

Garden CLIPPINGS

September 2019

Avon-on-the Lake Garden Club

Plant America...Grow Our Legacy

1930-2019

2019-2020 OFFICERS

Avon-on-the Lake Garden Club

President	Jennifer Fenderbosch
Vice President	Elaine George
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Advisor	Diane Deasy
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Holden Forests & Gardens	Marianne Stern
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GCO & NGC	Jennie Jones
Parliamentarian	Diane Deasy
Membership	Kathryn Eyring/Jennie Jones
Publicity	
Ways & Means	Anita Webb

Appointed Temporary Officer

Community Council	Jennifer Fenderbosch
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Standing Committee Chairpersons

Awards	Pam Hoffmann
Benevolence	Georganne Wolnowski
Garden Walks/Adventures	Judy Kaminski/Elaine George
Horticulture	Anne Lyon
Hostess	Collen Wilbur/Char Pulit
Inspirational Messenger	Karen Huddle
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Newsletter	Nadge Herceg
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Telephone Calling List	Jennifer Fenderbosch
Garden Therapy	Bonnie Armstrong
Website	Sue Jagoda
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Civic Interest Gardens

Gazebo	Pam Hoffmann/Georganne Wolnowski
Herb Garden	Colleen Wilber
Wildflower	Anita Webb/Jennie Jones
Library Butterfly	Lillian McPherson/Bev Stives
Fence Garden	Jane Kozey/ Diana Wyrock
Beach Park Point	Barbara Nahm/Marianne Stern
Walker Rd. Butterfly	Sally Klepper
Old Firehouse	Jennifer Fenderbosch

President's Message

Jennifer Fenderbosch

Plant America...Grow our Legacy

This year's Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club's President's theme blended the GCO President, Marylou Smith's theme "*Plant America. Today's Youth – Tomorrow's Gardeners*" with the NGC President Gay Austin's theme "Plant America", to call the project "*Plant America... Grow Our Legacy.*" We create our legacy by passing on the objectives of the ALGC "to promote the interests and knowledge of members and the community in home gardening and floral design, and to encourage and participate in civic planting and conservation". ALGC President's project will focus on local school involvement in the following NGC and GCO Youth Projects: *Youth Sculpture Contest, Youth Essay Contest, Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest, and the Preserving our Natural Habitats Contest.* These projects are focused on K-12 students building upon the legacy that ALGC has developed within the community.

The programs Vice-President Elaine George has contracted will develop our knowledge and interests to share with others as we **Grow Our Legacy**. Invite your neighbors to the Garden Club events. September begins the year with a history lesson in the role flowers played in "The Language of Love". October is a hands-on workshop led by member, artist and teacher Anne Lyon on "Scrap Art". In November, Chef John Ellis will present a program on cooking with herbs. For December Elaine contracted Bess Daniels, owner of The Hen'N and Ivy Flower Shop, who will demonstrate Holiday Floral Design for your home. February will be a program on Native Plants for the Rain Garden. There is a need for understanding storm water management which this program will provide to pass on the knowledge to *Grow Our Legacy*.

When one thinks of Garden Clubs it is natural to think of Flower Shows. It is a great time for

camaraderie and friendship. ALGC is 89 years young. Some members have participated in many Flower Shows while for some this coming June's **Petite Standard Flower Show** will be their first. We started offering off campus floral design classes last year. They were so popular that we will be offering them again this year. These classes develop skills that the NGC judges will be looking for when they judge a design. In March there will be a special program on Horticulture and Botanical Arts to help members prepare for the June show. In April the program will focus on the Floral Design Preparation for the June Flower Show. These skills will help members to *Grow Our Legacy*.

Volunteering in the Civic Gardens, May Plant Sale, and GCO events are all times when members learn about horticulture and landscaping as we share this knowledge with others. Again, these are examples of **Growing Our Legacy**.

All members will want to sign up to help create, install, manage, participate, and take down the Flower Show which is the most ambitious and visible public event the Garden Club offers the community. **Chair Jo'C Walker** will be calling on all of us to support one of the objectives of the Garden Club. I encourage all to contact Jo'C early, so you are prepared for the fun in June 2020.

