



# Emerald Necklace Garden Club Newsletter ~ March, 2019



March, when days are getting long,  
Let thy growing hours be strong  
Set right some wintry wrong.

~ Caroline May, 1887

### Board Meeting:

The next Board Meeting is at **10:00am** on **Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 9201 Brecksville Road, Brecksville.

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

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### Meetings ~ Pauline Dey/Carol Rosin

**General Meeting:** Our next general meeting will be at **9:15am** on **Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 9201 Brecksville Road, Brecksville.

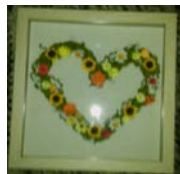
At our March meeting we will be getting ready for Spring and gardening. Our own **Pat Cotsman** will present **“Waking Up Your Garden”**. She will answer any questions you may have about gardening. Pat has an expansive knowledge of all types of gardening. Her home property has many perennials, a large vegetable garden, berries and fruit trees. If you have a question you want her to answer at the meeting, please email it to her ahead of time to: [plcotsman@gmail.com](mailto:plcotsman@gmail.com)

Also, Noon Sharpening will also be in the lobby of the church during our meeting. You can drop off your knives, scissors and gardening tools when you arrive for the meeting, and they will be ready when you leave. The cost for sharpening is \$1 per blade inch.

If you have any gardening magazines, please bring them to the meeting. We will set up a magazine exchange table.

**APRIL:** *Jody Ondrus* "Blossoms ‘N Bows ‘N More" We will Make and Take a small shadow box (5”x7”) with a quilling wreath inside. Our teacher will be *Jody Ondrus* who owns *Blossoms ‘N Bows ‘N*

*More.* It is at 357 West Aurora Rd. in Sagamore Hills. Jodi has been teaching craft classes for years. We will make the wreath and attach premade flowers. The final product is a lovely wreath for you, or for you to use as a gift. No cost to members. Guests will pay \$10. Pauline will bring a sample of the wreath to the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you are interested in participating, please sign up at the March meeting so we have enough supplies for everyone. Not coming to the March meeting -- email Pauline Dey [[rpdev1@cox.net](mailto:rpdev1@cox.net)] by April 4<sup>th</sup> if you are interested.



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Among the other many exciting programs planned for the remainder of 2019 are:

- MAY:** Field Trip to *Dayton Nursery Norton Ohio*
- JUNE:** *Tea with Eleanor Roosevelt*
- 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

Hello Everyone!

As the March winds begin to blow, I again ponder that saying, “It’s an ill wind that blows nobody any good.” Does it mean nobody benefits from it? Or, that it will blow somebody something

good? Google waffles on this, so you can take your choice. I'm looking forward, as I'm sure you are, to brighter, longer evenings with the time change on March 10, buzzards returning to Hinckley, crocuses, daffodils and snowdrops popping up; and *Pat Cotsman's* presentation at our March meeting! We surely will be inspired to get out and do that garden cleanup and plan some colorful additions to raise our spirits throughout the season. Remember to email any questions to her before the meeting.

Please consider joining us at the GCO District Meeting on April 9 at 11:00. The morning speaker is from William Tricker in Independence. Richard Lee, Owner, has been in this business for a long time. I remember visiting there in the early 80s to buy goldfish for a pond at my house in Berea! Tricker's supplies everything you might need to make a water garden – be it a barrel on your deck or a pond in your yard. His presentation is on the basics of building a water garden, so we can all learn something. Lynn Fronk, an outstanding floral arranger and National Garden Club instructor, will do the afternoon program titled, "From the Flower Shop to the Table and on to the Show." It would be great to have a whole table of ENGC members at the luncheon! It's always interesting to find out what other garden clubs are planning. The meeting is at St. Michael's Woodside and the cost is \$25, due to Laurie (checks to ENGC) at the March meeting. Gluten free and vegetarian luncheon options are available.

I hope to see you at our March meeting!

*Donna*

### GCO FEED OHIO

We will be collecting cleaning products in March. Check current sales and Dollar Tree for good value on a variety of cleaning products. Other food items are also welcome. It's Spring Cleaning time -- a good time to go through pantries and donate items that you thought you would use but didn't. Just be sure the item expiration date is current. As always, donations are voluntary.

