

Emerald Necklace Garden Club Newsletter ~ May, 2019



"The world's favorite season is the spring.
All things seem possible in May."

- Edwin Way Teale

Board Meeting:

The next Board Meeting is at **10:00am** on **Monday, May 6th** 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 a field trip to *Dayton Nursery in Norton Ohio*. We will meet at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 9201 Brecksville Road, Brecksville for a short meeting at **9:00am** on **Thursday, May 9th**. There will be short business meeting then caravan to Dayton Nursery, leaving at 9:30am

MAY: Field Trip to Dayton Nursery Norton Ohio

If you did not sign up to go for the May field trip Please email Pauline and let her know if you are going and need a ride or are willing to drive. We will have a short meeting at the church at 9:00. It's a short ½ hour drive so we'll leave for Dayton Nursery at 9:30. Go on Dayton Nursery's web site to get an overview -- looks like a great place. If you are not going on the field trip, plan to come to the meeting so you can hear how well we did at the luncheon.

Dayton Nursery specializes in Azaleas and Rhododendrons so it should be a beautiful trip. When we arrive we will have a tour of the facility and then have time to shop.

Thank you to everyone who stayed after the April meeting and made a quilling wreath. We had so much fun and the final products were beautiful. There were 22 participants and the members who wanted to go to the Botanical Gardens that afternoon were able to go to Blossoms and Bows at a later date to finish their wreaths

Finally remember that Eleanor Roosevelt is coming to tea after our business meeting on June 13. If you are bringing a guest let one of the hostesses know so they can plan accordingly.

Thank you

Among other 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.

*Carol Rosin & Pauline Dey
Program Chairs*

Message from the President ~ Donna Hessel

May 1st is traditionally the day to hang flowering May baskets on friends' and neighbors' door knobs to welcome Spring. We're going one better at our Spring Luncheon with brimming Patio baskets and perennials holding the promise of summer color. Thanks to everyone who gathered to pack the raffle baskets, plant the Patio baskets and dig perennials from Pat's bountiful gardens, as well as to those who added garden décor to the mix. Kudos to Kathie and Barbara, our Luncheon chairs, for the planning and coordinating of all aspects to assure the luncheon's success. We'll appreciate your help on set-up day, April 30; and we'll all enjoy the fruits of our labor on May 1st at "**Showers Bring Flowers.**"

I hope you are seriously considering attending the GCO Convention in Canton June 5 and June 6. **The**

deadline for registration is April 30th. I'm planning on spending the day there on June 5th for the Awards Luncheon and evening Banquet. The cost for those two events is just \$120. There are some interesting workshops on June 5th for an additional cost and a free garden tour in either a morning or afternoon group. The Flower Show, "We Need You," featuring women's contributions to World War II, will inspire some creative exhibits. The full convention schedule and pricing, as well as the Flower Show Schedule, are in the Spring Garden Greetings. If you no longer have your copy, you can download the information and registration form at GardenClubofOhio.org.

Be sure to get outdoors to enjoy the sunshine and take a few moments to relax and "smell the flowers" on these busy days!

Donna Hessel

GCO FEED OHIO

There will be no collection in May due to the field trip.

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 Harvatt

2019 ENGC HOSTESSES

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 Harvatt, 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*

The count down begins for our ENGC Luncheon! As I'm writing these updates it's still raining and the sun is looking to peer out!

On Wednesday (April 17) we met at Sue Ditzig's to assemble the raffle baskets ~ Beautiful and creative baskets. We have many talented ladies in the club. Thank you, Sue, for your hospitality; and thank you ladies. Thursday (April 18) was the digging and potting day for ladies who met at Pat Cotsman's home. There are many tomato plants and other plants that really look great. Pat, thank you for your hospitality and thank you ladies for your work. Thank goodness it was scheduled for a warm Thursday, as this past Friday was very foggy and raining.

On Monday (April 22) the ladies go to Casa Verde to shop for plants for the Patio.

Then on Wednesday (April 24) we will meet at Mary Drumm's house to pot all the plants in the baskets.

We are winding down towards the big day! Remember to meet Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 9:00am at Pat Cotsman's house to help transport items; or meet at St Michaels Woodside around 9:00am-ish. ***Remember to wear your lavender ENGC shirts.***

Happy Easter to All!
Kathie



Plantarie: Nathalie Petri/Pauline Day

Thank you to all who were able to help with our Plantarie dig up and pot up day on Thursday, April 18th. We collected a nice collection of plants and were able to catch up with one another as we dug and potted. For all members.....if you have any smallish boxes, paper and plastic bags please bring them on set up day. This is what we will give to customers to carry their plants home.