It's Flower Show Time!

Jo'C Walker, Show Chair



What is a flower show? It's an event to educate club members and the viewing public, to stimulate interest in horticulture and floral design, to provide an outlet for creative expression and to communicate NGC goals and objectives.

We're going to do something a little different for this flower show; it's going to be all petite. Flower arrangements will be 12 inches or less and horticulture will be dwarf, miniature or naturally small specimens. There will be a category for everyone. A new division was created in 2017 by National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC), our parent organization, called Botanical Arts; it will be fun for creative crafty members. There are different types of flower shows. Ours is called a **NGC Petite**

Standard Flower Show which will consist of at least four divisions: Design, Horticulture, Educational and Botanical Arts, with all petite exhibits. The divisions are broken down into sections and sections are broken down into classes and classes are composed of exhibits. An exhibit is an entry that has been accepted into the show.

A booklet, called a schedule, is created six months before the show. It contains all the information necessary to enter the show. All members will be given a copy. The schedule becomes the, "Law of the Show."

Every member is an asset to the flower show and we'll need your help to make our show a success. There will be sign-up sheets at the September meeting. If you have an interest in a subject, sign-up for the committee. It's a great opportunity to learn new things. You know the old saying, "Many hands make light work." All of our members are expected to participate.

Through the year, we'll continue to have classes and workshops to help prepare you for the show. In March and April, we'll have concentrated programs on horticulture, designs, botanical arts, and review the details of the flower show.

Looking forward in sharing your experience of receiving your first blue ribbon.

National Gardening Survey

National Gardening Association

Submitted by **Nadge Herceg**

The just-released 2019 National Gardening Survey, published by the National Gardening Association's research division, GardenResearch.com, reveals new and important information regarding the \$50+ billion lawn and garden industry. Overall, lawn and garden spending increased in 2018 to \$52.3 billion, participation.

The lion's share of spending in the lawn and garden industry is led by wealthy households; however, millennial households once again report strong levels of participation, spending, and perhaps most importantly, planned future purchases. The 2019

National Gardening Survey reveals that 38% of 18-34 year-olds plan to spend more on lawn and garden activities in 2019, compared to the overall average of 29%.

Younger respondents (18-34 year-olds) accounted for a quarter of estimated lawn and garden spending in 2018, despite having lower household incomes than others and being more likely to live in an apartment or condo. Household participation in lawn and garden activities among younger households largely matches other age groups but has grown at a higher rate than others since 2014.

In his [April 11 article on Bloomberg.com](#), Matthew Boyle wrote: "American millennials have been accused of dooming all sorts of things: beer, golf, cereal. But the cohort is credited with reviving the once-moribund market for houseplants. In the past three years, U.S. sales have surged almost 50 percent to \$1.7 billion, according to the National Gardening Association. With many millennials delaying parenthood, plants have become the new pets, fulfilling a desire to connect to nature and the blossoming "wellness" movement. For a group that embraces experiences and travel, moreover, plants give Gen Yers something to care for that won't die—or soil the rug—when they're not around."

Younger households also show a very high level of interest in cultivating legal cannabis: nearly half, an estimated 35.9 million U.S. residents, say they would definitely or probably grow a type of cannabis if it were legal to do so. Seven and a half million of these young adults interested in growing cannabis say that no one in their household currently participates in any lawn and garden activity.

As noted by industry analyst Ian Baldwin, "That's millions of individuals who do not currently do any gardening who would dip a toe into the water, possibly leading to a long-term relationship with the lawn and garden industry."



