



Emerald Necklace Garden Club Newsletter ~ January, 2019



There are two seasonal diversions that can ease the bite of any winter.

One is the January thaw.

The other is the seed catalogues.

~ Hal Borland 1900-1978

Board Meeting:

The next Board Meeting is at **10:00am** on **Monday, January 7th** at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 9201 Brecksville Road, Brecksville.

All committee chairs are invited to the January board meeting and welcome at subsequent board meetings, but are not required to attend unless they have committee business for discussion.

The annual budget meeting will be held immediately following the board meeting, hopefully at approximately 11:00. The president, first VPs, second VPs, treasurer and one person from the general membership constitute the budget committee. Marlyn Cerino has agreed to be the general member.

If you are unable to attend please call Donna Hessel (440) 526-6295.

Meetings ~ Pauline Dey/Carol Rosin

General Meeting: Our next general meeting will be at **9:15am** on **Thursday, January 10th** at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 9201 Brecksville Road, Brecksville.

Our January meeting will have **Jeff Ramsey** as its speaker. Jeff is a member of **Partners in Conservation**, the group that handles the seeds of friendship that we collect in the spring. He is coming from the Columbus Zoo to talk about the women in Rwanda and the whole seeds of friendship program. The feedback for his talk is very interesting and well done. Bring a friend so we can have a large crowd to welcome him.

We have many exciting programs planned for the year. Here is a quick overview:

January: Seeds of Friendship, *Jeff Ramsey*

February: *Barbara Richardson*, from Emerald and Violet "Art, Design and Color"

March: our own *Pat Cotsman* "Waking Up Your Garden". Also noon **Sharpening** will visit.

April: *Jody Ondrus* "Blossoms. Bows and More"

Make and take Shadow box wreath,

May: Field Trip to *Dayton Nursery Norton Ohio*

June: Eleanor Roosevelt is coming to tea.

July/August: No meetings

September: Potluck in the Metroparks, no speaker

October: **Field trip**, horticulture tour of Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

November: Holiday make and take,

December: Holiday Luncheon & Installation of 2020 officers.

As you can see we have a busy and varied year planned. Hope to see you all at our meetings.

Pauline Dey and Carol Rosin

Message from the President ~ Donna Hessel

Thank you for your confidence in electing me. Feel free to email or call me with any comments or concerns about ENG, and please leave a voicemail if no one answers the phone.

A new president should have some goals to work toward. Let me share some I've been thinking about. In no particular order:

- I'd like to see more of our members at the GCO District Meetings. The programs are worthwhile, the price is reasonable and it's interesting to find out what other clubs are doing and get acquainted with other gardeners from around N.E. Ohio.
- Some of our current practices do not reflect the policies in our ByLaws and Standing Rules. So

I'm asking each of you to dig out your ByLaws and re-read them – especially as they pertain to your responsibilities if you are a committee chair. Lisa Payne will be collecting your suggestions for updates and/or revisions. Please don't hesitate to send your suggestions to her as we pursue a thorough review in January and February.

- Most of you witnessed the creation of the floral arrangement at the officer installation in December when each member added her individual contribution to achieve the beautiful finished composition. Let's use that as an incentive to be involved and get more of our members participating in club projects this year!
- With that goal in mind, our four Civic/Community/Youth Committee chairs will be looking at expanded opportunities to share our gardening knowledge and skills with diverse groups this year. Choose to participate with the ages and projects of most interest to you, but please choose to participate.
- We need a better way to store both our physical properties and written archives so they are readily accessible and also preserved for posterity. We are looking at some currently available options, but if you have suggestions in this regard, please let me know!

Our first VPs have planned an excellent schedule of programs for our meetings. I hope you join me in looking forward to a fun and productive year!

Donna

FEED OHIO

We'll be continuing voluntary contributions to GCO's Feed Ohio program in 2019. Maureen has agreed to be our liaison to the person who picks up and delivers our contributions monthly. In January, let's think "breakfast." Non-perishable items might be cereals, instant oatmeal, canned juices, fruit bars, granola, dried fruit, peanut butter, jelly, hot chocolate, pop tarts, coffee, teabags, etc.

