



# Country Garden Club

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The 34<sup>th</sup> Country Garden Club Trunk Show is history and what a fabulous event it was. To Karen Hinkson and Terri Radke, Chairmen and all on the Trunk Show Committee, Thank you! To the Horticulture, Floral Design Committees and our members for the beautiful note cards and to Mary Smith Merrick for our CGC logo pottery and hand knitted winter hats

sold at the club booth. From the grand entrance with crystal chandelier and manikins artfully dressed in greens and bright pink flowers, the Preview Party with scrumptious foods, beautiful floral arrangements and jazz to the shopping that continued the next two days, everyone enjoyed the show. Thanks also to you for your support, sponsorship and working your shifts with smiles.

Hopefully many of you were able to attend all or part of the GCA Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference last month. They packed garden tours, lessons in making seed bombs, air layering propagation, succulent growing and instruction/ recipes for growing plants for cocktails. You can access these programs at [gcamerica.org](http://gcamerica.org), member area, conferences tab and select Shirley Meneice conference. My favorite tour was Heronswood Garden, Kingston, WA – Log in and enjoy the tour – Amazing!

Please savor these sunny, warm Fall days and get ready for Holiday decorating next month.



## Upcoming Events

- **Horticulture: 10 AM, October 18** – home of Colleen Demczuk, 445 East Front St. and November 15 – home of Jan Baker, 10311 Bridgewood Rd.
- **Conservation: 11/2/21, 10:00 AM** at the Way Library.
- **Board Meeting, Monday Nov. 1, 9:30 AM** Nancy Lehmann's home
- **Provisional Holiday Decoration Meeting: Tuesday, November 29, 10 AM**, Black Diamond Perrysburg **Please note change in date!**
- **Membership Meeting: Wednesday, November 10, 9:30 am** Schaller Hall, 130 West Indiana, Perrysburg.

“Come pensive autumn, with thy clouds, and storms, and falling leaves, and pastures lost to flowers; a luscious charm hangs on thy faded forms, more sweet than summer in her loveliest hours.”

*John Clare*

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 your ideas to [dandylinesnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:dandylinesnewsletter@gmail.com)





# Garden History and Design

Members of the Garden History & Design Committee toured the Stranahan Arboretum in Sylvania on Saturday, October 9. Conducted by UT Professor Dr. Daryl Dwyer, the group walked a portion of the 47-acre site. The arboretum is located at the intersection of Sylvania Avenue and Corey Road.

The Arboretum consists of ornamental trees, rolling lawns, natural woods, ponds, wetlands and prairie. It serves as one of

the Department of Environmental Sciences field sites for environmental education and research. The Arboretum was not established to be a picnic or recreational park but was intended to provide an outdoor natural laboratory for expanded University studies.

Currently, it does not have an Endowment or budget for upkeep. While the University has responsibility for maintenance requirements, private

contributions would be required to support capital improvements and developmental expenses.



*submitted by Marsha Molnar and Colleen McGoldrick*



Our members joining UT Professor Dr. Daryl Dwyer,(front) included **Back Row L-R:** Nancy Lehmann, Nona Snell, Barbara Wright, Colleen McGoldrick and Cathy Holmes. **Front Row L-R:** Karen Hinkson, Catherine Roberts, Marsha Molnar, Judy Lang, Pam Kistler, Carol Lynn Wilson, Susan Garn, Judy Reitzel and Grant Garn

Please join the group in 2022 in February, to investigate the Bradner Reserve and in May for the Toledo Botanical Gardens.







## Provisional Class September Tour of Community Projects

Submitted By

*Jan Connors and Sherie Robarge*

The Provisional class recently gathered to learn more about what our club does to help and enhance our community. Sherie Robarge and Jan Connors decided an abbreviated tour of a select number of Community Projects supported and financed by CGC over the years would be the best way to accomplish this goal. After all, with the Trunk Show front and center, we all should understand what “Shopping with a Cause” truly means.

The group began at the W.W. Knight Preserve and were given a quick explanation of the club’s involvement in this very important addition to the Wood County Parks. The group then hopped into Sherie and Jan’s cars and began their guided tour. The next stop was Hospice of Northwest Ohio, where the group viewed three gardens, as well as the outside pots which the club members fill each spring and, beginning in 2020, decorate with winter foliage. Then, heading into town, the leaders drove by the home at the corner of Hickory and E. Front, noting that the first CGC beautification contribution, made in 1934, was awarded to the gas station which had previously existed on this corner.

The group then visited Hood Park, where they learned that the CGC is involved in both the holiday and summer decorations. Moving onto Way Library, the leaders pointed out the landscaping which has been enhanced multiple times with the club’s assistance. The group then headed out to the Spafford House Museum and Gardens which reflects the club’s continued interest in the curb appeal of historic buildings. The perfect September afternoon ended with a picnic lunch by Chef Marty Connors and a roll out of the Provisional Binders. After all, who doesn’t love blue skies, a warm breeze, good food, and an eager group of women?



