

Calendar of Events

*see yearbook for more details

Sept 1-29	Gallery Show
Sept 3	General Meeting - Presidents' Tea Program: <i>All about the Flower Show</i>
Sept 17-20	Flower Show
Sept 21	Board Meeting
Sept 23	Gallery Show Reception 6-8 at the library
Sept 29	GCO Cleveland District Meeting
Oct 1	General Meeting Program: <i>Lake Erie Restoration Joy Mulinex</i> Pick up Gallery Show items
Oct 19	Board Meeting
Oct 19-20	CAR Conference in Independence
Nov 5	General Meeting Program: <i>Decorating with Nature/ Anne Lyon</i>
Nov 5	GCO Holiday Show
Nov 16	Board Meeting
Dec 3	Christmas Luncheon Veranda Bistro Program: <i>CRS Connection w ALGC</i>

2026-2027 Officers to be installed in June

President	Kamber Herrmann
Vice-President	Karen Butch
Secretary	Marianne Hocking
Treasurer	Kathy Gottlieb
Corresponding Secretary	Tina Gentile



PLANT ENTRIES IN THE HORTICULTURE SPECIALTY SHOW



**Plant Entries
in the
HORTICULTURAL
Division**

Sunflowers	
Marigolds	
Zinnia	Coral bells
Elephant's ears	Ferns
Caladium	Dusty Miller
Coleus	Herbs
Begonia	Anthurium
Dahlia	Orchids
Gladiolus	African Violets
Roses	Cactus
Asters	Arboreal branch
Chrysanthemum	
Sedum	
Hostas	

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE fom Kamber Herrmann

My **President's Theme** for this year is "Plant Together "Grow Together". This theme inspires me on many levels. As I look around our city, I can see that we have done a lot of planting this spring & summer and through our hard work together, our plants are growing and prospering. Our civic gardens are beautiful thanks to the dedication and hard work of our members.

Well done ladies!

But on a deeper dive, this theme is speaking to the way that through the time that we spend working together, we form bonds of friendship, we share knowledge and learn from each other in gardening ways and in life ways, too. We learn we can lean on each other and, with much joy, together we each can grow stronger.

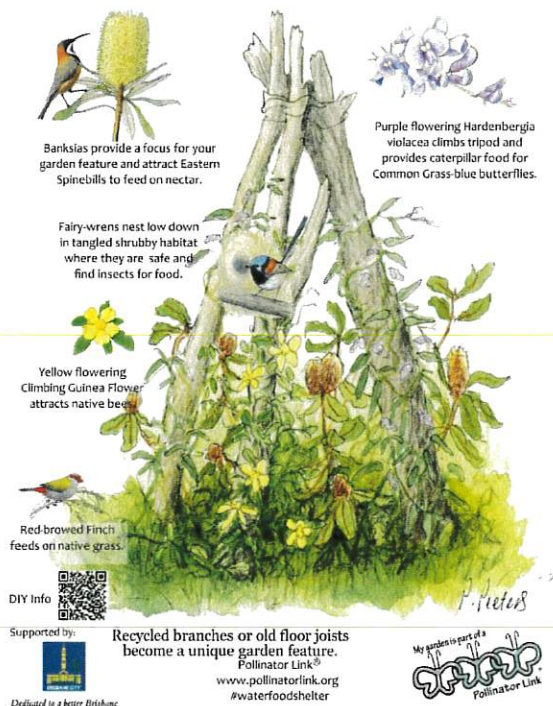
With the Horitculture Specialty Show coming in September there is yet another facet to this theme. Through this show we will be showing off our own gardens' beauty, and inspiring our visitors to grow their own gorgeous plants and blooms. And so we will be planting seeds of gardening joy in others.

My **President's Project** this year is to work with our Civic Gardens to establish a home for a beneficial critter in that garden. I'm thinking about our birds or bees or even a toad. These critters are important to the flowers and plants in our gardens. We are also going to establish a "Best Practices Committee" that willexchange ideas with other Garden Glubs in our area. Let's find out what works for them and what didn't go so well and then bring back the best ideas to our club.

Planting seeds and ideas, growing beautiful flowers and friendships, nurturing plants, beneficial critters and each other. We share so much, we do so much, together, in our garden club!

I'm looking forward to working with you all in the year ahead. I'd love to hear your ideas that will help move these projects forward. THANK YOU!

Build a habitat tripod to feed and shelter small birds in your garden.



Beach Park Point has a head start on Kamber's Project



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NGC HORTICULTURE SPECIALTY SHOW

Important Dates:

A vertical form from the National Garden Clubs, Inc. with fields for "EXHIBIT", "SECTION", "CLASS NO.", and "ENTRY NO.". It also includes a section for "EXHIBIT SCORED BY" with checkboxes for "1st", "2nd", "3rd", "Honorable", and "Mention".

