

Garden CLIPPINGS

May 2023

Avon-on-the Lake Garden Club

Plant America...share our vision

1930-2023

2021-2022 OFFICERS Avon-on-the Lake Garden Club

President	Elaine George
Vice President	Anne Lyon
Treasurer	Jane Kozey
Rec. Secy	Barbara Peterson
Cor. Secy	Georganne Wolnowski

Appointed Officers

Advisor	Jennifer Fenderbosch
Auditor	Barb Nahm
Holden Forests & Gardens	Marianne Stern
Historian	Nadge Herceg
GCO & NGC	Karen Huddle
Parliamentarian	Diane Deasy
Membership	Jennie Jones
Publicity	Monica Kimmell
Ways & Means	Anita Webb
Membership	Jennie Jones

Appointed Temporary Officers

Community Council	Elaine George
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Standing Committee Chairpersons

Awards	Pam Hoffmann
Horticulture	Anne Lyon
Hostess	Colleen Wilber/Char Pulit
Newsletter	Nadge Herceg
Telephone Board	Karen Moran
Website	Sue Jagoda
Garden Walks/Adventures	Jeanne Akhaven/Karen Butch

Civic Interest Gardens

Gazebo	Pam Hoffman/Georganne Wolnowski
Herb Garden	Coleen Wilbur
Wildflower	Anita Webb/Jennie Jones
Library Butterfly	Elaine George
Fence Garden	Jane Kozey/ Diana Wyrock
Beach Park Point	Barbara Nahm/Marianne Stern
Walker Rd. Butterfly	Marianne Stern/Bev Stives
Old Firehouse/OZONE	Jennifer Fenderbosch
Blue Star Memorial	Lynn Medders

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President's Message

Elaine George

My favorite time of the year is finally here! Instead of *planning* our gardens we are actually be able to get out there and *work* in our gardens! As I write this, the Spring flowers are blooming and just about everything else is budding out. The promise of the beauty to come is everywhere!

This is also a great time of year to reflect on the many accomplishments and successes our club has enjoyed over the past fiscal year-be sure to check out the "Convention Wrap-up"! We have welcomed new members into our club many who have already stepped up and taken on some important club responsibilities. Thank you, ladies! In my book, that means our club is green and growing!

Soon we will be installing Anne Lyon and her officers who will take on the helm of our club and lead us to new and exciting challenges and projects. Does anyone doubt that Anne already has many wonderful ideas tumbling around in that very creative head of hers? I sure don't. I am so looking forward to the new things we will be learning and the fun we will be having together.

Before I sign off, I would like to thank everyone who helped me through these past three years. I could not have done this job without you! I was blessed with an amazing board filled with ladies who didn't just do their jobs well, but really wanted to make this club the best it could be. I would like to thank all of you for your support and encouragement. You truly made this job a joy to do.

Installation Luncheon June 1, 2023

Parker's

Send or deliver in person checks to Anne Lyon by May 20, 2023

Environment 2023

Avon Lake Public Library

7-8:00pm Avon Lake Public Library

Sign up at alpl.org/programs

May 9 Environmentally Speaking:

The Importance of Native Plants

Sue Newcomb, Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club, discusses native plants of Ohio, why they are essential for your garden or yard, and how you can grow them.

June 13 Environmentally Speaking:

Lake Life

Learn about the water quality of Lake Erie and how we can protect this essential natural resource.

July 11 Environmentally Speaking:

Importance of Urban Trees

Robert Brand, Watershed Program Manager for the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, discusses the importance of trees in our city.

August 8 Environmentally Speaking:

Co-existing with Nature

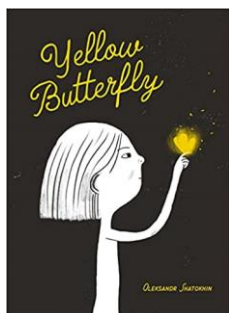
Randy White, State Wildlife Officer for Lorain County, discusses how we can live in harmony with the animals around us.

Book Review

Nadge Herceg-Avon Lake Public Library

Our club's Monarch rescue efforts join her Ukrainian journey of faith and hope.

