

# Emerald Necklace Garden Club Newsletter ~ June, 2019



"So sweet, so sweet the roses in their blowing,  
So sweet the daffodils, so fair to see;  
So blithe and gay the humming-bird a going  
From flower to flower, a-hunting with the bee."

- Nora Perry, *In June*

## Board Meeting:

The next Board Meeting is at **10:00am** on **Monday, June 10<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

We hope that everyone enjoyed the field trip to Dayton Nursery. The rain held out and we had a beautiful day.

**General Meeting:** Our next general meeting will be **Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>** at **9:15am** at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 9201 Brecksville Road, Brecksville.

## JUNE 13TH: Tea with Eleanor Roosevelt

On June 13 we will have *Tea with Eleanor Roosevelt* after our business meeting. The presenter is a member of Women in History, so it should be both educational and fun. If you are not coming to the meeting or are coming and bringing a guest please email **Pauline Dey** to let her know so the hostesses can get an idea of numbers. Feel free to wear a hat.

**Carol Rosin** will work with the hostesses to plan the tea. She will contact them with a day and time for a meeting.

In **September** we will have a potluck in the Metroparks. There will not be a speaker so we will have time to catch up with each other (never enough time at meetings). Donna will bring in many of the scrapbooks we have so we can look through them. We will be at the picnic pavilion by the Keeler Memorial, close to FLUSH toilets and the prairie (great for Monarch watching). There will be a food signup sheet at the June meeting. Hostesses will provide paper products and drinks.

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

**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

It's suddenly... Summer! We've had a lot of rain and the vegetation is lush! But isn't it nice to look out into our gardens and see beautiful shades of green rather than bare branches. Now if we could just keep up with the weeding, planting, mulching, and all the other spring chores that need to be accomplished before we can relax in our hammocks and reclining chairs and appreciate those jobs well done! If any of you really ever do that, I'd like to know how you get to that point! There always seems to be "one more thing" that turns into a multitude of "things" to do!!!

We'll have a busy June before we take a summer break. Tea with Eleanor Roosevelt at our meeting on June 13 will be both informative and delightful. Ruth Pangrace is a completely believable "Eleanor." I saw her performance as the artist Georgia O'Keeffe at a district meeting and she was amazing. Ruth is a member of *Women in History*, a group of 10 women who portray nearly 100 notable American women from the past 400 years of history. Ruth actually portrays 10 of those women. I'm sure she'll tell us about Eleanor's planting her own Victory Garden on the White House Lawn as a part of the war

effort. This would be an excellent meeting to invite a friend to introduce them to ENGC.

We'll have been to the GCO Convention on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and will share with you the awards that ENGC won, acknowledging our contributions to a number of events in 2018. On June 9<sup>th</sup>, ENGC will host a booth at St. Basil the Great's Family Picnic. We'll be helping kids make "creature cups" – plastic cups they will decorate with google eyes and funny face stickers filled with soil and grass seed that will grow into "hair." This is a fun Sunday afternoon and I hope you can join us for just a 2-hour shift to give the next generation of gardeners a taste of "gardening." Please sign up with Sue Ditzig or Colleen Taylor.

Whether you're adding color to your garden by planting containers, perennials, annuals, veggies or engaging in a big landscaping project, enjoy June's glorious segue into the remaining summer months. And don't forget to hang the hammock to enjoy that rare moment of repose and relaxation!

*Donna Hessel*

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### GCO FEED OHIO

Collection for Feed Ohio in June will be "Potluck". Bring whatever products you would like to contribute. Products like peanut butter and jelly, soups, pasta and sauce and canned fruits and vegetables are always needed. Remember, your participation is always voluntary.

*Donna*

### 2019 ENGC 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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**Spring Luncheon – Wednesday, May 1st**

**Luncheon Wrap Up For 2019 Showers Bring Flowers**

**Luncheon Chairs: Barbara Harviatt and Kathie Brusk**

### SPECIAL THANK YOU

A special "Thank You" to each of you. Without your help, and team work, we would not have had

such a successful luncheon this year. Everyone working together to assemble, the Patio, Planterie, Raffle Baskets, along with the lobby, for a showcase for everyone to enjoy as they entered new layout of the room.

We truly appreciated everything that was accomplished by each and every one of you. We raised over \$9,000.00. Again, THANK YOU for your help, time and support.

