

# Emerald Necklace Garden Club

January 2026  
Newsletter

## 2026 General Meeting Schedule \*

January 8  
February 12  
March 12  
April 9  
May 14  
June 11  
September 10  
October 15  
November 12  
December 10

## 2026 ENGC Board Meetings\*\*

January 5 - 2PM	June 8
February 9	September 8 (Tuesday)
March 9	October 12
April 6	November 9
May 11	December 7

\* 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 at 10AM, same location, unless noted.

## President's Message - Nathalie Petri

I hope you all had a beautiful, healthy holiday season! As we start a new year I first want to thank the board members of 2025 for their commitment to their positions. Without you, the club would not move forward. Some of you are starting your second year commitment to the position, some many more years. Thank you for supporting the club and me for the 2026 year! To all members as we step into another year, may it be filled with possibilities, renewed energy, and opportunities for us to grow and thrive. Happy New Year!

*Nathalie*

## Programs - 1st Vice Presidents - Fran McIntyre and Lisa Schieman

For January, our annual meeting, Donna Hessel, historian, will be presenting "The Year In Review." She will be highlighting ENGC meetings, events and activities of the past year.

## Horticulture - Pat Cotsman

When treating your walkways for ice, keep in mind that salt (sodium chloride) is more harmful to planting than ice melter (calcium chloride).

If we experience long stretches of snow cover, check for rabbit tracks in your yard. If there is nothing else available to them they will gnaw on the trunks of shrubs or young trees. Check to see if this is happening and if so, put some sort of fencing to protect your plants.

Have a Happy and Healthy New Year.

*Pat*

"Anyone who thinks that gardening begins in the spring and ends in the fall is missing the best part of the whole year; for gardening begins in January, begins with the dream."

— Josephine Nuese

## Sunshine News - Shirley Grispino

If you are aware of any sunshine news throughout the year, please contact our 2026 Corresponding Secretary, Shirley Grispino.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

## Happy Birthday

Pat Cotsman  
Marlene Helm  
Judith Paffilas  
Lisa Schieman

## 2026 Hostesses

### January

Dianna Kulwicki  
Laurie Siebert  
Debbie Apple

### February

Jane Petrie  
Renee Buszta  
Marlene Winter

### March

Shirley Grispino  
Judy Fox  
Maureen Michal  
Mary Drumm

### April

Sheila Humphrey  
Joy Grad  
Gail Berzins

### September

Rosanne  
Radziewicz  
Donna Hessel  
Nathalie Petri

### October

Marlene Helm  
Paul Helm  
Pauline Dey

### November

Mary Ellen Isaac  
Pat Cotsman  
Denise Bowler

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

Please email articles to [amorrison05@icloud.com](mailto:amorrison05@icloud.com). Gardening tips, websites to browse, and recipes always welcome.

## A Thank You from Chippewa Place

As we enter another new year and saying good bye to 2025, there appeared in my mail, a very sincere THANK YOU from the staff at Chippewa Place for the joy and beauty our club brought to the residents for our "TREE and TEA" event in December. Yes, we did have an enjoyable time also. Thank you again for all your support.

*Jane Petrie*

Recipe contributed by Donna Hessel

## Triple Chocolate Cookies

Makes about 3-1/2 dozen 3" cookies. Drop smaller spoonfuls for smaller size cookies.

### Ingredients

1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour

½ cup baking cocoa

1 teaspoon baking soda

2 cups semi sweet chocolate chips-divided. (I use 1 cup regular size; 1 cup mini chips for second cup)

½ cup butter cut into pieces

1 can Carnation sweetened condensed milk

1 large egg

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

½ cup chopped nuts (walnuts work well)

**Preheat** oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease baking sheets.

**Combine** flour, cocoa, and baking soda in medium bowl.

Melt 1 cup chips and butter in large, heavy-duty saucepan over lowest possible heat, stirring until smooth. Remove from heat. Stir in sweetened condensed milk, egg and vanilla extract. Mix well. Stir in flour mixture. Stir in nuts and remaining chips. Dough will be soft.

Drop by rounded tablespoon onto prepared baking sheets.

**Bake** for 8-10 minutes until edges are set but centers are still slightly soft. Cool on baking sheets for 2 minutes. Remove to wire racks to cool completely.

(Note: regrease pans for each batch; a light Pam spray works fine. Recipe can be halved (1 egg ok); Store in air-tight tin in refrig if not serving immediately.)

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Attainable!**

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

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