

Emerald Necklace Garden Club Newsletter ~ April, 2019



"And Spring arose on the garden fair,
Like the Spirit of Love felt everywhere;
And each flower and herb on Earth's dark breast
rose from the dreams of its wintry rest."

- Percy Bysshe Shelley, *The Sensitive Plant*

Board Meeting:

The next Board Meeting is at **10:00am** on **Monday, April 8th** at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 9201 Brecksville Road, Brecksville.

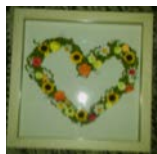
If you are unable to attend please call Donna Hessel (440) 526-6295.

Meetings ~ Pauline Dey/Carol Rosin

General Meeting: Our next general meeting will be at **9:15am** on **Thursday, April 11th** at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 9201 Brecksville Road, Brecksville.

We hope you enjoyed our March speaker, our own Pat Cotsman. She has so much knowledge about everything gardening one can't help but be inspired to try something new.

At our April meeting we will have a make and take. **Jody Ondrus "Blossoms 'N Bows 'N More"** in Sagamore Hills will help us make a 5x7 shadow box heart shape wreath. There was a sample at the March meeting. So far there are 18 members and one guest signed. Members pay nothing and guests pay \$10.00. If you are interested and did not sign up please email Pauline Dey by April 1st. we can only accept 4 more people so first come/first served.



MAY: Field Trip to Dayton Nursery Norton Ohio

In May, the Club will go on a field trip to Dayton Nursery in Norton, Ohio. It is a short 1/2 hour drive so we will leave the church at 9:20am. When we arrive we will have a tour of the facility and then time to shop. Dayton Nursery specializes in Azaleas and Rhododendrons so it should be a beautiful trip. Sign up will be at the April meeting and please consider being a driver.

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

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

Ahhh, Spring! While thoughts of youth may turn to love, the thoughts of ENG C members are likely to turn to visions of colorful flowers spilling out of containers and beautifying our yards and gardens. You can help make flowerful visions a reality for our Spring Luncheon guests by joining us on April 24th to plant baskets for the Patio Shoppe sale. It's so satisfying to see the collection of various annuals, herbs and filler plants we start with morph into the amazing, colorful baskets and containers that our luncheon guests can't wait to purchase!

ENG C members have always demonstrated imagination and creativity in the baskets contributed for our raffle! I hope you are thinking about donating one this year. Collaborating with another member doubles the fun of finding items for a themed basket. Join us on April 17 as we pack, wrap and be-ribbon the baskets for the raffle. The raffle committee can arrange the contents of your basket. Just bring everything that day. Please include a list of contents and a retail value (not what you paid) for your

donation, and whether your name(s) as contributor(s) can be included on the label.

Watch for an announcement of the digging and potting day for Planterie. Whether you prefer digging, potting, or adding identification to the pots, your help that day will be much appreciated.

The ByLaws Committee has put numerous hours into simplifying and clarifying the Standing Rules and revising the ENGC ByLaws. Please review the Standing Rules 2016-2019 Comparison document that was emailed to you in March. This is a PDF document that can be printed out if it is easier for you to read a hard copy. Please let Lisa Payne know if you need a hard copy and we will get one to you. We will vote on the proposed 2019 Standing Rules at the April meeting. The ByLaws revision will be published twice after the April meeting and will be voted on in May.

I want to emphasize again that we hope all Friends of ENGC will choose to join the club as active members and participate as much as feasible. We look forward to having you share in the preparation for our Spring Luncheon and join us at that event. If you choose to join at the June meeting, your dues for the second half of 2019 are just \$10.00. Please contact Denise Bowler if you have questions. bowlerd@roadrunner.com or 330-666-6554.

Enjoy the warming days and sprouting spring flowers!

Donna Hessel

GCO FEED OHIO

In April we'll be collecting paper products – tissues, paper towels, toilet tissue, as well as food storage bags, garbage bags, wax paper, plastic wrap, etc. Other non-perishable items are also welcome. Donations are always voluntary. Thank you for participating in this GCO program! As of March, ENGC's total contributions to Feed Ohio came to 1,119 pounds. Maureen sends our monthly poundage to GCO, so perhaps at the April District Meeting we will find out how we rank with other clubs.

Donna

2019 ENGC OFFICERS

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*

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

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*

Spring Luncheon – Wednesday, May 1st

Luncheon Chairs: *Barbara Harvatt and Kathie Brusk*

“Many Hands Make Light Work” and without each of your help, ENGC could not put on this wonderful luncheon every year! This is a huge club effort and anyone who has not signed up to help, please contact the chairperson in charge, of the area you would like to work in. We need all of you!

Plantarie: *Nathalie Petri & Pauline Dey*

Everything is weather dependent for digging. Some of the dates I have from Nathalie our as follows: April 16 or 17th and if raining then the following week 23, 25 or 26. The time they meet is from 1:00. PM to 4. At Pat Cotsman house.

Plantarie: Nathalie Petri/Pauline Day

Thank you to all who have signed up to help at the Planterie for potting up day, set-up day or day of sale. One of our challenges is what day will we pot up plants at Pat Cotsman's House. We won't know until we get into April and even then it's a day by day thing. Plus even if the weather looks good Pat's yard may be too wet to dig in if we have had a lot rain. I have thrown a couple of dates out to the committee as potential targets dates and want to share them with you so you can put them in your schedules.

Patio & Garden Shop: *Mary Drumm, Sue Mack & Maureen Michael*

April 22, Monday is shopping date for plants, check with Mary is you are on the list to help shop.

