

# Garden CLIPPINGS

December 2017

Avon-on-the Lake Garden Club

*Bee Happy in the Garden*

1930-2017

## 2017-2018 OFFICERS

### Avon-on-the Lake Garden

#### Elected Officers

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

#### Appointed Officers

Auditor: Pat Kilbane  
Advisor: Pam Hoffmann  
Historian: Nadge Herceg  
Membership: Audrey Roberts  
Parliamentarian: Pam Hoffmann  
Publicity: Janet Coffey  
CBG: Marianne Stern  
GCO & NGC: Jennifer Fenderbosch  
Ways & Means: Donna Shiley/Judy Kaminiski

#### Standing Committee Chairpersons

Awards: Sue Jagoda  
Benevolence: Georganne Wolnowski

#### Civic Interest Gardens:

Beach Park Point: Barb Nahm  
Library Butterfly: Lillian McPherson/Bev Stives  
Walker Road Butterfly: Marianne Stern  
Fence: Diana Wyrock  
Gazebo: Audrey Roberts/Georganne Wolnowski  
Herb: Collen Wilber  
Old Firehouse: Donna Shiley/Beth Murphy  
Wildflower: Armgard Hartiz/Anita Woods

Garden Therapy: Bonnie Armstrong

Garden Walks & Adventures: Silvia Langdon/  
Judy Kaminski

Hort/Conservation: Janelle Schubemehl

Hostess: Donna Shiley/Barb Fazekas

Inspirational Message: Trudy Salim

Mentor Program: Audrey Roberts

Newsletter: Nadge Herceg

Telephone Board: Pat Kilbane

Telephone List: Sally Klepper

#### Appointments:

Community Council: Audrey Roberts

Yearbook Typist: Beth Murphy

## President's Message

*Beth Murphy*

Another gardening season has passed and our community gardens have been put to bed. We enjoyed their beauty all summer long and it is always sad to say good night. This year I had many people praise our club on the beauty of the gardens. The job we do it greatly appreciated throughout the city. Hopefully your personal gardens have been put to bed also.

We have made great strides in our club this year! Our Garden Walks has been updated to Garden Walks and Adventures and we had our first two adventures. The first was a horticulture tour of the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. It was fun to see it from a whole different perspective – checking out where the animals live and what is done to support them versus viewing the animals. For our 2<sup>nd</sup> adventure, we attended the open house at OSU's Stone Lab on Gilbrailter Island off of Put-In-Bay. It is truly amazing what we learn from our lake and its' environment there.

### CALENDAR

Our members have a newly aligned calendar. We now start our fiscal, calendar and program year July 1st and end all on June 30<sup>th</sup>. While in the many meetings it was realized our Bylaws and Constitution needed to be updated on the proposed changes. All have been approved and adopted into the club and are available for your yearbook. They continue to be made available at the membership table when attending meetings at the library. Please be sure you have a copy.

### YEARBOOKS

Speaking of yearbooks it has a new look. We have changed sizes as unfortunately the smaller version we all loved is no longer affordable or readily available. It was approved to change the size to 8.5 x 11 and all members received a new sized book. It took longer making the formatting changes but I think it was well worth the wait as it can easily handle additions. Truly the place to hold

all ALGC information and updates. The new size book permits a beautiful cover that can be changed year to year. This year we featured an original print made for us by Susie Donovan's 13 year old granddaughter Inga! What a talented young lady, read about her on the title page of the yearbook.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

An important item to remember is our club driving team that is available to assist with transportation for all meetings – general, board and events. On those days when driving is an issue for any reason, health, snow, car problems, etc., please reach out for assistance. Be sure to give the drive advance notice when possible. Seeing everyone at the meetings is a great boost especially when other things in life are wearing you down. Make sure you picked up your copy for your yearbook also at the membership table.

