

EMERALD NECKLACE GARDEN CLUB

Newsletter June, 2024

2024 General Meeting Schedule

June 13 September 12 October 10 November 14

July & August ... No meetings

December 12 (Holiday Pot Luck/ Installation of 2025 Officers) 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:

June 10
No Board Meetings ~ July & August
September 9 October 7
November 11 December 9

<u>JUNE</u> - *ENGC Field Trip* ~ *Thursday, June 13, 2024* to: *Secret Garden Hostas*, 17995 English Drive, Chagrin Falls, Oh 44023 and lunch at noon at: The Welshfield Inn, 14001 Main Market Road, Burton, OH 44021. We will meet at Christ the Redeemer Church to carpool at 9:00 a.m. We will leave the church at 9:15 a.m.

Secret Garden Hostas of Chagrin Falls is a family owned business specializing in hostas and perennials with over 1000 varieties of hostas along with other companion plants. It's open weekly for tours; cash and checks only for purchases.

After the tour: The Welshfield Inn is a historic landmark in the Geauga County area. First established in 1842 as the Nash Hotel, it has been an elegant family dining destination for generations. Welshfield Inn features fresh, local and seasonal foods and the menu was recognized as a *Top 10 Cleveland Restaurant* The interior includes 3 dining rooms as well as a separate bar room. The large outdoor patio offers guests alfresco dining amid landscaping. We will order off the menu with separate checks.

If you would like to join us and have not signed up, please call <u>Jane at (440) 526-4213</u> or <u>Marlene at (216) 410-1081</u>.

Jane & Marlene

1st Vice Presidents Jane Petrie and Marlene Winter

Below is a summary of programs for the remainder of 2024

- July & August No meetings
- September "Murder and Mayhem in the Garden;" Speaker: Phyllis Maholic
- October Discussing the future of gardening; Speaker: Chris Kent from Botanical Gardens Green Corp.
- November (To Be Determined)
- <u>December</u> Potluck luncheon at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church in celebration of the Holidays, ENGC's 60th Anniversary, and Installation of 2025 Officers.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Nathalie Petri

In trying to decide which native plant to talk about for June, my mind went to scent rather than flowers. Anise Hyssop came to mind immediately or rather it came to my sense of smell. The foliage has an anise or licorice scent and can be used as a flavoring in salads and teas. I think you'll probably either like the scent or not, but one thing is for sure the bumblebees, hummingbirds, and butterflies will!

"Golden Jubilee" is the variety in the picture with the lime green foliage is my favorite rather than the standard grass green foliage. Plant in full sun; this will take dry conditions, thrives in high heat and humidity; and wait for the show. Purple flowers start in July and continue into late autumn. It will self-seed but the little chartreuse foliage is easy to spot in the spring and pull out or transplant elsewhere. If you purchase seeds this is good plant to use in your winter sowing containers. Plus this plant is deer resistant!

Wishing everyone a happy summer season and to take time to smell the flowers.





Nathalie

Plant Sale - 2025
Please save any single containers you have purchased plants in this season for our plant sale next year.

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.



2nd Vice Presidents~Irene Ochrin and Sung Gullifer

Plant Sale 2024 was held on May 11, 2024 at Brecksville United Methodist Church from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. It was the Club's only fundraiser for the year and with the all members' participation and support it resulted in a successful plant sale. We received many positive feedbacks from both members and visitors. The financial report for the plant sale will follow by our Treasurer, Rosanne Radziewicz at the next general meeting in June.

Thank you, Sung

YOUTH COMMITTEE - Sheila Humphrey

Mark your Calendars

we need people to help

St. Basils Summer Picnic

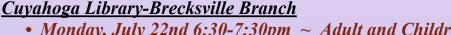
Sunday, June 9th 2-4pm ~ Children's booth with craft *

*We decided on a kids' project that requires **fat pine cones**. Does anyone have or know where to get fat, shortish pine ones? We need at least 50.

