



# Country Garden Club

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From our President;

**Congratulations!!!** Country Garden Club Members have won the challenge for a special tour of the Oudolf Garden Detroit on Belle Isle offered by Maura Campbell, Zone X

Communications Chairman and member of the Garden Club of Michigan. Thank you to all who logged on to the GCA website and clicked on the Member

pages. Last fall CGC had 59 percent of its total members who had logged on and by the end of May, 2021 we had 75 percent – a 16% increase! I will keep you informed of details as we receive them.

Thank you all and keep logging on because GCA has a fabulous amount of information and programming to offer us.

The email invitation to register for the annual Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference, September 22<sup>nd</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> arrived the last week of August and registration is free to all members and closes September 21<sup>st</sup>.

You can click on “Conferences” in the Member Area at [gcamerica.org](http://gcamerica.org) and see the agenda and register.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Trunk Show October 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> and thank the committee for their organization and advance work and all of you for your support and working your shifts which will make this a memorable show.

*Nancy*



## Upcoming Events

- **Horticulture: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m.**  
September 21 Notecard workshop @WW Knight.
- **Conservation:** Clean Your Streams Day” Thursday, 9/23/21, 9:00-11:00AM.
- **Garden History and Design:** September 24, Marsha Molnar’s Home
- **Trunk Show 2021, October 4, 5 and 6**
- **Board Meeting, October 11, 9:30 AM** Nancy Lehmann’s home



**“Don’t expect to develop a garden all at once, because the real joy is in doing, not having or wanting”.**

*Roy Diblik*

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)



**Thank You Susan and Grant Garn for again, sharing your beautiful home with us and for creating a beautiful setting for our meeting!**



## Curried Chicken and Wild Rice Salad-

submitted by Mary Richter

### Ingredients:

- 2 cups cooked wild rice, rinsed and drained (Fall River precooked —available at Kazmaier’s)
- 4 lbs Boneless, Skinless Chicken Breasts
- 2T Butter
- 4t Curry powder
- 4T Water
- 2/3 C Mayonnaise
- 2t Lemon Juice
- ½ C diced celery
- ½ C Chutney or Jam
- ½ C Golden raisins, plumped in hot water for 10 minutes and drained
- ¾ C chopped cashews.

### Directions

1. Melt butter with 2t curry powder. Add chicken breasts and sauté on both sides (you may need to do several batches). Add water and cover. Continue cooking until chicken is thoroughly cooked (about 15-20 minutes). Remove from pan and cool. Save juices in pan.
2. Whisk together mayonnaise, 2t Curry Powder, lemon juice and juices from chicken pan.
3. Cut chicken into small cubes. Add chicken, rice, celery, chutney, and raisins to mayonnaise blend. Stir well. Add salt and pepper to taste.
4. Chill. Serves 12-16
5. Sprinkle chopped cashews on top just prior to



September Lunch Committee members (back row) Mary Richter-co chair, Kathy Attwood, Elizabeth Emmert, Maryann Fishbaugh, hostess Susan Garn. Front row, Judy Maurer-co chair, Kathy Schneider and Diane Gannon.



Thanks to Mary Merrick for bringing the finishing touches to our table!



President Nancy Lehmann opened our meeting with reminders for members to pick up their re-printed green books. Member omissions are now included, and larger fonts corrected to improve readability.

A presentation from the Black Swamp Conservancy staff Elisabeth Anderson and summer intern from Bowling Green State University Ashton Spencer, updated members about their continued work to populate and maintain the 20,000 acres of protected greenspace in our outlying areas of Northwest Ohio with native perennials. Elisabeth shared their goals for the areas we support through the community projects team: 1: ***Continue to populate the space with plants that will attract pollinators.*** Tremendous activity was noted this year with hummingbirds, Monarchs and other butterflies, and many species of bees. 2. ***Increase the educational resources available to the community.*** Self guided tours of the areas will be supported next year, with fact sheets [Click here for Native Plant Fact Sheets](#) as your educational resource used during the tour available from the website for downloading. . [Click here to learn more about Black Swamp Conservancy.](#) Its outreach is vast!

