



Country Garden Club

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This past month has been full of activity for Country Garden Club with the Planting of the Arbor Day Tree, a Native Buckeye, planted at Three Meadows

Park and funded by CGC;

Conservation Committee's arranged Maumee River Bank clean up with Clean Your Streams; Horticulture Committee's Shade Garden Presentation – Hosta by Phil Hollenbaugh, Master Gardener and B.G. Simpson Park Volunteer, Photography Committee's trip to Black Swamp Conservancy's headquarters to view the trillium and Floral Design Committee's virtual visit to the Detroit Institute of Art for a program, "Floral Craftsmanship" by Gregor Lersch. In addition we all received the generous invitation from Sara Jane DeHoff for a self guided tour of her gardens via the Garden History and Design Committee following acceptance of her garden into the Smithsonian archives. Thank you to all the committees for these wonderful opportunities to volunteer, indulge our interests, learn new techniques and savor a very special Perrysburg site.

To those who are interested in Monarch Butterflies, the May 2021 issue of "Smithsonian" has an enlightening article "Where the Monarchs Go" with fantastic photos. **I am looking forward to seeing you all on Monday, June 14th at the CGC Membership and Annual Meeting to be held, hopefully, outside at Mary Louise Bowe's home.** Please put the date on your calendars and join us.

Nancy

Upcoming Events

June 7, CGC Board Meeting at Nancy Lehmann's home

June 14-General Membership Meeting-Mary Louise Bowe's home

PHOTOGRAPHY:

May 17 Field Trip to Sawyer Quarry

FLORAL DESIGN:

May 20 and 21 11 AM-4PM - Pressed Flower Greeting Card workshops. WW Knight Preserve with Horticulture

VISITING GARDENS

MAY 27 10 AM John Vrablic's garden-Rossford.

HORTICULTURE

May 19 - Traditional Spring Flower planting of Hospice containers.

May 20 11 AM-4PM - Pressed Flower Greeting Card workshops. WW Knight Preserve

Saturday, May 22nd, installation of the 4th Bee House at Simpson Park

May 25 - Part 2 of Shade garden learning is a field trip to Columbus.

June 14 - Annual Plant Exchange. (Held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting)

Remember to pay your annual CGC dues By June 1st!!



Brief Summary of CGC Meeting May 10, 2021 By Mary Merrick

Welcome by President

Program: Floral Design Committee, Susan Garn and Maryann Fishbaugh

“Painting with Flowers” with Christin Geall. Susan introduced us to the GCA video. The presentation was most informative and the floral designs created by Christin were breathtaking. We can all review the video on the GCA web site.

President Report: Nancy Lehmann announced that the *CGC Flower Show will occur June*

3, 4, and 5, 2022. Any members who are interested in helping with the show are advised to contact Nancy to indicate their interest.

Officers Reports:

Recording Secretary- Karen Hinkson, Review of April Minutes. The CGC Board voted to provide a \$50.00 honorarium to the March and April meeting speakers.

Treasurer’s Report- Judy Lang reported that CGC remains financially sound. She reminded us all that the annual membership dues are required by June 1st. Judy also asked that all receipts be submitted ASAP so that budgets for the coming year can be finalized.

1st Vice President- Judy Reitzel- Endowment Fund. \$365.00 has been contributed to the Endowment fund in the past two months.

2nd Vice President- Mary Louise Bowe, Jeanne Lesniewicz-Provisionals. A lovely tea was held for the Provisionals on May Fourth. The Provisional are actively working on their project which will involve the CGC archives.

Corresponding Secretary- Annette Sipp- The membership voted unanimously to approve Green Book changes as included in the April CGC minutes. Annette also asked for any changes that need to be included in the new Green Book be sent to her ASAP as changes are now being finalized.

Committee Reports:

Conservation-Kim Frazier, Sherie Robarge. Kim reported on the very successful River Clean-up on April twenty second. Sherie advised us that the delivery of the prescription bottles has been delayed indefinitely due to construction delays at the Bowling Green Humane Society building.

