



**EMERALD NECKLAGE  
GARDEN CLUB**

**Newsletter  
September, 2024**

**2024 General Meeting Schedule**  
*September 12*  
*October 10*  
*November 14*  
  
*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**  
**September 9**      **October 7**  
**November 11**     **December 9**



**1st Vice Presidents Jane Petrie and Marlene Winter**

**SEPTEMBER** - *“Murder and Mayhem in the Garden;” Speaker: Phyllis Mihalik*

Program: Welcome back from a short summer. September is upon us and the beginning of our season’s programs.

Join us as we welcome the multi talented Master Gardener, designer and speaker, Phyllis Mihalik on Thursday, September 12th, as she tells us about *Murder and Mayhem in the Garden*, or “We are our gardens worse enemies”. Phyllis has shared her wisdom and humor with us in the past and we look forward to her being our guest again.

This is a good time to share our programs with newcomers. Yes, our meetings begin earlier; the program begins about 10:30AM.

Look forward to seeing you.

Jane Petrie and Marlene Winter

**1st Vice Presidents Jane Petrie and Marlene Winter**

Below is a summary of programs for the remainder of 2024

- **October** - *Growing Green Futures*; Speaker: Cherise Kent, Coordinator for the Botanical Gardens Green Corp., will be discussing educational programs at the Botanical Gardens.
- **November** - *(To Be Determined)*
- **December** - *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

Hello! I hope everyone had a good summer. It sure was whopper as far as heat and humidity. My hydrangeas liked it though. Recently I went to the Rockefeller Park Greenhouse in Cleveland. Yeah it wasn't an ideal time to go in August after all that heat but I spoke with two volunteers in the Willott Iris Garden and got a brief overview of all the iris they have. Did you know that the bloom season for iris runs from March to early July? That got me very excited as another option in the spring beside the usual tulips and daffodils. Plus iris are deer resistant. They are having an iris sale starting the day after Labor Day and going until Saturday, September 3-7 and the iris are priced at \$6 a pot. Proceeds go to gardens. Guess who's going to be there on September 3? I also went to a speaking event at the Independence Library put on by Master Gardeners and they had a Meadow City Native Plant Nursery speaker. This is a fairly new nursery in the area selling only native plants they grow themselves. He mentioned that at the end of August to mid September they will be restocked with lots of natives. Another guess who's going! Fall is an excellent time to plant perennials in your garden to give you a fresh look next year. I look forward to hearing about your summer and your garden plans.

*Nathalie*



The Nomination Committee has submitted the name of Shirley Grispingo for Corresponding Secretary for 2025. *Providing we have the required quorum*, we vote to elect Shirley for that 2025 officer position at the September meeting.



**YOUTH COMMITTEE - Sheila Humphrey**

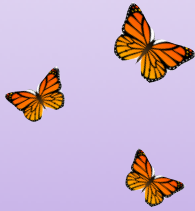
Mark your Calendars

*we need people to help*

**Cuyahoga Library-Brecksville Branch**

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

*Sheila*



**SAVE THE DATES:**

- September 9 ~ ENG C Board Meeting
- September 11 ~ (Wednesday) GCO Fall District Meeting
- September 12 ~ ENG C General Meeting
- September 29 ~ (Sunday) Fall Fest
- October 7 ~ ENG C Board Meeting
- October 10 ~ ENG C General Meeting
- November 8 ~ (Friday) GCO Holiday Meeting
- November 9 ~ Saturday, November 9th 4-5pm ~ Fun With Succulents
- November 11 ~ ENG C Board Meeting
- November 14 ~ ENG C General Meeting
- December 9 ~ ENG C Board Meeting
- December 12 ~ ENG C General Meeting *Holiday Pot Luck/Installation of 2025 Officers*

***Happy September Birthdays***

Sung Gullifer  
Maureen Michal

**I DON'T KNOW WHO  
NEEDS TO HEAR THIS,  
BUT YOU'RE A GREAT  
GARDENER.  
THAT PLANT REALLY  
SHOULD HAVE TRIED  
HARDER.**

*"Autumn leaves don't fall, they fly. They  
take their time and wander on this  
their only chance to soar."  
- Delia Owens*

**SUNSHINE NEWS ~ Laurie Siebert**

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

**Rosanne Radziewicz** traveled to France and Spain and walked part of the Camino de Santiago.

**Anne Morrison** had a baby girl.

**Donna Hessel** moved in June/July to Copley.

**Mary Ellen Isaac's husband, Wayne,** had an accident with a saw and cut off part of his finger in June. He's doing ok.

**Kathie Brusk** is undergoing chemotherapy for a new diagnosis of aggressive peritoneal cancer. The chemotherapy has been making her very sick and it's been hard to eat. Please pray for her strength, patience, hope, and healing as she undergoes these treatments.

