

Emerald Necklace Garden Club

May 2025 Newsletter

2025 General Meeting Schedule

May 9 (Friday)	October 9
June 12	November 13
September 11	December 11

2025 ENG C Board Meetings**

May 5	October 6
June 9	November 10
September 8	December 8

* General Meetings begin 9:15AM at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church. 9201 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville, unless noted.

**Board Meetings are the Monday before the 2nd Thursday of the month. Meetings start at 10AM, same location, unless noted.

Save the Dates:

May 8 - GCO District Meeting
May 9 - Plant Sale set up 1-5PM
May 10 - Plant Sale 8AM-3PM
June 5 - NGW Program, Brecksville Library, 11AM
June 6 - NGW Marigold Planting at Montessori School, 9AM-12PM
June 8 - Booth at St. Basil's, 12PM
June 12 - Field Trip (Mulberry Herb Farm)
June 17-19 - GCO Convention, Canton
August 11 - Pressed Flowers Craft Brecksville Library, 7PM
September 28 - Fall Fest
November 17 - Youth Story Time and Craft, Brecksville Library, 4PM

President's Message - Nathalie Petri

I just love SPRING! Everyday when you walk your garden, neighborhood or park trail there is something budding, popping out or blooming. It's like seeing old friends and welcoming them back. I have plants given to me by friends that I'm always anxious to see. I don't want to have to report they didn't make it on my watch! The Wood Anemone I've been waiting 5 years for it to spread I discovered I now have 2 plants! Of course there is the plant I'm trying to get rid of the chameleon plant - don't ever buy. It's extremely aggressive. My little redbud sapling I received from Arbor Day Foundation 7-8 years ago is blooming this year! Sadly the Japanese Maple we bought 21 years ago did not bud out this spring. I knew it wasn't going to last as several years ago it got a bug. A new opportunity awaits. As I dig up and divide plants for our May plant sale, I hope the plants will provide the same joy they have given me at the homes they go to.



Thank you all in advance for participation in our annual fundraiser. It's a crazy 2 days but fun to talk with people about plants & ENG C.

Nathalie

Horticulture - Pat Cotsman

If you grow Boxwood shrubs and you have noticed curling or cupping of the leaves, it is caused by a boxwood psyllid. The insect pierces and sucks sap from young growth causing the cupping and shelters inside the curled leaves. You can prune all the cupped growth and dispose of in trash (don't compost) before the nymphs mature. To prevent this you can spray with an insecticidal soap or horticultural oil when the new growth is just starting. This will kill the nymphs that have hatched and prevent more cupping of leaves. You can also use neem oil, pyrethrins or Sevin. Partially resistant varieties of the shrub are Arborescens, Green Mountain and Green Velvet.

When you are buying tropical annuals for your garden pay attention to night temperatures. They don't like night temps. that are below 50. These include basil, coleus, tuberous begonias, impatiens, etc. To prevent damage you will need to bring into the garage or cover them. Wet soil tends to be chilly and can cause roots to rot.

When we plant natives for the pollinators to help the environment we generally think of bees. There are many types of pollinators. Moths pollinate flowers that open at dusk. Hummingbirds pollinate tubular flowers like fuchsias, honeysuckles, trumpet vine. They also like Red Buckeye, Columbine, Scarlet Runner Bean, sages, bee balm and nasturtiums. Flies pollinate green, white or cream colored flowers and prefer cowl shaped flower clusters. Beetles pollinate white or dull colored fragrant flowers. Butterflies like flat topped flowers as they need to land before sucking nectar. Finally we have the bees that we really need to protect from insecticide sprays.

If you notice insects on your plants wait a day or two to see if something shows up to eat them. I had black aphids on my dahlias a few years ago. Lots of them. A day later I saw a lady bug, Daddy long legs and a beetle show up. Two days later all the aphids were gone along with the predators. If you do need to spray try things like insecticidal soap or horticultural oil first. Remember you won't have the predators without something for them to eat.

Take time to enjoy the flowers!

Pat

Membership - Maureen Michal

Meet Our Newest Members!

Judy Fox: I am a retired RN. We live on 2 acres in Valley City, Medina County. I have created 3 perennial gardens on our property. I love being outside and gardening. I have 4 pet chickens that are confined so they do not tear up my gardens.

