

Garden CLIPPINGS

March 2018

Avon-on-the Lake Garden Club

Bee Happy in the garden

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2017-2018 OFFICERS

Avon –on-the Lake Garden Club

President: **Beth Murphy**
Vice President: Jennifer Fenderbosch
Treasurer: Lynn Medders
Rec. Secy: Susan Donovan
Cor. Secy: Georganne Wolnowski

Appointed Officers

Auditor: Pat Kilbane
Advisor: Pamela Hoffmann
Historian: Nadge Herceg
GCO & NGC: Gerry Paine/ Jennifer Fenderbosch
Parliamentarian: Pam Hoffmann
Membership: Audrey Roberts
Publicity: Janet Coffey/Elaine George
Ways & Means: Donna Shiley/Judy Kaminsky

Appointed Temporary Officers

Community Council: Audrey Roberts
Yearbook Typist: Beth Murphy

Standing Committee Chairpersons

Awards: Sue Jagoda
Benevolence: Georganne Wolnowski
Garden Walks/Adventures: Silvia Langdon/Judy Kaminski
Horticulture: Janelle Schubmehl
Inspirational Messenger: Trudy Salim
Newsletter: Nadge Herceg
Telephone Board: Pat Kilbane
Telephone Calling List: Sally Klepper
Garden Therapy: Bonnie Armstrong

Civic Interest Gardens

Gazebo: Audrey Roberts/Georganne Wolnowski
Herb Garden: Colleen Wilber
Wildflower: Armgard Hartz/Anita Webb/ Beth Murphy
Fence Garden: Diana Wyrock/Jane Kozey
Beach Park Point: Barbara Nahm/Maryanne Stern
Walker Rd. Butterfly:



Bee Happy

In the Garden

President's Message

Beth Murphy

As the New Year unfolds we see the signs of spring slowly emerging. It is an encouraging time to see our yards and gardens waking up. The spring bulbs have broken ground and warmer temperatures tease us. But wait. This is northeast Ohio and I am sure some cold snow will once again appear slowing the process for spring to come in its full beauty. This is a difficult time for us gardeners but we persevere!

We have had some exciting new changes in our club. The **yearbook logo** bags have been made and presented to members. I have heard lots of good oohs and ahhs over our new club addition. Keep on the lookout for your opportunity to purchase garden wear made for you with our club logo.

Our **annual plant sale** will have a new date and location. Goddard School has agreed to partner with us as the new location for our sale. Centrally located on route 83 just north of Walker Road where the old Wendy's was, is a great place for everyone in town to see us. Even better, is the date is **May 12, 2018**, the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend. A perfect time for purchasing from us locally grown perennials from our yards. Success from the beginning as they already have had their roots in our wonderful soil.

Feed Ohio continues as a GCO focus. What a wonderful way to support CRS – our local food bank. Remember to bring your food donations to each meeting supporting Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club and CRS. A win for all!

This year begins **Avon Lake's bicentennial** year. Our club needs to be involved since our roots are so deep within the city – 88 years deep! One thought is to have a garden walk of members yards for the city to enjoy, providing a peek at the talent and creativeness our members bring to the community. Nothing is definitely confirmed so please bring your ideas to the next meeting.

Our next meeting is at the Cleveland Botanical Garden Wednesday, March 7, 2018. We will carpool from Bleser Field at 11:00am to CBG and have our lunch, meeting and program. Afterwards a peek at Orchid Mania. It will be a wonderful afternoon. Even if the sun should not appear the beautiful setting will bring spring closer.

Enjoy the season before us, nature is coming to life, a time of hope, renewal and anticipation.

See you in the garden!

Quinoa Salad Recipe

Janelle Schubmehl

A great salad for mixing both vegetables and high protein quinoa in one dish.

All ingredients are approximates allowing for your preferences.

- Quinoa, cooked as per package instructions
- Kidney beans, canned, drained
- Scallions, chopped
- Cherry tomatoes, cut in half
- Black pitted olives, cut in half
- Mixed vegetables, frozen, cooked

Add anything that sounds good to you.

Preference: lemon juice and olive oil dressing

Serve over cut lettuce and or greens.

Membership Dues

Audrey Roberts

Membership dues for our new year, starting July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, will be due in May 2018. Membership is \$25.00 and the lunch fee is \$15.00 for a total of \$40.00.

Please fill out page "49" from your yearbook making any new changes to your information. Make your check out to *Avon on the Lake Garden Club*. Thank you for your prompt payment.



May Apples

Call Janelle Schubmehl for availability at 440-933-3954.

Gale's Garden Center Seminars

Submitted by Doreen French

24373 Center Ridge Rd.

Westlake, OH 44145

440-871-0808

March 10, 2018

Growing Herbs 11:00am

Speaker: Becky McKinley, Beck's Greenhouse
Becky has grown herbs for many years and her experience is invaluable. Her seminars are filled with great insights.

