

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

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Avon-on-the Lake Garden Club

What's Buzzing in our Gardens

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President's Message

Beth Murphy



Greetings! I want to thank you for your confidence in me as your president for the upcoming year. I have big shoes to fill as our recent presidents and board members have been amazing!

For those board members that have agreed to work for us all this year – THANK YOU, THANK YOU. Your service is invaluable to keeping this club strong and growing. Getting involved gives one pride, ownership and friendships not just on the board but also in the gardens and at our meetings! We each bring value to our club that is 68 strong and 86 years old! These are exciting numbers to buzz about!

My theme for the year is - **What's Buzzing in our Gardens**. Everyone is aware of the problems our pollinators are facing and Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club will **bee** part of a solution. It's important to know we are striving to make an impact for native solitary bees in our world with the **BeeGAP Program**. It is an exciting and rewarding program through National Garden Club and Crown Bees. Buzzing in our gardens promises to be an exciting year.

We begin the year in September with a **Standard Flower Show – It Happens in Fall**. Member Jo'C Walker and her team have put together an informative and challenging schedule which we all need to support with our participation. Step outside your comfort zone and participate in a design that keeps us buzzing! Bee courageous! Don't just talk about it, bee about it!

Our new Vice President, Jennifer Fenderbosch, has put together some interesting and exciting programs, each one entertaining and informative. We will increase our knowledge on Good Bugs and Bad Bugs, Houseplants, BeeGAP, Ohio Land Trust and Conservancy, Mushrooms and much more! Please plan on attending the meetings for friendships, good food and fun programs, enriching us all.

Flower Show Call, "IT HAPPENS IN FALL"

Jo'C Walker, Flower Show Co-Chair

Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club
Standard Flower Show
September 17-18, 2016
1:00pm-4:00pm
Avon Lake Public Library

What an exciting time for us! There are so many interesting ways to participate in the flower show. Please read the flower show schedule. We have design for members who love to put flowers in a vase, horticulture for members who love to grow house plants, annuals, biennials, perennials, and those who love to put planters together. We have fairy garden planters, scarecrows, wreaths and photos. Everything needed to make our creative juices flow. It only comes once in four years. Don't miss out in helping to make the show a success.

Everyone sets the table. There are three table classes. In Class 1, "PARTY LIKE A WINNER", you'll simply need a plate, a glass or cup, a napkin and a few flowers or a leaf; no flower arrangement is necessary. How easy is that? In Class 2, "PARTY LIKE A ZOMBIE", you'll need a plate, a glass or cup, a napkin and a flower arrangement. In Class 3, "PARTY LIKE A PILGRIM", you'll need two place settings and a flower arrangement. Sign-up and we'll have a workshop if there is a need.

Remember at last year's Presidents' Tea, the hostesses made centerpieces incorporating fruits and veggies. It was requested to have a class in the flower show that used fruits and veggies. In response, Class 7, "PLAYING WITH FOOD", was added and you'll have an opportunity to create a design with fruits and veggies. What fun!

The day before the show, **Friday, September 16, 2016 from 1:00 to 4:00**, is the time you'll bring in your cut flowers, leaves, branches and potted plants. Only the potted plants have to be pre-registered. There's enough time to plan ahead. Grow your favorite plants all summer. Buy an African violet or other houseplant; just have to keep them alive until the September show. Read the show schedule, Horticulture Division Rules, Number 2, for the time frame of plant material to be in your possession.

All container grown plants must be clean, plain clay or plastic pots except in SECTION J. "GROWING TOGETHER"; the classes are Dish Garden, Terrarium, and Planter. The container in these classes does not have to be plain clay or plastic.

Looking forward to a great show! If you have questions, please call the consultant for the Section listed in the flower show schedule.

Baby boomers to blame for lost generation of gardeners

*Ben Webster, Environment Editor
May 23 2016, 12:01am, The Times
Submitted by Audrey Roberts*

Sue Biggs also blames the buy-to-let boom for the neglect of gardens. Britain is suffering from a "lost generation of gardeners" in their twenties, thirties and forties because their baby-boomer parents did not bother to teach them, according to the Royal Horticultural Society.

Gardens owned by people in this age group were likely either to be neglected or treated as "outdoor living rooms", with decking, patios and barbecues but few plants.

Sue Biggs, director-general of the RHS, also blamed the buy-to-let boom for the neglect of gardens. Tenants lacked the incentive to invest in gardens, she said, which had fuelled the rise in poorly maintained outside spaces. "Tenants think, 'I'm not allowed.

Audrey Roberts mentors her granddaughter who will not be the "lost generation of gardeners."



What's BUZZING about Town



Beth Murphy

Interested? Contact Beth Murphy,
440-225-3294, if you would like to

carpool and attend:

June 4, 2016 Plants in the Park

Independence Civic Center 9am to 2pm
Cuyahoga County Master Gardener Plant sale

June 14, 2016 Plant Diseases 101

6pm Parma Snow Branch Library (2121 Snow Road,
Parma 44134) Are your plants infected? Learn
about plant disease basics, the signs and symptoms
of common diseases and basic management
strategies. Free and open to the public.

