

Garden CLIPPINGS

January 2023

Avon-on-the Lake Garden Club

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2021-2023 OFFICERS Avon-on-the Lake Garden Club

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Ways & Means	Anita Webb

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Awards	Pam Hoffmann
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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

As the new year begins, we have the chance to look back on our accomplishments and lessons learned while we look forward to new experiences and opportunities! Right now, the year is a blank page and while many situations will be out of our control, the way we handle each one is completely up to us! Let's do everything we can to make it a fun and prosperous year for our families, our community, our club and ourselves!!

Happy New Year! 2023

Lord as this new year dawns,
welcome.
Welcome into our world
and into our lives.
Sow light in our hearts.
Let it germinate and grow
and bring forth fruit.
Birth in us something new.
Let your peace take root.
Nurture it,
encourage it to flourish.
Let your love blossom
with the fragrance
of patience and compassion.
Let it strengthen
forgiveness and understanding.
Let your life emerge
in us, through us, around us,
bringing newness to all it touches.

Christine Sine <http://godspace-msa.com>

The Nature Conservancy

Pam Hoffmann

The Nature Conservancy is a private non-profit 501(c)(3) international membership organization. Its mission is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends.

The Fall/Winter 2022 issue highlights “Our Ohio Nature” which lays the groundwork for a holistic approach to address our mounting water quality issues. Working under the leadership of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, we’re leveraging H2O Ohio funds to restore streams and wetlands in ways that support and enhance funding from other water quality programs.

Under *Conservation Highlights*, several Appalachia preserve tracts protect critical wildlife habitat and aquatic systems while helping to create a climate-resilient landscape in southern Ohio. The Jenkins Tract preserves a rare dry lime-stone prairie that blossoms to life with rare plant species like crested coralroot orchid.

Learn more at [nature.org/ohiolandprotection](https://www.nature.org/ohiolandprotection)

Winter Houseplant Care

Elaine George The Patch

Winter is a time for your houseplants to rest. They’ll grow less, need less water and generally be very low maintenance. In brief, here’s how to look after your plants in winter.



Water less often, only when the soil feels dry

Move them closer to a light source

Stop feeding – they don’t need it

Keep them away from draughts (too cold)

Keep them away from radiators too (too hot)

Most plants are sleeping now, which means they’re conserving as much energy as possible. That means

they may drop some leaves, because they don’t need them. This is nothing to worry about and there’s nothing you need to do. Don’t be tempted to water more or feed them. It will do more harm than good. Your plants won’t need much from you in winter. Most of them will stop growing, so it’s time for you all to relax.

Visit the Cleveland Botanical Garden this Winter!

Marianne Stern

The “Orchids Forever” show at the Cleveland Botanical Garden opens Saturday, January 28 and extends until Sunday, March 12. The show will include 100 different types of orchids and 3,000 flowers from around the world. Orchids are the largest and most diverse of the flowering plants. Orchids will be displayed throughout the indoor gardens and rainforest biomes. The main lobby will showcase orchids in shades of yellow, pink, salmon, and purple. The show will also feature silk paintings by Gunter Schwegler for show and for sale. The library will be open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. for you to check out books on orchids and other plants.

Ask the Orchid Doctor will be there to share information on orchid care on Saturday, February 11 and Saturday, February 25 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The Greater Cleveland Orchid Society will be there to display additional orchids and offer orchids for sale on Saturday, February 4 and Sunday, February 5. This is a very popular part of the orchid show!

The show is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays and from 10a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays. It will be open from noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. The Botanical Garden is usually closed on Mondays but will be open February 20 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission is \$20 for nonmembers and free for members. Senior Day is \$12 every Tuesday for those 60+. You can make reservations online at holdenfg.org or buy tickets at the door.

GCO Convention 2023 April 18-20

Elaine George

That's right! Convention is coming up fast, everyone and I think it would be great if we could get a group of members together for this and show off our Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club pride! It will be in **Perrysburg, Ohio** which is only about a 90-minute road trip. These conventions are always fun and informative not to mention a wonderful opportunity to network with other clubs.

Not only that, but the Flower Show is something you will not want to miss. In fact, we hope many of you will want to participate in the show! Another highlight for our club just might be the Award Luncheon. We have submitted quite a few applications this year and I am thinking (hoping) a few awards just might be coming our way. You never know!

Check out the registration form on the GCO website and select the package that works for you!

<https://gardenclubofohio.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/GCO-2023-Convention-Registration-1.pdf>

ALGC March 2, 2023 Craft Program

Anne Lyon

Please bring several clean plastic garden pots from your garage. We are going to be recycling plastic per the NGC and GCO goals. Also save your seed catalogs, or garden magazines so we can cut out pictures to decoupage on the pots. There will be some pots and magazines provided, but the more the merrier, (read messier)!!!

The hope is to sell at the Plant Sale in May.

Recycling  at its most fun!!!



Following the Orchid show, the Botanical Garden will have their houseplant show. This was a new feature last year and was a very popular exhibit. You will see common houseplants but also many unusual houseplants with a variety of leaves and colors. More information will be coming soon on the details of this upcoming show.

Following the houseplant show will be a display of handmade Costa Rican masks in the gallery.

The Perennial Play Space is located upstairs and is a very popular space for young children to play and explore nature indoors and this hands-on exhibit space. It is a permanent play space at CBG. Come explore nature indoors during the winter months.

Floral Ice Sculptures

*Jennifer Fenderbosch
Sotheby's Interview*



Japanese flower artist and botanical sculptor, Azuma Makoto, has been creating incredible sculptures using hundreds of thousands of flowers since 2002. He co-founded the floral atelier Jardins des Fleurs with the photographer Shunsuke Shiinoki.

