

# Garden CLIPPINGS

December 2020

Avon-on-the Lake Garden Club

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## 2020-2021 OFFICERS Avon-on-the Lake Garden Club

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| President      | <b>Elaine George</b> |
| Vice President | Sue Newcomb          |
| Treasurer      | Jane Kozey           |
| Rec. Secy      | Anne Lyon            |
| Cor. Secy      | Georganne Wolnowski  |

### Appointed Officers

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| Advisor                  | Jennifer Fenderbosch |
| Auditor                  | Barb Nahm            |
| Holden Forests & Gardens | Marianne Stern       |
| Historian                | Nadge Herceg         |
| GCO & NGC                | Karen Huddle         |
| Parliamentarian          | Diane Deasy          |
| Membership               | Jennie Jones         |
| Publicity                | Monica Kimmell       |
| Ways & Means             | Anita Webb           |

### Appointed Temporary Officers

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| Community Council | Jennifer Fenderbosch |
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### Standing Committee Chairpersons

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Awards                  | Pam Hoffmann              |
| Benevolence             | Georganne Wolnowski       |
| Horticulture            | Anne Lyon                 |
| Hostess                 | Colleen Wilber/Char Pulit |
| Inspirational Messenger |                           |
| Newsletter              | Nadge Herceg              |
| Telephone Board         |                           |
| Telephone Calling List  | Elaine George             |
| Garden Therapy          | Bonnie Armstrong          |
| Website                 | Sue Jagoda                |

### Civic Interest Gardens

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|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Gazebo               | Pam Hoffman/Georganne Wolnowski |
| Herb Garden          | Coleen Wilbur                   |
| 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 | Marianne Stern/Bev Stives       |
| Old Firehouse/OZONE  | Jennifer Fenderbosch            |

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## President's Message

*Elaine George*

I certainly hope you all enjoyed the beautiful show Mother Nature put on for us this fall! Long walks in our parks, drives in the country or maybe some outdoor get-togethers with friends were even more enjoyable because of the absolutely breathtaking color on display! For those brief moments, life seemed normal and we were able to forget that we were still dealing with this horrible pandemic. In spite of that, the Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club has been very productive! We were able to safely get out and work in our Civic Gardens all summer and I don't think they have ever looked better! The Little Garden Book House that we installed in the Wildflower Garden has been very well received and well used by the community. So much so, that I find that I need to replenish the book supply every few days – after “weeding” out the unwanted romance novels and the occasional motorcycle magazine, of course!

Our club received quite an honor from the city when we were awarded a Proclamation in recognition for our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary! And if that were not enough, one of our members, Audrey Roberts, received an award for her service to the community. We are so proud of you, Audrey! This year, all of our general meetings and most of the board meetings have been on ZOOM. I must say that I am really happy with the number of members who have embraced the technology and “attended” the meetings. OK, *embraced* may be a slight overstatement but still, we're doing what we have to do as long as we have to do it! Right? I was also pleasantly surprised that all the speakers that VP Sue Newcomb lined up were able to adapt their programs to accommodate the ZOOM format. And they have all been wonderful!

As expected, we are not able to have our much-loved annual Christmas Luncheon this year.

Instead, we took a page out of our Founders' book of community service and decided to do a service project to benefit Community Resource Service. For several years in a row, our Founders hosted a Christmas party for the children who resided at the Lorain County Children's Home at Oberlin. Along with providing entertainment, the ladies bought a gift for each and every child at the orphanage. This year, our members made up baskets of much needed items to donate to the families who rely on CRS at this time of year. Hopefully, we will be meeting many needs with our donations as well as spreading a little Christmas cheer.

The holiday season is fast approaching and hopefully you all know about our Holiday Walk-In-Fundraiser with **Dean's Nursery** in North Olmsted. We are not sure whether or not we will be able to do our plant sale in May, so this is a safe and easy way to raise some needed funds for our budget. Flyers were distributed by email last week with all the details. Please share with your friends and family! Call me if you have any questions.