### **LOGO**

WOW, the list continues. Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club has a logo. The team worked hard to bring several designs to share and vote on. Stationary and garden wear were things the club wanted to accomplish for a while and now we can! With a logo, look for these exciting things to come our way.

### **FEED OHIO**

The president of GCO has adopted a program FEED OHIO which ALGC is participating in. At every meeting food items are collected and taken to CRS, the local community food bank. The items are weighed and the tally given to Jane Bodnar, the Cleveland Director who advises GCO directly for the two yearlong contest to see which club is able to donate the most. The boxes continue to be filled each month. Thank you ALL!!! The contest is nice, however the donations are what it is about.

### **YOUTH**

As gardeners we know if we do not get the youth interested in gardening while young, there will be little or no interest as adults. We have a committee researching what we need to do to invite more youth participation. Many members are former teachers, librarians etc., and have had extensive interaction with youth. Please put on your thinking caps, do some research and volunteer to be on the committee. Let's make sure the gardens continue!

## **HOLIDAYS**

The holidays are fast approaching. Take the time to enjoy the season with family and friends. Reach out to those that need assistance – a ride, a phone call, a card, a hug, and a meal, whatever – all gestures little or big, mean so much. It is better to give than receive, AND it is great medicine for the soul.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Year my friends. May Health, Happiness, Laughter and Love abound throughout this season and beyond?

## **Lemon Crumb Muffins**

**(Pine Tree Barn, Wooster, OH.)**

**Yield: 24-30 muffins**

*Submitted by Jennifer Fenderbosch*

2 c. melted butter      4c. Sugar      2T. Lemon juice  
2 c. sour cream      8 eggs  
¾ t. baking soda      ¾ t salt  
6 c. flour (Softex Pastry flour)  
5 fresh lemons

Sift all dry ingredients together. Grate the rind of 5 lemons and set aside. Whisk eggs and add sour cream, butter and lemon juice; which until smooth. Fold in the lemon rind. Fold all dry ingredients into the egg mixture. Blend well.

### **Streusel Recipe**

1 ¼ c. sugar      1 ¼ c. flour      1/3 softened butter  
Sift sugar and flour together. Add softened butter, work into dry ingredients until smooth.

### **Lemon Graze Recipe**

½ c. sugar      1/3 c. lemon juice  
Stir together until all of the sugar is dissolved.

Spray muffin tins and full with lemon muffin batter. Top with streusel. Bake at **350 for 18 to 20 minutes** (325 for convection oven).

Poke muffins with a toothpick and drizzle top with lemon glaze. Remove from muffin tin and store in airtight container. Batter can be kept up to one week in refrigerator.



## Four Tips to Keep Hornets and Wasps Away from Your Home

Angie's List

*Submitted by Jennifer Fenderbosch*

Don't get stung by pesky wasp and hornet problems this fall. One highly rated provider shares four tips to keep wasps and hornets away from your home.

As the summer months come to an end and fall arrives, a different set of bugs become active and may be joining you for the season's last barbecues: wasps. Wasps are buzzing in an out of yards and forming nests in any opportune spots your home might provide. Many people are allergic to bees and/or wasps, or just plain don't want to be stung, so the time has come to know your enemy and figure out ways to avoid them.

