



# Chippewa Garden Club Newsletter

## *Art and the Garden*

January/February 2015

<http://chippewagardenclub.com/>

### President's Message

It's 2015, and the Chippewa Garden Club is planning a Flower Show Year. Late last year, we selected the show title "*Artists in our Garden*" and already have had a presentation by the talented designer Barb Schuh. Barb interpreted paintings by the three artists whose works the Flower Show Committee selected for inspiration: Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Claude Monet, and Vincent Van Gogh. What more needs to be said about a theme for this year: it obviously must be "**Art and the Garden!**"

It's not an easy thing to define art; we know it when we see it, not just in paintings but in architecture. We communicate beauty through art, and art involves creativity, expression, and emotion. Isn't it interesting that many artists peer into nature to find their inspiration? In actuality, this year's theme is a journey back into nature to find great examples of design and to apply them in our gardens and in our artistic creations like designs and photos. Van Gogh is famous for his sunflowers in a vase, not to mention irises and other summer flowers. Monet was passionate about his garden at Giverny--imagine if there weren't water lilies in the pond! Renoir's landscapes and still life paintings were all done with the beauty of nature in mind. "Why shouldn't art be pretty", he said, "there are enough unpleasant things in the world."

I'm challenging all of you this year to join in the cultivation of beauty in our gardens and in our community. Think of yourself as an artist when you make your yards inviting to native wildlife and

especially to the pollinators. Enthusiastically spread what you learn in any of our educational programs to the next generation eager to learn or to those who somehow never learned. Embrace wholeheartedly the idea of creating beauty in our Flower Show in September. And above all, let's all have fun doing it!

You'll receive your 2015 Yearbook at our first meeting, January 27. Please be sure to read this newsletter for other important dates in January and February. **Please note the change in our meeting location!!**

And one final caution--be careful with all those seed catalogs that appear in our mailboxes. Ordering seeds (without careful planning) can be a dangerous obsession! Nonetheless, think hard about something new and unique you might want to grow just for the Flower Show!

*Jo Ann*



## Dates to Remember:

### Tuesday, January 13

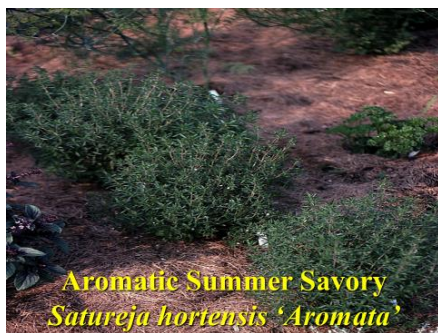
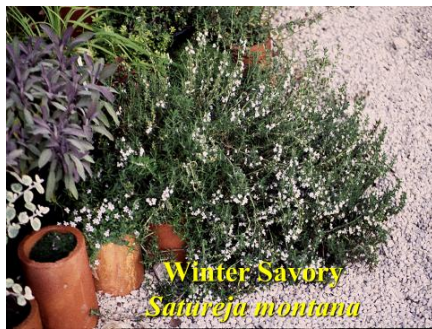
Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. Brecksville Human Services, Activity Room A  
First meeting of the year pot luck.  
Watch for details in your email invitation

### Tuesday, January 27

Membership Meeting, Brecksville Human Services, Activity Room A, 7:00 pm

#### ***“Spice up Your Garden and Cooking with Herbs”***

Our very own garden club member and OSU Master Gardener Kathy Habib will present a program on those herbs we love to grow and cook with. She will discuss cultivation, preserving, and cooking with those useful plants.



(See the Herb of the Year story...next page.)

### Tuesday, February 10

Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Broadview Heights Club Room

### Saturday, February 14

Garden Therapy at Pleasantview Care Center at 10:00 a.m. The theme is *“Honey Bees: The Ultimate Link Between Plant and Man.”* Participants will learn about the importance of these friendly pollinators and will design a seasonal garden plan to promote “Bee Health” in the courtyard plaza at Pleasantview. Call Lynne at (440) 668-6128 to help. It’s fun, and the participants love it!

### Tuesday, February 24

Membership Meeting, Brecksville Human Services, Activity Room A, 7:00 p.m.

#### ***“Growing Houseplants”***

Kathy Habib returns this month to present a program on growing houseplants in preparation for and anticipation of a bursting-at-the-seams horticulture division in our September Flower Show. Your houseplant entries must be in your possession for 90 days.

The presentation will include both flowering and foliage houseplants and their cultivation (soil, water, light, humidity requirements) and fertilization. The program will also address identification of pests and diseases. If you can’t identify one of your houseplants, bring it in (or a leaf or a photo) and we’ll identify it.

## 2015 Herb of The Year: Savory

Every year, The International Herb Association chooses the herb of the year. For 2015, the herb of the year is savory. There are 30 species of annuals and perennials.

Two types of savory are the most commonly used: summer savory (*Satureja hortensis*), an annual, and winter savory (*Satureja montana*), a perennial. Both are native to Mediterranean areas. The genus *Satureja* was named by the Roman writer Pliny and was introduced into England during the reign of Caesar. Ancient Romans used summer savory to flavor vinegar and grew it near beehives to enhance the flavor of honey. They also used savory medicinally for sore throats, intestinal disorders and insect stings.

