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A huge THANK YOU! to Kathleen Carmony and Jeanne Lesniewicz, Co-Chairs, for a beautiful creative flower show schedule "Seeds & Sprouts: Nurturing Growth" and the Flower Show Committee. It is a very special event to hold a Garden Club of America Flower Show and the schedule and pre-planning follow distinct guidelines and Country Garden Club tradition. By now you should all have your schedules and the membership and committee meetings coming up will give

you valuable information as you contemplate your floral or botanical design and your horticulture submissions.

Thank you also to the January Luncheon Committee, Jane Hopkins and Judy Lang – Co-Chairs, Mary Louise Bowe, Pam Kistler, Ursula Kluge, Mary Merrick, Jane Moore and Ann Worden for their very clever locally produced treats, herbal tea and honey. from Fangboner Farms and A Drop of Honey. The treats from these local businesses were found in small fabric bags on each member's seat. March is traditionally the month GCA member clubs vote on the Founder's Fund project they support to receive the \$30,000 annual grant. Usually there are three project finalists, but this year due to Covid there is just one project to vote on – Bee Successful: The 4G Honey Team. While there is only one project on the ballot, it is still important that each club vote so please go to the Civic Improvement Committee landing page in the Members Area of GCA website or read about the project in the winter issue of the Bulletin prior to the March Membership meeting. Please click here to review the project. [Founder's Fund Info](#)

The Floral Design Committee has arranged for Angel Elden, owner of Angel 101, to provide our March program in preparation for the flower show so please come, learn and enjoy the presentation. The GCA National Affairs and Legislation Conference will be March 1-2 on line and you can register to attend virtually.



Upcoming Events

- **February: NO BOARD MEETING.**
- **February: NO Membership Meeting.**
- **March Board Meeting**-Nancy Lehmann's home. Monday, March 7, 9:30 am
- **March Membership Meeting:** St. Timothy's Episcopal Church 10 am-Floral Design Committee/Flower Show Info.
- **Garden History and Design:** February 21, 1:30 pm. at Bradner Reserve. Anyone interested in carpooling should meet at Basil at 1:00 pm.
- **Horticulture:** February 22, 10 AM, Way Library
- **Conservation:** No February Meeting
- **Photography:** February 10, 10:30 am Woodland Park. Weather Date is February 11.
- **Nominating Committee:** April 1, 2022, is the deadline for submission of applications for the provisional class of 2022.
- **Floral Design**-workshops covering aspects around floral arrangements, covering important aspects and requirements for the Flower Show All meetings are at the Way Public Library. February 21, 1-2 pm, March 21, 1-2, April 18, 1-2 pm, March 8, 10-noon for novice participants.

Country Garden Club publishes the *DandyLines* Newsletter monthly for its members. The deadline is the last week prior to the next month's edition. Issues will be mailed around the first of the following month. Editor: Diane Gannon and Co Editor Janine Avila, with contributions from past editor, Mary Merrick. Please send us your articles, photos and ideas to dandylinesnewsletter@gmail.com



FLOWER SHOW BOUTIQUE

Do you have your own business or do you know of local vendors you would recommend to be a part of the Flower Show Boutique? If so, please contact Jackie Venzel or Judy Moran to start the process of including them in our event.

Please email the following information to both Boutique co-chairs -- Jackie.venzel@gmail.com and heyjude42@bex.net :

Contact person:

Email:

Phone:

Name of Business:

Items proposed to be sold at the Boutique and price:

(Note: list no more than 7 items; up to 5 may be selected by the Committee)

CGC Members have the first opportunity to apply before we contact local vendors. Deadline for CGC members was January 28, but there is still time to jump in.