Minutes and treasurer's reports emailed to all members earlier this month, were approved. The Endowment received \$370 in gifts to recognize members. \$50 is automatically donated from our treasury in honor of one of our members passing away. Other significant contributions included \$500 from the Perrysburg Visitors Bureau to recognize our assistance in the sculpture garden opening in Woodland Park this summer..

Committee reports: See detailed reports in the newsletter for each committee to add events to your calendars! Photography, Horticulture, Conservation, Garden History and Design, and Floral Design, all have activities upcoming, and now have plans in place for 2021-22. Please remember that all members are welcome to attend any of the committee events. Just contact the chairperson to let them know you are coming. Highlights include; monthly articles from the 2020 class of provisionals sharing their discoveries from our archives at Way Library around the history of the Country Garden Club for publication in the DandyLines, Reports from this year's provisional leaders Jan Connors and Sheri Robarge around the 2021 provisional class gatherings as they become acquainted with the Club, The Conservation committee's continuation of pill bottle collection this year, and support of Stream Cleanup in September (notably the 25th annual), and a presentation by Nature's Nursery in November at Way Library. Cheers committee chair Sue Smith reminded members to contact her should you know of anyone who may need a little cheering up! FLOWER SHOW: Schedule is being finalized, and workshops planned to support members' participation and education.

**NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING TAKES PLACE IN OCTOBER, AS WE FOCUS ON THE TRUNK SHOW.** The meeting closed with reports from all the trunk show committee chairs updating members of our progress. Sponsorship goals have been exceeded, vendors are all in place, and volunteer teams organized to support the event. Signage for display to start marketing to the community will be implemented this week. This includes posters, a banner for downtown, and 4' x 5' yard signs.



TRUNK SHOW  
UPDATES!!





**2020-2021 Provisional Class Project: The Amalgam of Individual Projects**  
*By Janine Avila*

We hope each of you not only enjoys the articles but learns something new or fondly remembers a prior project. On behalf of the Provisional Class of 2020-2021, thank you for all your hard work in furthering the club's meaning and purpose. And thank you to all the members upon whose shoulders we now stand.

**Way Library and the Partnership with Country Garden Club**  
By  
**Pam Kistler**

Have you seen the new parking area beside the cleaners on Indiana Avenue? The Way Library purchased the property and with the Country Garden Club's assistance have had the area landscaped. This is only one example of the history the Country Garden Club has had with the Way Public Library.

Willard C. Way was a local attorney who, in 1873, provided in his will for the establishment of a community library. For the first years the library was located in the librarian's home. Land was purchased and the

first Way Public Library was dedicated in 1892.



By the 1950's the community determined that a new library would be built. In a letter dated April 14, 1958 the Country Garden Club was asked to "undertake this (landscaping of the new library) as a club project. The Library

board deeply appreciates all that the Club has done for the library in the past..." In August 1958, the CGC held a lecture by a Mr. Frederick Peck "a Landscape Architect of note from Philadelphia". Tickets for the event were a tax exempt \$2.00 with proceeds going toward landscaping the new Way Library.

The Perrysburg Journal noted, "this meeting is of special interest to garden club members, but listening to Mr. Peck should be a bushel of help to anyone with less-than-estate size garden to worry about." October 1958 The CGC donated \$196.00 to the landscaping fund for the new library. The CGC continued to be involved with library landscape throughout the construction, dedication on November 1, 1959 and after with the plantings of daffodils and crocuses on the east and north sides. The Perrysburg Journal captured several CGC members admiring progress during construction, Mrs. Duane Stranahan, Mrs. Lewis Bentley, and these unidentified ladies!





## 2020 and 2021 Provisional Pages (Continued)

In 1981 the library was enlarged from 11,000 to 22,470 square feet . In 2000 the CGC made a gift of \$75,000 to the Way Foundation to donate \$15,000 annually for five years to the Library Foundation’s Capital Endowment Campaign. This was earmarked to provide landscaping, furniture and pavers for the outdoor patio and a new base and relocation/cleaning for the. “Soaring” sculpture for the 2001 (most recent) building expansion. This expansion brought the library’s usable space to 46,640 square feet and enclosed the original library.



