

# Garden CLIPPINGS

December 2021

Avon-on-the Lake Garden Club

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

President	<b>Elaine George</b>
Vice President	Sue Newcomb
Treasurer	Jane Kozey
Rec. Secy	Barbara Peterson
Cor. Secy	Georganne Wolnowski

### Appointed Officers

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

Community Council	Elaine George
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### Standing Committee Chairpersons

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

### Civic Interest Gardens

Gazebo	Pam Hoffman/Georganne Wolnowski
Herb Garden	Coleen Wilbur
Wildflower	Anita Webb/Jennie Jones
Library Butterfly	Jennifer Fenderbosch
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*

As much as I love the wonderful, warm, active summer months, we are approaching that time of year that I have always thought was completely magical! As I am writing this, I look out the window to see that it is "beginning to look a lot like Christmas" and I just can't wait until my family goes "over the river and through the woods" to my sister's house for Thanksgiving dinner!

Once again, ALGC will be kicking off the holiday season by making donations to CRS which hopefully will make the holidays a little merrier for others in our community. Last year, our holiday donations -including cash and gift cards- totaled more than \$4000! It was a joy and an honor to be a part of such generosity! Let's do it again!!

I have another great idea to help you all get in the holiday spirit! Be absolutely sure you set aside some time to visit the Cleveland Botanical Garden to see *Holiday at the Gardens* and specifically the beautiful mantle decorations created by Marianne Stern and her amazing team! The show will be open November 22 and run through January 2.

Looking ahead to 2022, we all need to focus on our much-anticipated Flower Show. To help get us ready for the show, Jo'C Walker will once again be holding a series six design classes at the library. Details for these classes will be coming soon!

Finally, I would like to encourage everyone who is already on Facebook to jump on the Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club Facebook page. This is a private group for club members. If you have not joined this group yet, you have been missing some wonderful pictures of our gardens, club activities and our mantle committee's great work - just to name a few. In the not-to-distant future, we might even post some flower show tips. Just an idea at this point - stay tuned.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and healthy holiday season filled with food, fun, friends and family!

## Book Review

**The Hidden World of the Fox**  
by Adele Brand (2019, 173 pages)  
*Marianne Stern*

When I received the name of the book for the next Cleveland Botanical Garden Book Club meeting, I was surprised at this selection. Is there that much to know about foxes? How interesting could this possibly be? I recalled seeing a red fox in my neighborhood occasionally and that it was interesting that we had one fox living here. Interesting, yes, but it was not a lone fox! The author conducted much of her research in England but has studied foxes around the world for about 20 years. Foxes have been part of folklore for thousands of years. You remember the Aesop's Fable about the Fox and the Crow, Fox and the Hen, and many more fables featuring the fox. Adele found in her research that the fox lives in all the continents of the world except Antarctica. The sizes and colors vary depending on what part of the world they live in. The most common fox we have in North America is the red fox. The red fox is nature's most populous carnivore. The fox is one of the world's most adaptable animals. Their diet, territory size, social interactions, and longevity have been changed by man as we invade and take over more of places where they live but the fox is adaptable! It has learned to live in urban areas as well in open lands that are still being changed by humans. Could you imagine foxes living in London? They do live in social order groups with a dominant male and his vixens. There are even dominate vixens who support the den. Thinking back to my sightings of the one fox, I can conclude that there is at least one den in my neighborhood. They are portrayed as mischievous and clever in literature and clever they are to adapt to our changing world.



## Gazebo Annual Report 2021

*Pam Hoffmann*

We got off to a good start in April with weeding, trimming back winter dead, and adding preen to the soil in preparation for Mid-May mulching. Our only purchases in the spring were **two yarrows**. All was status quo until mid-summer when it was obvious that one of our weeping cherries was struggling and the spruce tree that had nearly outgrown our site was diseased. We contacted the city who contacted an arborist. Both were recommended for removal. That process took well into fall and left us with two significant empty spaces. In October a **Black Night Blue Mist** shrub was purchased and planted. It is a bee and butterfly magnet that blooms into fall when other food sources for pollinators are waning. Existing plants were adjusted to better make use of the space.

The large space left by the removal of the spruce will be filled in the spring with a shrub honoring this year's perennial bloom candidate. It must provide shade for the climbing hydrangeas which grow on the west side of the gazebo. We are presently considering a serviceberry, a spice bush or a red-bud but other shrubs will be considered too. We are moving toward native shrubs so our research continues.

## District Holiday Show North

**November 11, 2021**

*Nadge Herceg*

Christmas movie themed design entries by Jo'C Walker and Judy Morley:



## Quick and Easy Chicken a la King

*Diane Deasy*

### Ingredients

2T butter

1- 1/2 c of red bell pepper (also can use pimientos)

2 cans of Condensed Cream of Mushroom soup (this is what the recipe recommended but in addition I add 1/2 Cream of Chicken soup also.)