Kathi VanHorn: I am a newly retired accountant who has enjoyed gardening for many years. My favorites are Hydrangeas and Zinnias!

1st Vice Presidents - Jane Petrie and Marlene Winter - May Program

Because of the Plant Sale, there is no program for this month.

BUT ... there will be sign up sheets for our field trip to Mulberry Herb Farm on June 12th. We will meet at the church at 9:30AM to car pool. Lunch will be catered. A great time to share with friends, also!!

This is the place for herbs and plants you will not find elsewhere !!!

Jane and Marlene W.

Sunshine News - Shirley Grispingo

If you are aware of any sunshine news throughout the year, please contact our 2025 Corresponding Secretary, Shirley Grispingo.

Happiness is the cheerful sight of daffodils in the spring. They are in my front and back yard.

Get well wishes to

David Kazik. He fell at work and broke his left finger.

A BIG thank you to **Charlene** for the huge amount of donations for the garden décor. Good Luck in your new home. Thank you for being a great friend and everything you've done for the club. You will be missed.



Cleveland Botanical Garden/Holden Forests and Gardens - Jane Petrie

Several of our members attended Affiliate Day on Thursday, April 17th, at CBG. Besides hearing an enjoyable and informative speaker, Director of Cincinnati Zoo, Scott Beuerlein, we were among 45 other local garden clubs.

It was interesting viewing on an entrance table, much information regarding upcoming events of the clubs; from garden tours, plant sales, trips, and education programs. All very well done.

We are very fortunate to have a Botanical Garden(s). So few cities do.

This was also an opportunity to view the gardens. Coming up soon is a celebration of the Japanese Garden's 50th year.

Do take the time to read the monthly newsletter sent to our members....note classes, tours, speakers and events.

Jane Petrie CBG Affiliate Rep.

PS....Info regarding FROST was announced...This year you will hear from Pauline and Rosanne on the what, how, where details!!!

Make A Bee Bath with Marbles!

An easy way to make your garden a pollinator haven is to add a way for them to hydrate safely. Use a terra cotta or resin plant saucer and add some attractive marbles, rocks or



a combination in a single layer on the bottom. Fill with water, so that the marbles are a little over half covered. Make sure to check the water daily and wash when necessary. When cleaning make sure to use a mild detergent and avoid any harsh chemicals to keep the bees and other pollinators happy and healthy!

Sustainable is Attainable!

**Bring your own coffee cup to
ENGCC meetings!**

Happy Birthday

Debbie Apple
Fran McIntyre
Joan Castelucci
Ellen Isaac
Anne Morrison
Denise Bowler

Plant History

Everyone knows aloe is a helpful plant to have around in summer. But, the first recorded use of this plant dates from 2200 BC in Mesopotamia! Cleopatra and Nefertiti used it as part of their daily beauty and spiritual routines. It was revered for its regenerative properties and the belief it could preserve the body and soul. Alexander the Great was encouraged by Aristotle to conquer the island of Socotra for its aloe groves; which he used in treatment of his wounded soldiers. It was onboard the ships of Columbus and Marco Polo. Aloe plants were spread far and wider by Spanish Jesuit monks in the 16th century.

The Mayans referred to the aloe plant as the fountain of youth. Of course it's great for a modern day sunburn as well!

A Note from our Friends at the Hudson Garden Club

We received a lovely note from the Hudson Garden Club commending us on all the community activities we do!

They also wanted to invite us to attend their Garden Tour on June 13th and 14th.

Details can be found at

hudsonhomeandgardentour.org. Ticketing online starts May 1. Tickets can also be purchased in-person at the store called HOUSE in Hudson starting June 1 (to avoid the small online charge per ticket).

Did You Know ...

Maple trees supports over 280 species of butterflies and moths. Red, Silver and Sugar Maples are among those considered keystone species in Ohio.

A Note from Our Friends at the Garden Club of Cleveland

In a little more than one month the Garden Club of Cleveland will be presenting a Garden Club of America Flower Show, titled '**The Poetry of Pollinators**', to be held May 29 and 30 for the public at Highland Park Golf Course, centrally located in the Cleveland area.

