

Chippewa Garden Club Newsletter



Gardens say, Slow down

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President's Message

September is a good month to plant new trees, shrubs, vines and spring flowering bulbs. Check out nurseries and catalogs (like our Flower Power fundraiser) for new selections for your garden.

The first bulbs to bloom in spring are the first to plant in the fall. Remember to add bone meal for good root development.

Plant fall ornamentals such as flowering cabbage, kale and mums. Be sure to protect them, as these are deer favorites.

Leave seed heads on your sunflowers, coneflowers and cosmos; the birds love them. Begin to set up birdfeeders for the winter if you haven't been feeding them all summer.

Plant herb seeds such as basil indoors now to use this winter.

Bring houseplants in from outdoors. Depending on the weather, I try to do this by the second week of September. Stop fertilizing most houseplants until next spring.

October is the time to finish putting the garden to bed for the winter. Cut perennials down to ground level, but leave mum and asparagus foliage in place for the winter. Throw out any diseased materials. Composting them will just spread the disease. Dig and store caladiums, canna tubers and gladiola corms for winter storage.



Drain and store hoses when you are sure you will no longer need them.

You can start bulbs such as paper whites indoors for blooms in a few weeks.

Kathy Habib

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Dates To Remember

Tuesday, September 13
Board Meeting Cancelled
Metroparks Brecksville Reservation Master Plan at Sleepy Hollow Golf Course from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 24

Garden Therapy at **10:00 a.m.** at Pleasantview Care Center. A fall leaves program includes identifying leaves and making a felt leaf design. Call Lynne Evans to help.

Tuesday, September 27

Program change: Membership Meeting at **7:00 p.m.** at the Brecksville Human Services, Activity Room A. Rob Erick from the Cleveland Photographic Society will discuss how to take better photographs of our gardens and our designs. Come with your questions. The business meeting will include election of officers.

Sunday, October 1

Apple Butter Festival at the Squire Rich Museum. Call Judy Guinn to help in the herb garden.

Tuesday, October 11

Board meeting at **6:30 p.m.** at the Broadview Hts. Clubroom

Wednesday, October 19

Garden Club of Ohio District Meeting at St. Michael's Woodside in Broadview Hts.

Tuesday, October 25

Membership Meeting at **7:00 p.m.** at the Brecksville Human Services, Activity Room A. Joanna Thomas of Gardenscapes by Joanna will present "Fabulous Flowering Shrubs."

Nominating Committee Notification

This year's nominating committee consists of Sandy Ladabue, Diane Mele, and Sandy Spann. The following is their proposed slate of officers for 2017. The election will take place at our September 27th membership meeting at which time the President will ask for nominations from the floor.

President	Kathy Habib
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Submitted by Diane Mele



"Behold the very beautiful Monarch, our first of the season!"

Photo by Jo Ann Bartsch

July 2016

Goldenrods

Goldenrods are one of my favorite garden plants. Most goldenrods are genus *Solidago* with over 100 species, and most are perennials and found in prairies and fields, growing 3-5 ft. tall.

Most varieties are native to North America and have become naturalized in Europe. While some consider them weeds, and they are considered invasive in Germany and China, there are beautiful varieties available for the home gardener. They are the state flower of Kentucky, Nebraska and South Carolina.

Goldenrods are propagated by seeds or rhizomes. They do not cause allergies because their seeds are too heavy to be carried by the wind. Ragweed is the real cause of seasonal allergies.

Goldenrods are deer resistant and low maintenance. They prefer full sun and a sandy, loamy soil but are easy to grow in poor soil. They bloom late summer into fall. Leaf rust may be a problem. Pollinators are attracted to them, and they are an important nectar source for migrating monarchs. Goldfinches will eat the seeds of some species.

Folk remedies call goldenrod woundwort. It has been used historically to treat wounds, kidney stones, urinary tract infections, tuberculosis and diabetes. North American natives chewed leaves to relieve sore throats and chewed the roots to relieve toothaches. There has not been enough research in humans to substantiate these remedies, and herbal products should never be used on open wounds.

As an herb, goldenrod flowers can be eaten and used to garnish salads. Leaves can be cooked like spinach or brewed as tea.

In the 1930's Thomas Edison, in conjunction with Henry Ford, experimented with goldenrod leaves to produce rubber. The U.S. Department of Agriculture took over the experiments but found the process too costly; however, synthetic rubber was discovered during WWII.

S. rugosa "fireworks": good cut flower

S. rigida: Stiff Goldenrod

S. Ohioensis: Ohio Goldenrod, largest flower of the goldenrods

S. speciosa: Showy Goldenrod, prefers dry soil

S. canadense "Baby Gold", compact variety 15-24" tall

S. graminifolia: Lace Leaf Goldenrod, may be aggressive in moist sunny location

Kathy Habib



Solidago rugosa Fireworks

It's That Time of Year

One of the rewards of joining a club such as Chippewa Garden Club is meeting new people and making new friends, learning new ways of gardening and floral design, and eventually taking a position as an officer, standing committee chair, or project coordinator. The first year I joined, I was in awe of the newsletter chair and thought it would be the last job I'd ever be able to do, but I've done it off and on since 2008. What a great learning experience! If you look at my issues from the beginning, you'll agree that I learned on the job. All I had to do was say yes, and do my best.

It's that time of year when we elect officers at our September membership meeting, and those officers will call the membership—that's you—to fill the following standing committees and project coordinators. Please read the descriptions carefully and choose one or two that you would be willing to try, either by yourself or with a friend or mentor.