*Donna*

### SEEDS OF FRIENDSHIP

We will be collecting seed packs for Seeds of Friendship again in March. Bring your seed packs and, if you so desire, sturdy garden gloves to the meeting. There will be a basket on the front table for them. We will deliver them to GCO at the district meeting on April 9. Only these kinds of seeds are needed: ***Bush Green Beans, Green Cabbage, Onions, Green Peppers, Tomatoes, Cosmos*** (all

colors and sizes), and ***Zinnias*** (all colors and sizes). Thank you for your generous contributions! They are appreciated.

### 2019 ENGC OFFICERS

President: ***Donna Hessel***

1st VPs: ***Pauline Dey, Carol Rosin***

2nd VPs: ***Kathie Brusk, Barbara Harviatt***

Treasurer: ***Laurie Siebert***

Recording Secretary: ***Sue Mack***

Corresponding Secretary: ***Mary Drumm***

### THE FOLLOWING ARE 2019 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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 Harviatt

### 2019 ENGC HOSTESSES

**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***

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***ENG C Spring Luncheon (Wednesday, May 1):***  
***Kathie Brusck/Judy Paffilas***

The following are the Luncheon Chairwomen:

***Kathie Brusck & Barbara Harviatt***

Tickets: *Judy Paffilas*

Planterie: *Nathalie Petri and Pauline Dey*

Patio/Garden Shoppe: *Maureen Michael, Mary  
Drumm and Sue Mack*

Raffle Baskets: *Sue Ditzig and Colleen Taylor*

50/50 Raffle: *Carol Rosin*

Publicity: *Donna Hessel*

**To all Luncheon chair persons (above):**

Barbara and I would like to meet with each of you after the Thursday, March 14, 2019 General meeting.

These are some of the items we would like to go over and make sure that everyone is on the same page:

- List of helpers
- What you might need for your area
- Do you need skirting for your area, and plastic table covering
- Who is your cashier?
- Aprons for all selling tickets - how many
- Set helpers for Tuesday and clean up on Wednesday

**If you can not make the meeting please let us know.**

On another note..... Please send any update information you would like in the monthly newsletter to *Charlene Schuh* before March/April 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Luncheon menu will include: *St. Michael's Signature Salad, Roll & Butter, Champagne Chicken, Garlic Smashed Redskin Potatoes, Sugar Snap Peas, Strawberry Torte, Coffee & Tea.*

Thanks again. Barbara and Kathie

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***Plantarie: Nathalie Petri/Pauline Day***

Hello ENG C members I'm looking forward to an early spring! Here are some things we can do to prepare for the Planterie sale:

1. Save boxes - bring them setup day.
2. If you have any 4" plastic pots clean them and bring to meetings for me to collect. Since Brecksville has changed recycling rules and will not collect yogurt, sour cream, or cottage cheese containers any longer, clean those out and punch holes in the bottom we can use those too.
3. If you have any old plastic or metal blinds you're tossing out we can use those as plant markers.
4. I have about a dozen or more canna I'll be potting up but I need larger plastic pots. 7" opening or like a hanging basket is good. Some of these tubers are big! Bring to March meeting. Also if you have a sunny interior location and can babysit some please let me know.
5. If you have bought any primroses in the grocery store and they are done blooming don't throw them out. You can either plant them outside in spring or donate them to the Planterie just keep them in a cool place with light and a little water until the sale.
6. With this request I am venturing into the unknown! I am asking for house plants especially the unusual kind not your philodendron you've grown weary of. Succulents are good too -- just NO Christmas cacti! Some of these plants may be used in the Patio to use as filler but others we may be able to sell individually. If they are overgrown you may want to break them apart and repot into several containers. Thanks and we appreciate your help!

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***Patio Shop: Mary Drumm/Sue Mack/Maureen Michal***

(formerly Patio and Garden Shoppe -- now combined)

We are collecting wicker and wire baskets and pots for our beautiful patio creations. Please bring them to the general meeting or call Mary or Maureen and we will come to your house to collect them.

A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the general meeting for those who are interested in planting the flowers in the pots/baskets.

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***Raffle: Sue Ditzig/Colleen Taylor***

*Some of the things that we will need for our raffle:*

If anybody has baskets at home, wide ribbon or raffia fill.

Now's the time to look at gifts that you received and think you might want to donate such as candles,

bottles of wine or glasses, body lotion, bath lotion, gardening items, etc.

At the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, I will have a list for people to sign up for baskets they would like to create, or need help creating. If anyone has questions please feel free to contact me.

*Thank you, Susan*

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### Sunshine Report ~ Mary Drumm

No new sunshine news available at this time.

