



# Sprigs 'N Sprouts

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## The Gardeners of Lima/MGCL

### President's Message



The following are excerpts from an article written by "JEANNE PORRECA" and published in the July 2008 issue of "Our Generation's Magazine":

Talk on the street is the same subject everywhere: The price of gas, the higher cost of food, and all the side effects of both. Let's think back to the Great Depression (a little before our time) but when someone mentioned the Second World War and ration stamps, things really began to pick up. I thought it would be fun to share some of these thoughts, then perhaps the price of gas will not hurt so much.

Remember when... Gas, tires, metals of all types and even meat were rationed and you needed a certain amount of stamps to purchase any of these things. A loaf of bread cost ten cents and had a token good for one cent off your next loaf. Flower

gardens suddenly seemed unimportant and were dug up and a "victory garden" was planted to furnish fresh vegetables in the summer. Every one canned fruits and vegetables for winter use. You ate every bean and pea on your plate as Mom stated "there are people starving out there!" The left overs that were not eaten were served the next meal. Healthy children were everywhere. "Go out and play" was the order from Mom. There was no money for a movie, but it was great to gather around the radio on a good night when the battery was charged and listen to "Fibber McGee and Molly".

Good food always seemed to come from the kitchen and on a cold winter day when you arrived home from school, nothing could match the smell of a big pot of ham and beans on top of a coal stove and homemade bread in the oven.

Were those the bad times or really the good old days? Nobody seemed to realize it because all the neighbors had the same problems. What did happen was it created a generation of people who knew how to manage on a shoestring, raise nice children, have a happy home and have enough to eat.

If we practice some of those values taught by our parents and grand parents, maybe, just maybe, together we can make this a better world to live in.

-Dick Hussey, President  
The Gardeners of Lima/MGCL

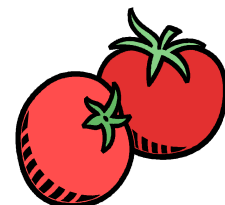
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**See you at the  
AUGUST MEETING**  
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Date: **Tuesday August 12**  
Time: **7:30 P.M.**  
Place: **Faurot Park clubhouse**

To till or not to till? – That is the question. Is it really clay? Join **Don McClure**, our guest speaker, will provide information to *unearth* answers to those two provoking questions. Don will also present data on the soils in our area and how to increase the nutrients in our soils.

Don McClure is a soil scientist with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, working out of Findlay, Ohio. The Findlay office covers a regional area of the USDA comprising 29 counties. The office maintains a soil data base for various agencies and conducts field investigations. Don's previous positions, involving drawing soil maps, moved him around to a number of counties—Delaware, Ross, Darke, Defiance, Morrow, Morgan, and Allen, to name a few. Growing up in the Akron area, he now resides in the Lima area. Don grows vegetables, flowers, and trees that give him the opportunity to practice various soil technologies.

**And, BRING your TOMATOs for the 1<sup>st</sup> Weigh-In !!!!!**





**Charles "Chuck" Patrick Burt, President of TGOA/MGCA** and active in the Austin, Texas club, passed away as the result of a motorcycle accident on July 22. He was in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was an EMT and participated in M-SET and Patriot Guard.

Currently, besides being President of TGOA/MGCA, he was also a member of First United Methodist Church; Toastmasters; and VROC and KawaNow motorcycle clubs. He was a pilot instructor, and a scuba diving instructor.

The national newsletter at <http://www.tgoa-mgca.org> password: lily had the following Ralph Waldo Emerson quote in the July/August edition:

**“You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.”**



Beth Seibert, from Allen Co. Soil & Water Conservation District & member of the Ottawa River Coalition

Better storm water management using rain gardens and rain barrels was discussed by Beth Seibert at the July meeting. Surprisingly, she said that rain gardens should not be placed where water already collects or where drainage is already poor. It should be up-slope of existing wet areas to reduce the amount of water that flows into the already saturated area. Also, she showed how rain barrels can be inexpensive and easy to build. A 55-gallon drum and some rubber hose are basic. Modifications can be made to make it more efficient. There were really helpful handout materials that are still available at the clubhouse on the book table.