Floral Design-Susan Garn, Maryann Fishbaugh. Susan reminded us that the virtual GCA Annual Meeting begins tomorrow and has interesting floral design content. She also reminded us that the Pressed Flower Workshop will occur on May twentieth.

Garden History and Design-Colleen McGoldrick, Marsha Molnar. Colleen reminded us all to try to visit Sara Jane DeHoff’s garden on Stonecroft. There may be a submission to the Smithsonian from CGC describing this magnificent garden. If you visit you can park at 577 or on Stonecroft.

Visiting Gardens (ad hoc committee)-Holly Samuelson reminded us to attend the tour of John Vrablic’s Conifer Garden May Twenty seventh at 10am. Call Holly if you wish to attend 419 973-3268.

Photography-Pat Todak. There will be a visit to the Sawyer Quarry on May Seventeenth at 10am.



Community Projects-Cathy Clark. There have been no applications received to this date.

Nominating-Clare Gorski, 2021-22 Officers and 2021-22 Provisional Group Nominations for 2021-22 were all approved by the CGC membership vote.

Horticulture-Ursula Kluge announced the following important events;

- 1.Hospice pot planting, May 19th
- 2.Pressed Flower Workshop May 20th 11am to 4pm. All supplies will be provided. The cards will be sold at the Trunk Show.
- 3.Saturday 22nd, installation of the 4th Bee House at Simpson Park
- 4.May 25th, visit to the Chadwick Arboretum in Columbus.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee- Jane Moore, Chairman, presentation of the proposed 2021-22 Strategic Plan. The plan included with the minutes did not include the changes proposed by the CGC Board at its most recent meeting. A revised version of the Strategic Plan will be provided to the membership for study prior to a vote at the June meeting.

2021 Trunk Show-Karen Hinkson and Terri Radke, Co-Chairmen. All committees are active and making good progress.

Sally Goligoski asked for anyone interested in helping her set up and/or manage a party on August 21st from 4-6pm to kick off the Perrysburg Convention Bureau Sculpture Walk to contact her. Phone number 419 343 3605, alternately call Nancy Lehmann 419 450 7500.

Next meeting is to be in-person on June 14, at 10am at Mary Louise Bowe's home. Remember the plant exchange will be held at this meeting. Forms can be found on the Garden Club of America's web page [Click here to print forms for the exchange](#)

ENDOWMENT FUND REPORT Submitted by Judy Reitzel, Chair

OFFERING A TRIBUTE

A tribute is a gift given to show affection, respect, gratitude, or admiration.

When the occasion calls for a tribute, a donation to the CGC Endowment Fund is a lasting way to honor or remember someone and support our respected and beloved Country Garden Club. The following tributes were recently made:

- Susan Garn donated in memory of Maryann's Fishbaugh's brother James Mertes, and in memory of Nancy Baron and Linda Swemba's brother, Thomas Vincent Basich Jr.
- Karen Hinkson donated in memory of Nancy Baron and Linda Swemba's brother, Thomas Vincent Basich, Jr.
- Betty Raker donated in memory of her CGC sponsors Joyce Quinlivan and Barbara Coon.
- Judith Reitzel donated in memory of Deb Buker.
- Ursula Kluge donated in commemoration of this year's Earth Day and in honor of her daughter Kirsten, born on the first Earth Day.

If you would like to donate to the Country Garden Club Endowment Fund, please make your check payable to the Country Garden Club Endowment Fund and send it to P.O. Box 818, Perrysburg, 43552.



On Thursday, April 22, Earth Day, from 2:00-4:00PM, the Conservation Committee did a “Clean Your Streams 365” river clean up along the Maumee River at Orleans Park. Even after only a 24 hour notice of a venue change from Buttonwood to Orleans Park, 16 volunteers showed up to participate in removing trash and recording what was removed, to protect the river and wildlife from garbage in the water. Kris Patterson, Executive Director of Partners for Clean Streams, and her associate, Liv, accompanied us and provided all necessary equipment. Thirty-seven pounds of trash was collected, including fishing line, bobbers, cigarette butts, bottles, miscellaneous plastic and foam, and a pair of sandals.