Questions? Contact Flower Show 2022 Boutique Co-Chairs:

Jackie Venzel 419-266-0191

Judy Moran 419-345-0196

The History of Flower Shows in the USA

By Mary Merrick

The Philadelphia Flower Show, the first flower show in the USA, took root in 1826 when 53 gentlemen met to form the Philadelphia Horticultural Society with a goal “to inspire a taste for one of the most rational and pleasing amusements of man, and to facilitate the means of cultivating that taste.” With time it became customary for the members to bring some of their best plants to show the members at each meeting. Very quickly a decision was made to share the plants with the community of garden enthusiasts. In June 1829 the first public flower show in the US was opened to the public. The show was held in the Masonic Hall at 717 Chestnut Street. Among the plants exhibited was the newly popular poinsettia.



SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

The Visiting Gardens committee asks that you save the date for a special trip to the beautiful and historical Belle Isle Park, and the

Oudolf garden. The Park, designed by Fredrick Law Olmstead, will be a treat for all . Look for more details as they unfold in the next





submitted by Mary Merrick

Seasonal Flower Arranging

By

Ariella Chezar



This is a breath-takingly beautiful book with photos in single color palettes ranging from deep purple, almost black, to pale pink. The chapters in this book are arranged by the four seasons and guide the reader in wild and cultivated floral choices to consider. In all there are 39 flower arrangements presented in this book and the step-by-step instructions should make it a bit easier for novice flower arrangers to replicate the exquisite displays. There is a wild quality to some of the arrangements which makes them quite different from many of the more structured displays seen in our other Book Nook choices. This wildness makes for large and open arrangements that could fill open spaces. Ariella is a renowned floral designer and this book certainly demonstrates her talents. For those CGC members who feel a bit more adventurous, this is the book to look at for some very different arranging ideas.

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2022 Provisional Pages

February 2022

On January 26, the Provisional Class gathered at Jan Connor's home to share in some delicious appetizers and adult cocktails, but more importantly be updated on what is ahead for the CGC newbies and address any concerns that may have surfaced. Sherie and Jan chose the midway point in the group's membership to share some ideas on how to navigate a new, exciting, and sometimes challenging first year. Top on the list of worries was, of course, The Flower Show.



They were strongly encouraged to attend the March general meeting and contact the designated members for each division, which they would find in the Flower Show book, if more specific questions surfaced. Committee meeting attendance, and future sign up for the standing committees was also an item that needed clarification.

**Front: Jan Connor, Kay Peterson and Nona Snell.
Back Row: Sherie Robarge, Susan Shaneck,
Katherine Jones, Deb Fragel,, and. Susan Croci.**

The hostesses also spoke about future activities in which the group would be involved. The Provisionals will be responsible for providing lunch at the May meeting. Strongly encouraged was the participation in the annual spring Hospice plantings.



April is Ohio Native Plant Month

The Horticulture Committee will have special information about Native Plant Month to share with everyone at the membership meeting, April 11, 10 am at Swan Creek Yager Center.

In 2020 we asked people to write to tell us about the number of native trees and woody shrubs they planted in Ohio, with a goal of 100,000. With COVID cancelling all activities in April (Native Plant Month), we did not expect to meet our goal. But by the end of the year, it was reported that 195,152 native plantings (almost 200,000) have been planted. So in 2021, GCA set a goal of 200,000. And by the end of the year we had recorded the planting of OVER 300,000 (331,392)! Over the past two years people reported over 1/2 MILLION native trees and shrubs! And I'm sure there were lots we never learned about!



1/2 Million Native Trees and Woody Shrubs!

Zone X leadership is working to designate April 2022 as NATIONAL Native Plant Month



In Ohio, we have a law making April Native Plant Month every year. Please plan activities and events every April to celebrate our native plants! April 2021 was also the first National Native Plant Month. Senator Rob Portman introduced a Resolution in the US Senate that passed with unanimous approval. Given it is a resolution and not a law, this legislation needs to be renewed every year. Nancy Linz is currently working with Senator Portman on a renewal for 2022. The hope is that this legislation will be brought before the Senate, and voted upon in mid March.