How to keep wasps away

- Step 1. Remove unwanted food and cover trashcans - First things first, remove anything the wasps might be attracted to. This includes left over picnic food or pet food and tightly sealing your trashcans. Nectar and bird food may also attract wasps, so think about removing those things as well. Remember, sweet things attract wasps from all around and that includes sweet perfumes and lotions.
- Step 2. Maintain home fixtures and structure - Take a walk around your home and check for any areas that may need repair. Broken panels or siding, gaps in soffits and other crevices are perfect homes for a potential wasp nest. Make sure windows, doors and screens are all in working order so that no unwanted creature flies in. Do a yard check and search for any rodent holes or potential burrows for wasps to make a home in. If they're unoccupied, and sometimes even if they are, fill the hole with dirt or debris.
- Step 3. Use wasp decoys - You can purchase a decorative wasp decoy from a garden or home improvement store. Paper wasps are territorial and tend not to build a nest within 200 feet of another nest, so a couple decoys on either side of the house should deter any from moving in.
- Step 4. Deploy wasp traps - These can be purchased from a garden or home improvement store, but you can also easily make one if you have: a two-liter bottle, sweet liquid (perhaps Mt Dew or similar), and some masking or duct tape. Take the bottle, cut about a fourth of the bottle from the top off and flip it over. Set that top portion within the bottom portion so that there is a pathway leading through the small opening of the bottle down to the bottom. Pour about an inch of a sweet liquid into it, and set it next to an area that you know is active for yellow jackets. It's only the beginning of the wasp season, so it's best to be proactive and start deterring wasps now before you have to call a pest control professional.

See images below:



## Types of Wasps

There are many types of hornets and wasps, and although they don't do much pollination, they do serve a purpose and that is to be nature's pest control. They are predatory and skillfully hunt down the other yard annoyances such as spiders, flies and different insects. Without wasps, your home would be engulfed in bugs. There are a multiple wasps in Ohio, but here are few common ones that you're likely to see this season.

### Yellow jackets

These wasps are a type of paper wasp that opportunistically build their nest in existing burrows or openings, such as old rodent burrows or in the crevices and pockets of your home. Often times they can be seen flying in an out of soffits or gaps where a nest may not be visible.

These guys are fairly aggressive and should be treated as such, so if you suspect a nest, it's best to avoid the area until it can be addressed with bravery or a professional.

### Bald-faced hornets

Bald-faced hornets build visible, paper nests, usually attached to trees. These nests are quite incredible looking, smooth and conical, and can range in size from about the diameter of a grape fruit to the size of a beach ball.

These hornets are pretty sizeable (about an inch long), black and white, and very aggressive. If you stumble across a nest, try not to make sudden or exaggerated movements that may startle them, as these wasps have what is referred to as a smooth stinger. A smooth stinger allows the wasps to continually sting until the threat they've perceived has been abated.

## Tip and garden ideas from "Gardening Month by Month in Ohio"

By Debra Knape & Alison Beck

*Submitted by Beth Murphy*

**November** – Branches lie bare, dry flower heads sway in the breeze and excited birds pick brightly colored fruit from frost-covered branches.

Harvest remaining vegetables and store in a cool place.

Mound mulch around the base of semi-hardy shrubs once the ground freezes for protection OR cover it with a cardboard box and with the top open, fill around loosely with leaves or mulch. Hold the box in place with a heavy rock.

Avoid covering the base of perennials with mulch until the ground freezes. Store the mulch in a frost free area so you can access it when needed.

Fill your bird birders regularly. Well-fed birds will continue to visit your garden in summer, feeding on undesirable insects.

Keep track of the various microclimates in your garden. Wet or dry. Sheltered or in the open. Then cater your planting to fit the area.

You are running out of time to plant spring bulbs and see good bloom in spring.

**December** – Already summer seems so far away. Ghostly forms and dashes of color are all that remain to inspire us till spring.

If you haven't already done so, finish mulching the garden.

Clean tools thoroughly and wipe them with an oil rag to prevent them from rusting.

Sharpen pruners, shovels and spades before storing them for the winter.

Gently brush snow off flexible evergreen branches. Heavy snow can weigh them down.

Water evergreens and shrubs thoroughly before the ground freezes. They won't have any water again until



the ground thaws in the spring.

Move clay and concrete pots and statues into a protected location to prevent cracking over winter.

House plant care – Match the plant with the conditions of the space in your home.

Most indoor pests can be controlled with wiping leaves with a damp sponge. More difficult pests can be treated with insecticidal soap. Read directions well.

Any herbs you are growing indoors should be kept in the brightest window possible.