Pat Gabriel

Standing Committees

Brecksville Beautification Liaison

Serves on the Brecksville Beautification Committee and identifies city projects in Brecksville where the garden club might participate or implement.

Broadview Hts. Liaison

Contacts Broadview Hts. maintenance director regarding our club room as well as requests for beautification projects in Broadview Hts.

Cleveland Botanical Garden

Receives via email copies of the CBG publication *The Root* as well as other announcements from CBG and Holden Arboretum and forwards them to CGC members; attends two forums at CBG in spring and fall (during day, usually on Thursdays); parking is free, but there is a fee for the forum; and coordinates any CBG projects in which CGC wishes to get involved.

Hospitality

Identifies two volunteer hostesses for each membership meeting as well as hostesses for the November Holiday Show and inventories and purchases refreshment supplies.

Membership

Maintains file of First Year Membership Summary; collects and maintains current and new membership applications and yearly dues;

assists with printing yearly club membership brochure and disperses at assigned locations throughout city; maintains current and updated member email addresses; and maintains and updates club membership roster.

Newsletter

Creates the newsletter in a Microsoft Office program. Includes articles on projects and events as well as announcing upcoming events and reporting on past garden club activities. Emails newsletter to membership, printing and sending by U.S. mail copies to members lacking email.

Publicity

Emails timely press releases to three publications: ScripType Publishing, *Gazette*, and *Royalton Recorder* as well as emailing online websites with our monthly publicity information.

Sunshine

Sends get well cards and cards of condolence to members.

Website

Maintains the club's website, making sure information is accurate, up to date, and reflects the club's mission.

It's That Time of Year, cont.

Standing Committees, cont.

Yearbook

Updates the Yearbook for the coming year with the President's message and theme and membership and program information using a Microsoft Office program. Sends the updated Yearbook to the printer and labels copies for the membership.

Projects

Arbor Day

Orders tree seedlings in January from the Virginia Department of Forestry. Organizes supplies for distribution of tree seedlings (bags, string, labels, peat moss,) and purchases the supplies and divides them in to quantities necessary for each school. Contacts each school to schedule the date and time of distribution (Highland, Hilton, Chippewa and Assumption.) Organizes and recruits volunteers to go to each school and distribute the seedlings and represent Chippewa Garden Club.

Community Gardens

Oversees projects that involve community gardening efforts. Currently, the club has a position on the Greene Acres Community Garden, Inc. Board and coordinates the Recess Gardening Team with the National Wildlife Federation, at Central School.

Floral Therapy

Receives calls from local funeral homes to collect unwanted floral bouquets, rearranges the displays, and delivers them to area senior facilities.

Flower Show

Forms a committee to plan and organize the Flower Show; writes or oversees writing the show schedule; designates a Design chairman, and a Horticulture chairman;

designates a committee member to contact judges and organize the judge's luncheon, and designates committee members to organize the front entrance design, the awards, the signs for show entrance, the division signs, the class signs, and the set up and take down.

Garden Therapy

Plans gardening-themed activities for residents of area senior care centers.

Home Days Coordinator

Contacts the city personnel in charge of Brecksville Home Days in January or February with a booth request, organizes the set-up, and recruits the volunteers to staff the booth during the hours Home Days is open.

Library Liaison

Discusses ways in which CGC can enrich our community library. Past activities have included childrens' garden projects and story hours about gardening.

Squire Rich Herb Garden

Organizes spring cleanup and planting in March and April and inventories herbs in need of replacement, purchasing and planting them in May. Coordinates volunteers for weekly weeding and for tours of the herb garden at the Historical Association's two annual festivals. Weekly weeding and watering, if necessary, occurs following planting until fall cleanup.

Scholarship

Recommends the distribution of the budgeted amount.

Miller Preserve Fieldtrip

Our field trip to the Miller Preserve in Avon on July 9 was on a lovely Saturday. After we toured the grounds and the conservatory, we enjoyed lunch on the outdoor patio.

In addition to the members pictured below, Margaret DeWolf and Pat Gabriel also attended.

Pat



At the top is the Miller conservatory; bottom left, the grounds and the patio; bottom right Kathy Ziemba, Kathy Habib, and Mary Lou Melena

Corn Roast at Squire Rich

What a delightful day we had for the Brecksville Historical Association's Corn Roast. Perfect weather, live music, great corn, hot dogs, sloppy joes, root beer, and lots of interest in the herb garden.

Children enjoyed smelling the herbs as did the adults. One of the Historical Association's board members made us herb cookies, which were a hit! She used lavender, rosemary, and thyme from our garden in her cookies.

Some visitors left with clipped herbs to use in preparing their dinners that evening. Some even wanted to know where to purchase herbs that we have in the garden. Visitors to the herb garden are always surprised by the beauty of our little garden, especially when they pass it almost daily and notice the fence but have no idea what's on the other side.

Judy Guinn



Squire Rich

Black-eyed Susans and Ironweed by the Fence

Photo by Marisa Abraham

Reservation Master Plan Open Houses



When & Where

September 13 at 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Reservation: [Brecksville Reservation](#)

Golf Course: [Sleepy Hollow Golf Course](#)

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Reservation Master Plans for Bedford, Brecksville, Hinckley and West Creek are being updated this year. These plans will help direct efforts in the parks over the next two to twenty years. Please join Cleveland Metroparks staff at the following Public Open Houses to share your ideas for the future of the parks.

Presentations at 5:45 and 6:30 p.m.