

Garden CLIPPINGS

September 2021

Avon-on-the Lake Garden Club

Plant America...share our vision

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President's Message

Elaine George

Summer Time

*I love summer! Summer is Hot!
It's sun and shade. It's water to wade.
It's frogs and bugs. It's grass for rugs.
It's eating outside. It's a tree-swing ride.
It's tomatoes and corn. It's dew in the morn.
It's dogs and boys and lots of noise.
It's a hot sunny sky. And that is why*

I LOVE SUMMER!

I hope you all are having a wonderful summer! Like everything else this year, it has been a little bit of a crazy summer, but hasn't it been wonderful to be able to get together with our friends and family again for cook-outs and other get-togethers? Normal feels good!

Unfortunately, COVID is not going away quietly! Variants are popping up everywhere causing us all to go back to safety mode. Even those who are fully vaccinated are wearing masks in most public places to protect those members of the community who – for whatever reason – are “unvaxed”. Since the large majority of that population are children, I have no problem with that. Wearing masks at our meeting will be mandatory.

Our biggest and best news of the summer was finding out that, beginning with our September 2 President's Tea, we will be having all of our regular General Meetings back at the Avon Lake Public Library! Thank you, Sue Newcomb!! In order to stay on the schedule, we will need to keep, our social time will begin at 11:00am with a light lunch being served at 11:30am. Small sacrifices to be in the only facility that makes sense for our club!

I hope all of you will be able to join us on Thursday, September 2 at the library as we celebrate and honor our wonderful Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club past presidents!

Book Review

Marianne Stern

The Language of Butterflies

By Wendy Williams (2020)

How Thieves, Hoarders, Scientists, and Other Obsessives Unlocked the Secrets of the World's Favorite Insect

This is the latest book of the Cleveland Botanical Garden Book Club. It is a must read for all who love these beautiful insects who grace our gardens every year. Just call yourself a Lepidopterist! Insects have been around for about 400 million years and butterflies for about 50 million years. There are about 14,500 species (perhaps more) of butterflies. The author describes the earliest and most complete butterfly fossil from about 34 million years ago found in the late 1800s near the town of Florissant in Colorado. It is so complete that you can even see the scales! It is now in the collection at Harvard University.

We all know the egg-caterpillar-chrysalis-butterfly transformation, but this was discovered by Maria Sibylla Merian, a German woman in the 1600s! The author describes her difficult journey in research and acknowledgement by some scientists who studied butterflies. No one had proposed that theory before. It is an amazing story in the time period where women did not have these advantages.

The author also documents other discoveries about the adaptations butterflies make to stay safe from predators and adapt to climate changes through the centuries. They even found a way to fool a colony of ants to take of their caterpillar to hide from predators. She details the discoveries of Charles Darwin and other scientists who are obsessed with the life of butterflies. Did you know that butterflies can have a tag attached to their wing with a tracking number? This is how they verified that Monarch actually do make that long trip to Mexico! Have you ever wondered about Monarch sex? One researcher called it "Hells Angels". She examines the ancient partnership between butterflies and humans and how we depend on them today as a bellwether on climate change to a source of life saving medical technology. There is so much more to the history and ongoing story of butterflies. We relish their

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beauty but they are smarter than we think. I highly recommend reading ***The Language of Butterflies***. It is available on Amazon and Kindle.

President's Project Release Butterflies, Not Balloons

Elaine George

At this writing, the Monarch Project is in full swing! Our mentor, Bev Stives along with Diana Wyrock, Sue and Aly Jagoda, Barbara Peterson, Sue Newcomb, Jennie Jones and I have been running all over Avon Lake collecting Monarch eggs. Statistics show that less than 10% of the eggs laid will survive to adult butterflies. Raising them in a protected environment increases those odds to more than 80%! To date, our group has released more than 60 butterflies and I think we all still have eggs and caterpillars that are still maturing. We won't have final numbers on this until late summer, early fall. Be sure to keep up with our progress and check out the recent pictures on the **Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club Facebook page!!**



Flower Show Time!