The CGC replaced the diseased ash trees with Patriot Elms and Village Green Zelkovas in 2004. Also that same year a donation was made to the library to place a copy of Richard Baranowski’s

book, Perrysburg Village Voices in each school. (The book contains a chapter on the CGC.)

May the Country Garden Club’s partnership with the Way Public Library continue for many years!



## Nominating Committee

Mary Richter, Chair of the Nominating committee reminded us that guests are welcome at any of our open meetings: November, December, January, and March. Membership application forms are due by April 1st for the provisional class of 2023! Contact Mary for membership application form. [richterm1396@gmail.com](mailto:richterm1396@gmail.com)



***Deb Fragel***



1. What I like the most about Perrysburg is: The People and the Architecture
2. I have lived in Perrysburg for one half year.
3. If I had to pick one place in the area to bring a visitor it would be Downtown Perrysburg.
4. My favorite “green” item to grow are Orchids
5. I was born in Toledo and grew up in Rossford.
6. My most rewarding work/volunteer experience was Mothers Club in our children’s high school.
7. I’m never without Mascara!

***Meredith Moore***



1. What I like the most about Perrysburg is: Our People!
2. I have lived in Perrysburg for 36 years.
3. If I had to pick one place in the area to bring a visitor it would be Louisiana Ave.
4. My favorite “green” item to grow is Hydrangia
5. I was born in Hermitage, PA. and grew up in Perrysburg after age 10.
6. My most rewarding work/volunteer experience was/is Hands on activities—anything hands on that makes a difference!
7. I’m never without Lipstick!



## CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

2021-2022

Chair Kim Frazier

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Sixteen members of the Conservation committee met in the evening of 8/31/21 at the Hamlet Pool area overlooking the Maumee River. With cool breezes and a glass of wine many ideas were shared and discussed. The threatened water system locally and in Arizona is Gretchen Down's passion. Marti Bair shared the book "The Little Green Book of Gardening", which everyone loved, but unfortunately is out of print. A possible replacement is being sought with hopes of providing the committee members with a copy. Kim Frazier shared her Conservation plans and commitments for the year.

A "Clean Your Streams Day" is planned for Thursday, 9/23/21, 9:00-11:00AM. The location is still being determined, but will most likely be Orleans Park or Rapids Road fishing spot along the Maumee. It is the 25th anniversary for "Clean Your Streams" program.

Please continue to collect empty prescription bottles! The Wood County Humane Society has requested us to continue with this project. You can drop them off at Kim Frazier's home or bring to our membership meetings.

Monarch fact: Monarch butterflies migrate through northwest Ohio between September 9th - October, on their way to Mexico. These butterflies fly more than 2500 miles to winter in Mexico. If the area has the right combination of wind, rain and cooler temperatures, large numbers of monarchs can be seen.

A program with "Nature's Nursery" is being planned for November 2, at 10:00AM at Way Library. The speaker, Jamie Forbush, may bring an animal!



Committee members attending included Judy Reitzel Connie Murphy Holly Samuelson Michele Alexander Kelly Ewbank Marti Bair Erin Vile Ursula Kluge Gretchen Downs Bonnie Ash Sherie Robarge Annette Sipp Not pictured but also in attendance: Karen Hinkson Nancy Lehmann Jane Hopkins and Kim Frazier





**Perrysburg Country Garden Club  
Horticulture Committee  
2021-2022**

**Co-Chairs Luella Smith & Jan Baker**

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**PLAN ON ATTENDING THE WORKSHOP TO MAKE ADDITIONAL NOTE CARDS FOR OUR CLUB BOOTH—September 21.**

The remaining committee meetings will be held at **10:00 a.m.** in 2021.

- November 15 – home of Jan Baker; 10311 Bridgewood Rd., Perrysburg, OH
- December 20, 2022
- January 17 or 18 (TBD....please note that Jan. 17 is Martin Luther King Day)
- February 21 or 22 (TBD.... February 21 is President’s Day)
- March 21
- April 18—pressed flower workshop.
- May 16

Additional Dates to note:

1. **April 11, 2022** – Horticulture Committee is responsible for the program for the Membership Meeting.... Also CGC Plant Exchange since April is Ohio Native Plant Month
2. **June 3, 4, & 5, 2022** – Flower Show at Way Library.