Oleksandr Statokhin presents an emotionally charged wordless picture book which depicts a young girl's meanderings through Ukraine's bleak and war-torn landscape seeking a "fluttering" VICTORY.



A portion of the proceeds from the book will be donated to send children's books to Ukraine.

Poetry

Members

Submitted by Marianne Stern

For the garden of your daily living:

Plant three rows of **peas**

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

Plant four rows of **squash**

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of **lettuce**

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

No garden is complete without **turnips**

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

To conclude our garden, we must have **thyme**

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

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Member contributing POETS

Susie Donovan

Bluebirds returning
Finches shed gray for yellow
Harbingers of spring

Anne Lyon

Last night's rain feeds plants
Today's sunshine makes them tall
Breezes make them sway

Three daisies stand all
Sun loving blooms reward you
All the season long

Nadge Herceg

Open buds burst blooms
Pedals pop stems shout upward
Swaying to spring breezes

Pat Hadam

Peeping from the dirt
Tiny green heads bursting out
Silly daffodils

Brown and orange breasted
Spring signs making bold returns
Robins welcome spring

Jennie Jones

Seedlings sprout to life
Unfurling, reaching upwards
Born again, revealed

2023 GCO Convention

Elaine George

The 2023 GCO Convention in Perrysburg was so much fun! It was wonderful to meet and get to know the ladies whose names you read in Garden Greetings all the time! We truly have some fabulous leaders in this organization and I look forward to working with them.

The very BEST part of the convention was the Awards Luncheon. We had nine members attending and I think I speak for all of them when I say it was well worth the trip! Our club received a grand total of (drum roll please) **24 awards!!!** Here's the breakdown:

First Place

- Old Firehouse Garden for civic conservation **on to NGC Jennifer Fenderbosch**
- Ozone Garden for Environmental Education **on to NGC Jennifer Fenderbosch**
- Community Enrichment for our partnership with Public Library **Nadge Herceg**
- Blue Star Memorial for landscaping **Lynn Medders**
- Wildflower Garden for all Ohio native's garden **Lynn Medders, Karen Moran, Anita Webb**

- Butterfly award for Release butterflies not balloons **Elaine George**
- Publicity Press Book a first **on to C.A.R Monica Kimmell**
- Website **on to NGC Sue Jagoda**
- Flower show won **two firsts** for show and schedule **on to NGC Jo'C Walker**

Second Place

- Removal of Hemlock at Walker Road Park **Bev Stives, Marianne Stern, Sue Newcomb**
- Planting of 2 Mature Trees at Miller Road Park **Marianne Stern**
- Fence Garden for historic preservation **Jane Kozey**
- Card for horticulture, birds and bees **Anne Lyon**
- Garden Clippings Newsletter **Nadge Herceg**
- Yearbook **Elaine George**

Third Place

- Membership Brochure **Monica Kimmell**
- Flyer for Dean's greenhouse **Monica Kimmell**
- Facebook **Sue Jagoda**

Honorable Mention

Butterfly photo **Elaine George**

Holiday Project Award

Standard Flower Show Award – Educational Exhibit
Photography Award

And finally, we earned **2nd place for OUTSTANDING GARDEN CLUB – Large club**

To say we were thrilled and proud would be an understatement! We did not select these projects because we thought we had a chance of getting an award. We did them – and did them well – because we thought they were worthwhile and meaningful. We earned **\$520** in award money for our outstanding endeavors.

To have them recognized by GCO as award winning was just the cherry on our sundae. Don't get me wrong, I love cherries and I truly believe we deserved every single one we got! Congratulations to everyone who participated and to Pam Hoffmann's Award Committee. Job well done!