*Barbara and Kathie,  
Luncheon Co-Chairs*

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Below are comments from our Luncheon survey:

### PROS FOR THE LUNCHEON

- The set up of the entire hall was perfect – general comments were great
- Lots of great comments about the food ... all very good including the salad
- 50/50 Raffle was a big hit! - little work (3 rolls of raffle tickets) for the amount of money we were able to raise – \$1,005.00 split so we sold \$2,010.00 worth of tickets--idea of an *arms length* was a hit!
- Many ladies commented on the new floor plan for raffle baskets and how nice and easy it was to move around. Flow was good
- Lots of good comments about the poem for the center piece -- good idea
- Paper program was a big hit with the ladies. They could follow the raffle baskets in their programs as they called out the winners.
- White board with numbers helped everyone know what number was called!
- Patio had more room to spread out - more room for Pat's things as well as the potted plants.
- Center placement for the raffle baskets made it very easy for everyone to see them from all sides.
- New yellow tickets worked out great (according to Sue). Had to explain very little and once the ladies understood how they tickets worked they were very happy with remembering only one number
- Lots of comments about the fabulous lobby decorations
- All in all, with everyone's help, I think we had a great Luncheon

### CONS FOR THE LUNCHEON

- Planterie worked out fine in back room. There just was not enough light to see the labels on some of the tomato pots.
- Need to put members of ENGC by the kitchen door as it is way too noisy for guests to sit there.
- Next time, Patio needs to have white plastic tablecloths instead of the dark green ones. See baskets better.
- Patio plans to make fewer baskets next year.

- All raffle donations need to be in by the cut off date, and need to be reviewed by chairperson - do not bring already wrapped.
- Only new items for raffle baskets
- This helps with a time frame on information needed from raffle chairperson to compile the program with all the correct information.

**TOP 10 RAFFLE BASKETS**

**(IN ORDER OF HIGHEST AMOUNT OF TICKETS)**

1. **LOTTERY**
2. **SPLISH SPLASH BIRDBATH** ~ Grace Brothers Nursery
3. **ROAD TRIP**
4. **BEAUTY TO BEHOLD**
5. **BLUE CERAMIC PLANTER**
6. **HOOT! HOOT! WHO IS THERE**
7. **CRAB SCULPTURE PLANTER**
8. **IT'S TIME TO GARDEN**
9. **PICNIC TIME COOLER**
10. **BEER AND BASEBALL**

***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**.

**YEAR BOOK CHANGES:**

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

**Shirley Grispingo** new email address:

[sagrispingo@gmail.com](mailto:sagrispingo@gmail.com)

<b>June Birthdays</b>	
<b>Shirley Grispingo</b>	<b>June 9</b>
<b>Mary Drumm</b>	<b>June 11</b>
<b>Dot Bailey</b>	<b>June 15</b>
<b>Virginia Little</b>	<b>June 15</b>
<b>Christine Glick</b>	<b>June 16</b>
<b>Laurie Siebert</b>	<b>June 25</b>



***Save the Dates:***

**June 1 (Saturday, 9am-1pm) ~ Plants in the Park**

Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County Plant Sale, City of Independence Complex, 6363 Selig Drive, Kiwanis Pavillion, Independence 44131

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

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

**June 14<sup>th</sup> ~ 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](http://www.TheGatesMillsGardenClub.com)

**June 29 (Saturday, 9am-4pm) ~ Gardens of Distinction**, Summit County Master Gardeners Tour of Gardens – *advance tickets only*

**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 9<sup>th</sup> (Monday) 10am ~ ENG C Board Meeting**

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

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

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

**Garden Tasks for June**

**By E. Vinie**

**Protecting, watering and thinning vegetables as spring becomes summer.**

June is often our favorite time in the garden. Sure, the rewards of harvest can't be beat — and June does offer some harvest, especially in warmer zones — but the orderliness of our straight planted rows and the germinating perfection gives us a thrill that's at once reward for the hard work that's gone before and the promise of bountiful and beautiful things to come.