*Here's wishing all of you the happiest and safest of holidays!*

## Looking for Holiday Activities?

*Marianne Stern*

The exciting news is that GLOW is happening at the Cleveland Botanical Garden this year. Even though the ALGC did not contribute one of the Affiliate trees this year, we still have the opportunity to enjoy the show. GLOW runs from November 21 until January 3. Upon consultation with University Hospital, several measures are being taken for the safety of all guests. Tickets must be reserved in advance and will be timed at 30-minute intervals. There will be a clearly marked one-way path to guide visitors inside the building. We will be able to enjoy the Affiliate trees, gingerbread houses, a gnome scavenger hunt in the Glasshouse, displays, and decorated doors. There will be additional lights, photo ops, and activities outdoors on the patio and in some of the gardens. There will also be live entertainment outdoors on the weekends. Due to Covid concerns, the train will not operate

outdoors this year and the second floor will be closed to the public. One of the underlying themes with this show is to feature how plants and trees contribute to celebrating the holidays through home decor, games, food, and toys. Check out the website [cbgarden.org](http://cbgarden.org) for details and reservations.

**Saturday, November 21st - Sunday, January 3rd**

**Wednesdays: 10AM - 6PM**

**Thursdays - Saturdays: Noon - 8:30PM**

**Sundays: Noon - 6PM**

**Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays (except for Dec. 21st, 22nd, 28th and 29th, open 10AM - 6PM)**

**Free for members, \$15 adults, \$10 children (3 - 12)**

**Reservations are required**

New this year are Glow Nights with special evening hours and unique experiences for the whole family or a fun date night. Glow Nights programming schedule is coming soon. It will include old holiday favorites and new traditions including:

- Ice sculpting demonstrations by Elegant Ice Creations, Inc.
- Chainsaw carving with Chris Pascoe of Carvings by Chris
- Krampusnacht with the Ohio Krampus Society
- Live music, beer, wine hot chocolate and more!

Another Holiday event takes place at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens in Akron. Their annual holiday show called **Deck the Hall** features traditional and festive holiday decorations provided by local organizations, businesses, and volunteers on the first floor only of the Manor House. The tour will be self-guided and reservations are required. The theme is *A Very Merry Christmas* and will include nutcrackers, snowmen, playful elves, and plenty of nostalgic holiday decorations. The garden and grounds will be decorated with one million holiday lights with some choreographed to holiday songs. Time for their famous warm gingerbread cookies and hot cocoa as you view the lights. Check out their website [stanhywet.org](http://stanhywet.org) for details.

## Build Community

*Anne Lyon*

Mary Jane Farm magazine, written  
by John Bunker, April 2020



"The old apple trees are masters at creating community right where they are. They understand the value of deep roots. They are the ultimate collaborator. They know well the folly of competition. They share everything. They hoard nothing. Often, I'll come across one of these old trees with "perfect"-looking fruit. It looks like it came from the grocery-store cooler. Never sprayed, never pruned, never fertilized, living in a tangle of grasses, goldenrod, yarrow, milkweed, elderberries, alders, even white pine. How do they do it? At first glance, it looks like they're living in chaos. But they're not. They've created a community above and below ground with an organization so elegant and so complex that we humans may never understand it. It's a balanced ecosystem. There they are living in harmony, sharing their fruit and everything else, feeding and healing one another, all the while communicating through their own solar-powered, subterranean, original version of the World Wide Web."

Take a second look at the apple trees and see something new!

## Step by Step Care for Mason & Leafcutter Bees

*Jennifer Fenderbosch*

### Mason Bees:

1. March – May when temperature is consistently 50 degrees (crocus, tulips, hyacinth, forsythia blooms): Place ½ of Mason Bee cocoons on top ledge of Bee House and place Mason Bee wooden holes (larger 8mm holes) in house (screw driver needed to lock holes in house). A week later place the remaining ½ of Mason Bee cocoons on top ledge of Bee House.
2. Face house opening toward east so the sun warms the bees in the morning.