*Kay Peterson, Sue Shaneck, Susan Croci, Jan Connors, Judy Justus (Director of the Spafford House), Kathy Jones, Meredith Moore, Sherie Robarge, and Judy Ashley.*





## ***Nona Snell***

1. **What I like the most about Perrysburg is:** *The Beautiful Town, River , the people, and amenities.*
2. **I have lived in Perrysburg for** *31 years.*
3. **If I had to pick one place in the area to bring a visitor it would be** *A cruise on the Maumee River then to a restaurant in Downtown Perrysburg.*
4. My favorite “green” item to grow are *Flowers and Herbs.*
5. I was born in *Edmonton, Alberta CA, and grew up in Toledo after age 5.*
6. **My most rewarding work/volunteer experience was** *Mt. Rainier/backcountry ranger, YMCA Camp Storer-outdoor education, Crested Butte Wildflower Festival.*
7. **I’m never without** *My clean water bottle.*



## ***Kay Peterson***

1. **What I like the most about Perrysburg is** *The small town, community feel.*
2. **I have lived in Perrysburg for** *42 years.*
3. **If I had to pick one place in the area to bring a visitor it would be** *577 Foundation.*
4. My favorite “green” item to grow is *Cacti.*
5. I was born in *West Toledo, and grew up in Toledo.*
6. **My most rewarding work/volunteer experience was/is** *25 years volunteering/ staff at the Toledo Zoo educational department.*
7. **I’m never without—** *My smile (well almost never).*





[Click Here to learn more about water conservation](#)

Imagine a Day Without Water is a national education campaign that brings together diverse stakeholders to highlight how water is essential, invaluable, and in need of investment. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> year of the campaign. It actually coincides with the year that Toledo experienced 3 days without drinking water. August 2, 2014, was the day that all citizens were told to not drink the water! Do you remember driving for over an hour to get a jug of bottled water? Restaurants, public buildings, and medical offices were forced to close. Remembering those days, try to imagine a day with no water at all.

On October 21, 2021, take some time to think about your water usage, and then go to: <https://www.watercalculator.org/> to discover your water footprint!



“Gardening, for me is a bit like conducting an orchestra because you’ve got so many different dimensions: the structure, the seasons, the color, the foliage. You’ve got to get all of these things right.”  
*Susie Pasley-Tyler*

**What is this garden tool ?**  
(See page 7 for your answer!)





**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**2021-2022**

**Submitted by**

**Kim Frazier**

The Conservation Committee helped celebrate a Quarter of a Century of Clean Your Streams on September 23. Eleven Conservation Committee members picked up trash in Orleans Park boat launch area and along the River walk to the area behind Ft. Meigs Park. Over 100 pounds of trash was collected. Lauren Rush, City of Perrysburg Storm Water Technician, assisted our group and brought all supplies.

The next Conservation Committee meeting will be 11/2/21, 10:00 AM , at the Way Library. Jamie Forbush, from Natures Nursery, will do a presentation about her facility and bring a rescued animal.



Lauren Rush, stormwater coordinator for the City of Perrysburg, far right, with Country Garden Club volunteers, from left, Kim Frazier, CGC conservation committee chair; Bonnie Ash; Judy Reitzel; Karen Hinkson, Holiday Trunk Show co chair; Pat Smith; Ursula Kluge; Jan Connors; Michele Alexander and Annette Sipp.





Submitted by Jan Baker  
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**The Answer to 'What is this garden tool?' From page 5**

This is a **SCYTHE**.  
This is an ancient garden tool that has been in use since at least 5000 years BC.

We continue to use scythes today to cut grasses and even mow crops in areas where heavy modern machinery cannot be used.

Have you ever attended a Zone X meeting? If so, you already know how educational they can be. If not... run, don't walk, to the opportunity to do so.

I joined the CGC because of conservation and philanthropic opportunities. Little did I know that the learning opportunities would be a big part of what I love about my membership, and that I would also be introduced to the Garden Club of America. We are all so fortunate to belong to this larger group of gardeners and resources.

The Country Garden Club hosted the June 11-13, 2019 Zone X meeting *Full Circle* with Co-Chairs Virginia Keller and Mary Harman. I volunteered to help at the Toledo Zoo. Colleen McGoldrick brought lovely large peonies from her garden for us to hold to identify us as we directed the attendees to a meeting in the Malawi Event Center. I spoke with a variety of ladies as they made their way to the building with great anticipation of what they would learn and the new friends they would make. I also remember escorting attendees to the Zoo's Natural History Museum. Another highlight for me was to attend the Awards Ceremony in TMA's Glass Salon. Viewing the lovely floral arrangements prior to dinner was especially memorable.