April 24, Wednesday Planting at Mary Drumm's home at 10:00 am.

Patio Shoppe: *Mary Drumm/Sue Mack/Maureen Michal* (formerly Patio and Garden Shoppe--now combined)

Thank you for all of the baskets and pots that have been donated so far. We are still in need of wicker and wire baskets as well as pots. Please bring them to the general meeting or contact Mary or Maureen to have them picked up from your house. We could also use small garden themed knick-knacks (such as bugs, frogs, butterflies, colorful stones, tiny cottages...) to decorate some of the potted flowers.

Planting day is Wednesday April 24th (rain or shine) at 10:00 am at Mary's house (4046 Boxelder Dr., Brecksville).

Raffle: *Sue Ditzig & Colleen Taylor*

April 17, Wednesday at 11:00 am at Sue Ditzig home. At the April meeting a calendar will be passed out with all the dates for you to pick where you would like to work.

Raffle: *Sue Ditzig/Colleen Taylor*

Raffle info: creation of baskets April 17, Wednesday 10:00am at Sue Ditzig's house. Please bring any baskets or materials to April's

meeting. Need to have as much materials by meeting. Need baskets, filler, tissue paper, ribbon. Also wine bottles or bottles of booze.

Anyone need ideas for basket please call me.

Thank you, Susan

There are still some Luncheon tickets available.

Spring Luncheon/May 1st (Wednesday)

Chairwomen: **Kathie Brusk & Barbara Harviatt**

Tickets: *Judy Paffalis*

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*

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.*

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, Keemm@roadrunner.com**].

YEAR BOOK CHANGES:

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

April Birthdays

Sherry Klodnick	April 3
Shirley Basista	April 5
Donna Loeb	April 11
Eleanor Krew	April 18
Rose Marie Pitts	April 24



Save the Dates:

April 8th (Monday) 10am ~ ENG C Board Meeting

April 9th (Tuesday) ~ GCO Spring District meeting
– St. Michael's Woodside

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

April 11th (Thursday) Cleveland Botanical Garden Affiliate Day

April 30th (Tuesday) ~ Spring Luncheon set up

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

May 6th (Monday) 10am ~ ENGC Board Meeting

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

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

September 9th (Monday) 10am ~ ENGC Board Meeting

September 10th (Tuesday) ~ GCO Fall District Meeting –

September 12th (Thursday) ~ ENGC Potluck/Metropark

September 29th (Sunday) – Fall Fest in the Brecksville Metropark

Garden Detective: Tips and chores for April

LIFESTYLE COLUMNIST JESSICA DAMIANO

By Jessica Damiano @jessicadamiano

April is National Garden Month, a designation with roots dating to 1986, when President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation for a national gardening week. In 2002, the National Gardening Association extended the “holiday” to cover the entire month beginning in 2003, and for good reason: April is when the soil begins to warm, seasonal rains quench thirsty seeds, and trees, shrubs and perennials awaken from dormancy. April is a miraculous month — as well as a busy one. Here are 30 tips and chores to help you gain the most from it.

1. Researchers have developed grass that needs no mowing, watering or fertilizer. April Fools!
2. To plant asparagus, till the soil well then dig a trench that’s 18 inches wide and deep.
3. Prune roses.
4. Prune rose of Sharon.
5. Deadhead pansies as their flowers fade.
6. Water the lawn only if you’ve seeded. Otherwise hold off until next month.
7. Plant raspberries and blackberries.
8. Plant potatoes and sweet potatoes.
9. Plant bare-root roses: Mound soil at the bottom of a hole and spread roots over it before backfilling.
10. When forsythia blooms on your side of the block, it’s time to apply pre-emergent crab grass control. Corn gluten meal is an organic option.
11. Uncover the fig tree, but only on a cloudy day (to avoid sunburn), then water deeply.

12. Divide bog plants if they are crowded.
13. Plant grapes and install a support.
14. If there’s moss in your lawn, apply lime. Otherwise, it’s not necessary unless a pH test registers below 6.3.
15. It’s Tax Day, a good day to plant perennials. Why not spend your refund at the nursery?
16. One-half cup of Epsom salts scratched into soil around each rose bush now will reward you with more blooms this season.
17. If vegetable seedlings are leggy, pinch off tips. If they are tomatoes, move into a larger pot, burying the bottom third of the stem.
18. Divide fall-blooming perennials.
19. Passover begins at sundown . In the spirit of the holiday, start your parsley seeds indoors.
20. Increase outdoor exposure for broccoli, cauliflower and kale seedlings by one hour daily for a week, then plant outdoors.
21. Happy Easter! Enjoy gift lilies, hyacinths, daffodils and hydrangeas until they fade. Plant them in the garden afterward.
22. In honor of Earth Day, resolve to recycle more by starting a compost pile. Instructions at newsday.com/gardening101.
23. Resist the urge to mulch; the soil isn’t warm enough yet. Hold off until next month.
24. Repot houseplants into the next-size pot (no more than 2 inches larger) now, especially if planning to move them outdoors for summer.
25. Aerate the lawn.
26. It’s Arbor Day in New York (the date varies by state, as it’s determined by the ideal local spring planting time for new trees).
27. Prune azaleas as soon as their flowers fade.
28. Whether you have clay soil or sand, compost will improve it. Till a generous helping into prepared beds.
29. Deadhead rhododendrons immediately after blooming.
30. Snake soaker hoses through flower and vegetable gardens and around trees. It’s the healthiest way to water them.

Please email articles to ccschuh@gmail.com or mail them to Charlene Schuh, 9196 Highland Drive, Brecksville, OH 44141.

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