3. Dig a hole and line with clay mud. Add water to base of hole daily. No mud no mason bees. They do not use soil, sand, humus, compost.... Just mud.
4. Make certain that within 300 feet of the Bee House that there are blooming flowers.
5. When temperature reaches 70 degrees for 5 days, remove block of wood from house and place in a net bag and keep in the garage.
6. October-November open block of wood. Using a screwdriver scrape debris and cocoons onto a plate. Separate debris that has fallen out from silk cocoons. Toss debris into garden. Fill a clean bucket with 1/3 cup bleach and 1-gallon of water. Wear waterproof cleaning gloves and scrub individual wood shelves with brush and bleach water. Set wood shelves aside to dry. When dried, put back together with rubber bands and cardboard backing. Store until next spring. Fill clean bucket with 1/3 cup bleach and 1-gallon water. Wear waterproof cleaning gloves and place cocoons into a strainer and lower it into the bucket. The cocoons will float, gently rub them between your fingers and you clean them in the bleach water. Using the strainer, bring them out of the bleach water. Dry them on paper towels with paper towels on top to blot up the liquid. Place a folded paper towel into a clear plastic food container, add a teaspoon of water, then add the cocoons. Close the lid and place the tray on the top shelf of the refrigerator.
7. March – May start the process over.

### Leafcutter Bees:

1. June or when temperature is consistently 70 degrees, place ½ Leafcutter Bee cocoons on top ledge of Bee House and place Leafcutter Bee wooden holes (smaller 6mm holes) in house (screwdriver needed to lock holes in house). A week later place the remaining ½ of the Leafcutter Bee cocoons on top ledge of Bee House.
2. Face house opening toward the east so sun warms the bees in the morning.

3. Make certain that within 100 feet of the Bee House that there are blooming flowers with leaves. They especially like peas, beans, and strawberries.
4. When temperature cools to 60 degrees, or below, it is too cold for leafcutter bees to fly.
5. Remove wooden block and place in net bag in garage for a month.
6. November open block of wood. Using a screwdriver scrape debris and cocoons onto a plate. Separate debris from cocoons. Toss debris into garden. Fill a clean bucket with 1/3 cup of bleach and 1-gallon of water. Wear waterproof cleaning gloves and scrub individual wood shelves with brush and bleach water. Set wood shelves aside to dry. When dried, put back together with rubber bands and cardboard backing. Store until next spring. Place Leafcutter cocoons into net bag and store in garage.
7. When temperature is consistently 70 degrees, repeat step 1.  
At 70 degrees, adults emerge after about 42 days at 84 degrees, adults emerge after about 20 days.

## Proclamation 2020

*Elaine George*



I am honored to report that on October 13, 2020, the City of Avon Lake awarded the Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club with a Proclamation in recognition of our **90<sup>th</sup> anniversary** and for all the outstanding contributions the club has made to the city throughout the years. It was my privilege along with Sue Newcomb, Jennifer Fenderbosch and Monica Kimmell (who took this picture) to accept the proclamation from Mayor Zilka. I even had a few minutes to brag about you all and our founders!

## Distinguished Representative Award

*Audrey Roberts*

I was honored to receive the "Distinguished Representative" award from the Avon Lake Community Council on October 22, 2020.

The award was presented by Marty O'Donnell in appreciation for my work as a former President of the Avon On the Lake Garden Club, participation in the Community Council, and the installation of the Blue Star Memorial at Veteran's Park.