Dust on plants is more than an eyesore, it prevents plants from making full use of the light they receive.

Houseplants are more than attractive, they clean the air in our homes, elimination many dangerous toxins.

Poinsettias last longest when kept in a cool bright room with moist soil that isn't allowed to dry out completely.

**January** – Now is the time for planning and dreaming of the distant summer and the garden yet to be.

Avoid using chemical de-icers as they are harmful to the lawn and garden.

If you had a live Christmas tree, instead of recycling, cut it up and use the branches as a mulch to shelter low-growing shrubs and ground covers.

Snow is the garden's best friend. Pile clean snow on snow less garden beds to insulate them against the wind and cold. Some people refer to this as snow farming.

Avoid placing houseplants in hot or cold drafts.

Check houseplants regularly for common insect pests such as whiteflies, scale insects, spider mites and mealybugs.

Most indoor plants will benefit from increased humidity levels. Place pots on a tray of pebbles.

Get lawn mowers and other power tools services now. They will be ready for spring.

Reduce watering of houseplants because most need less water during winter.

January is a great time for garden planning.

## **National Wildlife Magazine December/January 2018**

*Submitted by Jennifer Fenderbosch*

### **How Lights at Night Affect Pollinators**

In the December – January 2018 National Wildlife Magazine there is an article on page 8 that stated that scientist used extensive field studies in Switzerland to record the how lights may affect pollinators at night. They used night vision goggles to view over 300 different species visiting 60 species of plants in a remote dark area. Then they turned on illuminating LED lights on poles mimicking street lights. There was a 62 percent decline in insects visiting plants. The outcome for plants can be predicted. They produced fewer fruits than before the lights were lit.

We live in a suburban area. The study makes us rethink the placement of decorative year-round outdoor lighting.

### **Hummers: Beware the Mantis**

In the December – January 2018 National Wildlife Magazine there is an article on page 10 about research that was conducted by Swiss and US researches in 13 countries that recorded 147 instances when praying mantises caught 24 different bird species belonging to 14 different bird families. Seventy percent were captured in the US at hummingbird feeders or at plants pollinated by hummingbirds.

It is fascinating that there are 2,300 different mantis species. It is even more fascinating that a praying mantis eat hummingbirds. I wonder what eats mantis. The cycle goes on.

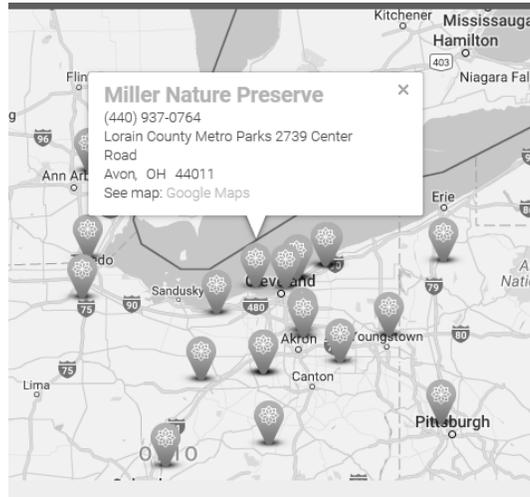
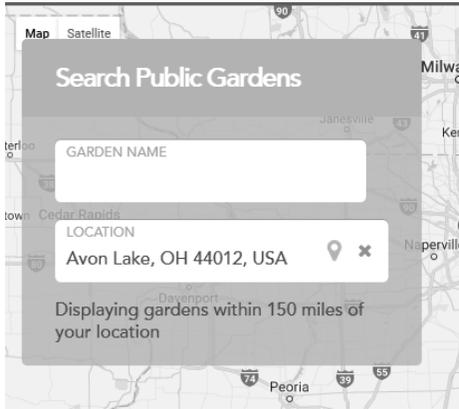


## On the WEB

Submitted by Nadge Herceg

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### Picture Perfect...Glow Gals at Cleveland Botanical Gardens