Tilth Soil

<https://www.tilthsoil.com/>

Submitted by *Jennifer Fenderbosch*

Tilth is an Old English word than means "to labor, to work". In NE Ohio there is a new firm that takes food waste to create compost with added microbes and fungi. They offer three different blends: Sprout (compost), Grow (Compost and Peat Moss) and Base used for weed suppression and moisture control. The following retail locations carry this product:

Landmark Lawn and Garden
11701 Prospect Rd.
Strongsville, OH. 44139 440-236-1600

Rust Belt Riders
1288 Marquette St.
Cleveland, OH 44114 216-800-4651

Zagara's Market Place
1940 Lee Road
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118 216-321-7917

Urban Orchid
1455 W 29 Street
Cleveland, OH. 44113 216-785-3618



**There is also music in the garden but
our hearts must be quiet to hear it.**

National Garden Club Opportunity

Members of NGC are a wealth of knowledge and information on all things in the garden. Do you have a gardening tip, trick, or idea that you want to share? Please send a brief description of your idea. Send a photo or two if they are available. Photos must be high resolution of 300 dpi with photo credit information provided.

SEND TO:

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The National Gardener
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Members of ALGC are full of ideas and tips from experience. Now's the time to share them with the 5,000 Garden Clubs and 150,000 members.

<https://garden.org/>

GCO & NGC Scholarship Report

Submitted by *Jennifer Fenderbosch*

In 2019 GCO awarded \$27,000 to three students who are studying horticulture, crop sciences, plant sustainability and forestry and urban planning. \$12,000 was awarded to Twinsburg's Andrew Yates a sophomore at OSU, \$8,000 to Columbus's Ryan Vogel who is a graduate student at OSU studying Forestry and City Planning and \$7,000 to Morrow's Alea Heger a junior at OSU studying Sustainable Plant Systems.

In 2019 NGC awarded \$140,000 to 35 students with each receiving \$4,000. They are planning a career in gardening, landscape design, environmental issues, floral design and horticulture.

Visit www.gardenclub.org/scholarships/ for more information. All announcements are made at the annual conventions.

How to Debug Plants before bringing them Indoors

<https://getbusygardening.com/debugging-and-cleaning-potted-plants/>

Submitted by *Jennifer Fenderbosch*

Nights are becoming cooler and days are becoming shorter. It is time to plan which container plants will be brought indoors to become houseplants. Like you I don't want to open a bug hotel within our home. In years past when I did not know about the dangers of indoor air and the use of chemicals, we'd haul the containers into the garage and nuke the leaves, stems and soil with bug killer. Then the plants would hang out in the garage for a couple days. They would receive one more spray of insecticide, wait out in the garage for 2 days then we'd haul them into the house.

The website above is pretty much what we now do with great success. Find a large portable tub. Mix up mild soap in the water. Dip the smaller plants into the tub, container, stem, leaves and let it set for a couple of minutes. Then lift the container out of the deep tub. Gently spray the soap off of the leaves, stem, and container. Soak the soil again. If you see small balls rise to the surface, they could be bug eggs. Remove the top 3 inches of soil and replace it. Soak again with a water spray. Now use

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a brush to the side of the container and gently rinse it with the hose. Place the container up on bricks to thoroughly drain. Keep the plant out of the sun so that the leaves do not scorch. While plant is draining, use a large kitchen skimmer to skim off the debris off the top of the soapy water in the tub. Pitch the debris into the trash and NOT in the compost pile in case there are any life eggs that may have survived the soap dunk.

You are probably asking, what do I do with the extra-large combination foliage containers that thrived on the deck all summer? They are too large to fit into the tub. They are heavy and a bear to move. Mix up gentle soap and water in a spray bottle and spray all sides of the container, soil, stems and leaves of the plant. Spray again. Remove the top 3" of soil in the container if it is possible. Replace the soil with fresh soil. Spray the entire plant with Neem. Of course you are working in the back yard and not in the garage or house. If the plants are root bound, now is the time to repot the plants. If you need to take plants out of the original container, spray the roots with the soap mixture and rinse. Let the plants drip dry out of direct sun.

Now the plants can transfer into the home without insects tagging along. Bonus, the containers are clean and the debris is gone.

Ombre is one of the hottest Floral Design Concepts Today



Detroit Institute of arts floral design arrangement in stone urn Ombre with fall gem hues of deep red burgundy rust orange roses and orchids. As emotional beings who respond to cues from nature, flower choice and color selection keys us to the season. Ombre is the use of color hues that blend hues from deep saturation to light.