## Book Review

American Eden

David Hosack, Botany and Medicine in the Garden of the Early Republic  
by Victoria Johnson (2018)  
National Book Award Finalist

*Marianne Stern*

Victoria Johnson tells the fascinating story of one of our nation's greatest botanists. He was a physician in New York in the early days of our young country and also taught at now Columbia University. He strongly believed in and advocated for the use of botany in treating illnesses. His twin passions were botany and medicine. He lived in the times when doctors used mercury and bloodletting for treatments. Hosack left for Europe to study medical botany with the experts there. They were much further ahead in growing and using plants to cure illnesses. He returned to America and established a New York Botanical Garden (site of Rockefeller Center in NYC today) at his own expense and pushed for young doctors in training to learn new methods of treating patients. He is also known for his friendships with Alexander Hamilton, Aaron Burr and some other early leaders of our new nation. He was the attending physician during the famous duel. The book is full of

historical events of the times in addition to his efforts to change medical practices by the use of plants. The book is engaging and rich in insights about the political and environmental history of the early Republic. It also gives a glimpse of the political struggles to build this nation. Johnson has thoroughly documented her sources of information to tell the story of Dr. David Hosack. This was a selection from a botanical book club that I participate in.

## 2020 Annual Report Gazebo at Miller Road

*Pam Hoffmann*



In our 3<sup>rd</sup> year of revitalizing the garden and with several native shrubs thriving, it was time to add perennial color to our space. We added two pink Veronica for summer blooms, and dark pink Japanese anemone for fall color. We were gifted an autumn blooming clematis that will keep the garden flowering through September. Finally, we dug Hostas, Siberian iris, and Ligularia and potted for spring plant sale. We finished the gardening season in October with the addition of daffodils to brighten the garden next spring. We were more enthusiastic about our gardening in this Covid summer as it gave us a chance to see each other outdoors in a safe space. What a year 2020 has been.

## National Garden Club Amaryllis

*Marilyn Krueger, President Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc.*

First, a brief history of my amazing bulb. I received it as a Christmas gift in 2002, potted it up according to directions and it bloomed gloriously almost immediately. Following directions, after blooming I deadheaded the flowers, fertilized and watered until July and then took it to the basement where it sat in the dark without any attention at all. In January (2004), the first green shoot appeared; and I should have taken it upstairs to a sunny window and welcomed it back to life with water and

fertilizer. But I didn't. My poor amaryllis optimistically sent up a couple more shoots, then gave up and went back to sleep. Imagine my surprise when the next winter (2005), having been kept in the dark with no water for almost two years, I noticed a new green shoot! My amaryllis was ready to bloom, and so was I. I repotted the bulb in new potting soil in a new flowerpot, worthy of this amazing bulb, and followed the rest of the long-ignored directions. It bloomed even more beautifully than I remembered! As a reward, my amaryllis now spends its summer vacation outside under the crab apple tree. After its summer vacation, here's what I do: I treat my amaryllis like most of my house plants. I fertilize and water during the growing season, enjoy the flowers and cut off the blooms when they fade. As long as the leaves are green and healthy, I continue to water and fertilize. The better the leaves grow, the better the next blooms will be. When the leaves wilt, I remove them and reduce water and fertilizer- just like I do my other houseplants during their off-season, usually the winter months. But it stays in its special place in a sunny window. No more dark, dry basement! Eventually, the blooming season starts again. My method has worked for years and is a lot easier than the instructions that come with the bulb and I don't have to worry about forgetting that I put it in the basement. My amaryllis is a lovely member of my family of houseplants. I delight at how they play so nicely together, taking turns graciously in the spotlight.

## Fence Garden Crew

*Diana Wyrock*



# Garden Club of Ohio, Inc. Awards Application

*Pam Hoffmann*

Award #: 2A Award Name: COVID AWARD  
Date submitted: October 12, 2020  
Submitted by: Elaine George  
Name of your garden club: Avon-on-the-Lake  
Number of members in your garden club: 63  
District: Cleveland  
Your Garden Club Awards Chairman or the person accepting the  
award certificate: Pam Hoffmann  
Phone: 440.864.2736 E-mail: phoffmann65@hotmail.com  
Street Address: 143 Berkshire Rd., Avon Lake, Oh 44012  
1. New Project: Yes  No  Beginning Date 7/20/2020 Completion Date: Ongoing as needed