Jo'C Walker

A Magical Miniature Tour is going to happen on June 15-16, 2022. It's that time again, Flower Show Time! Everyone needs to get out their flower show schedule. That's right. We'll be using the same show schedule we wrote in 2020. We will not be printing a new schedule. Everything will be the same except for changes to some of our committees. We'll give you a sheet with the changes at the October meeting. One of the first things we have to look at is the timeline for plant ownership. Take a look at page 14, #8. in your schedule. It's under the Horticulture Division I Rules. The timeline is from the date of the show. It says, Annuals, Bulbs, Houseplants and Perennials – 90 days. This means these plants have to be in your possession 90 days before the show.

And, Arboreals (Woody Ornamentals) – six months which means they have to be in your possession six months before the show and that date is December 15, 2021. We can't buy our arboreals in December so we have to buy them within the next few months. So be on the lookout for the beautiful variety of dwarf plants.

At each one of our monthly club meetings, we'll review of some segment of the flower show so that we all become familiar with participate in a club flower show. Let me know if you have any particular areas of concern.

Flower Show at last!

How to identify the deadly hemlock plant: A visual guide

Submitted by Sue Jagoda

USA TODAY August 11, 2021

The extremely poisonous hemlock plant has long been known for its deadly effects. It was used to execute the Greek philosopher Socrates in 399 B.C. and was written about in William Shakespeare's 1606 "Macbeth," (Act 4, scene 1, line 25), where three witches brew a potion with the highly poisonous plant. That same toxic plant is making its way across the U.S. to parks, pastures and backyard gardens. The poison hemlock (or *Conium maculatum*) was initially brought to the U.S. from Europe as a garden plant, due to its attractive flowers. Hemlock commonly grows in the early spring, but in some locations can grow year-round as a perennial. Here's a visual guide to how to identify this invasive plant:

So what does poison hemlock look like?



Poison hemlock is a biennial, meaning it takes two years to complete its biological life cycle. The plant is hard to identify during its first year. All parts of the plant are toxic to humans and animals.

Where is poison hemlock found?

The highly poisonous plant is found in almost every state, according to the National Park Service. "It's everywhere. You about can't drive U.S. 30 and not see it," according to Jason Hartschuh of Ohio State

University Extension. "It keeps spreading by wildlife and by water and flood plains." The Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health at the University of Georgia has documented the species making its way in counties across the U.S.

The plant can quickly infest an area, preferring low-lying land such as marshes and fields with moist soils. Each plant produces seeds — up to 30,000 — that ripen between late June and August after it flowers. It's related to the carrot family and resembles wild parsnip and water hemlock.

How does poison hemlock harm humans?

The plant is the most dangerous plant in the U.S., and every part is toxic to humans and animals. The roots of Queen Anne's lace (also known as wild carrot) can be eaten raw or cooked. Hemlock looks similar, and can be easily misidentified. If ingested, symptoms can appear in 30 minutes to a few hours.

How to rid your yard of poison hemlock

If you plan to remove the plant yourself, be sure to wear protective gear — such as goggles, face mask, gloves and a long sleeve shirt — before handling the plant. Don't touch your face while working with the plant. Face masks can help minimize inhalation of particles. Your hands and clothing should be thoroughly washed afterward.

Herbicides can be used on the plant in the early spring, before the plant flowers. Any time after will be too late due to the risk of spreading seeds that could create more plants.

Digging and careful removal is the best option for plants near your home. It's best to remove the plant before it blooms, taking care to remove the entire long taproot. Weedwackers and mowers can spread seeds and dangerous particles. The plant should be disposed of responsibly, since it can remain poisonous even after it has dried. Repeated rotary mowing can be effective in agricultural situations, when you want to get larger populations to stop growing on land where it can harm animals.

