

# Garden CLIPPINGS

April 2024

Avon-on-the Lake Garden Club

***Plant America...Garden Knowledge***

1930-2024

## 2023-2024 OFFICERS Avon-on-the Lake Garden Club

President	<b>Anne Lyon</b>
Vice President	Barbara Peterson
Treasurer	Kathy Gottlieb
Rec. Secy	Marsha Soroka
Cor. Secy	Georganne Wolnowski

### Appointed Officers

Advisor	Elaine George
Auditor	Lynn Medders
Historian	Nadge Herceg
Membership	Jennie Jones

### Standing Committee Chairpersons

Awards	Pam Hoffmann
Community Council Rep	Elaine George
Garden Walks/Adventures	Karen Butch
GCO & NGC	Karen Huddle
Holden Forests & Gardens Rep	Marianne Stern
Horticulture	Jeanne Akhaven
Hostess	Collen Wilbur
	Char Pulit
Newsletter	Nadge Herceg
Parliamentarian	Diane Deasy
Publicity	Monica Kimmell
Ways & Means	Anita Webb
Telephone Board	Karen Moran
Website	Sue Jagoda

### Civic Interest Gardens

Gazebo	Pam Hoffmann
	Georganne Wolnowski
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**

Well, it is still snowing here in Ohio! Winter has not released itself just yet. My garden is remaining protected with the fall leaves, but buds and leaves are peeking through. It is time to begin looking forward to thoughts of "just what will I plant and what will I divide?" The thing to really think about is getting pots ready to transplant from your own garden and the civic gardens for the **PLANT SALE on Saturday, May 11, 2024**. It is our biggest fundraiser for the club and it is also what allows us to do some of the things our club likes to do such as planting trees in Avon Lake to replace the ones that are dying. Trees are no longer inexpensive. We spent \$595 for just three trees. It also allows us to donate monies to community projects such as the new Discovery Works at the library for the tiny citizens of Avon Lake. It allows our garden chairs to purchase new plants for the civic gardens. (Remember in the early days that the gardens were supplied by donations of members only!)

We have also inducted several new members! We are now at 77 members strong! To those new members, we look forward to getting to know you better by your participation in garden events, committees, and laboring in the sunshine at the ten gardens!

**BEAUTIFICATION DAY is Saturday May 18, 2024.** If you are part of an organization or a church that could help spread humus at the gardens, give me a call! We would appreciate some strong muscles! See you in the gardens!

## April Fools

What did the tree say when spring finally arrived?

What do you get when you cross a dog and a tulip?

# Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup!

*Jennifer Fenderbosch*

Lorain County Beautiful Day

<https://www.avonlake.org/our-community/clean-up-avon-lake-day>

As part of Lorain County Beautiful Day (formerly Pride Day), the City of Avon Lake is organizing a cleanup day in Avon Lake. This county-wide event brings together volunteers for a day of litter cleanup, planting, and beautification projects and is part of the larger Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup!

As always Lorain County Beautiful Day will take place on the 3rd Saturday in May. This year's event will be Saturday, May 18, 2024 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Organize a group of friends to help in the public gardens ALGC designs and maintains.

The week of May 18, 2024 all gardens will be spreading leaf humus and if needed wood mulch. Each Garden Chair is to report to President Anne Lyon the number of people who plan to assist at their garden so the City can determine the number of cleanup supplies that will be received. After the event, the Garden Chairs are to report to Anne the actual number of people who volunteered along with the number of hours worked. All data will be forwarded to Lorain County who reports it to the National Organization.

Thank you for making a difference in Avon Lake and helping to keep Lorain County clean, green, and beautiful!

## Cleveland Botanical Garden

*Marianne Stern*

The Smithsonian's, **Life in One Cubic Foot**, exhibition is on display at the Cleveland Botanical Garden through April 21, 2024. It provides an enriching and visually stunning perspective on biodiversity. The temporary exhibition follows the initial research from Smithsonian scientists, additional research from Holden

Arboretum scientists, and photography from David Liittschwager, as they discover what a cubic foot of land or water—a biocube—reveals

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about the diversity of life on the planet. The exhibition will feature photos and research exploring local biocubes, conducted by staff at the Holden Arboretum in Kirtland, Ohio.