If you are aware of any sunshine news, please contact our Corresponding Secretary, Mary Drumm,

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### YEAR BOOK CHANGES:

If you have any changes, the following members need to know ASAP: *Denise Bowler, Donna Hessel, Kathie Brusk.*

<b>March Birthdays</b>	
<b>Kathie Brusk</b>	<b>March 5</b>
<b>Barbara Harvatt</b>	<b>March 19</b>
<b>Connie Anselmo</b>	<b>March 21</b>
<b>Gail Berzins</b>	<b>March 22</b>
<b>Marlene Winter</b>	<b>March 22</b>
<b>Charlene Schuh</b>	<b>March 27</b>



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### Save the Dates:

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

**March 14th (Thursday) 9:15am ~ ENGC General Meeting – Pat Cotsman & Noon Sharpening**

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

**April 9<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) ~ GCO Spring District meeting – St. Michael's Woodside**

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

**April 11<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) Cleveland Botanical Garden Affiliate Day**

**April 30<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) ~ Spring Luncheon set up**

**May 1st (Wednesday) ~ ENGC Spring Luncheon – St. Michael Woodside**

**May 6<sup>h</sup> (Monday) 10am ~ ENGC Board Meeting**

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

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**June 5-6 (Wednesday/Thursday) ~ GCO 2019 Convention – Canton, Ohio**

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**September 9<sup>th</sup> (Monday) 10am ~ ENGC Board Meeting**

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**September 10<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) ~ GCO Fall District Meeting –**

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**September 12<sup>th</sup> (Thursday ) ~ ENGC Potluck/Metropark**

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**September 29<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) – Fall Fest in the Brecksville Metropark**

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### March Tips for Gardening in the Northeast

<https://www.bhg.com/gardening/gardening-by-region/northeast/march-tips-the-northeast/>

### Grow Your Own Vegetables

Reduce your grocery bills this year by growing your own food. It's easier than you think to enjoy fresh-from-the-garden fruits, vegetables, and herbs.

Plant cool-season varieties, such as radishes, peas, lettuce, broccoli, and cauliflower as soon as you can work the ground this month -- these plants survive frosty weather. While you're out, add some pansies to your spring vegetable garden. They'll add color, and you can use the cheery blooms in salads.

If you want to get a jump start on the season, plant seeds of warm-loving varieties such as tomatoes, eggplants, and peppers indoors under fluorescent lights.

### **Planting Vegetables? Do These 7 Things First**

You are just a few steps away from a bountiful vegetable garden. Follow this checklist, and you won't be disappointed!

There is nothing more rewarding than planting your own food, whether it be in a quaint window box container garden or on a sprawling plot of land in your yard. Planting vegetables requires discipline and responsibility, but there's a few details to think about even before you sow seeds. We have a cheat sheet of what needs to get done prior to planting your veggie garden.

- 1. Give your soil some love**—we mean loads of compost and mulch. Veggies need these types of nutrients. To compost, save your kitchen scraps

and other organic materials like lawn clippings and dry leaves in a container. Add a dash of soil to create a nutrient-filled concoction to add to your garden.

2. **Pick a spot that drains well.** Containers are perfect for veggie gardens, as long as you use a specialized potting mix as compared to garden soil. Raised beds also raise vegetables successfully: For best drainage, build your raised bed at least 12 inches tall and no more than 4 feet wide.
3. **Stagger plants.** If you have a vegetable garden, rotate where you plant your faves every season. Cucumbers, for example, should never go in the same spot. This action is called "crop rotation" and by doing this, you trick the bugs in your garden and reduce the risk of soilborne disease.
4. **Give them air.** Veggies like to breathe, so think ahead before you stagger them. Placing lettuce right next to carrots, for example, works because one is done way before the other reaches maturity.

5. **Remember that sun is best.** Pick the sunniest spot in your yard. Most veggies can hack it with a full day of rays (just supplement water if you need to).

6. **Think about the water supply.** Choose a spot that's close to a spigot, or run a drip irrigation hose to your veggies. They'll need about an inch a week, including rainfall. Consider keeping a rain barrel to collect water under a downspout on your house.

7. **Take preventive measures against pests.** Rabbits can decimate a whole garden overnight. Fungal diseases can kill plants in a few days. Prevention and good gardening habits can help. Try a fence, disease-resistant varieties, watering in the morning, and watching for sick plants and tossing them immediately.

Please email articles to [ccschuh@gmail.com](mailto:ccschuh@gmail.com).

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