September 3rd

General Meeting: Program will be about the details that each member needs to know

- *** Photography Entries will pick up the cardstock, and 2 cards to fill out. \$1 for each cardstock
- *** Entry cards to be distributed. The instructions for filling them out will be part of the program
- *** Discuss how to pick the best specimen for the classes
- *** Show what a good specimen looks like in the clear bottles, how long the stem should be.
- *** Information on what to do when you bring in your specimens on Friday

September 17th Thursday

Staging Committee will be on site at the library setting up the show.

September 18th Friday 10 am

Bring your entries and other items, such as your photography.

The Horticulture Committee will be set up to take care of you ex: Classification to help with identification
Entries will take your name and record your entry, Placement will help with bottles and placing in the correct area.

September 20th Saturday

Judges will arrive at 9 am, and judge until noon.

Hostess committee will have refreshment area set up for members and public

Hostesses will be assigned a time to be on hand to meet and greet.

September 21st Sunday

Hostesses will be assigned a time to be on hand to meet and greet.

Sunday 22nd Monday 9 AM

All hands on deck to help take down and clean the gallery.



from the Gates Mills flower show last year

4th Annual Avon-on-the-Lake Gallery Show

The show is designed to showcase our members as other than just gardeners! We are a very creative group!

AUG 26th Drop off date to the front desk of the library with information sheet (This form was sent earlier by email).
Oct 1st Pick up items



And Summer Begins, hibernation time is over.



We need some photos from our other gardens please for the next issue!

May 9th PLANT SALE

Hang on to your pots for next year's sale



May 12th GCO Cleveland District Meeting received \$25 Incentive Award



May 19th Elaine teaches children about herbs at the Miller House



May 21 Craig Webb makes beautiful 3D printers for the planters at the library after the others had weather damage.



May 22 Lettuce Bowl Workshop at CRS



Unfortunately no photographs for the 2nd Workshop of Growing Tomatoes.

May 25th Memorial Day Parade



CELEBRATING OUR 250TH ANNIVERSARY

June 5th Installation of Officers



CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!

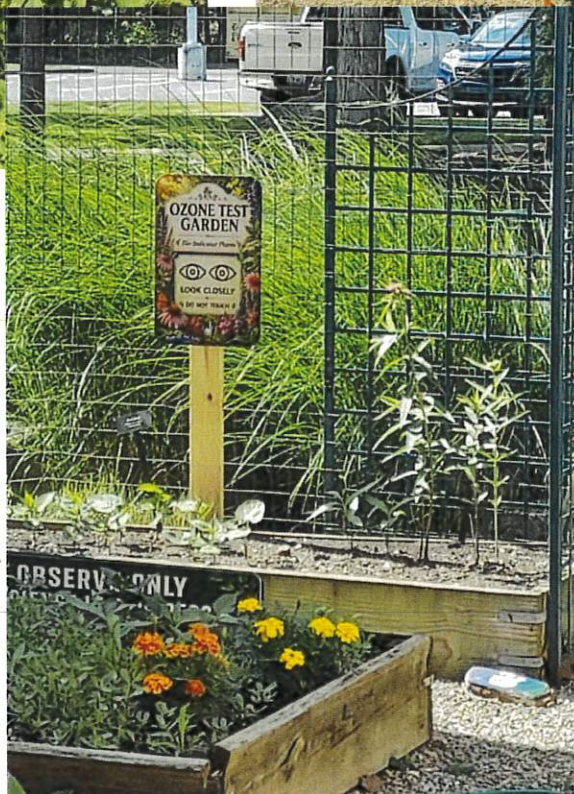
June 18th GCO Convention in Cleveland Congratulations to Barbara Peterson for Horticulture Awards



July 15th Elyria Garden Club visited some of our civic gardens



Aug 9th Ozone Garden Presentation by Jennifer Fenderbosch



Aug 11th Goddard School: Reading about, Showing and Releasing a Monarch Butterfly

Books about butterflies read by Anita Webb and Monica Kimmell Monarch brought by Diana Wyrock



What is an Affiliate Garden (by Marianne Stern

Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club is one of nearly 50 garden clubs in the Greater Cleveland area. Tracing our relationship with the Holden Forest & Gardens, we must go back to 1930 when the Cleveland Botanical Garden was the first civic garden center in the country and was known as The Garden Center of Greater Cleveland. It was founded in 1930 by the wives of some of Cleveland's early industrialists and businessmen in the city of Cleveland. Eleanor Squire donated a large collection of horticultural books to the Garden Club of Greater Cleveland. You will recognize other founders with surnames such as Sherwin, William, Mather, and White. They met in an old boat house near Wade Lagoon at the Cleveland Museum of Art to house their book collection and hold meetings to promote knowledge and a love of gardening. In 1937, it expanded affiliate memberships to other garden clubs. Because of frequent flooding in the boat house, the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland moved from Wade Park to a new structure at 11030 East Boulevard and changed its name to the Cleveland Botanical Garden, it's current location. This new site previously housed the Wade Park Zoo. The Cleveland Botanical Garden merged with the Holden Arboretum in 2014 to become part of Holden Forest & Gardens.

Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club is an Affiliate Garden Club and began its association with the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland in 1945 when the West Side Branch support group was located in the Boat House at Wade Park. The West Side Branch of the Cleveland Garden Center began in 1940 and consisted mostly of west side garden clubs. The ALGC historians report for 1944-45 by Alicia Coffin Foote shared this entry: "We have affiliated with the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland and will undoubtedly benefit greatly by the connection."

Our ALGC scrapbook shares several entries about visits to the May show, flower shows, and the Harvest show in Public Hall. The West Side Branch name was later changed to the Westside Council. In March 2000, the Council voted to expand to include garden clubs located all over the Greater Cleveland Area and now represents 6 counties in Northeast Ohio. The name was changed to Affiliate Council and members are area Affiliate Garden Clubs. The focus has shifted from program planning to connect, collaborate, and advance the mission of the Cleveland Botanical Garden. The Affiliate Council operates independently with its own budget but in cooperation with the Cleveland Botanical Garden. Parking and the room rental for the two annual meetings at CBG are free for Affiliate Garden Clubs. Today, a Fall Forum in October is held for the Garden Club Presidents and Representatives and a Spring Meeting in April is open to all Affiliate Garden Club members. Some projects that Affiliate Council has promoted since the year 2000 include challenge grants to raise money for a bus fun to transport school children on field trips to CBG, money for horticulture during COVID, participation in a challenge grant by the Kresge Foundation, and raffle proceeds for the Seed Bank at HF&G. Affiliate Garden Clubs also generously give support by decorating trees for the annual Holiday Show, create planters for the Hershey Children's Garden, volunteer for special events, and become an Affiliate Garden Club member through the annual membership fee.

Attended the Spring Meeting

Marianne has been our representative for many years, as well as she volunteers there,



The **Sunday Cleveland Plain Dealer** on May 31st, 2026 has 2 very interesting articles, one entitled "Gardening may help keep you mentally sharp" by Cheyenne Buckingham for the Washington Post

"Gardening likely supports cognitive health, ...Not because is definitely prevents dementia, but because it bundles physical activity, mental engagement, stress reduction and other healthy lifestyle habits into one activity."

The other entitled "School gardens foster a love for agriculture and hands-on learning" by Shelley Mitchell of the Oklahoma State University/The Conversation

"Gardening also has benefits beyond agricultural literacy. For very young children, gardening increases hand-eye coordination, which is linked to success in handwriting, math and reading."

Information provided by Georganne Wolnowski

Notes from the Gazebo Garden, provided by Sharon Ferroni

" In early May, the Gazebo Garden received a 'new'(old) planting. About two years ago, Nadge (Herceg) rescued a red Azalea from the power plant, which at the time was facing imminent demolition. She planted the Azalea in her own garden and nurtured it along the way. In May, she brought it to the Gazebo Garden, as we had a perfect spot for its 'new' home...and just a short distance from its 'original' home. Thank you, Nadge, for being its care giver and adding it to the Gazebo Garden...it's such a lovely pop of color! And who knows...maybe the Azalea feels like it has finally 'come home' again! As of this writing, that red Azalea is thriving!"

Another offering from Sharon Ferroni

" A couple of years ago I had the good fortune of witnessing an amazing 'nature' event right in one of my small flower beds. And I thought it might be a news article of interest. A large snapping turtle ventured from the creek behind my house and up the hill to find a nice fertile spot to deposit her eggs....in my flower bed! I named her "Tilley". Approximately two months later...many more snapping turtles arrived! And instinctively, most of them knew which direct to head back down to the creek.....The Wonders of Nature





Gardenwear available at BIG FROG Custom clothing
located in Avon Commons 35878 Detroit Rd. Avon
<https://avon-on-the-lake-garden-club.itemorder.com>

They have a large variety of items you can choose from.
shirts, sweatshirts, denim shirts, hats, caps, apron

NEXT ISSUE IN JANUARY

deadline for items for the newsletter will be December 15th
send to Anne at aklyon028@gmail.com