



**EMERALD NECKLACE
GARDEN CLUB**

Newsletter
January, 2024

Board Meetings will be on the Monday before the 2nd Thursday of the month. Meetings start at 10am at *Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church*, 9201 Brecksville Road, Brecksville.

2024 ENGC Board Meetings:

<i>January 8</i>	<i>June 10</i>
<i>February 5</i>	<i>September 9</i>
<i>March 11</i>	<i>October 7</i>
<i>April 8</i>	<i>November 11</i>
<i>May 6</i>	<i>December 9</i>
<i>July & August No Board Meetings</i>	

2024 General Meeting Schedule

<i>January 11</i>	<i>June 12</i>
<i>February 8</i>	<i>September 12</i>
<i>March 14</i>	<i>October 10</i>
<i>April 11</i>	<i>November 14</i>
<i>May 10 (Friday)</i>	<i>December 12</i>
<i>July & August No meetings</i>	



The program for the *January 11, 2024 General Meeting* will be "A Year in Review 2023".

Marlene Winter

Dates to Remember for 2024

- January 8 ~ ENGC Board Meeting
- January 11 ~ ENGC General Meeting
- February 5 ~ ENGC Board Meeting
- February 8 ~ ENGC General Meeting
- March 11 ~ ENGC Board Meeting
- March 14 ~ ENGC General Meeting
- April 8 ~ ENGC Board Meeting
- April 11 ~ ENGC General Meeting
- April 16, 17, 18 ~ GCO Convention/
Cleveland
- May 6 ~ ENGC Board Meeting
- May 9 ~ ENGC General Meeting
- May 9 ~ GCO Spring District Meeting
- May 10 (Friday) ~ ENGC General Meeting & Plant Sale Set-up
- May 11 ~ Plant Sale
- June 10 ~ ENGC Board Meeting
- June 13 ~ ENGC General Meeting

- July/August ~ NO MEETINGS*
- September 9 ~ ENGC Board Meeting
- September 10 ~ GCO Fall District Meeting
- September 12 ~ ENGC General Meeting
- September 29 ~ Fall Fest
- October 7 ~ ENGC Board Meeting
- October 10 ~ ENGC General Meeting
- November 8 ~ GCO Holiday Meeting
- November 11 ~ ENGC Board Meeting
- November 14 ~ ENGC General Meeting
- December 9 ~ ENGC Board Meeting
- December 12 ~ ENGC General Meeting

2024 Executive Officers

President: *Nathalie Petri;*

1st Vice Presidents (Programs): *Marlene Winter, Jane Petrie;*

2nd Vice Presidents (Ways and Means):

Sung Gullifer, Irene Ochrin;

Recording Secretary: *Debbie Apple;*

Corresponding Secretary: *Laurie*

Siebert; Treasurer: Roseanne

Radziewicz.

To the right are the 2024 Officers newly installed by Donna Hessel at our Holiday Luncheon.



Below are the names of 2024
Committee Chairwomen



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Committee Chairs (Standing Committees - Voting Members)

Communication/Publicity: *Donna Hessel*

Holden Forest and Garden: *Jane Petrie*

Membership: *Maureen Michal*

Newsletter: *Charlene Schuh*

Youth: *Sheila Humphrey*

December 14—Christmas Luncheon Officer Installation

Donna Hessel installed the 2024 ENGC officers, presenting each of them with a spice with characteristics and reputation that corresponded with the responsibilities of each office.



Following the officer installation, Pauline Dey presented 2024 President Nathalie with the club gavel and Garden Club of Ohio president's official pin.

Auxiliary Committee Chairs (Non-Voting Members)

Awards: *Rosanne Radziewicz*

By-laws: *Mary Drumm*

Historian: *Donna Hessel*

Horticulture: *Pat Cotsman*

Hostesses: *Barbara Harvaitt*

Scholarship Liaison: *Mary Ellen Issac*

Website & Facebook: *Donna Hessel*



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Nathalie Petri

Are you excited, nervous, people ask? Yes! Being President of ENGC is a responsibility in which I'll throw my love of gardening at and work with you, our wonderful members, to make the next two years a fun, fulfilling and educational time for all of us. I want to thank the 19 members who filled our Board, Committee and Auxiliary chair positions. Some of you are new members, some are long term members. Your input into ENGC is what keeps our engine going. Don't be afraid to share your ideas, ask questions and listen to each other as you fulfill your responsibility. Lastly, I want to thank Pauline for the past two years of leadership as President.

Our Garden Club of Ohio (GCO) President Kathy Wagner has "*Let's Garden with Ohio Natives*" as her president's project so I thought I would spotlight a native plant each month. So to start, I will begin with a ground cover plant **Golden Ragwort** (*Packera aurea* hardiness zone 3-8). This plant is very hardy, has yellow daisy-like flowers in April-May, and a carpet of rounded semi-evergreen scalloped leaves that make this plant hard-working in a sunny or partly shaded spot. Height: .50 to 2.50 feet. Benefit to bees and butterflies. It does spread but is easy to manage. I deadhead it once it's done blooming to reduce self-seeding. I have planted this in difficult areas that I want to cover the ground to prevent; reduce weeds and it does its job. Additionally this plant was a pass along plant to me from a past member, Pat Keltner. I would be happy to pass along some to you!