In Ohio we have almost 2000 native plant species. Starting in 2022, we will promote 3-5 of these great native plants that we are calling **Ohio Native Plants of Distinction**. The plants for this year are the **Bur Oak** (*Quercus macrocarpa*-a large canopy tree), **Eastern Redbud** (*Cercis canadensis*-an understory tree), **Northern Spicebush** (*Lindera benzoin*-a woody shrub), and **Purple Coneflower** (*Echinacea purpurea*-a common, wonderful perennial).

Please help to promote these 4 great plants in 2022 by sharing stories about their benefits to wildlife, ecosystems, pollinators, or humans. Encourage people to learn about these plants, buy them from Ohio growers, and plant them in their yards and communities. Include them in your plant sales with a banner that identifies them as **Ohio Native Plants of Distinction**. More about each of these plants will be added to our upcoming articles about their benefits to wildlife, ecosystems, pollinators, or humans. Encourage people to learn about these plants, buy them from Ohio growers, and plant them in their yards and communities. Include them in your plant sales with a banner that identifies them as **Ohio Native Plants of Distinction**. More about each of these plants will be added to our website soon.



During the Horticulture Committee meeting in January there was lively discussion regarding our membership meeting on April 11th for which the Hort Committee is responsible. As decided at the Dec. meeting, the Hort Committee will offer a hands-on workshop at the April meeting to educate members on what they need to know in preparation for the Flower show.

The different stations will include:

1. Reading the Schedule/Yellow Book
2. Filling out Forms
3. Passing
4. Selecting (Quality) and naming Cut Specimens
5. Types of jars/containers (clear glass)
6. Transporting items to Way Library
7. Prepping Plant Materials

Each member will be assisting members at a station. The committee will have a run through at Luella's on Sunday, April 10th at 4:00 p.m. Nancy Linz (Hort, Zone X) from Cincinnati will be with us to guide us further.

The following is from the GCA:

Just when we thought things were returning to normal on the program front, it seems COVID has once again complicated many of our club activities. Please remember the GCA Program Committee has produced several videos for your **ON DEMAND** needs. If you need to cancel or postpone a Program, the Program Committee has an outstanding solution for you!

The latest in this series was released December 1: [Planning your Kitchen Garden For The Year with Nicole Burke](#). It's a wonderful 40 minute video inspiring you to dive into (almost) year round vegetable gardening no matter where you live. Nicole Burke is amazing and how she imparts so much useful information with a big infectious smile on her face the entire video, I do not understand. Watch it to believe it.



The three outstanding ON DEMAND videos from last year and the recent 2021 ON DEMAND Flower Flash video are of course also still available to you. You have the power to pick and choose ON DEMAND! Click here to learn more: [It's Yours: GCA Programs on Demand](#). I encourage you to view any one or all of these videos as a group in person, as a group over Zoom or individually in the comfort of your own homes — please get the news out and take advantage of what the GCA Program Committee is doing for our clubs. Let me know if you have any questions about how to take advantage of GCA's ON DEMAND or other Program Committee resources.



2022 TRUNK SHOW OCTOBER 3, 4, and 5, 2022

Introducing our 2022 leadership team! Thank you to everyone for volunteering your time and talents to make our 2022 event as successful as our past events.

VENDORS:

Sherie Robarge
Janine Avila

PREVIEW PARTY:

Jeanne Lesniewicz
Donna Posluszny

ACCOUNTING:

Elizabeth Emmert.
Judy Ashley

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Colleen McGoldrick.
Ann Worden

MODELING COORDINATORS:

Connie Murphy
Judy Reitzel

STAGING:

Kim Frazier
Jan Conners

HOSPITALITY:

Marsha Molnar
Susan Croci

VOLUNTEERS:

Nancy Lehmann
Jane Hopkins

VENDOR HOUSING:

Carol Lynn Wilson
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TICKETING:

Cathy Clark
Kiran Rai

SPONSORSHIP:

Annette Sipp
Bonnie Ash

CLUB BOOTH:

Nancy Baron
Gingi Rothman

VENDOR DINNER:

Carole Nooney





Hello Ladies,

We wanted to share an article from the GCA's Winter Bulletin about the GCA's Second annual Photography Conference. It will be a virtual workshop with a few speakers. The full article with all the details is below:

Save the Date!