I am looking for a few volunteers to help Man a children's booth at St. Basil summer picnic from 2 to 4 on 9 June. We will be doing a summer kids project with anywhere from 20 and 50 kids between the ages of 4 and 10.

Please let me know if you can help.

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• Monday, July 22nd 6:30-7:30pm ~ Adult and Children (5th grade+) pressed flower bookmarkers and note cards

Also, please press your beautiful flowers, ferns and leaves. Flowers take 2-4 weeks to press. Pansies and Phlox are great right now to press.

We will have a "bookmakers and cards" event at the Brecksville library, Monday, July 22nd. Cuyahoga Library-Brecksville Branch

• Saturday, November 9th 4-5pm ~ Fun With Succulents



Sheila











"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."

-Audrey Hepburn

SAVE THE DATES:

June 9 ~ (Sunday12-4pm) St. Basil Youth Event

June 10 ~ ENGC Board Meeting

<u>June 13</u> ~ ENGC General Meeting

July/August ~ NO ENGC MEETINGS

July 22 ~ (6:30-7:30pm) ENGC Brecksville Library Youth event (Pressed flower bookmarkers and note cards)

September 9 ~ ENGC Board Meeting September 11 ~ (Wednesday) GCO Fall District Meeting **September 12** ~ ENGC General Meeting **September 29** ~ (Sunday) Fall Fest

October 7 ~ ENGC Board Meeting

October 10 ~ ENGC General Meeting

November 8 ~ (Friday) GCO Holiday Meeting

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<u>December 12</u> ~ ENGC General Meeting Holiday Pot Luck/Installation of 2025 Officers

<u>Sunshine News ~ Laurie Siebert</u>

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

Galatians 6:4 "Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else."

Paul & Marlene Helm returned from their awesome round the world cruise just in time to join us at the Plant Sale. So glad to have you back!

Sung Gullifer went to South Korea with her whole family around Easter time.

Let me know about your summer travels for the next newsletter. And also, let me know if you have any ailments! Have a wonderful hot summer taking care of your plants.

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



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*

<u>Auxiliary Committee Chairs</u> (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*

2024 Hostesses			
June	Field Tr	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	
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HORTICULTURE ~ Pat Cotsman

This year is unlike any in my memory for warmth. Shrubs and trees are blooming about 3 weeks earlier than normal. I have a ripe *Sungold Cherry tomato*. My last earliest was June 15 of last year. It will be challenging to grow things. If you have newly planted trees and shrubs they will need water if it is hot and dry. The best way to do this is to let a hose trickle water slowly under them. Just sprinkling a bit every day is not helpful. It encourages surface roots and you want deep roots that can access the groundwater. I set a timer so I don't forget to turn the hose off after 15 minutes. Do this every few days if it doesn't rain.

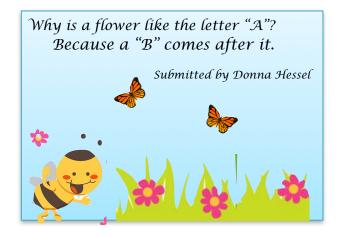
I have been surprised at the selection of plants from *Tractor Supply Company* on Broadview Road. I found *Eclipse Hydrangea* (new this year). It has black leaves and rose burgundy colored flowers. I also found a *Hellebore Pink Frost* which has white mottling on the leaves. The lady in the garden center told me a lot of their plants come from the wholesaler on Broadview and Edgerton Roads.

Remember to feed and water your containers. Every 10 days to two weeks is good for liquid fertilizer application. In hot dry weather you may need twice a day watering. If they get overgrown and ratty in July you can prune them back and in about a week they will regrow and look fine again. Sometimes some plants will be too aggressive and take over. Cut these back to maintain the look you planned for your container.

If you are looking for a shrub that will grow in sun or shade and deer don't eat, check out *Oregon Grape Holly*. It has yellow flowers in Spring followed by clusters of blue berries that birds love. It doesn't get taller than 2' but spreads outward. It is evergreen and my leaves turn a burgundy color in winter. It grows well in my soil without any fuss.

