

Garden CLIPPINGS

September 2023

Avon-on-the Lake Garden Club

Plant America...Garden Knowledge

1930-2023

2023-2024 OFFICERS

Avon-on-the Lake Garden Club

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Advisor	Elaine George
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Civic Interest Gardens

Gazebo	Pam Hoffmann
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Herb Garden	Coleen Wilbur
Wildflower	Anita Webb/Jennie Jon
Library Butterfly	Elaine George
Fence Garden	Jane Kozey/ Diana Wyrock
Beach Park Point	Chris Lappin/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

Anne Lyon

A new president, a new year, but the new and continuing projects remain the same: maintaining ten civic gardens, participating in civic activities, and mostly being a club that cares! I've been in other clubs, and we do it the best! I'm glad of the day I joined.

My President's Project is to publish a booklet entitled, "Things I Know Now, I Wish I Had Known Then!" I want it to be filled with hints, tips and folklore. BUT that depends on ALL of you! There will be a box at each meeting where you can insert those tips – with your name or anonymously. I also wouldn't mind some sketches or photographs as well. I know we have the talent!

I hope you are enjoying your journals...you can notate those tips, you can write down the names of those plants we all seem to forget {now what was that called?}, you can keep the info tags you get when you purchase a plant, and so much more. The journal is for YOU!

Finally – THANKS to everyone who made our Library Art Gallery Show so wonderful and especially to the Flower Arrangers and Cookie Chefs who put the reception OVER THE TOP! The library employees told me it was the best reception they've ever seen!

President's Tea September 7, 2023

Barbara Peterson

Beatrix Potter was best known for her illustrated children's books featuring animals. Her most famous character was Peter Rabbit. Ms. Potter invested the proceeds from her books into buying farms throughout the Lake District in the U.K. She became an avid gardener and a prize-winning breeder of Herdwick sheep.

Stephanie Kramer, our speaker at the September 7th meeting, will portray Beatrix Potter in a one-woman presentation. Don't miss this opportunity to experience a unique storytelling of Ms. Potter's life as a naturalist and a conservationist.

Avon Lake Power Plant

Georgeanne Wolnowski

Just a quick update on our visit to the Power Plant on Thursday, July 27. Thank you so much to all of you that were able to help! Nadge and Diana each took a small azalea home to "foster." I took the pink hydrangea. I'll "foster" it until early next week when Pam and I find a spot for it at the Gazebo. It may be a temporary planting or it may be permanent.

Thank you, Bobbe, for joining us and giving us such good advice regarding the rose bushes. She recommended we wait until September or October to prune and remove them. Too stressful now with the summer heat.

Pam came up with a brilliant idea regarding the rose bushes. She is going to contact Tony Tomanek of the Historical Society and see if they would be interested in several bushes for the Peter Miller House or the Bicentennial Garden on the north side of the Peter Miller House. What a wonderful effort for our club, the Historical Society, and the Power Plant to work together to save bushes that have been there for years.

Thank you, Monica, for coming to take pictures of the digging!



Holden Forests and Gardens NEWS

Marianne Stern

Double the Fun this Summer at Two Locations!



Visit the Cleveland Botanical Garden to see the "Bloomin' Glass Botanicals" on the Geis Terrace. These beautiful life-like glass sculptures are from the Glass Asylum in Chagrin Falls. The colorful and creative glass

leaves, small birds, insects, and frogs enhance the large pots of flowers and plants around the terrace. Colorful whimsical ducks and fish to the reflection pool. Over 300 pieces of glass art are displayed. The show will last until October 16 and will be on sale after the show.

When you visit the nine acres, you will also find a colorful of birdhouses throughout the outdoor gardens in the display "Petals and Perches" through September 4. As you stroll through the gardens you will learn ways in which birds interact with the plants in your garden and how to attract them year-round. Some of the birdhouses were created by volunteers, staff, and the public using up-cycled materials.

The Holden Arboretum campus is featuring 14 Lego sculptures of flora and fauna by Sean Kenney. These sculptures bring nature to life. They were built using over 350,000 bricks. This magical show is on display until September 4.

Admission is \$20 for nonmembers and free to members of Holden, Forests, & Gardens. Senior Day is always on Tuesdays and admission is \$12 (60+). See holdenfg.org for more information.