The GCA's second annual Photography Conference will take place on Thursday, March 31, 2022. Like the 2021 conference, this event will be virtual and free for all club members. More than 1,700 attendees enjoyed the first conference, and hopes are high that the 2022 conference will also attract a large audience.

At press time the lineup of speakers was yet to be finalized, but Photography Committee Chairman Chris Wood (Noanett Garden Club, Zone I) said, "Like last year, the conference will focus more on inspiration than technical instruction, though we hope that photographers of all levels will find something new and interesting to learn." The committee's goal is to have a conservation photographer and a garden photographer as keynote speakers. -Liz Evans, Georgetown GC, Zone V

Say Cheese!
Pat & Judy

Gingi Rothman shared that [Visit Perrysburg](https://www.facebook.com/VisitPerrysburgOH/photos/a.218350567127153/235170512111825/?type=3) is putting on a photo contest where you take photos of the sculptures that are part of the Perrysburg Sculpture Walk. The Photography Committee met at Woodland Park to enjoy the art and apply their skills. For more information on the photo contest, visit <https://www.facebook.com/VisitPerrysburgOH/photos/a.218350567127153/235170512111825/?type=3>





CONSERVATION COMMITTEE 2021-2022



On January 18, 16 members of the Conservation Committee met in Kim Frazier's home to discuss the book, "The Climate Diet, 50 Simple Ways to Trim Your Carbon Footprint," by Paul Greenberg. Each committee member was given a copy of the book in December.

Greenberg states that making changes in our lives to be more environmentally friendly is one of the most important things we can do for our planet. If we all make small changes it becomes a larger change.

I was so impressed with the women of the committee with their powerful thoughts and insights. They not only all agreed to turning down the thermostat at night, reusable drink bottles, reusable grocery bags, eating less meat, less use of plastic, and

using less water, but many of the women are researching their banks, insurance companies, and investment institutions, and electric company providers, as to what they invest their money in. If their banks fund expansion of fossil fuels and deforestation, they are willing to change to a more climate responsible institution.

Composting was being done by quite a few members. Liquid-less laundry detergent sheets were being used. Planting trees instead of tombstones was discussed. Investing in "Forever Wild Forests" and continuing with Zoom meeting and conferences would help the environment. These members thought big, and were impressive. The book was disturbing but truthful. We expect to live comfortable and convenient lives. But if we all make these changes we can help the planet for the future.



The Conservation Committee, and anyone else that would like to participate, are going to collect plastic bottle caps for a recycling project in conjunction with The Garden Club Forum. All the caps will be given to The River Road Garden Club to be made into benches for domestic shelters and parks. They hope to collect 400 pounds of caps to make 2 benches.

Keep collecting prescription bottles. Bring them to the membership meetings. I have nearly 300 bottles so far!

No
February
Meeting is
scheduled





**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (continued)
2021-2022**

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Acceptable Caps:

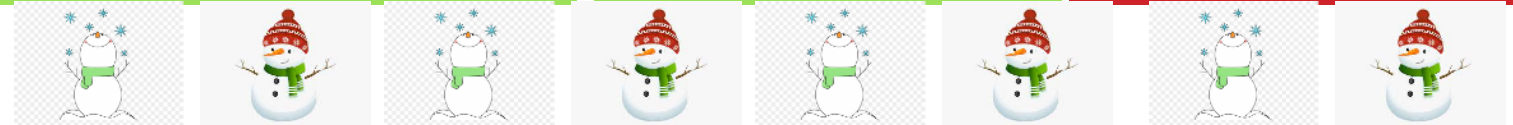
Plastic Drinking Bottle Caps (paper liners are okay)
Medicine Caps and Bottles (remove the label the best you can)
Milk Jug Caps
Laundry Detergent Caps
Hairspray Caps
Toothpaste Caps
Deodorant Caps
Flip Top Caps (Ketchup, Mustard, etc.)
Spray Paint Caps