Remember to pinch back your mums for more flowers and compact plants. Stop by the beginning of July.

Pat







The members of the Western Reserve Herb Society cordially invite the public to a free educational program:

Tussie Mussie Language of Herbs and Flowers

Kathleen Gips

The tussie mussie is an herb and flower nosegay that the Victorians used to communicate in floriography and convey "secret" messages in the language of herbs and flowers. Ms. Gips will

demonstrate the Victorian art of making a tussie mussie with fresh herbs and flowers. You will learn the origin of the name "tussie mussie" and its medieval beginnings. Relive the custom of communicating with flowers and expressing sentiments with Victorian tussie mussie bouquets. Learn about the Victorian fashion of wearing flowers to all occasions in specially designed tussie mussie holders. Explore the history of wearing flowers from medieval times to the present. Learn how the Victorians assigned meanings to specific herbs and flowers. Speak with the herbs and flowers from your garden with this simple fragrant nosegay. The members of the Western Reserve Herb Society will guide you to make a simple nosegay to take home. Following the presentation please join us for an herbal luncheon!

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024

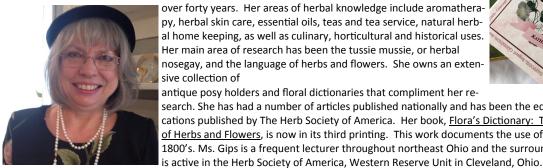
TIME: 11:00 a.m. - Speaker: Kathleen Gips

12:00 p. m.—Herbal Buffet Luncheon

LOCATION: Cleveland Botanical Garden, Woodland Hall

11030 East Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44106

About our speaker: Kathleen Gips has been growing, studying and writing about herbs for



over forty years. Her areas of herbal knowledge include aromatherapy, herbal skin care, essential oils, teas and tea service, natural herbal home keeping, as well as culinary, horticultural and historical uses. Her main area of research has been the tussie mussie, or herbal nosegay, and the language of herbs and flowers. She owns an extensive collection of

antique posy holders and floral dictionaries that compliment her research. She has had a number of articles published nationally and has been the editor of two herb publications published by The Herb Society of America. Her book, Flora's Dictionary: The Victorian Language of Herbs and Flowers, is now in its third printing. This work documents the use of floriography in the 1800's. Ms. Gips is a frequent lecturer throughout northeast Ohio and the surrounding states. Ms. Gips

Entrance: Your regular gate admission of \$20 includes this program as well as full access to the Cleveland Botanical Garden. Members of CBG and Western Reserve Herb Society are admitted free. No reservations required. Bring your questions about herbs and explore membership in our group. Join us after the program for lunch buffet of herbal foods made by our members. For information about our next educational program open to the public is April 2025, check our website for details or email us at

info@westernreserveherbsociety.org

Western Reserve Herb Society: Teaching Cleveland about herbs for 83 years Our Mission: The purposes of the WRHS are to further the knowledge and use of herbs, to contribute the result of the experiences and research of its members to horticulture and science, and to disseminate this information to the public.





Do you love beautiful gardens, fine dining, and good wine?



Then join the Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County on a bus trip to **Phipps** Conservatory and Gardens in Pittsburgh, Fellows Riverside Gardens in Youngstown, and Woodland Cellars Estate!

Saturday, June 15th 2024 8:00 am - 9:30 pm

Cost - **\$115.00** (includes bus ticket, admission to gardens and dinner with wine, lunch is not included)

Click **HERE** for more information and the full itinerary for the bus trip.

This event can only accommodate 56 people so register early - it will fill up fast!

Questions - Please reach out to Olga Shostachuk at <u>olgalviv27@yahoo.com</u> or via phone (216) 258-4322.

Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County | 12200 Fairhill Rd., Cleveland, OH 44120



Keep ENGC sustainable!

Bring your own coffee cup to meetings.

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

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

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