Convention Highlights



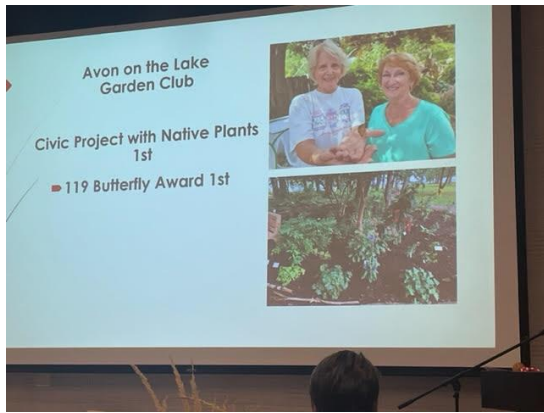
Citizens' Committee Native Plant Sale

Saturday, May 20th

8 am - 2 pm

French Creek Nature Center

Show your love of nature and support the parks—shop the Citizens' Committee for the Lorain County Metro Parks Native Plant Sale! This sale will feature a variety of native perennials. Plants will be second-season, hardened off, and ready to plant! All plants will be sold in trade-gallon pots. Availability is limited, so come early for the best selection!



National Garden Club

National Garden Week: June 4-10 2023

Celebrate National Garden Week in Your Community!

Join NGC clubs across the country and celebrate National Garden Week, June 4-10, 2023. This week is an opportunity to encourage pride in your community, interest new members, and work with other groups to be part of those efforts.

Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club welcomes members to attend our celebration of National Garden Walks on **Tuesday, June 27, 2023**. Details to follow.

ALGC Memorial Donation Books 2023

Avon Lake Public Library

The Climate Change Garden

Sally Morgan & Kim Stoddard

The Backyard Bird Sanctuary

Alan Baczkiewicz

The Creative Vegetable Gardener

Kelly Smith Trimble





Member Interview

Susie Donovan

“Getting to Know You” is a new ALGC newsletter feature. With so many remarkable members, let’s appreciate their talents and backgrounds. Who would you like to “Get to Know”? Drop Nadge a note to suggest a member to be featured in the next newsletter.

JO’C WALKER

“It’s a growing experience.”

Jo’C Walker grew up with an appreciation of beautiful gardens. Her family lived in Pittsburgh, in walking distance of the famous Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. Her mother would take Jo’C and her sister to the Phipps’ spectacular seasonal displays, passing a lovely large lily pond with goldfish and elegant statuary. The girls helped their mother tend their own garden, which included a beautiful grape arbor, lush snowball bushes, and colorful daylilies. Those experiences were the beginning of a lifelong dedication to education, teaching, and leadership in horticulture and design.

Jo’C’s first experience with a garden club was in Virginia, where she joined the National Capital Area Federation of Garden Clubs. Members had access to formal training at the University of Maryland, where instructors were top experts in their fields. She earned her National Garden Club (NGC) Certification in Landscape Design there. She is an Accredited NGC Landscape Design Consultant, and past Garden Club of Ohio and National Capital Area Landscape Design School Chairman. Jo’C, also earned her Nationally Accredited Flower Show Judges credentials in Virginia while attending the NGC sponsored Flower Show School. Jo’C is currently president of the Cleveland Flower Arrangers Guild, Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs Publicity/Press Book Awards Chairman, and Registrar/Ohio Judges Council Symposium 2023.

She has won several awards, including the prestigious Silver Cup, Kathleen Firestone Whidden Award from the Cleveland Botanical Garden for best traditional flower arrangement in their 2005 flower show.

When Jo’C moved to Avon Lake in 2004, she wanted to join a garden club, but she needed to find one that was affiliated with NGC in order to maintain her certifications. She checked with NGC School instructors, and they highly recommended the club in Avon Lake. She has been a valuable member of the ALGC since then, serving as president from 2010 to 2012, chairing flower shows, and teaching classes in flower design. She has served on several state and national committees, and she continues to attend classes to maintain her certifications.

Jo’C is an avid supporter of garden clubs. They offer opportunities for continuing education, and for members to use their training to beautify our towns and homes. She values the friendships and camaraderie with women who enjoy the same things, and she is quick to remind us that gardening relieves stress and is just plain fun!

To new members, she advises getting involved. Serve on committees, garden teams, and special projects. Get to know the other members, and share the fun of digging in the dirt. Keep learning by taking advantage of schools offered at the local and state levels. Above all, remember -- “It’s a growing experience!”