

Emerald Necklace Garden Club



Summer 2026



THE RAIN GARDEN IS THRIVING



These pictures were taken July 21 by Debbie Apple and Sheila Humphrey who have been devoted garden weeder. At the height of the growing season, weeds are thriving along with the native plants. If you can devote an hour or so to visiting the garden and yanking a few of the weedy invaders, please contact Debbie (appledebbie1123@gmail.com).

Nathalie emailed on July 7th that ENG C received \$3600 from the Dorthy Kountz grant from Garden Club of Ohio. "They were very, very supportive of our initiative to make this a learning and relaxing area for everyone for many years," she noted. By having a concrete walkway and pad with benches to enable anyone to get a closer look; plus a sign to provide information about the purpose of a rain garden and the plants and the pollinators it supports, the garden will be even more beneficial to the community.

With all the grants we have applied for, we have received a total of \$5000! "Wow! Just Wow!" (Nathalie)

Our next steps include following up with the sign company and the city of Broadview Hts. to get an estimate for a sign. Then we will contact Neal at Broadview Hts. Service Department about installing the concrete pad and walkway, which will likely be accomplished in 2027.

Thank you to every member for your participation and ideas. Special thanks to Renee Buszta for the compassion and enthusiasm she gave us to take this project further than just a garden and to make it a place where everyone has access via the ADA walkway, concrete resting pad & benches. Additional thanks to Debbie Apple and Donna Hessel for writing and submitting the grants.

DATES TO REMEMBER

ENG C Board Meeting -
(Tuesday) Sept. 8 - 10 AM

ENG C September Meeting
September 10 - 9:15 AM

Fall Fest - September 27
11 AM - 4 PM

GCO Fall District Meeting
September 29

**AUGUST 25
DEADLINE FOR
ENG C SEPTEMBER
NEWSLETTER**



ENG C's Blue Star Memorial Garden at Broadview Heights Community Center is a pollinator garden filled with native plants that are in full bloom as of July 23rd.



A PERFECT DAY FOR GARDEN TOURS

On July 23rd five ENG C members opened their gardens for touring. It was a perfect summer day, with temperatures early in the mid-seventies and later warm enough to enjoy a swim in the pool. So enjoyable that this summer event may become a tradition for the club!

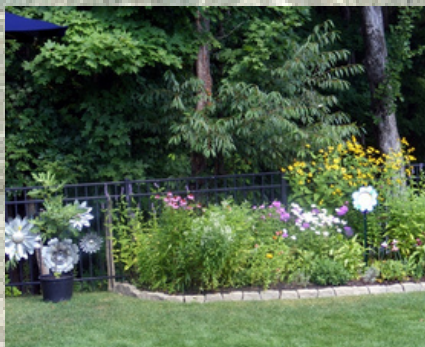
Sheila Humphrey's Garden

ENG C members gathered at 9:30 at Sheila Humphrey's home on the first of five visits to tour members' gardens. Following delicious breakfast treats, Sheila told the group about how her property was developed from a blank slate when she moved there and how it has evolved. On a street aptly named "Deer Run," Sheila says she sprays around garden areas regularly, starting early in spring, to train the deer to find alternate paths through the wooded area and avoid her gardens. Fortunately, they largely do so.



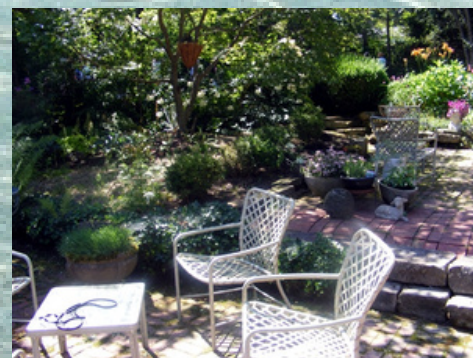
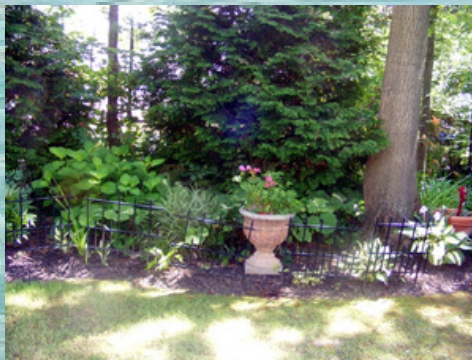
Debbie Apple's Garden

Next stop was Debbie Apple's home where a shaded patio provided a view of borders that included a variety of colorful flowers, tall trees, interesting foliage, fascinating sculptures, and birdhouses and feeders throughout that were attracting a variety of feathered friends as we watched. "I garden for the birds and pollinators," Debbie said. It was obvious that she knew exactly what would invite them to her gardens!



Jane Petrie's Garden

Surrounded by a high deer fence, flanked by tall trees and a large patio, Jane's garden showcased many types of perennials and prized day lilies, including unusual spider day lilies that were blooming bright yellow. A newer, three-year-old garden area included hostas and other shade plants just reaching their full potential. Iron benches scattered around the yard afforded seating to observe all the beds, and a new, painted iron, 2D female caricature (named "Jane") supervised the garden.