Donna

2019 OFFICERS ~ installed at Holiday Luncheon

President: *Donna Hessel*
 1st VPs: *Pauline Dey, Carol Rosin*
 2nd VPs: *Kathie Brusk, Barbara Harvatt*
 Treasurer: *Laurie Siebert*
 Recording Secretary: *Sue Mack*
 Corresponding Secretary: *Mary Drumm*

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2019

Awards	Mary Ellen Isaac & Maureen Michal
Botanical Garden Liaison	Jane Petrie
By-Laws	Lisa Payne
Civic/Conservation	Jane Petrie & Lisa Payne
Flower Show 2020	TBD
Green Thumb/Youth	Susan Ditzig & Colleen Taylor
Historian	Nathalie Petri
Horticulture	Pat Cotsman & Nathalie Petri
Hostesses	Susan Ditzig
Membership	Denise Bowler
Newsletter	Charlene Schuh
Programs	Pauline Dey & Carol Rosin
Publicity/Website	Donna Hessel
Scholarship Liaison	Gail Berzins
Ways and Means (May Luncheon)	Kathie Brusk & Barbara Harvatt

2019 ENGC HOSTESSES

January 10: Denise Bowler, Sue Mack, Nathalie Petri, Jane Petrie

February 14: Dianna Kulwicki, Joan Castelucci, Donna Hessel, Shirley Grispino

March 14: Connie Anselmo, Marlyn Cerino, Alice Sheeler, Rosemarie Pitts

April 11: Kathy Smith, Sherry Klodnick, Elaine Geringer, Cheryl Spieth

May 9: *FIELD TRIP – no hostesses*

June 13: *Tea with Eleanor Roosevelt:* Colleen Taylor, Carol Rosin, Maureen Michal, Kathie Brusk, Sue Ditzig, Laurie Siebert

July/August: *No hostesses/no meetings*

September 12: Potluck-Metropark
 Barbara Harviatt, Marlene Winter
October 10: FIELD TRIP – no hostesses
November 14: Mary Drumm, Judy Paffilas,
 Pat Cotsman, Lisa Payne
December 12: Holiday Luncheon – NO Hostesses

Sunshine Report ~ Mary Drumm

Gretchen Green is home and progressing with her rehab.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Charlene Schuh as she mourns the loss of her beloved uncle.

If you are aware of any sunshine news, please contact our **Corresponding Secretary, Mary Drumm;** Keemm@roadrunner.com].

YEAR BOOK CHANGES:

If you have any changes, the following members need to know ASAP: Lisa Payne, Donna Hessel, Marlene Ziss & Kathie Brusk.

January Birthdays	
Pat Cotsman	January 5
Agnes Hastings	January 9
Judy Paffilas	January 15
Gretchen Green	January 31



Cleveland Botanical Garden Liaison: Jane Petrie

Mark your calendar...Take down of Glow tree is January 7th. We can leave church parking lot at 10am. Need 3 helpers.

Call or email me ASAP.....Thanks..Jane

Take down of Chippewa Place tree will be on January 11th, 10:00 AM.

Many compliments about both of our trees. Great team work!!

Save the Dates:

January 7th (Monday) 10am ~ GLOW tree takedown

January 7th (Monday) 10am ~ ENGC Board Meeting at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church

January 10th (Thursday) 9:15am ~ ENGC General Meeting at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church

January 11th (Friday) 10am ~ Chippewa Place tree takedown

February 11th (Monday) 10am ~ ENGC Board Meeting

February 14th (Thursday) 9:15am ~ ENGC General Meeting

March 11th (Monday) 10am ~ ENGC Board Meeting

March 14th (Thursday) 9:15am ~ ENGC General Meeting

April 8th (Monday) 10am ~ ENGC Board Meeting

April 11th (Thursday) 9:15am ~ ENGC General Meeting

April 9th (Tuesday) ~ GCO District Meeting

April 30th (Tuesday) ~ Spring Luncheon set up

May 1st (Wednesday) ~ ENGC Spring Luncheon

May 6^h (Monday) 10am ~ ENGC Board Meeting

May 9th (Thursday) 9:15am ~ ENGC General Meeting

June 5-6 (Wednesday/Thursday) ~ GCO 2019 Convention

January Garden Tips

Winter Gardens

HGTV.com

Brush up on a few winter gardening ideas to give your green thumb a workout all year long.