Admission is free!

Floral Design, Photography, and Horticulture will be available to see, as well as an endearing education exhibit 'Gardening with Children'.

There is also a preview party the evening of May 28th from 6pm-8pm. Visit this link for tickets! www.gardenclubofcleveland.org/events.html

2025 Hostesses

June 12	Laurie Siebert Rosanne Radziewicz
September 11	Pat Cotsman Mary Ellen Isaac Debbie Apple
November 13	Donna Hessel Denise Bowler Nathalie Petri
December 11	Cheryl Schmidt Anne Morrison Marlene Winter Sung Gullifer

Around Town

Fun classes, workshops and good deals offered around town. Please check in advance for any class pre-registration requirements. Find one? Send it in!

Meadow City Nursery reopens May 1 offering native plants and kits to shrink your lawn.

Western Reserve Heritage Seed Co. booth offering seeds and plants; Cuyahoga Valley Farmers Market Howe Meadow

Native Habitat Workshop & Plant Sale; May 3, 9AM-3PM; Twinsburg; Twinsburg Native Habitat Association

Wolcott Lilac Gardens Tour; May 3 & May 10, 10AM-5PM, May 4 & May 22, 12-5PM; Kent

Rain Barrel Workshop; May 3, 11AM-12PM; Cleveland Public Library Eastman Campus; Cuyahoga SWCD

Learning from Our Gardening Mistakes, May 6, 7-8PM; Brecksville Branch; Cuyahoga County Public Library

Vibrant Places Hike: Spring Wildflowers; May 8, 12-4PM; Ashcroft Woods; Western Reserve Land Conservancy

Spring Plant Exchange; May 9, 12-1PM; Independence Branch; Cuyahoga County Public Library

Native Plant Sale; May 10, 9:30AM-4PM; Brecksville Nature Center, Cleveland Metroparks

Crown Point Spring Plant Sale; May 10-11 & May 17, 10AM-4PM; Akron; Crown Point Ecology Center

Simple Lawn Care; May 14, 7-8PM; Parma-Snow Branch; Cuyahoga County Public Library

Eastlake Plant Swap; May 17, 10:30AM-1PM; Eastlake; ECDC

Tree Risk Assessment; May 17, 11AM; Independence Branch, Cuyahoga County Public Library

LEAF Heirloom Sale; May 17, 2-5PM; Lakewood Garden Center; LEAF

Summit Metro Parks Native Plant Festival; May 17, 10AM-4PM; Munroe Falls; Summit Metro Parks

Keep Euclid Beautiful Native Plant Sale; May 18, 10AM-2PM; Sim's Park; Euclid

Meadow City Nursery Pop-Up; May 22, 4-6PM; Rising Star Coffee, Cleveland Heights

Mindful of the Mosses; May 30, 1-3PM; Brecksville Nature Center; Cleveland Metroparks

Native Plant Sale; May 31, 10AM-2PM; Forest Hill Presbyterian, Cleveland Heights; Friends of Heights Parks

Plant Swap!; May 31, 11AM-12PM; Brecksville Branch; Cuyahoga County Public Library

BEST NATURAL FERTILIZERS FOR HOUSEPLANTS

COFFEE GROUNDS



FIDDLE LEAF PEACE LILY CALATHEA ZZ PLANT

EGGSHELLS



POTHOS CACTUS JADE PLANT ORCHID

RICE WATER



ENGLISH IVY CORN PLANT FLAME LILY RUBBER PLANT

BANANA PEELS



SNAKE PLANT ROSE HYDRANGEA PACHIRA

BAKING SODA



CAST IRON PLANT PEACE LILY SPIDER PLANT ALOE VERA

CINNAMON



VENUS FLYTRAP HYDRANGEA CACTUS ZZ PLANT



CAST IRON PLANT PEACE LILY SPIDER PLANT VENUS



CACTUS ACTUS ZZ PLANT

It's Bradford Pear pruning season again! To properly prune a Bradford Pear, grab your chainsaw and make a horizontal cut, flush with the ground.

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

Please email articles to amorrison05@icloud.com. (Gardening tips, websites to browse, and recipes always welcome.



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