July 20, 2016 Beneficial bugs

5:30pm OSU Extension office (5320 Stanard Ave.,
Cleveland 44103) Learn about beneficial predators
and other good garden bugs. Free and open to the
public.

November 5, 2016 Fall Seminar

Gardening through the Seasons at Embassy Suites
(5800 Rockside Woods Blvd., Independence, OH)
8:15am to 3:30pm. Registration \$48 until October
17, 2016

Upcoming Flower Shows 2016

June 17-18, 2016 Independence Garden Club

Ballots and Blossoms
Friday 1:00-7:00pm Saturday 9:00-3:00pm
Independence Community Center
6363 Selig Drive, Independence

July 29-30, 2016 Gates Mills Garden Club

Primary Colors
Friday 1:00-5:00pm Saturday 1:00-5:00pm
Esquire's Cottage
1280 Chagrin River Road, Gates Mills

September 17-18, 2016 Emerald Necklace Garden Club

Birds and Blooms
Saturday 12:30-4:00pm Sunday 12:00-3:00pm
Brecksville Community Center
1 Community Drive, Brecksville

Picture Perfect GCO Spring 2016 Luncheon



Pam Hoffmann accepts
Yearbook Award.

Fence Garden

Elsie Robinson

Following the suggestion of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. we made the Fence Garden at the Peter Miller House Museum more habitable for nature's smaller creatures, Excess brush was cleared at each end of the interior fence and the area prepared for planting pink Monarda (Bee Balm), Bruneria (Forget-Me-Not) and Wallcress to attract bird, bees, and butterflies.

Diana Wyrock supplied a two-story butterfly house and a quaint toad house in anticipation of respective tenants. At each end of the garden, hollow plant tubes were placed high in the trees to attract and house the small black Mason bees.

We needed a water source to complete the habitat. Friends of the Garden Club, Jim and Barb Garrosch gifted a beautiful shallow water sculpture hand-made by Jim. He used a concrete formula then formed the design using elephant ear foliage. Look for this finely sculpted leaf under a tree inside the garden. Our thanks are extended to Jim and Barb for their timely gift

The Garrosch's live on Fay Avenue and create the beautiful Christmas displays during the holiday season. .

Fence garden maintenance by: Jo'C Walker, Jane Kozey, Donna Frisch, Pat Kilbane, Diana Wyrock, Elsie Robinson and an extremely helpful gentleman, Mr. Walker, who passing by, stopped to admire our work and stayed to remove brush and dead wood from the garden area.

Time	July 13th	Time	August 10th
9:30am	Mary Kay Andrews 435 Cove Beach Sheffield Lake 440-522-8415	9:30am	Roxanne Bruegging 364 Avon Point Avon Lake, Oh 440-899-7912 Roxbruegging@me.com
10:15am	Bob Andrews 230 Glenview Avon Lake 440-787-3424	10:15am	Betsy and Paul Bell 33218 Ambleside Drive Avon Lake, OH 440-930-4983 bellbet3@aol.com
11:00am	Judy Byrom 392 Greenbriar Avon Lake 440-933-3105 jgarden@oh.rr.com	11:00am	Bill and Staci Starr 33247 Ambleside Drive Avon Lake, OH 440-653-9125 bstarr2526@gmail.com
11:45am	Jane Kozey 78 Coveland Drive Avon Lake, OH 440-930-5789 jkozey@oh.rr.com Refreshments	11:45am	Anna Burns 509 Waterford Court Avon Lake, Oh 440-653-9574 smoochie3@yahoo.com Refreshments

Avon –on-the-Lake Garden Club SUMMER 2016 Walks

Meet at the Avon Lake Public Library parking lot at 9:15am to carpool and travel to the July and August walks.

Seeds of Hope



Seeds of Hope Project Update

Jo'C Walker

Vegetable starter plants and seeds were purchased with the \$100 that our club sent to Butogota Trinity College, a secondary boarding school for one and two parent orphans. The vegetables are growing in the Sunshine Garden, although having a tough time of it without water. The temperature is to be in the 70's this week and they're going into the drought season. The rains won't come until late August. A few plants have survived from the last growing season; there are two growing seasons a year.

The garden is also used for teaching agriculture classes and the students from the Agriculture Club plant, weed and harvest. The school is located in the southwestern corner of Uganda close to the border of the Rwanda and the Republic of the Congo. It's near the Impenetrable Forest home of the endangered silverback gorillas. Headmaster Wence has sent an email and pictures.

"In the garden there is cassava, scumwik [what the one who took photos called cabbages], eggplants, dodo (greens) of different types. Students, teachers have started consuming vegetables. Cassava is about to be ready. Thank you once again to garden club for everything."

Regards

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