Many thanks to Judy Reitzel and Marlene Mills for contacting all three television stations, plus the Perrysburg Messenger and Bowling Green Sentinel, and notifying them of the venue change the day before the event. They all showed up and thoroughly covered the event with videos and interviews.

It was a very successful event and the Conservation Committee will plan on participating in a “Clean Your Streams 365” again in the future.

Kim Frazier and Sherie Robarge
Conservation Committee Co-Chairs



16 members collected at Orleans Park in Perrysburg, to “Clean our Stream-365” on the Maumee River.



***** Join us on Thursday, May 27th at 10:00 a.m.*****

We will again be visiting John Vrablic’s garden at **136 Hannum Avenue in Rossford Ohio**. MASKS ARE REQUIRED.

We toured his garden last fall to see the color changes of his conifers as they approached winter. This tour will show us the colors of the conifers as they go into spring and summer. It is fun to see how hard the conifers work as they approach summer.

You are welcome to bring a friend. John suggests we ***park behind his house which is the Rossford Library’s parking lot***. There will be colored balloons to highlight the parking.

It will be great to see all of our friends again.

RSVP required HOLLY SAMUELSON @ 419-973-3268



John’s “Garden” in Rossford, fall 2020 Join us to compare colors between spring and fall!

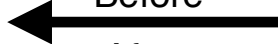


April Snow 2021

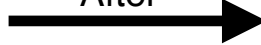
On April 21, Many of us woke to a wonderland of Spring Colors, hidden beneath three to four inches of snow. Thanks to members of our garden club photography committee and others, We bring you a pictorial review of Winter's Last Breath, in NW Ohio.



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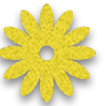
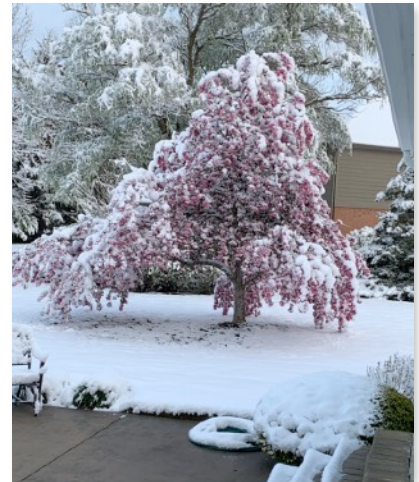
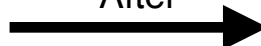
"Before and After"
Submitted by
Pat Todak



Before



After



Frosty Forsythia—*Ursula Kluge*



WW Knight Nature Preserve —*Diane Gannon*



"Snowy Blooms"—*Kiran Rai*



"Hidden Crab Apple Blossoms—*Nancy Lehmann*



Annual Plant Exchange The membership is invited to participate in the Annual CGC Plant Exchange to be held in conjunction with our June 14th in-person General Membership and Annual Meeting at Mary Louise Bowe's house.

The backstory:

Historically the Plant Exchange was held at the June meeting. Two years ago, after Ohio Governor DeWine signed into law that 'April is Ohio Native Plant Month' the CGC Board of Directors approved the move of the annual club plant exchange to April in commemoration thereof. Then COVID 19 came upon us and we did not see each other last year and also April of this year. Our first in-person membership meeting will be in June so it was decided to have the Club plant exchange then.

Requirements:

Everyone is invited to bring plants, either from your garden or purchased from your favorite local nursery, and then in exchange take something home for your own garden at the end of the meeting. The ONE for ONE rule applies, so take the same number of plants (or fewer) you are contributing to the exchange. Although the focus is on Native plants to Ohio, all plants are accepted. A GCA Plant Exchange Entry Form is expected to accompany each plant. This is to identify each plant to its new owner. It is available on the GCA website 'Members Area':

[Click here to go to the website and print your form .](#)

In the 'keyword search' section type in 'plant exchange entry', then click on 'Resources: Plant Exchange'. In the next frame, after clicking on 'Plant Exchange Entry Cards' the forms will open and you can print.