This year I tuned in virtually to *Earth + Sky* on September 13-14, the Zone X meeting hosted by the Garden Club of Dayton. The Awards ceremony was quite nice and I thoroughly enjoyed meeting new faces to discuss gardening issues through the break-out "Zoom Rooms."

One of my take-aways of the meeting was the discussion of Frederick Law Olmsted, regarded as the founder of American landscape architecture, and the *Celebrating Olmsted Parks for All People* bicentennial campaign. Check out [www.olmsted200.org](http://www.olmsted200.org) for additional information. There is also a link on the GCA website.

My other take-away was the statistic saying that children today spend 7 hours daily on screen and 7 minutes outdoors. I find this to be very sad. It was also mentioned that public parks are vital for conservation, recreation, and education.

Knowing that everyone gains a variety of ideas when attending any type of conference, I would like to invite you to watch the Zone X videos that were recorded in September. Go to [www.gcamerica.org](http://www.gcamerica.org), visit the members area and type "Zone X mtg" in the Keyword Search box. I am sure that you will enjoy what you learn.



## Submitted

By

**Mary Merrick**



As the leaves begin to fall from the trees we need to remember that this is Mother Nature's way of reminding us that winter is just around the corner and we need to get our gardens ready. There are a number of tasks we should all consider as we prepare to let our gardens rest for the winter months.

1. Pull up all of the dead or dying plants.

Remember to separate any diseased plants or

plants infested with pests and bag them separately being sure not to add them to your compost pile.

2. Cut the perennials back to a height of 4-6 inches AFTER the first killing frost.

3. When cutting back the perennials after the first frost remember to remove slimy or matted leaves to prevent disease or bugs from wintering in these environments.

4. Leave any pretty upright plants standing to create a winter garden. Examples of such plants are sunflowers, coneflowers, thistles and blackberry lilies.

5. Spread 1-6 inches of compost on your garden to return nutrients to the soil. Be careful not to add the mulch too early as little mice will move in and make a cozy winter home.

6. Now is the time for spring bulb planting.

7. Save your leaves falling from the trees and put them in the compost heap.

8. Last but not least, remember to polish your garden equipment when you put these treasured tools in your garage or garden shed.

9. Now you can give yourself a little gift of a new gardening book and a cup of tea.

***Have a safe and happy winter season!***

**“Is this not the perfect  
Autumn Day? Just the  
still melancholy that I love,  
-that makes nature and life harmonize.”**

*George Eliot*





## A note from our contributing author, Mary Merrick

*As we continue our 2021-21 year in Book Nook, the books that will be reviewed will focus on floral and plant arranging in order for us all to learn the nuances of this lovely art form as we all prepare for the Flower Show to be held June 2-4, 2022 at the Way Library in Perrysburg.*

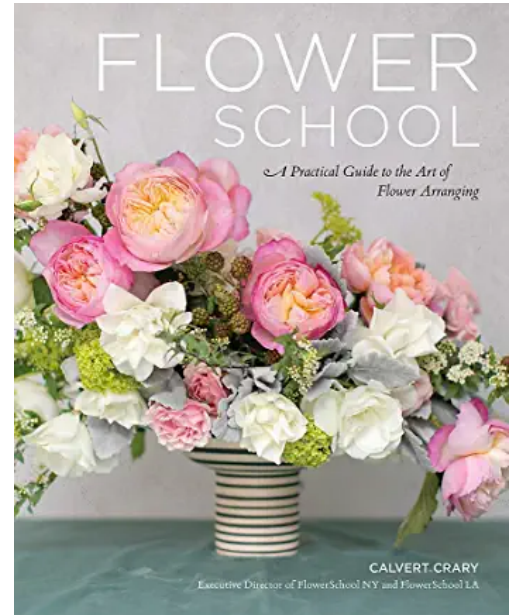
### Flower School

#### A Practical Guide to the Art of Flower Arranging

Calvert Carrie

Executive Director of FlowerSchool NY and FlowerSchool LA

When I want to learn a new skill or gather important information I usually search for a text book or a current article to provide me the information that I need. This is the case with this month's book. I am definitely a novice in the world of flower arranging so I was searching for a book that would provide me with the fundamentals in this beautiful art-form. In 2003 FlowerSchool NY was started by Eileen Johnson This school grew out of a small flower shop and eventually the school attracted florists of all skill levels requiring a variety of different instruction materials. This book is a very practical guide to flower arranging with chapters devoted to the basics of getting started, choosing flowers, buying flowers, choosing a vase, working with flowers, and techniques for arranging. The beautiful photographs support the text with exquisite pictures of the final arrangements but also photos of the steps in every part of process of making a beautiful arrangement. This is a very practical text book but beautiful enough to rest on your coffee table.



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