Acceptable Lids:

Cottage Cheese containers
Mayonnaise jar lids
Yogurt lids
Coffee Can lids
Peanut Butter jar lids
Butter Tub Lids
Ice Cream bucket lids (1 gallon type)
Cool Whip container lids
Cream Cheese container lids

NOT ACCEPTABLE:

ANY cap containing metal a pump
Food containers
Drink bottles
Trigger sprayers
Soap pumps
Lotion pumps



**GCA Bulletin
Winter 2022
A Brief Summary**

By

Mary Merrick

The winter issue of the GCA Bulletin arrived on a cold and blustery day and its rich content is serving as a warm spot to ponder on a chilly day.

This issue is the horticulture issue. GCA President Debbie Oliver’s introductory letter hit the perfect note for me when she began with a quote by an ancient philosopher Marcus Tullius Cicero. “If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.”

On page 7 it is noted that our own Mary Harman is a member of the 2021-22 Nominating Committee. Congratulations to Mary!

Page 11 announced that the GCA Annual Meeting will occur on April 29-30, 2022 in Parsippany, New Jersey. This event will be a hybrid conference with limited in-person attendance but it will be open virtually to all GCA members. Another amazing gift from GCA.

The second annual Photography Conference will take place on March 31, 2022, and will be virtual and open to all GCA members.

On page 17 there is an announcement of a new GCA granting opportunity, the Common Ground Collaborative grant. Grants up to \$10,000 will be available to support clubs building long-term relationships with a diversity of groups to develop, improve, or maintain parks; develop or maintain school gardens or urban farm programs; or lead other horticulture related projects. Applications are due no later than April 15, 2022, to be considered for funding this year.



Here we are in a new year and we now begin to look forward to our garden's awakening in the spring. Early January is the time to try to work toward a healthy and happy garden for the coming year. There are plenty of tasks to keep us busy in the garden on those sunny bright winter days.

The main tasks to consider are:

1. Clean your gardening tools and pots and tidy up the greenhouse or potting shed.
2. Plan for spring planting; start to order your seeds and new plants as you enjoy a cup of tea on a snowy winter morning.
3. Check that your winter protection of plants such as stakes, ties and coverings are still in place and adequate to protect your plants in the coming weeks.
4. Be sure to continue to look after the wildlife in your garden; the birds and little beasties need a wee bit of help through the cold and snowy weather. If you are to be away from home for more than a few days try to find someone to take on the feeding tasks.
5. This is the time to prune and trim grasses and some bushes which are now dormant; tidy up any dead plants that remain in the garden.



Don't worry – we'll be seeing Spring's colors very soon!

6. Be sure to remove any heavy snow that comes our way from bushes and plants as the weight can damage these resting friends.
7. Remember to keep your indoor plants well hydrated; misting is a very good option to create a moist environment.



Flower photography opportunities await in this year's Toledo Zoo Orchid Show.

February 11-27 at the Conservatory.





Packer Creek Pottery-Country Garden Club

2022 ORDER FORM

Name _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

!!!!NEW!!!! Christmas Ornament _____ Qty. @\$20

Mug: _____ Qty. @ \$40 ea. = _____ TOTAL	4" Coaster: _____ Qty. @ \$20 ea. = _____ TOTAL
6" Plate: _____ Qty. @ \$35 ea. = _____ TOTAL	6" Trivet: _____ Qty. @ \$25 ea. = _____ TOTAL
8" Plate: _____ Qty. @ \$40 ea. = _____ TOTAL	Sm. Flower Pot _____ Qty. @ \$50 ea. = _____ TOTAL
10" Plate: _____ Qty. @ \$50 ea. = _____ TOTAL	Lg. Flower Pot _____ qty@ \$90 ea. = _____ TOTAL

TOTAL FOR THIS ORDER: _____

Please indicate the quantity for each Item, and return completed order form and payment **payable to Country**

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