Please fill out the form as thoroughly as possible, place it into a baggy and affix it to each plant before bringing it to the Bowe's house. Please deposit it in the designated outside Plant Exchange area and please, only select your new plants at the end of the meeting before going home.



All about Hostas



L-R: Some of the species shared with attendees. Ursula Kluge, Mrs. Hollenbaugh, and Holly Samuelson share ideas. Phil discusses specifics of some of his Hosta babies.



The Horticulture Committee arranged for an in-person meeting and invited all CGC members interested to attend. Twenty-two gardeners, happy to be out, albeit masked face-to-face, joined together at Grace United Methodist Church on April 27.

Shade Gardens: event #1 — “**All About Hostas**” was presented by Phil Hollenbaugh, the primary gardener of the Hosta Glen at Simpson Garden Park in Bowling Green. Phil has been a Master Gardener Volunteer at the City park since 2012, is a member of the American Hosta Society (AHS), the Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Societies. During that time he developed an area of less than two dozen hostas into a sprawling glen of now close to 1,300 species, all tediously identified with Common and Botanical names.

The Simpson Garden Park Hosta Glen was designated an AHS Display Garden in 2014. There are 26 AHS Display Gardens in the United States of which 3 are in Ohio and all three are in the Toledo area. The Hosta Garden at the 577 Foundation and the Toledo Botanical Garden being the other two. According to Phil, the Simpson Garden Park Hosta Glen has been declared one of the best two nationally along with an Iowa garden.

With a stunning array of aesthetically potted mini-hostas on hand, Phil expertly guided us in his presentation through the genus of plants commonly known as **hostas** or **plantain lilies**, their Asian origin and how they came to be the best selling plant in the US. How hybridization efforts grew the hosta family from an original few dozen species, brought from Japan to Europe in the mid 19th century and from there to the US, to now close to 9,000 in the world. He shared the reasons of the hostas popularity as:

- Shade loving
- Low maintenance
- Winter hardiness (zones 3-9)
- Varied range of size, from miniature to gigantic
- Varied range of colors, from almost white, a range of variegated to quite dark blue-green leaves
- Easy propagation by division
- Attractive smell of flowers
- Attraction to hummingbirds



In his very comprehensive presentation Phil also discussed the less desirable aspects of hosta gardening and how to spot/identify them as well as offering remedial suggestions. He talked about hosta loving critters: deer, rabbits, squirrels and also slugs, snails and nematodes. Damage from flying insects, i.e., grasshoppers and cutter bees. Diseases such as anthracnose, fungi, petiole and crown rot, and a fairly new Hosta Virus X (HVX).

A slide show led us through the evolution of the Hosta Glen at Simpson Garden Park throughout Phil Hollenbaugh’s tenure and left us all a bit humble but very appreciative of the visible hard work. Most admired were the hundreds of mini hostas that are planted and displayed there. All are encouraged to visit the BG City garden for free anytime but later in the summer is when hostas look their best.

The address is:
1291 Conneaut Ave, Bowling Green, OH 43402



Nature's Artistry at work in Orchids — Submitted by Carol Hall



"Hooker's Lips". (*Psychotria Elata*)



"Dancing Girls"-(*Impatiens Bequaertii*)



"Laughing Bumble Bee "
Ophrysbbomyblifora



"Swaddled Babies"
(AnguloaUniflora)



"Happy Alien" and his friends
(Calceolaria Uniflora)



A Personal Story

By Mary Merrick

Every May my memory turns back to my days as a medical student in Ottawa Ontario. It was a time of great anxiety as each year's final examinations loomed in the last week of the month. While studying for these very important examinations many of us would gather briefly for walks along the Rideau Canal to enjoy the amazing spectacle of the Tulip Festival in full bloom.

The history of this festival began in 1945. The preceding three years saw the Dutch royal family sheltered in Ottawa as the Nazi invasion swept across Europe. A very significant event occurred during the family's time in Canada. In 1943 Princess Margaret was born at the Ottawa Civic Hospital. The maternity ward was temporarily extraterritorial by the Canadian government, allowing Princess Margaret to be born a Dutch citizen due to her mother's citizenship. Every year since that time thousands of tulip bulbs have been sent to Ottawa by the Dutch government in gratitude for the shelter and care given to their royal family. Over the years thousands of additional bulbs have been sent by others to say their thank you to Canada.