There's nothing better than pulling up a lawn chair and surveying our garden kingdom no matter its size: the neat lines of bright green seedlings planted just days before, the transplanted seedling started weeks ago indoors now flourishing in their new outdoor homes. Yes, there's a break in the action once the garden's in — or maybe you're still furiously trying to get everything in the ground — but that doesn't mean you can step back and let things go off on their own. Here we offer some June gardening tips and chores:

Protection is important, especially in places where June brings storms with hail and strong wind and rain. Have a supply of plastic milk cartons with the bottom cut out to protect transplanted seedling should inclement weather arise. Use cloches or hooped covers to protect seedlings from storms. Anchor any protection well so it doesn't blow away.

Watering can also be critical, especially in places where drought is a factor (we're surrounded by forest fires here in the hills above Santa Fe). Seedlings quickly succumb to dry soil so check soil conditions frequently and be sure they get enough water. Newly germinated

plants require delicate watering ... consider a **mister nozzle**. Thoroughly watering garlic and onions now will mean bigger, better bulbs later. Water deeply planted veggies like tomatoes thoroughly to encourage early growth.

Now's the time to **thin**. Give plants plenty of room to facilitate quick growth and discourage pests and disease.

Practice **succession planting**. If your lettuce has been in a week or two, it's time to plant more. Heat resistant varieties of greens are best for planting now. A second planting of bush beans put in the ground once the first planting has emerged will help extend your harvests.

Have extra seed? Don't just leave it in the package on a shelf in your garage. Most **seed will survive a season or more** if kept in a tightly closed glass jar. You can help keep those seeds dry by folding up some milk powder inside a small square of paper towel and including it in the jar.

Your June garden chores, of course, will vary depending on your location, micro-climate conditions, and weather. Lists of June chores from gardeners **here** and **here** will show us how gardens are proceeding around North America. How does your garden grow... this June?

## Container Gardening Tips

By E. Vinje

**Whether you're new to planting in pots or a seasoned expert, our collection of 25 container gardening tips should help. Enjoy!**

1. As a general rule, thinner leaved plants need more water, and thicker leaved plants will need less.
2. Consider growing dwarf varieties, they are almost always perfectly happy in containers.
3. Garlic, leeks and shallots make great container gardening plants. They have very few insect and disease problems, have shallow roots and take up very little space.
4. Plants should be sized to the container and containers should be sized to the area.
5. If you live in a hot climate use light-colored containers. This reduces heat absorption and helps keep roots cool.
6. Seed saving is fairly easy to do and it's a great way to stretch your gardening budget!
7. Plan ahead when planting a tree in a pot. Think how big it will grow in several years and if the container you chose is big enough to support it.
8. Mulching prevents water loss! Use mulch if your plants are water sensitive or are in the hot sun all day.
9. If you're bored to tears with your containers, try painting them! Choose a non-toxic, waterproof paint, and colors that will hold up in the sun.
10. Mix slow-release organic fertilizers with your potting mix to keep plants growing and blooming all season long.
11. Plants native to your area are lower maintenance. They are naturally adapted to the pre-existing conditions.
12. Early morning and right around sunset are the best

times to water; it decreases water loss through evaporation.

**13.** Ivy is a great container plant as it's very easy to grow. It's perfect for covering ordinary walls.

**14.** When selecting a planter, remember anything that holds soil and drains can be used. Be creative!

**15.** Plant low growing or cascading flowers around the outside of a tall leafy plant. The effect is lovely!

**16.** If you have large heavy pots, place them on a small platform with wheels. They will be much easier to move throughout the season.

**17.** Select a simple pot to showcase an exotic looking plant or a flashy pot to make an ordinary plant stand out.

**18.** Not sure what color to use in your landscape? White is very eye-catching and goes with everything.

**19.** Remember that nutrients are leached out of the soil every time you water – watch closely for any sign of deficiencies.

**20.** Try putting your hanging plants on pulleys for easy watering. They look really cool too!

**21.** If containers rest on the ground without saucers they won't drain as well – consider placing the pots on a bench or just resting on a few bricks.

**22.** When planting containers, fill them with soil to within one inch of the top to allow room for watering.

**23.** Harvest your container peas often; it encourages the plant to produce more of them.

**24.** Have a shady, neglected corner of your house? Try sprucing it up with ferns or other shade loving plants.

**25.** Bamboo or ivy on a trellis can make a natural curtain that provides privacy for a deck or patio.

A tip from Donna: use the lids from jars like peanut butter as “feet” under containers to improve drainage and keep the surface they sit on dry.

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