He seeks new ways to capture the portrayal and the beauty in flowers/plants and to express it at an artistic level that no one has never seen before. "Iced Flowers" capture not only their beauty but also their "time" and moment.

He went to the New Covent Garden flower market to purchase local flowers in the UK and then started to make the piece at the Ice factory. He put the "flower bouquet" into a small pool and kept it in ice for a week. It took over a month for production. Since the factory has a limited number of the "pools" they couldn't create them all at the same time so they did it little by little. As a result, he could carefully work and concentrate on each of the details.

Visit: <https://jardinsdesfleurs.com/>

Book Reviews

Marianne Stern

The Orchid Thief

a true story of beauty and obsession

by **Susan Orlean**

This is the latest CBG Volunteer Book Club selection for this month and it's an opportune time to learn more about orchids with the upcoming "Orchids Forever" show at the Cleveland Botanical Garden opening January 28. Did you know that there are over 30,000 orchid species known and another 100,000 hybrids? Did you know that the Chinese have been collecting orchids for 3,000 years and one of the world's first orchid books was published in 1228? Orchid collecting became popular in the British Isles during the Victorian era by the wealthy class who hired orchid hunter to parts of the world that grew orchids in the wild. It was a status symbol. The hunters were a competitive class who exported thousands of native orchids to the wealthy. They were armed and dangerous!

Fast forward to Fakahatchee State Park, Florida, in the area of Cypress Nature Preserve and the Everglades National Park in southern Florida. There are more native species of orchids in Florida than anywhere else in the country and a great attraction for orchid thieves! Fakahatchee Strand was known as the orchid supermarket! The most famous orchid found only there, in the Bahamas, and in Cuba in the wild is the Ghost orchid (*Dendrophylax lendenii*). It is characterized by its roots on a tree trunk in swampy forests and has no visible leaves. It is a prized steal!

In doing research for her book, Susan teams up with a local Florida character named John Laroche who gives insight into the underworld of orchid thieves and their passion to steal the much-desired Ghost orchid along with other orchids and air plants. This book has been compared to the style of the book *In the Garden of Good and Evil*. Read about orchid fanatics, thieves, and obsessions! This is a good read for anyone who admires orchids.

Two in the Far North

A Conservation Champion's Story of Life, Love, and Adventure in the Wilderness

by **Margaret E. Marie**

The title just about sums it up! It is a wonderful love story of Margaret Murie and her husband Olaus Murie, who was a biologist with the U.S. Bureau of Biological Survey (now the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service). He was studying birds in Hooper Bay, Alaska and later did exhaustive studies of Alaskan caribou. She grew up in Fairbanks, Alaska, and kept an exhaustive diary throughout her life of her adventures growing up there as well as her life as a scientist's wife first in Alaska and later in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

When this was selected as a Volunteer Book Club selection, I did not expect such an adventurous story of two people who were not just devoted to each other but they were devoted to documenting flora and fauna in the Arctic wilderness of Alaska and also preserving this wilderness area from development. Margaret was the first woman graduate of the University of Alaska in 1924. She moved to Fairbanks from Seattle in 1907, and her adventurous spirit was evident in her vivid descriptions of what it was like to live in such a small town far north in Alaska. The book covers her life adventures with Olaus in the Arctic Wilderness of Alaska. They later moved to Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

She and her husband founded the Wilderness Society to protect nature and wildlife and speak out for ecological consciousness. The couple campaigned to set aside 8 million acres as the Arctic National Wildlife Range. This was later expanded to 104 million acres of land in Arctic National Wildlife Range. She continued to campaign wilderness conservation in Alaska until her death at age 101.

The book is based on her diary and will have you wondering about how she embraced living is what we would consider such a harsh environment with her husband and young children. It will cause you to think over and over, "How did she do this?" If you are interested in reading about Alaska in the early 20th century and enjoy an incredible love story, this book is for you. It was enthusiastically endorsed by the Book Club as a must read. Enjoy the adventure!

How to Give Seeds, Native Plants or Even a Full Garden by Shopping Local in Northeast Ohio

Pam Hoffmann

Excerpt from Cleveland.com

Seeds



Ohio Prairie Natives, or [OPN Seed](#), is a family-owned business in Hiram, Ohio that has been sourcing and selling native seeds for almost 25 years. Their specialty is seed mixes designed to address specific growing conditions, such as wet or dry soil, shady areas, hill stabilization, and lawn alternatives. Starting a native garden from seed is a cost-effective option, but takes more work than dumping seeds on a patch of ground.

Plants

[Meadow City](#) is a new native plant nursery in Cleveland. Their plants were available at local plant sales this past year, and they will be opening a retail store in North Collinwood this spring. Their specialty is "local ecotype plants," which is a fancy way of saying that they hand-collect seeds (with landowner permission) from wild native plants in Northeast Ohio and then grow these seeds to develop their plant stocks.

Garden

My Home Park is a local start-up devoted to taking the guesswork out of planning and planting a native garden. [My Home Park](#) sells combinations of native plants designed to provide a long bloom season and harmonized growth, while attracting and sustaining local pollinators and other wildlife.

Filter by options such as the amount of shade and water, soil type, color, and garden size, and your cart is filled with an instant garden that will ship in the spring, packaged in trays of native plants in the plug stage. They arrive by UPS with a planting map, and a video of the planting process is at <https://vimeo.com/723584383>. After a gift order is placed, the gift recipient receives an email telling them that they have received a garden, and they use the gift code to select the garden of their choice.

My Home Park, a Cleveland-based tech start-up, ships predesigned gardens to take the guesswork out of native plant selection.