January - Transform the garden's quiet season into one of its most productive by tackling tasks that can help you get a jump on next year's growing season. In all but the warmest regions, winter often dictates a time of rest for gardeners. With outdoors offering too-cold or too-wet conditions, many green thumbs take seasonal vacations in winter, resting, perusing seed catalogs and anticipating spring. Winter's quiet days can actually become your garden's best season if you use the time wisely. Learn a few ways to make winter one of your most productive seasons—without growing a single thing.

Check the View

Start by looking at your garden from indoors—and other vantage points. Examine bed lines and paths. Does the design seem organic or forced? Are paths logically placed, or do you need to add a new formal path? Is there balance in the plantings, or does one area seem too heavy or too light? Consider hardscape elements like a trellis, obelisk, patio or outdoor furniture. Are items placed in ways that combine function with design, such as being a focal point or adding a needed vertical element?

Look for Winter Interest

As you ponder your garden design, think about the plantings. Do you have plants that add winter interest, such as colorful stems, berried branches or structural branching? Is there a spot where you could use evergreens to add winter color? Many perennials have seedheads that offer

strong winter forms. Examples include black-eyed susan, bee balm and tall sedums like 'Autumn Joy'. Ornamental grasses also inject winter scenery with eye-catching texture and shapes.

Dream Big

Make plans for the coming year's garden. Choose which new crops you want to grow. Commit to try at least one new edible crop—you'll expand your palette and garden experience. If you grow vegetables in a dedicated garden, sketch out next year's planting plan, taking care to rotate crops throughout the space. Save garden plans from year to year. Once you have three years' worth of designs in hand, you can start repeating them year after year. If you need to add shrubs or trees to your yard, start researching the topic now. Check with local garden centers during their winter quiet time to learn about varieties they recommend.

Review the Past

Check your garden notes and photos from this past growing season. Identify pest, disease or other problems you encountered, such as blossom end rot on tomatoes or aphids on roses. Research the problem and learn what you can do to prevent future occurrences. It's also a good idea to review which edible crops did well and if yields were too much, too little or just right.

Tend to Tools

Last but not least, use evenings and weekends that would otherwise be gardening time as an opportunity to get tools in tiptop shape. Sharpen all cutting blades, including the lawnmower blade. Oil hinges on cutting tools like loppers and pruners. Remove rust on digging tools and give them a newly filed sharp edge to take some of the effort out of next year's planting chores.

Winter Gardening Don'ts

Even in colder zones, you can raise hardy vegetables and flowers if you're prepared to cover plants when necessary. You can use frost blankets, bed sheets, a plastic-covered tunnel or cold frame to extend your winter gardening season. You can also grow many salad greens indoors using containers and supplemental lighting.

With outdoor winter gardens, determine ahead of time how you'll water plants. Depending on how severe the cold is in your region, you may or may not be able to haul a hose to your winter vegetable garden or containers. If you'll be carrying water, position your garden, if possible, to limit water-toting duties

Aim to get your winter garden crops established before frosts arrive. Actively growing, established plants withstand cold weather better, as do plants that have experienced the gradual downward shift of outdoor temperatures.

Indoors, focus winter gardening efforts on houseplants that flower during cool weather. Most of these beauties aren't difficult to grow, and they add delightful color and possibly fragrance to indoor settings. Consider winter plants like moth orchid, with flowers that last for weeks, or cyclamen, with its artfully marbled foliage and butterfly-like blooms.

White or winter jasmine infuses a home with exquisite perfume, as do paperwhite narcissus bulbs, which are completely goof-proof. Even pots of rye or wheatgrass make a wonderful indoor plant that provides a pocket of greenery and a chance to practice some winter gardening.

Newsletter deadline is 25th of previous month. Please email articles to ccschuh@gmail.com.

Gardening tips, websites to browse, and recipes are always welcome.