March 10, 2018 1:00pm

Build Your Own Fairy Garden

Speaker: Carol Bohr Gale's Westlake Design
Specialist teaches you how to make your very own fairy garden. **Requires reservations (400-871-0808)**. Space is limited! Wine tasting during this event!

March 17, 2018 11:00am

Vegetable Gardening Basics

Speaker: Lee Paulson, Master Gardener
Lee covers the basics for those who want to enjoy their own delicious fresh picked vegetables.

March 17, 2018 1:00pm

Spring Planning and Preparation

Speaker: Emily Cummings, Gale's Westlake's nursery staff

It's time to create your plan for cleanup, preparation and fertilizing your landscape. Emily will help you prepare for planting bulbs, annuals, shrubs, perennials, and trees to give you flowers and interest each season. Wine tasting during this event.

March 24, 2018 11:00am

Planting for Birds in Your Backyard

Speaker: Jim McCarty, Plain Dealer Bird Columnist
Jim teaches you how to plant to help create a natural bird habitat right in your own backyard. Jim will help educate you on the best plant varieties to help your feathered friends to be healthy and happy.

March 24, 2018 1:00pm

Create Colorful Living Easter Basket Basics

Speaker: Brennis Booth, Gale's Westlake Nursery Specialist teaches you how to make you very own beautiful living Easter basket. **Reservations required.** Limited space! Call 440-871- 0808. Wine tasting during this event.

March 31, 2018 11:00am

Shrub and Tree Pruning

Speaker: Emily Cummings, Gale's Westlake Nursery Learn proper techniques and timing for pruning. Wine tasting during this event.

Perennial Bloom Recipient 2017

Beth Murphy

Just a reminder that Pam Hoffmann is asking all members if they have a garden club member they would like to recommend as the club Perennial Bloom recipient for 2017. Please confidentially submit your idea to Pam and be sure to give what positions the person held in the club and their additional club service contributions. Any and all background information is appreciated.

Pam Hoffmann: 440-933-2736

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Pollinator Partnership

Submitted by Jennifer Fenderbosch

The Pollinator Partnership's mission is to promote the health of pollinators, critical to food and ecosystems, through conservation, education, and research.

Birds, bats, bees, butterflies, beetles, and other small mammals that pollinate plants are responsible for bringing us one out of every three bites of food. They also sustain our ecosystems and produce our natural resources by helping plants reproduce.

Pollinating animals travel from plant to plant carrying pollen on their bodies in a vital interaction that allows the transfer of genetic material critical to the reproductive system of most flowering plants – the very plants that

- bring us countless fruits, vegetables, and nuts,

- ½ of the world's oils, fibers and raw materials;
- prevent soil erosion,
- and increase carbon sequestration

This nearly invisible ecosystem service is a precious resource that requires attention and support - - and in disturbing evidence found around the globe, is increasingly in jeopardy.

Birds, bats, butterflies, moths, flies, beetles, wasps, small mammals, and most importantly, bees are pollinators. They visit flowers to drink nectar or feed off of pollen and transport pollen grains as they move from spot to spot.

Somewhere between 75% and 95% of all flowering plants on the earth need help with pollination – they need pollinators. Pollinators provide pollination services to over 180,000 different plant species and more than 1200 crops. That means that 1 out of every three bites of food you eat is there because of pollinators. If we want to talk dollars and cents, pollinators add 217 billion dollars to the global economy and honey bees alone are responsible for between 1.2 and 5.4 billion dollars in agricultural productivity in the United States. In addition to the food that we eat, pollinators support healthy ecosystems that clean the air, stabilize soils, protect from severe weather, and support other wildlife.

Logon and register your garden for the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge:

<http://pollinator.org/mpgcmmap/register#form>

GCO River Cruise to Holland and Belgium

Submitted by Jennifer Fenderbosch

<http://www.gardenclubofohio.org/6487-2/>

Join an 11-day River Cruise to Holland and Belgium May 6th – 16th 2018 for \$4699 that includes airfare from NYC. **PBS's Eric Johnson** will be filming his *GardenSmart* Series during this trip as your guide. These are some of the most magnificent spring European gardens. **ACT FAST.** Contact: Alki Tours Worldwide
206-935-6848 www.alkitours.com

National Garden Week:

June 3 – 9, 2018

Jennifer Fenderbosch

<http://www.gardenclub.org/projects/national-garden-week.aspx>

Volunteers needed to organize local events during June 3-9, 2018 to celebrate National Garden Week 2018. Document with Photos your activity.

Below are some ideas; add to the list.