**Laurie Siebert** is having a hip replacement on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**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: Rosanne 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**

**Auxiliary Committee Chairs**

**(Non-Voting Members)**

**Awards: Rosanne Radziewicz**

**By-laws: Mary Drumm**

**Historian: Donna Hessel**

**Horticulture: Pat Cotsman**

**Hostesses: Barbara Harvatt**

**Scholarship Liaison: Mary Ellen Isaac**

**Website & Facebook: Donna Hessel**

<b><u>2024 Hostesses</u></b>		
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 Potluck Luncheon	Marlene Helm Paul Helm Dianna Kulwicki Cheryl Schmidt

## **HORTICULTURE ~ Pat Cotsman**

This summer was an interesting growing season. We had lots of sun and warmth but not enough rain. If you were able to water, things grew very well. I discovered ergonomic hose end sprayers after my thumb let me know it was not young anymore. The trigger on the ergonomic model is pulled with the fingers not pressed with a thumb. It was much easier to spend almost two hours on hot days watering. If you mulched things, it was really helpful this year. It holds in the soil moisture and blocks weeds. Actually being dry kills things much slower than being too wet. You can hopefully use a hose to water but can't do anything to dry things out when too wet.

You may have noticed how perennials deal with drought. Things like black eyed susans in my yard were much shorter and stood up nice and straight. If they get plenty of rain they tend to grow lushly and fall over or sprawl onto other plants.

Hopefully we will get ample moisture in the Fall. Fall is a good time to divide perennials that bloom in the spring. It is also a good time to plant peonies, shrubs and evergreens. Cooler temps and moisture make it easier for them to grow deep roots.

Check out bulb catalogs or online sites. There are new Alliums that bloom in the summer. Deer leave these alone and pollinators love them. The seed heads are attractive in Fall arrangements. Most bulbs need to be planted in October. If you have rodents that snack on them, put paver base or aquarium gravel into the hole. The rodents don't like grit. You could try sprinkling coffee grounds on the soil where you planted bulbs as it deters voles. It may mask the scent of bonemeal fertilizer so raccoons don't dig them up. Seems like gardening is a war with bugs, animals and sometimes Mother Nature!

If you buy mums for Fall decor, feed them liquid fertilizer and deadhead (remove spent flowers) so they keep blooming throughout the Fall.

October is the month to plant garlic. In this area we plant hardneck types. It has a thick stem in the clove. Store bought is generally softneck type and not hardy here. You can buy locally grown garlic from a farmer's market and plant the cloves. They like full sun and fertile soil. Deer don't bother it. You can also plant lettuce, radishes, and spinach in September. These can take cool temps and less daylight. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Sept.

*Pat*



We received a lovely note from a happy customer of the plant sale last May. A big thanks to Pat for her wonderful tomato plants!

“I just wanted to let you know how happy I am with the tomato plants I bought at your plant sale this past spring. I bought 3 different varieties & they are all huge & loaded with fruit. I've never had such good luck with tomatoes & will definitely shop your sale next year. Thank you!”  
- Ann B.

🕒 *Traveling back in time* 🕒  
(to early spring 2024)



*Marlene Winter, Debbie Apple and Pauline Dey spent some time this spring cleaning up the Blue Star Marker at Broadview Recreation Center. Weeds were dug out and some old ornamental grasses that had seen better days were dug up and holes filled in. The coreopsis and Little Bluestem that were ordered from Prairie Nursery were planted. Plants of Purple Coneflower, donated by Pauline's neighbor were also planted to replaced some that did not fare well over the winter. Plants were given a small dose of Plant Tone to help them along. The idea is that we have natives in the plot and that there is always something blooming. Stop by and seen the Blue Star and the garden. It is by the main entrance of the Recreation center off Broadview or Oakes Road.*

*Thank you so much Marlene and Debbie .*



*Marlene Winter, Debbie Apple and Pauline Dey*



*Keep ENGC sustainable!*

*Bring your own coffee cup to meetings.*



The Newsletter **deadline** is always **the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.**

Please email articles to [amorrison05@icloud.com](mailto:amorrison05@icloud.com) or mail them to Anne Morrison. (see Yearbook for address) **Gardening tips, websites to browse, and recipes are always welcome.**

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