People for Trees in Year Three

Holden Forest & Gardens began a campaign in 2020 to plant 15,000 trees in Northeast Ohio by 2025. More than 10,000 trees have been pledged and planted so far. The Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club participated in this pledge by planting a Burr Oak and Bald Cypress in Miller Road Park in 2022. We received a 2nd place Tree Award from GCO at

the April 2023 State Convention. The Burr Oak is on the west side of the park near the boat ramp and the Bald Cypress is between the Wildflower Garden and the Gazebo. Both trees appear to be thriving and have added to the tree canopy in Miller Road Park. They are more than 6 feet in height.

The Citizens Tree Commission recently shared some of the benefits of having big trees in our environment. They provide shade and help with cooling. Big trees also provide oxygen, clean our air and water, and help manage storm runoff. Trees provide food and shelter for songbirds.

The ALGC Tree Committee has accepted the task of selecting one or two trees to plant during the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The committee consists of Marianne Stern, Diane Deasy, Jennifer Fenderbosch, and Pam Hoffman. The type of trees and site selection is still to be determined. We will report our progress at the general meetings. Also check out the Citizens Tree Commission monthly tips on the city website at:

www.AvonLake.org/News



Welcome New Members

Mary Ann Flesher
Robbin Lomax
Connie Stanberry
Audra Vinci

Yearbooks

Missed picking up your yearbook at the Library Art Show? Yearbooks will be available at our September 7 meeting or by contacting Jennie Jones (440-242-1910) for pick up.



National Garden Clubs
OFFICIAL WEBSITE

Visit the Video Café at:

[Video Café | National Garden Clubs, Inc.](http://VideoCafe.NationalGardenClubs,Inc.)

The site includes Welcome, Club Resources, Webinars, NGC Grants and Awards, Gardening Tips, Floral Designs and Techy Tips.



Check It Out!

Nadje Herceg

The Avon Lake Public Library's Marybelle Arnold North Coast History Room houses our Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club's historical documents. Marybelle Arnold was an active member of our ALGC. The boxed and labeled collection topics include:

Awards	Briefs
Flower Shows	Historian Reports
Minutes	Publicity
Projects	Yearbooks

With the large bed Omniscan located behind the Information Desk, much of the club's archives have been scanned. Logon to the library's website at

www.alpl.org

Click: Collection

Click: Digital Collection

Click: Biblioboard

Go back in time and peruse out enlightening archives from the 1930's by visiting the library or online.



Book Review

Slow Birding: The Art and Science of Enjoying the Birds in Your Own Backyard

by Joan E. Strassmann

334 pages 2022

Marianne Stern

I can recognize a few birds by sight but not by their song. I have never really considered myself a frequent bird watcher. I was wondering what I would get out of reading this book. It has turned out to be most interesting! The author is a professor at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri and a prolific writer of behavior, ecology, and evolution of social organisms. She also calls herself a “slow birder”. About 35 years ago she first introduced students to the careful observation of bird behavior. She taught her students how to observe birds by walking on campus and just observe at least three species at regular intervals. No special equipment was needed. Her students used binoculars, took notes, and watched at different times over several weeks. Her students became better at their observations and their interests peaked. She describes how to begin observing birds and taking note of their colors, songs, and nests. Birdwatching can take place in your own yard and at local parks. You don’t have to travel great distances to be a bird watcher.

She has written a chapter on 16 different birds that she has observed in her own yard and in some of the nearby parks in St. Louis. It is the type of book that you can read a chapter and then pick up later to read about another bird. She does include some scientific experiments about mating, nesting habits, diet, their songs, colors, and other bird behaviors and the text is very readable to the novice bird watcher. Most of the birds she describes are monogamous but DNA testing of banded birds sometime show that some chicks have a different father or mother. Another interesting fact is that the female lays one egg a day until she is done. You will learn about which birds were introduced to the US. For example, the House Sparrow was brought to Brooklyn, New York, in 1850 according to the US Department of Agriculture and now has spread all across the country. The very recognizable Blue Jay can be found in every state but is not a state bird in any state.

At the end of each chapter, the author gives suggested wilderness activities for the “slow birder.” Suggestions include walking the same path every time you visit. Find a park near you or just observe in your own yard. Document seasonable changes for some of the birds you frequently see. Notice what birds are absent. She includes research in every chapter that was conducted in several colleges and organizations but does not overwhelm you with too much technical detail. If you are an experienced bird watcher or just want to start, you will find this book worth reading.