Delta Kappa Gamma, an international society of women educators, contacted TGOL/MGCL with a request for a speaker on Saturday May 9, 2009 at 10:30 AM, at West Elm St Church of Christ. Their membership is interested in having someone from TGOL/MGCL speak to them on the history of TGOL/MGCL and may be give some tips on container gardening and gardening in small area.

If you are interested in providing this community service, please contact Dick Hussey at (419) 991-6396.

## Board Meeting Report

After the board meeting minutes were read and the financial report was given, Rex Maurer announced that he and Kay Studer had toured the beautiful garden nominees, and two winners were picked. Winners' names are not yet being announced.

Tuesday December 16, 2008 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in December) has been reserved at Old Barn Out Back for the annual Christmas Banquet.

An Awards Committee still has to be assembled. The Christmas party committee (Kathy Dixon is chair) takes over the planning from Gene Buhrmester, who made the banquet room reservation and also contacted the Bill and Anita Lanning with an invitation to install 2009 officers and Executive Board.

Tentative officers for 2009 were discussed, and (tentatively) may be:

President – Steve Maki

1<sup>st</sup> VP & membership chair - Open

2<sup>nd</sup> VP & programs chair – Donna Maki

Treasurer – Rex Maurer

Secretary – Teresa Heath

The Board approved purchase of twenty-five 2009 national TGOA/MGOA calendars to be sold to for \$3.50 each on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Flower photographs in the calendar are gorgeous and better than ever before.

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Discussion was held on the Faurot Park clubhouse lease, which expires on November 30, 2008. Membership input is needed on options and whether to renew the lease.

It was expressed that there is a lot of history at the club house and that many other garden clubs rely on using the clubhouse. It was also expressed that the cost is high for utilities and routine maintenance. Also, building repairs will soon become more urgent considering the age of the building. Also, there was possibly serious damage done by a tree falling on the roof during the recent windstorm.

Discussion will be held on this at the August 12 general meeting.

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Soil condition in the flower beds by the clubhouse front door was discussed. It was decided to plant hardy perennials like daylilies, sedum, etc., when the annuals give out.

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This year's \$1,500 scholarship winners have been invited to the August membership meeting. They are **Philip Hatfield**, Wapakoneta; and **Matt Trentman**, Delphos.

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### **TGOL/MGOL Programs for 2008**

August 12 Soils of Allen Co.  
- Don McClure  
and **1<sup>st</sup> Tomato Weigh-in**

September 9 Monarch Magic  
Kay Studer & Rita Thelen  
and **final Tomato Weigh-in**

October 14 Cook-Out & Visit  
from Johnny Appleaseed

Nov 11 – Earl Lockwood talks  
about plants

December 16 Christmas  
Dinner & Awards

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### **CGLR Regional Events**

Central Great Lakes Region  
Fall Meeting  
Saturday October 11, 2008 -  
Kingwood Gardens, Mansfield  
See Regional website:  
<http://www.acorn.net/eglr>

### **Workin' People**

Jesse Higbie continues to do the mowing at the club house.

Rita Stephens has been weeding and watering the beds at the club house. Teresa Heath crawled up one of the trees and did some trimming. But there is always more to do. If you can work at the club house coordinate with Rita Stephens (419) 227-6074.

Pathfinder House residents and staff are still watering the planters downtown. Their work is appreciated.

Dick and Janet Hussey and Rex Maurer have been weeding downtown. Thanks to Tiffany Najmulski, Lima Police Dept, parking permits are now available-- coordinate with Rex Maurer (419) 222-4356.

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Thank you to the patient person who prints this newsletter so competently. Who could that be?!??????



Flower bed at Faurot Park clubhouse



Kit pulls the winning ticket for the doorprize. Dick Hussey and mom Nancy Siatosky look on.



Jo Hanley and Georgie Buhrmester



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