"When I rise up let me rise up joyful, like a bird. When I fall, let me fall without regret, like a leaf." Wendell Berry

Jane Kozey

GCO Convention Wrap-up

Elaine George

GCO's 60's themed Convention last month was a wonderful experience for everyone! We had six attendees representing our club – Jo'C Walker, Judy Morley, Karen Huddle, Sue Newcomb, Barbara Peterson and me. For those of us who were first-timers, it gave us a chance to meet people we had only heard about or were simply names in the *Garden Greetings* publication. It was so nice to meet garden enthusiasts from all over the state and share our ideas and successes. For those who were convention regulars it was an opportunity to reconnect with old friends *and* meet new people!

The programs and workshops were extremely informative and well done. Most of us were able to sit in on at least one. The program entitled "What Do Judges Want?" was extremely timely for our group since we are having our own flower show in June 2022 and we *all* want to know what those judges are looking for!

The highlight of the Convention, however, was the flower show! Entitled "Flower Power" and with categories like *Crimson & Clover* and *Woodstock*, we were treated to a real pot party! *Flower* pot party, of course! Several of us even submitted entries to the show – even us newbies who had never even been to a flower show! And guess what? We all ribboned! Top honors went to Sue Newcomb who took two blue ribbons *and* the special Arboreal Award! The best part of this experience was that it really got us very excited about our own show coming up in June! We can do this and it is going to be a lot of FUN!!!

YUMMY!

Summer Spaghetti (serves 4)

Jane Kozey

6 large ripe tomatoes, coarsely chopped
½ small onion
2 cloves garlic, minced
¼ cup chiffonade (or more to taste)
2 T chopped parsley
½ cup sliced black olives
2T red wine vinegar (or basil vinegar)
4 T olive oil
1-2 T capers (optional)
Salt and pepper to taste
8 ounces cooked spaghetti



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Mix all ingredients together and set aside. Drain warm pasta and top with fresh tomatoes. Toss gently with ingredients and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese if desired.

Tomato & Goat Cheese Crostata

Sue Jagoda

Food Network



Pastry

1 cup flour
½ t kosher salt
¼ pound very cold unsalted butter, diced
3T ice water

Tart

4 T unsalted butter
4 cups chopped leeks (light and green parts)
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
1-pound heirloom tomatoes (cored/sliced 3/8" thick)
Good olive oil
4 ounces creamy fresh goat cheese crumbled
1 beaten egg + 1 T milk for egg wash

1. For the pastry, place the flour and 1/2 teaspoon salt in the bowl of a food processor fitted with the steel blade and pulse to combine. Add the diced butter and toss carefully with your fingers to coat each piece of butter with flour. Pulse 12 to 15 times, until the butter is the size of peas. While pulsing, add the ice water all at once through the feed tube. Pulse to combine, stopping just before the dough forms a ball. Turn the dough out onto a well-floured board and form it into a disk. Wrap in plastic and refrigerate for one hour.
2. Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 450° F. Heat the 4 tablespoons butter in a large (12-inch) sauté pan over medium to medium-high heat. Add the leeks, thyme, 1 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper and sauté for 8 minutes, until the leeks are tender and starting to brown. Set aside. Place the tomatoes on a plate, sprinkle them with salt and pepper and drizzle lightly with olive oil. Set aside.
3. On a floured board, roll the dough into an 11-inch circle, then place it on a sheet of

parchment paper. Turn a sheet pan upside down and transfer the paper to the inverted pan. Spread the leeks on the pastry, leaving a 1 1/2-inch border. Crumble the goat cheese evenly on top. Arrange the tomatoes over the goat cheese, overlapping the slices because they will shrink. Turn the edges of the pastry up and over the tomatoes, crimping so they lie flat. Brush the pastry with the egg wash. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, until the pastry is nicely browned. Allow to cool on the pan for 5 minutes, sprinkle lightly with the fresh herbs and salt, cut in wedges and serve warm.

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