## Covid 2A

The Avon on the Lake Garden Club has a 90-year rich history of service to the community. Rising to the occasion to **aid and assist during the Covid crisis** is something that members have embraced. Taking the initiative from club leadership, Zoom meetings have been offered as a lifeline to reach out to members. These gatherings have also included programs with speakers. Although meeting physically as a group has not been possible, individual club members have developed various creative and significant ways to be involved and to offer assistance. **These projects, services and various donations have been compiled and are listed as an example of community care and outreach during this pandemic.**

### President's ZOOM Coaching with membership chair assisting

When all our meetings had to be cancelled beginning in March, 2020, the Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club decided that we could continue meeting through ZOOM. Most of our members are computer users but were not participating. I realized that unless these members received some kind of special instruction, they would not be able to attend any of our meetings. Since we are celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club, I wanted as much participation as possible. Beginning in July, I started to have test ZOOM meetings with those members who wanted to learn about the technology and feel more comfortable using the system. For those who had no idea how to begin, I asked that another member be at the trainee's home helping them log on and pointing out the various controls and functions of the program. In these cases, both parties wore masks and maintained social distancing. I am happy to report that we were able to get everyone (who chose to be involved) comfortable enough with this new technology to join us in our meetings.

4 members sent significant donations to **Second Harvest Food Bank** of North Central Ohio

1 member made monthly donations to **Community Resource Services** for items that can't be purchased with food cards

1 member held **2 fundraisers** for organic hand sanitizer to be sent to several hospitals for nurses who were getting dry, painful, cracked hands from the alcohol. The other was for a parochial school to protect young hands.

1 member donated **blood twice**, once in May and once in September (pheresis)

1 member bought all her summer produce from small, **local shops to keep them in business**

We did a lot of **emotional and food support** for members, friends and neighbors

- One member sent 3-4 cards a week to a friend isolated in a nursing home

- Another visited a 91-year-old regularly to ease the loneliness she was feeling in her isolation and made several meals for the food insecure
- 3 members supported working parents by caring for children and supervising online learning
- One member placed online food orders and did curbside pickup for her elderly neighbor
- Another member regularly picked up library books for a house bound friend
- A member delivered garden bouquets to those having difficult times
- One member who can no longer participate in activities made regular phone calls to members who live alone to keep up their spirits
- One member, using her considerable artistic talents, did chalk drawings up and down her sidewalk to “spread smiles and happiness to everyone stuck at home”. She noticed that families seemed to be encouraged to take walks every day to see her new drawings. (See drawings on page 3)

After our **mask making** crew (6 or 7 women) finished the free masks for all garden club members, most kept sewing for other organizations. The total produced is approximately **770 masks**. **WOW**. Some went to homeless in Cleveland, some to New York, many to local nursing homes and the VA and some to local first responders, some even supported the organ fund for a local church



Chalk Drawings by  
Club Member  
Monica Kimmell

Our **pollinator garden** donated 32 Ziploc bags of herbs and two gallon bags of Brussel sprouts to Community Resource Services.

Our long-established **garden therapy program** had to change gears when nursing homes were closed to only essential workers. They created craft packs that were delivered to the activities director who had employees rather than garden club members help residents with the crafts.

The Village Project is a non-profit operation in Bay Village, Ohio whose mission is to provide healthy **meals for cancer patients** going through treatment. Due to the COVID crisis, the usual fundraisers were not possible. On October 5, they began a partnership with **Express Feedback for Good** that helps raise money when volunteers agree to give opinions on brand items. This project is done on line with no direct interaction. Village Project receives \$2.00 for each opinion shared. I try to submit 10 evaluations per day.

Unable to meet safely in large groups we have decided to cancel our Holiday luncheon and **create gift baskets** for our local charity to hand out to families at Christmas.

The September Zoom program at our monthly meeting featured an Eleanor Roosevelt portrayer which was an inspiration to all attendees. Eleanor Roosevelt is quoted as saying that, “It’s better to light one candle than to curse the darkness.” **The members of the Avon on the Lake Garden Club have been making the community a brighter place to be during these dark times.**

#### CRS donations