The Song of The May Fairy

My buds, they cluster small and green;
The sunshine gaineth heat:
Soon shall the hawthorn tree be clothed
As with a snowy sheet.

O magic sight, the hedge is white,
My scent is very sweet;
And lo, where I am come indeed,
The spring and summer meet.

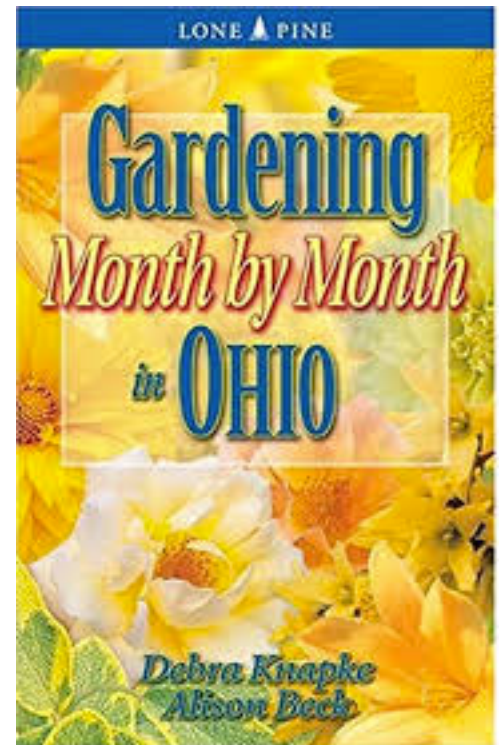
(from The 'Flower Fairies of the Spring' by Cicely Mary Barker)





Gardening in Ohio During May

1. **May is perennial planting month** in Ohio. Be sure to choose healthy plants and follow the planting instructions carefully.
2. Perennials can be planted in garden beds or in pots along with annuals.
3. Established perennials can be divided in the spring or the fall after the blooming season.
 - Dig up the plant under its roots with a goodly amount of soil around the plant roots and lift the plant from the soil.
 - Using a sharp knife or a garden spade cut through the root mass to create 2 or 3 new plants.
 - You may want to discard woody, thin or old parts of plants.
 - Replant the new smaller plants.
 - Mulch the new plants to a depth of 2 or 3 inches.
 - You may need to stake some of these new plants until they are well established.
4. You may need to water the newly planted perennials if there is not enough rainfall.
5. If your perennial bed has already been fertilized earlier in the season you will not need to add more to the baby plants after planting.
6. You will want to prune off faded flowers from all perennials when the flowers are faded and drooping.



[Click Here to see more info on this book!](#)



Lily of the Valley

The flower for the month of May

Lily of the Valley is a woodland flower of the month of May which has a sweet scent and pendent tiny white bell-shaped flowers. It is native to the cooler climates of the Northern Hemisphere.

This beautiful little plant contains high levels of 36 different cardiac glycosides and because of this it is very poisonous to humans and domestic animals.

Lily of the Valley was Christian Dior's favorite flower and this led him to commission Edmund Roudnitska to develop the perfume Diorissimo in 1956. This perfume remains a classic to this day.

We all may remember that Lily of the Valley featured in the wedding bouquet of the Duchess of Cambridge, 10 years ago. In the language of the flowers Lily of the Valley symbolizes the return of happiness.



Health Benefits of Gardening

(Summary of article from UNC Health Talk

By

Dr. Robert Hutchins)



1. Gardening can build self-esteem. It always feels good to accomplish new tasks.
2. Gardening is good for your heart. All that hard work of digging, weeding and planting is good for your heart.
3. Gardening can help reduce symptoms of depression and anxiety. Gardening gives you focus and puts your mind to work with a goal and task in mind.
4. Gardening can make you happy. Inhaling *M.vacciae*, a healthy bacteria that lives in soil, can increase brain serotonin levels and thus reduce anxiety.
5. Gardening can improve your hand strength.
6. Gardening is good for the whole family. Gardening has special benefits for kids. There is evidence that early exposure to dirt has been linked to many health benefits in children particularly reducing allergies and the incidence of autoimmune diseases.
7. Gardening can give you a boost of vitamin D. This will increase your calcium levels which benefits bone and immune system health. This is very helpful in older adults.