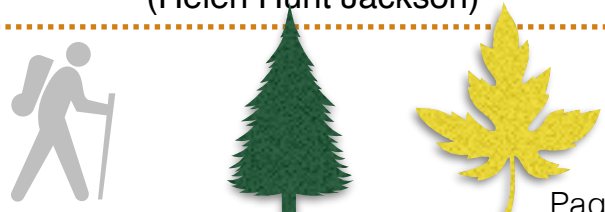
Remember to sign up for the Shirley Meneice virtual horticulture conference. Wed, Sep 22, 2021 at 11:00 AM - Thu, Sep 23, 2021 at 06:00 PM ET. **The last day to register is Tue, Sep 21, 2021.**

A committee has been formed to work to address the need and details for a community garden, and raised bed gardens for the schools.

Support activities leading up to a workshop preparing members for the flower show will take place.



“September days are here  
With summer’s best of weather,  
and autumn’s best of cheer.”  
(Helen Hunt Jackson)





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Colleen McGoldrick & Marsha Molnar  
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Regular meeting will be held at Marsha Molnar's home on **September 24.**

A tour of the Stranahan Arboretum is scheduled on **Saturday 10 am on October 9.**



## FLORAL DESIGN

### Co Chairs

Susan Garn & Maryann Fishbaugh  
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A beautiful morning in the Garden View u-pick flower garden outside Grand Rapids, OH on August 23. About 15 members attended, learning about the different flowers that are grown there, and creating arrangements to take home in their own mason jar. Of particular interest was their concept of a drop in to shop store honor system store, where one can purchase their local honey, and flower arrangements made up and ready to take home.

GardenView Flowers is a family-run flower farm and floral design studio located in Grand Rapids, OH. **In addition to custom-designed floral creations for weddings using blooms grown on our 60-acre farm, GardenView also offers floral design for events and special orders.** With more than 80 varieties of fresh-cuts growing in our gardens, we also can offer the freshest and most unique selection of flowers in Northwest Ohio and the Toledo Area. Customers can also stop by our [U-Pick Garden](#) to make their own bouquet or attend one of our seasonal [flower design workshops](#).

Kathy Schneider, Susan Garn, Maryann Fishbaugh, and Staff Member, discuss multiple aspects of their experience. And to Susan's delight, someone found a Monarch Butterfly crysalis in the garden!



**Above:** Diane Zitzelberger shared her beautifully finished and arranged bouquet from the flower farm. **Left:** Judy Reitzel puts the finishing touches on her white themed bouquet.



## Co Chairs

Pat Todak and Judy Reitzel

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**The November eNews is Zone X's month to showcase our member's photographs!  
Photo submission deadline is OCTOBER 10**

### Photo Specs:

- Search your photos from previous months of November • Landscape (Horizontal) images are required
- **Fall** photos, taken by Zone X members
- Taken in Zone X
- All photos should be **1MB or larger**

### How to send photos:

- Email photos to Kelly Bronfman at [KellyBronfmanPhotography@gmail.com](mailto:KellyBronfmanPhotography@gmail.com).
- Put "eNews Photo" and "Zone X" in the subject line.
- If possible, rename the photo in the following format: First Name, Last Name, GC name, Zone X. Otherwise please make sure to include the member's name, club (using GC in place of Garden Club) and zone in the email.
- It is preferable to ATTACH photos as a file in **.jpeg** format. • Be aware if you insert the photos in the body of the email it may reduce the size of the photos, making them unusable.
- Please DO NOT use the jotform to email the image to the GCA.

### Further info:

- Club members may send in several photos.
- Please do not send photos with people or pets.
- Pictures that have won a blue ribbon or special award in a GCA photography show are not eligible.
- We will resize the photos after we receive them and it may be necessary to crop the images to fit the intended space.
- Photos received and not used in eNews will be archived for future use in other communications, such as the rotating banner on the Members Area homepage.
- Though photographers are usually credited in eNews, GCA Policy does not require us to provide attribution.

What a great opportunity to share photographs that showcase the November beauty of Zone X for all GCA members to enjoy! We look forward to seeing the beautiful images taken in your zone.