Summer savory is best seeded into its permanent location. Seeds are slow to germinate. Use early growth fresh and then dry plants after they bloom for winter use. It grows 1-2 feet tall. Summer savory has a milder flavor than winter savory and is often referred to as “the bean herb.” Use it in soups, stews, marinades, scrambled eggs, and with meats and vegetables, especially all types of beans. It makes a delightful tea and is an important ingredient in Bulgarian cuisine.

Winter savory is hardy to zone 6 and grows 6 – 12” tall. Older stems become woody and should be pruned back to the ground several times a year to keep plant open for new growth. Winter savory can be planted as an informal hedge. It does not need as much water as summer savory, as too much moisture can lessen its winter hardiness.

Winter savory is an aromatic, culinary and medicinal herb with a stronger flavor than summer savory. It can be used to scent potpourris. Use fresh or dried leaves to flavor vinegar, butter, bean dishes, soups, meat, poultry, fish, tea and to perk up stuffing. It does not hold up well to long periods of stewing. Winter savory can be mixed with other herbs such as sage, thyme and bay.

**Kathy Habib**

## Programs and Activities October, November, and December 2014

**By Margaret DeWolf**

### October 28, 2014

After the October Membership Meeting members gathered to create a craft project. Members selected a teacup and saucer with a Christmas motif and glued the teacup and saucer together. Next they proceeded to glue a miniature Christmas tree inside the teacup. Using a wide selection of miniature Christmas tree ornaments and miniature garland everyone entertained themselves by decorating their Christmas tree. Imagination and artistic skills took over and the creativity ran wild. Members were all impressed with the adorable, endearing and delightful Christmas trees created.





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### November 6, 2014

Chippewa Garden Club chose the title “Creating a Festive Christmas all Around the House” for its annual Christmas fundraiser on Thursday, November 6, 2014, at the Brecksville Community Center. Sandra Apidone, Owner and Floral Designer of Countryside Florist presented an outstanding Christmas program. Sandra recently returned from the Atlanta Florist Design Show and revealed the latest trends in holiday flowers and seasonal decorations. A Chinese raffle was held with Christmas items Chippewa members created and with some of Sandra’s Christmas designs from her presentation. Chippewa members baked their favorite pastries and cookies for guest to enjoy. Sandra Apidone owns a unique floral shop in Richfield, Ohio that offers a variety of home décor items, fresh flower designs, plants, paintings, and jewelry.



Chippewa’s youngest and oldest members, Olivia Manocchio and Marian Dougherty.

### November 11, 2014

Chippewa Garden Club received a First Place for its 2014 Flower Show Schedule from the Central Atlantic Region. The award was presented at the Garden Club of Ohio (GCO) Cleveland District Christmas Luncheon and Meeting.



Sandy Apidone (right) and her “crew”.



Left to Right: Mickie Marquis (GCO President), Helen Vlastic (GCO District Director), Jo Ann Bartsch

## Programs and Activities October, November, and December 2014 (cont'd.)

By Margaret DeWolf

### November 15, 2014

Chippewa Garden Club members traveled to Pine Tree Barn, in Wooster, OH. The Barn is a restored Dutch Bank Barn featuring home furnishings and interior design items. After arriving, we found the Barn bursting with beautiful Christmas decorations, ornaments, elves, gifts, and nearly 40 professionally decorated Christmas trees. The Barn has three intriguing floors to wander through, and we quickly snapped up gifts and enjoyed the wonderful opportunity to view breathtaking rooms decorated for the holidays. We had a delightful lunch in the gourmet restaurant and then continued our pleasurable day of Christmas shopping.

### November 23, 2014

The Brecksville Beautification Committee invited Chippewa Garden Club members to assist in filling the containers in front of Brecksville store fronts along Route 21 with holiday greens. The containers were filled with three types of greens, red and white sticks, red berries, twisted grapevine and white birch logs.



### November 25, 2014

The Cleveland Botanical Garden invites the members of local Garden Clubs to decorate a Christmas tree for their annual winter "Glow" Show. The show is a magical indoor experience that has become one of Cleveland's holiday traditions. Members of Chippewa Garden Club chose Hale Farm and Village for their tree theme. Hale Farm is an outdoor living history museum depicting life in the mid- 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Members placed period crafts made on the Hale Farm premises to decorate the tree. They also created large florets from magnolia leaves and pine cones for the tree.



CBG Tree Decorators (from left): Lynne Evans, Aggie Goss, Kathy Habib, Kathy Ziemba

### December 7, 2014

Garden Club members gathered in the Brecksville Community Center for the annual Holiday Luncheon where they enjoyed a delicious luncheon catered by Creekside Grill, in Brecksville. Following the luncheon Margaret DeWolf and Kathy Habib presented a power point presentation that reflected on the many projects and events the Club sponsored and enjoyed in 2014.