Also used some of the chicken stock to thin the mixture.

1c milk

3-4 c of cubed cooked chicken (made mine in my slow cookers with some Chicken stock till tender, cooled then cut up and shredded)

1c frozen peas

Step 1

Heat butter in a sauce pan over medium heat. Add red pepper and cook till tender

Step 2

Stir in peppers into the soup, milk, chicken and peas until mixture is hot. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve over biscuits, mashed potatoes, rice etc.

Serves 8-10! You can always cut the recipe in half What makes this recipe even easier is if you have leftover chicken or buy it from the grocery!

## Holden Forest and Gardens

### Membership

*Marianne Stern*

All members of the Affiliate Garden Clubs (and that includes ALGC) have the opportunity to become a **new member** of Holden Forest & Gardens at a 20% discount until January 2, 2022.

This offer is for NEW memberships only and not for renewals of existing memberships at HF&G.

**Use the offer code Holiday21 when you register at [holdenfg.org](http://holdenfg.org)**

You can also call 216-707-2804 or sign up in person at either CBG or the Arboretum. You can select an individual, couple, or family membership. This membership will enable you to enjoy events at both campuses. Call or email Marianne Stern if you have questions: 440-933-9137

## Pumpkin Roll – Cream Cheese Filling

*Teddy Cyrus*

*Submitted by Jane Kozey*

### Cake:

¼ cup flour                      ½ tsp. ground cinnamon

½ tsp. baking powder    ½ tsp. baking soda

½ tsp. ground cloves    ¼ tsp. salt

3 large eggs                    1 c. sugar

2/3 cup 100% pure pumpkin

1 c. chopped walnuts (optional)

### Filling:

1 8oz pkg cream cheese, softened

1 c. sifted powdered sugar

6 Tbsp. soft butter

1 tsp. vanilla                    powdered sugar

Pre heat oven to 375. Grease 15 x 10-inch jelly roll pan. Line with greased and floured waxed paper.

Sprinkle a thin cotton kitchen towel with powdered sugar.

Combine dry ingredients in a small bowl. Beat eggs and sugar until thick. Beat in pumpkin. Stir in dry ingredients mixture. Spread evenly in prepared pan. Sprinkle with nuts. BAKE 13 to 15 minutes or until cake top springs back when touched.

Carefully peel off paper. Immediately loosen and turn cake onto prepared towel. Roll up cake and towel together, starting with narrow end. Cool on rack.

Beat cream cheese, powdered sugar, butter and vanilla until smooth. Carefully unroll cake and spread cream mixture over cake. Re-roll cake and wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate at least one hour. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

## Avon Lake Tree Commission

*Jennifer Fenderbosch*

There are volunteer vacancies on the City of Avon Lake's Citizens Tree Commission. The terms are typically three years. please send a letter of interest to me via email stating your desire to serve on the commission along with a brief resume.

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## Flower Show Update - It's Flower Show Time!

Jo'C Walker, Flower Show Chairperson

We all have reviewed some major points from our flower show at the last three club meetings. In September we talked about startup of our flower show to get us thinking again about show time. We had examples of the 3", 5", 8", and 12" designs in October and November we had examples of table designs and horticulture staging. The change of date is important to **June 7, 8, 9, 2022**. Set up is Tuesday, June 7. The show is judged on Wednesday, June 8 and open to the public at 2pm to 8pm. Then, Thursday, June 9, the show is open to the public for its 2<sup>nd</sup> day from 2pm to 8pm. Dismantling is Thursday, June 9 at 8pm. (All of this is in your show schedule.) You must pick up your designs or designate someone to do it and if you want your horticulture back, you must come and get it or otherwise it will find another home. Since we are not going to print a new show schedule booklet for everyone, the changes are noted below:

**Front cover** – Date change to June 8 & 9

**Page i** – Replace welcome message with current President Elaine George's welcome message (The message will be given to you in the March newsletter.)

**Page ii** – Change date of show to June 8 and 9, 2022

**Pages 1 & 2** –Committee changes to be announced

On all pages where the date is typed June 16, change to June 7; change June 17, to June 8 and change June 18, to June 9.

Please review your committee paperwork that you were given in 2020. To help us remember, I've attached the committee assignments. In February, we'll review all committee assignments and new members will have an opportunity to sign up where they would like to help. It's a great learning experience; we all work together and it's fun.



Gather with Avon on the Lake Garden Club members on Friday, December 10, 2021 at 10:00am at 451 Avon Belden with our treasures.