### **Committee Notes:**

A visit to Schedel Gardens was finally completed after mother nature successfully delayed a couple trips to Elmore! Look for a Fall trip (Date TBD) to Swan Creek Metropark.

January workshop will be held to prepare members for their submissions in the category of photography for the June flower show. [Click here to start learning about flower show and photography entry information](#)



## Submitted

By

**Mary Merrick**

Here we are in September and we know that summer is coming to an end soon. The schools are back in session, the nights grow a bit cooler and the garden begins its preparation for its winter rest.

What garden tasks do we have in September?

•Consider replacing summer annuals that are past their best. Look for plants with

fall colors to fill these empty spots and evaluate your pots and containers for any freshening-up that is needed. Plants to look at as replacements include ornamental cabbage, kale and mums. Your marigolds as well as some impatiens are likely to continue to make a good showing.

- When the night-time temperatures drop below 55 degrees remember to bring your tender tropical plants indoors if you want to try to winter them over as house plants.
- Geraniums can be kept indoors over the winter by cutting back the plants or propagating cuttings from the parent plant and carefully nursing these new and revived plants through the chilly winter months.
- As the weather cools your garden and especially containers will need less water so be sure to reduce your watering times.
- There is no need to fertilize annuals as they will soon pass on.
- Remove dead or dying annuals and tidy up the garden area.
- September is the month to begin planting tulip and daffodil bulbs.
- Bring your amaryllis plant indoors to allow for a dormant period of at least 6 to 8 weeks, hold watering during this time and keep the plant in a cool dark place. At about Thanksgiving time begin to water the plant and give your plant a bit of daily sunshine so that you will have blooms in 4 to 6 weeks.
- This is the time to lift your tender bulbs if you do not want to leave them in the ground and risk their loss due to winter frosts.
- Bulbs will need a bit of watering if the weather is dry during September.
- Be sure to fertilize your bulbs with a slow-acting all-purpose or bulb fertilizer.
- This is the time to consider planting roses including roses you may have in pots or containers in your garden. Do not fertilize the roses at this time, wait until spring. Do not prune your roses now but wait until the plants have dropped all of their leaves.

***“Autumn dresses up in gold;  
the richest season of the  
soul.”***

*Angie Weiland-Crosby*



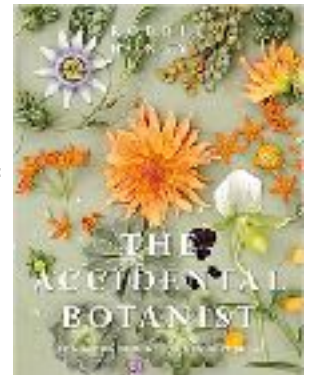
A note from our contributing author, Mary Merrick

As we begin our 2021-21 year in Book Nook the theme for this year will be more focused than in the past year. This is a busy year for CGC with The Trunk Show returning in person and The Flower Show in June. The books that will be reviewed this year 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 held June 2-4, 2022 at the Way Library in Perrysburg.

The Accidental Botanist
The Structure of Plants Revealed
Robbie Honey

As a first-year medical student I enjoyed the study of human anatomy very much. When I found this book which is almost an anatomy book of flowers I was delighted. The author, Robbie Honey was born and grew up in Zimbabwe. He has studied horticulture, interior design and photography primarily in England. One can see the influences of these many areas of study in this book. He is internationally known and respected and he lectures widely about floristry.

This book is filled with magnificent photographs of flowers in their intact state as well as after dissection into their composite parts. The detail and quality of the photos is perfect and allows one to admire every flower in great detail. The book is divided by flower color so one can use the book to find flowers of the color appropriate to one's needs for an arrangement. In addition to the photos there is detailed information about the Latin name of the plant, its origin, a description of the plant including its leaves, flowers, and fruit if appropriate as well as its uses. This detailed scientific information is followed by a short paragraph of personal information about what flower has meant to Honey in his lifetime. At the beginning of each color specific section of the book there is a photo of a monochromatic flower arrangement.



Packer Creek Pottery-
Country Garden Club
2021 ORDER FORM

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