



# Sprigs N Sprouts



**December 2009**

## The Gardeners of Lima

The Dreaded President's Message--It seems every TGOL president is not too crazy about writing a monthly message for the monthly newsletter. Well, I guess I know why now. What to say!?! But, The Gardeners of Lima President, Steve Maki, could say a lot about the club's 2009 accomplishments. He could even say a lot about his own accomplishments in 2009. And then he could talk about his spouse's accomplishments for TGOL in 2009. Listed below are a few accomplishments.

The inside of the clubhouse is 100% better looking, better smelling, better to be in, and JUST BETTER!! It is not a secret that a push FOR the clubhouse came from Donna and Steve Maki. They were right! Even though that is kinda hard to say. One improvement was a new hot water heater. And, the Maki's donated a dehumidifier and then arranged for donated services to have it installed. Thank you. Thank you.

The entrance to the clubhouse is now visible after the Maki's and the Hussey's (Dick and Janet) cleared away a lot of brush. It looks much better.

The involvement with national from The Gardeners of Lima has taken a step up because the Maki's have gone to the national convention for the past two years. And, Steve accepted to work as secretary for organizing the 2010 national convention. That is a lot of work. Steve has a demanding full-time job, also! And, involvement with regional has also been a priority to the Maki's. They attend regional conferences whenever they can.

A new alliance was formed to get heavy-lifting work and labor done that every project seems to require. Federal stimulus money sifted down to get The Gardeners of Lima some shared workers to help maintain the planters in downtown Lima. The workers were supervised by downtown Lima's Trinity church and the downtown Lima association, but workers were paid with federal grant money.

Another new alliance is being formed with Lima Allen County Neighborhoods In Partnership (LACNIP) and other community organizations to start community gardens in the city of Lima. Steve Maki is on the committee to determine the best sites for the community gardens. Teresa Heath is also involved with the project.

So, those are a few of the accomplishments of 2009 for President Steve Maki and everyone in The Gardeners of Lima. There are more challenges in the future—that pesky goal of having a website is being worked on, fundraisers may need re-tooled, and whatever else comes up.

But, in closing—The Gardeners of Lima has quality leadership in Steve Maki, in other officers, and also in others within The Gardeners of Lima. Steve Maki's President message will be back in the next newsletter.

-Teresa Heath, 2009 Secretary  
The Gardeners of Lima



### 2009 Holiday and Awards Banquet

**Tuesday December 10**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of December)

**6:00 p.m.**

**Old Barn Out Back**  
**3175 West Elm St, Lima**

**6:00 p.m. – social time**  
**(light hor deoeuvres,**  
**wine, and non-alcoholic**  
**drinks)**

**Buffet from the dining**  
**room.**

**Dulcimer players will be**  
**the entertainment.**

**Beautification contest**  
**winners will be**  
**recognized.**

**Members awards will be**  
**given.**

**Anita Lanning will install**  
**2010 officers**



**Merry Christmas**  
**&**  
**Happy New Year**





Nancy Siatkosky and Tom Sciranka

Tom Sciranka's presentation on invasive plants was not the kind of plants I expected to hear about. Invasives--I was thinking weeds—like ragweed and dandelion. But the invasives Tom Sciranka talked about and showed pictures of were plants that choke out native plants. The world has become a smaller place and what is native to the other side of the world is now growing in with local native plants. He said that we cannot feel harassed by other parts of the world because our native plants are problems in other parts of the world too.

He listed some of the most invasive: autumn olive shrub and small tree; bush honeysuckles and Japanese honeysuckle, buckthorns, common reed grass and reed canary grass; Japanese knotwood, Multiflora rose, purple loosestrife.

But, he listed native plants that have natural constraints in local environments and do not cause problems in local environments as: Big Blue Stem, Indiana grass, prairie cord grass, Canada bluejoint, wild honeysuckle, Lobelia,

pasture rose, swamp rose, prairie rose.