Sign up at the meeting or contact Beth Murphy if you want to participate with this event. Volunteer to:

- Create Fresh Bouquet from your garden to take to City Hall Switch Board on 2nd floor from ALGC
- Create Fresh Bouquet from your garden to take to City Hall Public Works Department 1st floor
- Create Fresh Bouquet from your garden to take to City Hall Parks and Recreation Department 1st floor
- Contact Mary Krupar, Mayor's Secretary, to place a notice on City Hall Sign "Celebrate National Garden Week"
- Create Fresh Bouquet from your garden to take to the Avon Lake Public Library Circulation Desk, Reference Desk, and Children's Department Desk
- Create a Fresh Bouquet from your garden to take to Independence Village
- Create a Fresh Bouquet from your garden to take to Town Center
- Create a Fresh Bouquet from your garden to take to CRS
- Challenge members to take a Fresh Bouquet from their yard to their favorite business (hair dresser, restaurant, dentist's office, etc.) with a card from Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club to celebrate National Garden Week
- Invite the Mayor to sign the proclamation that is on the NGC website in May, have a photo of the club members at the May Luncheon and then submit it to the newspaper in time for it to run for the week of June 3rd.

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- Plan a program at a Garden Center
- Plan a program at the Avon Lake Public Library
- Plan a program with a Youth Group

Garden Club of Ohio, Inc. Scholarship Fund Annual Appeal

Jennifer Fenderbosch

<http://www.gardenclubofohio.org/2015-2016-scholarship-fund-annual-appeal/>

ALGC budgeted and paid \$50 in 2017 for the GCO Scholarship Fund. \$50 is budgeted in 2018 for the same and will be paid.

If 100% of those in GCO participated in this very worthy cause \$15,000 could be reached. Contributions combined with designated GCO funds and Landscape Design funds provide scholarships to 10 worthy students for a total of \$32,000. Individual members may make contributions in Memorial or Honorarium.

If interested, please make your check payable to Garden Club of Ohio, Inc. and mail to Shirley Basista, **8623 Hollis Lane, Brecksville, Oh 44141**. When a check is sent, please print your name, Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club, Cleveland District, your address, President Beth Murphy, your email and telephone number.

Did You Know?

Pam Hoffmann

One of our illustrious, refined, members attended Woodstock. Any guesses?

GCO Raffle Quilt

Jennifer Fenderbosch

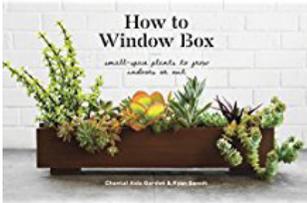
<http://www.gardenclubofohio.org/gco-raffle-quilt/>

A lovely 57" x 57" handmade quilt can be yours if your ticket is pulled. It is slightly larger than a double bed. It is fund-raiser for the **GCO's Life Scholarship Fund**. Members can purchase raffle tickets at \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.00. They can be purchased by contacting:

Jane Bodnar, Cleveland District Director
21029 Avalon Drive
Rocky River, Oh 44116-1117
440-333-3323 ljbodnar@gmail.com

Check It Out

Nadge Herceg, Avon Lake Public Library



How to Window Box

Chantal Aida Gordon &
Ryan Benoit

“Bright photography and instructions take you from understanding soil and watering needs to personalizing your own box, making this a great primer for anyone who’s green to gardening.”

New Member Update

Audrey Roberts

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2018 Perennial Plant of the Year

Allium Millenium

Submitted by Nadge Herceg
www.perennialplant.org



Allium ‘Millenium’ is a perfect selection for full-sun gardens with well-drained soil where its sleek structure can complement many other growth habits. Cut flowers retain a blush of their summer color.

Unique Qualities

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Allium ‘Millenium’ is a butterfly magnet. The plant is interesting through multiple seasons for both foliage and large, gorgeous blooms. Reseeding is much less a problem than in other alliums.

Maintenance

Allium ‘Millenium’ is subject to no serious insect or disease problems. Deer and rabbits usually avoid ‘Millenium’.

This herbaceous perennial, relative to the common onion, is a workhorse of the late summer garden. Bred by Mark McDonough, horticulture researcher from Massachusetts, ‘Millenium’ was introduced through Plant Delights Nursery in 2000 where it has proven itself year after year earning rave reviews. ‘Millenium’ is spelled with one “n”, as registered, but is occasionally incorrectly listed with two “n”s.

This cultivar is the result of a multigenerational breeding program involving *Allium nutans* and *A. lusitanicum* (formerly *Allium senescens* ssp *montanum*), selected for late flowering with masses of rose-purple blooms, uniform habit with neat shiny green foliage that remains attractive season long, and for its drought resistant constitution.

Allium ‘Millenium’ has a fibrous root structure forming an ornamental herbaceous clump easily propagated by division. Once in the garden, ‘Millenium’ can easily be lifted and divided in either spring or fall. Cut back foliage in late fall.

Orchids on the Lake Orchid Show

Nadge Herceg

The Mid America Orchid Congress in conjunction with the West Shore Orchid Society presents an Orchid Show on April 28 (9am-5pm) and 29(10am-4pm), 2018 at the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center (18100 Royalton Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136). Admission is \$5.00.

www.westshoreorchidsociety.org