for Chippewa Garden Club members. Free snacks and beverages are provided in a hospitality room.

This year 7 CGC members attended the Glow affiliates night. The Madagascar biome and Costa Rican rain forest were open, as well as the Garden Store which featured many holiday decorations for sale.



Noreen Butano, Lynne Evans, Debbie Schuckert, Kathy Habib, Pat Gabriel, and Sandy Spann

The main attractions were the decorated live trees and the gingerbread houses among the white poinsettias and red beautyberries.

The trees are decorated by affiliate clubs according to the theme of the year. CGC plans to decorate a tree in 2014.

Gingerbread houses are entered in categories by professionals, amateurs and children, and they are scattered throughout the building. Kelly Manocchio and her family entered a gingerbread creation.

Hot chocolate and gingerbread men were for sale, and an old-fashioned candy store was a new feature this year. There was a wishing tree where you could write a wish and hang it on the tree. And, the Garden Express Train gave outdoor train rides, an activity which requires a child to accompany the adult.

Plan to attend in 2014 and enjoy winter at CBG.

Kathy Habib



Manocchio Gingerbread House

Installation 2014

Chippewa Garden Club held its 2014 Installation lunch and meeting at the Brecksville Recreation Center on Sunday, December 15, 2013. Members enjoyed conversation and cheese and crackers before our 2013 President Lynn Evans began the program at 1:30 p.m. Kathy Ziemba read the Invocation, and members then helped themselves to the buffet catered by Creekside.

Following lunch our Historian Margaret DeWolf described the many programs, activities, and events held by the Club in 2013. Members could view her beautifully prepared Historian's book at the conclusion of the program.

Lynne presented the Blue Vase award, which honors an outstanding club member, to Kathy Ziemba for her role as Flower Show Chairman for our "All Hallows Eve" flower show. The Designers Award/Seibel Award went to Margaret DeWolf for her transparency design, and Kathy Habib won the Petite Award/Zuzan Award.

Lynne thanked standing committee chair and project leaders and asked Noreen Butano to perform the Installation of the 2014 officers.

Our 2014 officers are: Jo Ann Bartsch, President; Aggie Goss, Vice President; Sharon Hemeyer and Lynne Evans, Finance; Kathy Habib, Treasurer; Paula Kramer, Secretary; and Margaret DeWolf, Historian. Noreen and Judy Guinn, (who was unable to attend) planned the Installation using Jo Ann's 2014 theme—*Peering Into Nature*. Noreen read from a script that described the characteristics and strengths of a variety of vegetables and gave each new officer a lovely glass ornament of the vegetable describing their position.

Lynne symbolically passed the gavel to Jo Ann who announced the 2014 theme and then introduced three of our newest members, Marissa Abraham, Cindy Karger, and Laura Springer. Jo Ann asked the membership to review the proposed 2014 budget on the last page of our program. Margaret made a motion to accept the budget, and Marylou Melena and Noreen seconded it. Discussion followed. The motion passed.

Aggie Goss described our 2014 programs, including January's presentation on container gardening and February's on shade gardening. She requested members save tuna and chicken cans for a children's project.

Our first membership meeting is January 28, 2014. Jo Ann adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m., and members enjoyed dessert.



Paula, Jo Ann B., Sharon H., Kathy H., Margaret, Aggie, and Lynne

Getting To Know You



Chippewa Garden Club Vice President Aggie Goss

Aggie joined Chippewa Garden Club about nineteen years ago and has kept busy ever since. Her neighbor and our member Marian Dougherty sponsored her and took her to every meeting for a year. She was President of CGC in 1996 and 1997 and again in 2003 and 2004. She has chaired membership, garden therapy, floral therapy, Flower Show, scholarships, and Arbor Day. And, she was President of the Garden Club of Ohio in 2011 and 2012.



Aggie describes her yard as a strolling shady garden with benches for meditation while viewing the natural setting. She has bird baths and feeding stations as well as the occasional bird's nest on her front porch. She employs the gardening philosophy of imitating nature. When asked for a favorite quote, Aggie responded with "One who plants a garden plants happiness."

Aggie learned about floral design at Flower Show School, which consists of four courses offered through-out the state on various dates. A floral design is plant material which is creatively arranged as opposed to a bouquet which is a bunch of flowers placed in a vase or other container.

In addition to her Church activities, Aggie is also the Youth Poetry Chair of the National Garden Club and the Youth Poster contest for the Central Atlantic Region (CAR).

She encourages new members to attend the plant exchange in May as it's her favorite meeting. It's a great time to exchange "babies" aka "these plants are overpopulating my garden." Many of us point to this plant or that one in our gardens and say oh, I got that from so –and-so at the plant exchange. For older members, she advises that we get as much out of an organization as we put into it.

Well said!

Getting To Know You



Chippewa Garden Club Finance Co-Chair Sharon Hemeyer

Like Aggie, Sharon Hemeyer had a friend, Beverlle Furillo, who brought her to meetings when Sharon joined Chippewa Garden Club a few years ago. Sharon was our Historian for two years and is going into her second year as Finance Co-Chair.

Sharon owns a condo at Macintosh Farms and has a small yard in which she strives to create an English garden. She has submitted petite designs at two of CGC's Flower Shows and has learned about creating floral designs from our meeting programs.

In addition to our club, Sharon volunteers at the North Royalton Rack and Read kindergarten programs and at the reception desk after her 9:00 a.m. Church services.

She loves David Austin's *The Rose* and *English Cottage Gardening for Americans* by Margaret Hensel. Her advice for new members is that there's something to learn for everyone, and for older members she suggests that we look forward to our program speakers. Sharon has learned a lot and met **so** many nice people.

Sharon's favorite quotation is "Make hay while the sun shines."





News From the Greene Acres Community Garden Looking for new gardeners There will be plots available for 2014!

As a member of Chippewa Garden Club, you are eligible to be a member of the Greene Acres Community Garden.

Plots are 4' x 10' raised beds and cost \$30. If you're interested in becoming a Greene Acres member, please send an email to: m.nolan@csuohio.edu requesting a plot. She'll contact you as soon as we know how many and which plots are available for spring planting. An application form, By-Laws, Garden Rules, and a liability release form are included on the City of Broadview Heights' web page if you're interested in seeing how the garden is organized.

The next Greene Acres membership meeting is at **10:00 a.m., January 18, 2013**, at Broadview Heights City Hall. After the meeting, Christine Harris, OSU Master Gardener will give a presentation on waking up the garden for spring. See the enclosed flyer.

You can contact Jo Ann Bartsch who is chairperson of the Chippewa Community Garden Committee if you have any questions about the Greene Acres Community Garden. Hope to see some of our members in the garden as soon as weather allows us to start planting!



Waking the Garden

A Presentation by Ohio State Extension Service Master Gardeners for the Greene Acres Community Garden

Saturday, January 18, 2014

Presentation will follow the Greene Acres Membership Meeting, which starts at 10:00 a.m.

City of Broadview Heights Council Chambers
9543 Broadview Road, Broadview Heights

Come and learn how to wake up your gardens, both vegetable and otherwise, in preparation for spring. Christine Harris, OSU Master Gardener, will answer all your growing questions!

Presentation is free to the public.

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