Message from past president: Pauline Dev

Thank you so much for my end of president's gift. I love the cement French bulldog. My Beau can't quite figure it out. I can't wait for spring to put it outside. Also, thank you for the gift card to Dayton Nursery, one of my favorite places. I am proud to be a lifetime member of Garden Club of Ohio; thanks for that. See you all in January and enjoy those seed catalogs.

Pauline



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2024 HOSTESSES.

We still need 2 volunteers for April. If you're available, you may contact *Barbara Harviatt* directly.

2024 Hostesses

January 11		Sheila Humphrey Marlene Winter Gail Berzins
February 8		Maureen Michal Judy Paffilas Mary Drumm
March 14		Shirley Grispino Debbie Apple Donna Hessel
April	Need 2 more Hostesses	1. Lisa Schieman 2. 3.
May 10 (Friday)	Connects with Plant Sale Set-up	No Hostesses
June	Field Trip/No Hostesses	
July, August	NO Meetings	
September 12		Laurie Siebert Sung Gullifer Marlene Helm
October 10		Pat Cotsman Pauline Dey JoanCastilucci
November 14		MaryEllen Isaac Nathalie Petri Denise Bowler
December 12	Holiday Luncheon	Marlene Helm Paul Helm Dianna Kulwicki Cheryl Schmidt

Holden Forests & Gardens –

Jane Petrie

Got word this week that *FROST* is so successful, with some changes they are changing the theme for Clubs' involvement in trees, etc. to be "*Fables and Tales of the Frost Forest thru Flora and Fauna*".

More details will be coming later.

Happy Holidays.....





Jane

Please make the following correction for new member: Anne Morrison -

amorrisson05@icloud.com

NOTE: The November 2023 Newsletter reflected "*Annie*" instead of "*Anne Morrison*"

Happy January Birthdays

-  **Pat Cotsman January 5** 
-  **Marlene Helm January 6** 
- Judy Paffilas January 15**
- Lisa Schieman January 17**

2024 Plant Sale request

Please save any plastic pots you have acquired over the summer. The pots you bought mums for your fall displays are a good size so please save them when you toss the plants. Hanging baskets too, without the hanger .

Eden Brothers Discount: In conjunction with our September speaker's presentation on spring bulbs, we received an offer for ENGC members to receive a 20% discount on orders from *Eden Brothers* at EdenBrothers.com. Eden Brothers is a plant nursery based in North Carolina. They offer bulbs for spring and fall planting and perennials in addition to heirloom, rare and hard-to-find flower seeds, veggie, herb and organic seeds. You can also find planting guides and how-to videos on their website. To get the 20% discount on your order, use the code **NECKLACE73** when you check out. Orders of \$79 plus — ship free. **This discount offer is good until 7-13-2024** – valid for two years! Don't postpone ordering your bulbs because they do sell out of stock. It's a popular site.

Horticulture - Pat Cotsman

Look at your winter landscape and determine if there is something you can add to make it more interesting. There are evergreens in different colors and textures. There are trees with interesting or colored bark. Something like Harry Lauder's walking stick with its twisty contorted branches looks great against a fence or light colored wall. Plus you will be really popular with arrangers who prize those branches. There is a purple leaf variety that makes it more interesting when in leaf.

Look through Garden Magazines (the library has some nice ones) to see what's new for the coming year. One I saw that interested me was a Hydrangea with purple leaves. I love to pair purple leafed plants with chartreuse leafed cultivars. If you feed the birds be sure to put out water when the temps go below 32 degrees. Birds will eat snow but it saps body heat and they may not do well when night temps are cold. I use a plastic plant saucer (large) with a water heater on a table on my deck. I can watch the birds come to drink. If you buy a birdbath heater make sure it is thermostatic and turns on when temp. of water falls below 35. You don't want to waste electricity by having it on all the time. Plug it into a ground fault detector plug. I use the plug I use in the summer to run my fountain in my small pool off the deck.

If you use salt on icy sidewalks, see where the runoff goes. Salt is damaging to certain trees and shrubs. Junipers tolerate it well but pines don't. If you have pines that get sprayed by salty water when cars drive on the street, put up burlap to protect their needles from the spray. Otherwise they can turn orange and the trees may die. You may want to consider switching to calcium chloride for your walks as it is less damaging to plants. Sand will work

but don't use clay kitty litter as when wet it is very slippery. I hope with El Nino we don't have too harsh a winter.

SUNSHINE NEWS ~ Laurie Siebert

If you are aware of any sunshine news throughout the year, please contact our **2024 Corresponding Secretary, Laurie Siebert.**

1 Peter 5:6-7 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he

Kathie Brusk: Please continue to keep Kathie in your prayers as she continues chemotherapy.

Pat & Mike Cotsman: Mike was sick with Covid and now Pat has it. They were both vaccinated for Omicron so Pat's hoping her case will be mild. Mike was really sick for a couple of days but now is much better.



SAVE the DATE ** April 16-18, 2024

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GCO Convention in Cleveland !

The Newsletter **deadline** is always **the 25th of the month.**

Please email articles to ccschuh@gmail.com or mail them to Charlene Schuh. (see Yearbook for address) **Gardening tips, websites to browse, and recipes are always welcome.**

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