Growing your own food can help you eat healthier. Your fruits and vegetables have not been treated with pesticides. *This is the best farm-to-table it is possible to get.*

As always, annual membership dues are to be received **NO LATER THAN JUNE 1st** and can be mailed in, or paid by credit card. Please remit the appropriate amount for your 2021/22 membership classification, as follows:



Active = \$100	Associate = \$100
Sustaining = \$95	Affiliate = \$75

Make checks payable to Country Garden Club and send to:

Country Garden Club
P.O. Box 818
Perrysburg, OH 43552

To pay by credit card, go to:

- cgcperrysburg.com
- Members Only
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“Look What I found in the 2021 Spring Bulletin! ”

By
Mary Merrick

- A comprehensive summary of the 2020 Conservation Study Conference with its focus on preserving public lands was presented. In addition the report on wild fires is a real eye opener and should be a warning to us all about the destructive impact of wild fires.
- The report of the 2021 GCA Legislative Conference is a **must read** for us all. This information will allow each of us to be able to discuss the GCA’s legislative priorities from a position of knowledge and understanding.
- There are a number of interesting articles about gardening including a report about the Freeman Medal Plant of the Year, and Rise and Root Farm an urban farming project in New York City spear headed by Karen Washington.
- The Dashboard section contained a number of very interesting project descriptions that may be food for thought for CGC.
- The various committee reports are filled with ideas to stimulate future planning.
- Most important of all on page 68 you will see a report from our own CGC by Ursula Kluge. Ursula described the winter refreshing of the pots at Hospice and included a lovely photo.
- This Bulletin was filled with the most beautiful photos of nature at her most breath-taking.



Photo
Courtesy of
Judy Reitzel



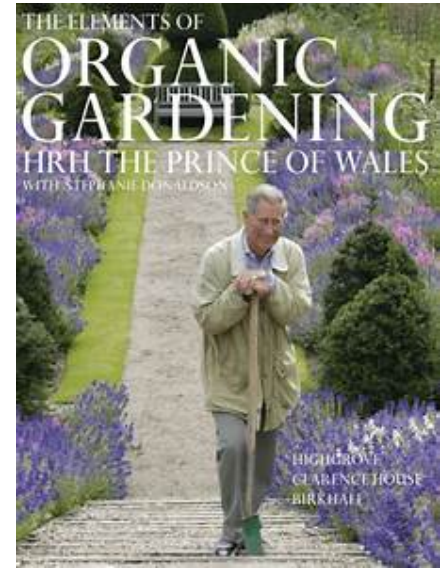
Member quote of the month.....

Following the
Photography
Committee’s trek on
the Black Swamp
“Trillium Trail”....
“Why didn’t I wear
boots!”

Judy Reitzel



The Prince of Wales has long paid a price for many of his ideas concerning the environment but as time has passed his convictions have become more main stream and this book is filled with his many concepts about organic gardening. Each of the Prince's three homes, Highgrove, Clarence House and Birkhall are showcased in this elegant volume. The bulk of the book addresses the changes that HRH has put in place over the years to bring Highgrove from a scraggly country garden into a national treasure that is entirely organically grown and is designed to be nearly self-sustaining. As he speaks to the challenges of gardening in central London a Clarence House and in the cold, windy and damp weather at Birkhall we can all learn useful tools for our own gardens in Perrysburg, Ohio. His flower and vegetable gardens are examples about how to grow plants in unfriendly environments. The photography in this book is luxurious and serves to show us examples of the Prince's successes. The book is large and likely needs to be on a table to be read but the glorious pages are worth the effort. This book is definitely time well spent as we learn more and more about organic gardening. Enjoy the Prince and his gardens!



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