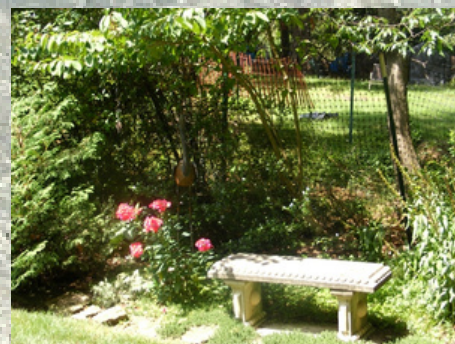
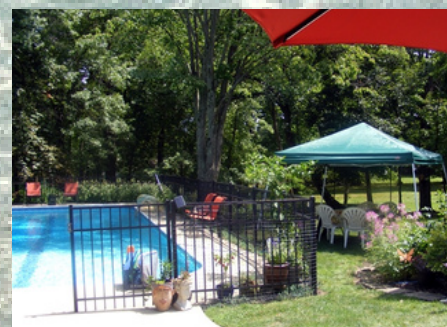
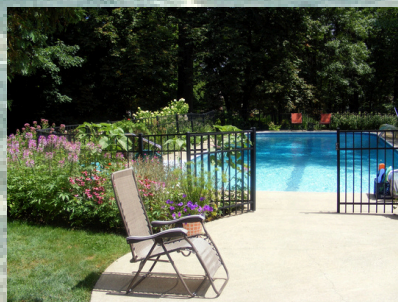
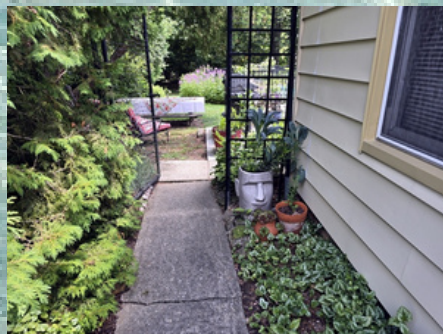
Nathalie Petri's Garden

Unbelievable that most of the amazing variety of perennials and annuals in her garden are "largely grown from winter sowing," according to Nathalie. Borders and individual beds were loaded with color and variety. Having to remove some trees recently opened spaces to more sun and the opportunity to include many sun-loving flowers. Interesting garden art enhanced the beds.



Kathy Pierce's Garden

Last stop was Kathy's typically-sized-for-a-Seven-Hills home and front yard with a path that led to an amazing and surprisingly vast, partially fenced backyard that stretched as far as the eye could see. It contained garden borders and beds overflowing with colorful annuals and perennials shaded by a 150-year-old Oak tree. A large swimming pool, elevated and situated on the diagonal, was surrounded by gardens and a faux stone wall. A gazebo and both shaded and open patio areas had seating and tables with colorful tablecloths that were set for the delicious catered lunch Kathy hosted that was enjoyed by touring members. Kathy has lived there since 1987 and everything that exists today was built via her creativity, imagination and expertise "from nothing," as Kathy noted.

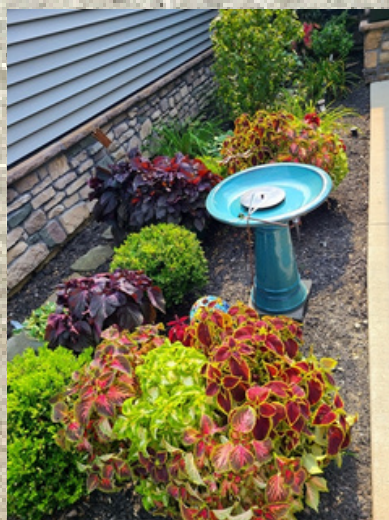


PHOTOS OF ENGC MEMBERS' SUMMER GARDENS

ENGc members were invited to share pictures of their gardens in July. Following are some of the photos received.

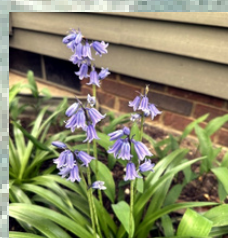
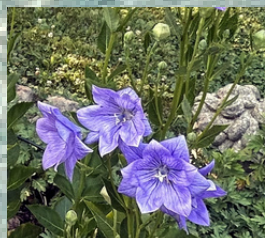
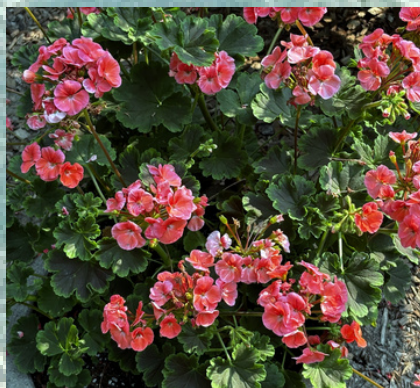
Donna Hessel's Container Garden

Small gardens can be lush! Donna's garden is planted primarily in pots that are overwintered in the garage and set out in spring in a 10' x 30' plot next to her condo.



Shared by Pat Cotsman

Most ENG C members only see Pat's garden when plants are beginning to poke up in April when we gather at her gardens to dig seedlings for the plant sale. See how some have matured beautifully!



Sherry Olecki's Gardens

Sherry's gardens abound with both flowers and veggies. A sampling is included here. Clockwise from upper left are bell flowers, columbine, wood hyacinth, spiderwort, roses, picket fence garden, patio, bluebird enjoying

the view, fenced and raised vegetable garden, veggies from the garden and pink native azelea along the shed wall.



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