Hours: Closed Monday

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday: Noon – 5 p.m.

Admission: Nonmember Adult: \$20

Nonmember Child: \$14

Members: Free

Save \$1 per ticket by purchasing online in advance.



Cleveland Botanical Garden events:

<https://holdenfg.org/events-special-exhibits/>

## 11 Invasive Plants You Should Never Buy at the Garden Center

*Sue Jagoda/Website: Garden Know How*

They might tempt you with pretty flowers or unique foliage, but invasive plants should be treated with extreme caution. Learn the most common silent invaders to avoid when visiting the garden center.

All gardeners are susceptible to impulse plant purchases now and then. Wandering through the garden center can be such a thrill, with so many beautiful plants on display that will add color and interest to the yard.

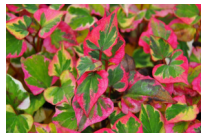
However, hidden among the many star-performing plants are a few silent invaders that should be avoided at all costs. These [invasive plants](#) may look harmless and even possess appealing qualities. Yet, they can quickly get out of

control, smothering other plants and threatening wildlife habitats.

What's more, [invasive plant removal](#) can be almost impossible – meaning constant work to chop down foliage, remove dead flowers, and pull up roots. Unfortunately, not all garden centers are vigilant about keeping these plants out of their stock.

In this article, we expose the potential risks posed by some of the most commonly bought invasive plants and the detrimental effects they can have on native flora and fauna. From fast-spreading ground covers to vigorous climbers and unruly shrubs, these plants should not be on the shopping list of most gardeners. We also offer alternative non-invasive suggestions, ensuring you make sustainable choices for your landscape.

1. Chameleon plant
2. Lilly of the Valley
3. Butterfly Bush
4. Callery Pear
5. Running Bamboo
6. Burning Bush
7. Japanese Barberry
8. Scotch Broom
9. English Ivy
10. Japanese Honeysuckle
11. Mexican Evening Primrose



Log on to the website for the complete article:  
[11 Invasive Plants You Should Never Buy At The Garden Center | Gardening Know How](#)

## Book Review

*Marianne Stern*

***The Soil Will Save Us: How Scientists, Farmers and Foodies Are Healing the Soil to Save the Planet***

Kristin Ohlson

Who knew what an amazing and important world there is in the soil! There's so much activity going on or should be, according to Ohlson. Thousands of years of poor farming, ranching, and land practices (especially modern industrial agriculture) have led to the loss of 80 billion tons of carbon from the world's soil and that carbon is floating in the atmosphere. Our soil is an underground Kingdom made of sand, clay, and silt. For a million years fungi, bacteria and cyanobacteria have been added to the mix.

Billions of microorganisms are in a teaspoon of soil and those microorganisms take carbon dioxide that plants take from our atmosphere and turn it into life-giving soil carbon. Tilling the soil removes vegetation and starves microorganisms which feed the soil.

Ohlson lived in Cleveland for several years and dealt with the clay soil we all have. When we starve the soil of needed nutrients, we have to use chemical fertilizers to get a good crop.

Ohlson goes into detail about how we can make the soil healthier and cites research from scientists, farmers, and government agencies to reinforce her statements. We can reduce greenhouse emissions if we have healthier soil. This is a deep dive into the benefits of making our soil healthier. One key point she makes is that compost requires some organic matter.

My book club highly recommends this book to those who want to understand the composition of the soils and how it effects climate change, the healthy benefits of the food we consume, and saving the soil

## Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs (CAR-SGC)

*Nadge Herceg*

The Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs, Inc., known as CAR-SGC, is a non-profit corporation that was formed in October 2016 to succeed the unincorporated Central Atlantic Region of National Garden Clubs (NGC). The previous regional organization was established in May 1929 by Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Ohio. Pennsylvania joined in 1931, followed by National Capital Area in 1954 and Delaware in 1958.

Visit the website: [Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs | National Garden Clubs \(car-sgc.org\)](#)

### April Fools

What did the tree say when spring finally arrived? **What a re-leaf!**  
What do you get when you cross a dog and a tulip? **A collie-flower!**