Patio Shoppe: Mary Drumm/Sue Mack/Maureen

Michal (formerly Patio and Garden Shoppe--now combined)

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

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

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

Raffle Baskets: Sue Ditzig/Colleen Taylor

Successful day!

Thanks go out to all. From the ladies who came to assemble and to all who contributed. There will probably be close to 30 completed raffle items for our Luncheon

Thank you, Susan

There are still some Luncheon tickets available.

Spring Luncheon/May 1st (Wednesday)

Chairwomen: **Kathie Brusk & Barbara Harvatt**

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.**

Shirley Grispino new email address:

sagrispino@gmail.com

May Birthdays	
Joan Castelucci	May 12
Mary Ellen Isaac	May 20
Denise Bowler	May 24



Save the Dates:

April 22th ~ (Monday) ~ Patio Casa Verde plant purchase. Check with Mary Drumm for additional info.

April 24th (Wednesday 10am) ~ Patio planting day at Mary Drumm's house

April 30th (Tuesday 9am) ~ Spring Luncheon set up at St Michael's Woodside

April 30th (Tuesday) ~ Deadline to register for GCO 2019 Convention in Canton

May 1st (Wednesday 9am) ~ ENG C Spring Luncheon – St. Michael Woodside. Doors open to public at 10:30am

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

May 9th (Thursday) 9:15am ~ ENG C General Meeting at Lutheran Church followed by field trip to *Dayton Nursery* in Norton

May 25 (Saturday 8am-2pm) Gates Mills Plant Sale & Vintage Boutique Esquire's Cottage & Barn, 1280 Chagrin River Road, Gates Mills 44040 (440) 423-4555.

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

June 5-8 (Wednesday-Saturday) ~ National Garden Week

June 14th ~ Ridgewood garden Club of Parma
Blue/Gold Star Memorial 2pm

June 21 & 22 (Friday/Saturday 10am-4pm) ~ Gates
Mills Garden Club's *Through the Garden 2019
Garden Tour* www.TheGatesMillsGardenClub.com

July 13 (Saturday 1-5pm) & July 14 (Sunday 12n-
3pm) Chippewa Garden Club *Horticulture
Specialty Flower Show "A Million Garden
Memories Going Platinum in 2019"*

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

May Gardening Tips

<https://www.diyncrafts.com/12126/home/gardening/100-expert-gardening-tips-ideas-and-projects-that-every-gardener-should-know>

100 Expert Gardening Tips, Ideas and Projects that Every Gardener Should Know

We're right in the middle of spring, the perfect time to start planting flowers, vegetables, herbs, and more! Gardening season is upon us and it's in full swing. Whether you are brand new to gardening or you have a veteran green thumb, you know that gardening is a rewarding way to spend more time outdoors—or make the most of your indoor space! While gardening is fun, it can also be very challenging. It's a subtle art and science since many plants require delicately balanced conditions in order to thrive. These gardening tips and tricks are easy and affordable, and will help you to get the best results this year!

Make a drip feeder using an old soda bottle.



(especially vegetables) that do better if the moisture is delivered at their roots instead of from overhead? One cheap and simple way to make a drip feeder which you can place underground next to your plant is by using an old plastic soda bottle.

Just puncture some holes in it (a barbeque skewer works great), and then plant it next to the young plant. The bottle will enable a slow release of water near the roots. This method prevents fungus and also reduces problems with leaves. Check out the source for detailed,

in-depth instructions.

All Natural Trick to Protect & Nourish Your Plants

Next time you make a batch of deviled eggs, don't toss the shells in the trash! Eggshells are useful in the garden. If you spread them around the bases of your plants, you can nourish the soil with calcium. On top of that, eggshells actually repel certain insects, so they protect your plants from pests. Very cool.

Sweeten Your Tomatoes with Baking Soda

A lot of people love to grow tomatoes because they are usually much juicier and sweeter than the ones you buy at the supermarket. How can you make even sweeter and more delicious? Try adding some baking soda to the soil. Make sure you only sprinkle it on the soil, not the plant. The baking soda is a base, and counteracts the acidity in the tomatoes. The result? Sweeter tomatoes.

This method for planting was discovered by the author of My Roman Apartment. The blog owner had vowed to buy nothing new for one calendar year, but then ended up stumped over where to plant a new seedling. As it turns out, you can successfully grow a seedling in a hollowed-out citrus rind with some potting soil in it. It is a good idea though to throw away the peel in your compost heap when you are ready to plant the seedling in the ground, rather than plant the citrus peel too. Why? You do not want too much acidity leeching into the soil.

Plant a seedling in a citrus rind.

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Please email articles to ccschuh@gmail.com by the 25th of the month for the next month's newsletter.

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