Tom has been working to remove non-native, invasive plants from the Lippincott bird sanctuary on SR 309 East. It is a tract of land donated to the Johnny Appleseed Park District by a Johnny Appleseed-like man—Bill Lippincott--who lived on the property with few modern conveniences.

The Lippincott bird sanctuary is only about three miles past Lima. Working to remove invasive plants there, Tom uncovered some interesting natives like “bladdernut tree” and “Eastern Wahoo.” Tom brought seeds from those plants. I had never seen those seeds before. Tom encouraged visiting the Lippincott bird sanctuary to see native plants.

### **Report on Board Meeting Held November 19, 2009**

Teresa Heath asked for reimbursement of \$71.90 that is the one-year cost for storing the website through KVC Hosting. It was discussed. Rex Maurer moved to reimburse \$71.90. Donna Maki seconded the motion. A full vote was taken. The ayes were unanimous. APPROVED: Reimburse \$71.90 to Teresa Heath for the cost of paying for the one year of website storage.

Rex Maurer suggested and then made a motion that a memorial contribution of \$35 be given to Johnny Appleseed Park District in memory of Al Scheele. Dave

Williams seconded the motion. A full vote was taken. The ayes were unanimous. APPROVED: \$35 memorial contribution be made to Johnny Appleseed Park District in memory of Al Scheele.

Steve and Donna Maki are being nominated for national award of BEAUTIFICATION  
– HOME GARDEN  
(maintained by member  
and/or immediate family)

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#### **Officers for 2010**

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Dave Williams – board member, at large (419)  
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## Poinsettia Fundraiser - The Gardeners of Lima

(seller picks up plants at Dave Williams' greenhouse, call Dave (419-225-1458) 24 hrs before pickup)

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|--|---|--|
| 6-1/2 inch pot<br>\$ 7<br>Red, White, Pink, Burgundy | 8 inch pot (3 plants)<br>\$12<br>Red, Pink, maybe white | 10 inch pot (5 plants)<br>\$18<br>Red, maybe white, maybe pink |
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| Customer Name | Customer Address | Customer Telephone | Size | Color | Total |
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The Lima Allen County Neighborhoods In Partnership (LACNIP) is offering community garden plots for the 2010 growing season. Community gardens will be located within the city of Lima. There will be children's gardens also. Reservations are being taken now.

Plots are reserved on a first come, first served basis by contacting:

Connie Dershem at

Phone: (419) 221-5177 or by Email: [connie.dershem@cityhall.lima.oh.us](mailto:connie.dershem@cityhall.lima.oh.us)

A ten dollar registration fee (due in March) will include plot, tools, seeds, and classes in gardening, nutrition, food preparation, and preservation.

LACNIP Community Gardens are a City of Lima CDBG project with these garden partners:

Lima City Schools, The Gardners of Lima, Lima Garden Club, Downtown Lima Inc, Master Gardeners, Ber-Gust Farms, OSU Extension, City of Lima, Allen County Juvenile Court Outreach, Allen County Health Department, LACNIP Neighborhood Associations

\*Revised--below--membership fees were wrong on what was sent with Nov. newsletter.

**THE GARDENERS OF LIMA**

- 1) Reservation Payment for Christmas/Awards Banquet  
AND
- 2) Membership Payment for 2010 Club Dues

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Member (s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Other Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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- 1) Christmas/Awards Banquet on Tuesday December 8 at The Old Barn Out Back,  
6:00 pm - social half-hour and 7:00 PM - Dinner (buffet)  
\$10.00 for each person X \_\_\_\_\_ (number of persons attending)

Banquet Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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- 2) 2010 Membership  
The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Club of America (TGOA/MGOA)  
**\*Single is \$16.00 - correct**  
**\*Family is \$20.00 + add \$1.00 for each family member joining-correct**

-OR- (pay below only if you are a national lifetime member)  
2010 regional membership  
TGOA/MGOA Central Great Lakes Region  
per person - \$1.00

Membership Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Banquet and Membership GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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Check or Cash payment may be made to: Rex Maurer, Treasurer, TGOL  
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