



Sprigs N Sprouts



April 2009

The Gardeners of Lima

Next Meeting - Tuesday April 14, 7:30 PM

The 1st meeting of 2009 featured well-known friend of the gardening community—Mr. Tim DeHaven. The gardening community and area homeowners know to go to DeHavens in Lima or Findlay to get expert advice, reliable products, and great service.

Mr. DeHaven discussed the importance of horticulture and farming in the area. He said horticulture is a \$3 billion industry in Ohio and that DeHavens is the 67th largest garden center in the country.

He talked about some of his favorite products being the weed killer *Round-up* because it does not poison the soil—but only kills that plant that it is put on; and, he also likes *Preen* because it is organic.

He said to be careful buying lawn seed and to read the label on the bag. He said coated seeds can have 92% of inert material that is just filler material. He said DeHaven's carries premium lawn seed that will save in the long run when lawns need re-seeded, as he said all lawns do occasionally.

He had nice handouts of new plants and products, plant

growing tips, the history of DeHavens, and money-off coupons. His presentation was informative and brought in guests to the meeting that wanted to hear him speak.



Tim DeHaven, DeHaven Home & Garden Showplace, talks at the March meeting

Next Meeting
Tuesday April 14, 2009
7:30 PM
Faurot Park Clubhouse
(east side of park, stone building on the hill)

Rex Maurer is doing presentation on starting seeds. He said the presentation will not be all talk—but will be action. The audience will be planting some seeds.

WELCOME

TO NEWEST MEMBERS:

LINDA AND DARRELL CLAY

Cleaning the Clubhouse

The clubhouse Spring cleaning party (organized by Donna Maki) had the following coming early and staying late:

Persetta Bowsher, Chuck Bowsher, Don Hanley, Jo Hanley, Teresa Heath, Mel Kaehler, Donna Maki, Steve Maki, and Nancy Siatkosky

And, it was a party where everyone played out their parts. Donna Maki was the hostess with the (most-est) organization and she had the most cleaning equipment I've ever seen in one place!

Rubbing and scrubbing went on all day until the clubhouse sparkled and smelled like springtime.

Donna Maki provided "*MEAN GREEN*" that was used to wash oily soot off the walls. It was used to wash everything else too. It just immediately cut through the dirt. Donna said that "*MEAN GREEN*" is not to be confused

with “Simply Green.” It is not the same, she said. Everyone there wanted to know where to get “*MEAN GREEN*.” Donna said that it can be purchased from the Dollar General store for \$5 a gallon.

Lunch was served of delicious, hearty chicken noodle soup delivered by **Rita Stephens** even though she was sick. And wonderful desserts were brought in by the **Bowshers** and another dessert was there—but, sorry, I do not know who brought it.

Even with sore muscles afterwards, it was a good work day with good results.



The Gardeners of Lima club house east side of building



Persetta & Chuck Bowsher work at cleaning lots of pictures—about fifty, framed club awards.



Steve Maki and Mel Kaehler work on the water heater. Having fun, Steve?



Jo Hanley applies her magic touch!



Who let Teresa Heath get up on that ladder?



Now that’s entertainment! Nancy Siatkosky works at cleaning light fixtures—really!!

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To Edith Latvala,
 You are wished a speedy recovery so club members can see you at club meetings very soon. – Teresa Heath

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Report on Board meeting Held on March 26, 2009

Discussed scholarship money to give out this year. Approved to offer this year one scholarship of \$1,000.

Discussed donations to Apollo and to the children’s garden. Approved to donate this year \$250 to the Apollo horticulture program and \$250 to the master gardeners’ children garden.

Discussed roof and chimney repair. Rex Maurer has been getting estimates, consulting with the contractors, and coordinating access to the building.

Discussed the new clubhouse lease that was signed by the City of Lima. The city will

mow all the grass, provide a picnic table close to the clubhouse, and change the light bulbs in the light fixture on the flag pole and on the fixture in the parking lot. Also, the lease is on a year-to-year basis with either party being able to notify the other party around the end of the year of an intention to end the lease.

Discussed the hot water heater that is not working, and that repair by members was attempted. Replacement cost would be about \$115. There would be no labor charge because it will be installed by club members. Approved the purchase replacement of the small hot water heater for approximately \$115.

Discussed changing locks on clubhouse, and discussed that re-keying the locks is more specifically what will be done. But, it is still unknown who all is using the building and who all has keys to the building.

Donna Maki is going to put a calendar on the bulletin board for those using the building to post when the building is used and request reservations. Also contact will be made with the main building users. Further action was tabled for further discussion at next Board meeting

Publicity was tabled for discussion at next Board meeting. Fund Raising was

tabled for discussion at the next Board meeting



Banner that goes up outside the big sale tent beside Shawnee Rd.

Spring Plant Sale

(Plant Sale Flyer is attached)

at Elmview
(Shawnee&Breese Rds)

Friday, May 8 (most of the day--starting at about 8:00 am until 5:00 PM)

&
Saturday, May 9 (morning only—starting about 8:00 am until noon)

All able hands will be needed to help with setup on Thursday and to conduct the sale on Friday and Saturday.

A sign-up sheet will be at the April meeting. Expect to have lots of fun seeing and

talking to people, and looking at the beautiful plants.

So much depends on a successful sale to fund the various projects for which The Gardeners of Lima are well known--downtown planters, scholarships, financial assistance to the children's garden and the Apollo horticultural program, and maintaining the Faurot Park clubhouse--all depend on a successful sale.

Deb Brayton has agreed to coordinate the sale again this year. THANK YOU DEB!!!



Some hanging planters in the big tent that were sold at last year's sale.

The Gardeners of Lima

Things to do in 2009

2nd Tuesday every month at 7:30 PM is the general meeting with interesting speakers and with gardens are for sharing.

Last Thursday every month at 7:00 is the board meeting

May is downtown and clubhouse planting.

May 28, 29, 30 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) is

TGOA/MGCA National Conference on Santa Rosa California. See TGOA/MGCA Members' Newsletter (national newsletter) at the national website.

Springtime until frost is maintenance of downtown and clubhouse grounds

July is tour of gardens of contest winners from last year

July 24 & 25 (Friday & Saturday) is Central Great Lakes Region Summer Conference in Goshen Indiana. See The Johnny Appleseed Broadcaster (regional newsletter) at the regional website.

August and September meetings - Biggest Tomato contest weigh-ins.
October meeting - annual "cook-out"

November meeting - specialty soups
November is new officer election

November & December - Poinsettia sales.

December is holiday banquet

The Voice of Experience

Our own Master Gardener, Mr. Mel Kahler, gives us a tip to help preserve our hands. He uses Lemon Endust on his hands when he works with

concrete, dirt and even when he was washing walls at the clubhouse. Thanks for the tip Mel, I am going to try it!
-Donna Maki

Dates of Monthly Meetings for 2009 are

Tuesday April 14, 7:30 pm

Tuesday May 12, 7:30 pm

Tuesday June 9, 6:30 pm
(garden tour)

Tuesday July 14, 7:30 pm

Tuesday August 11, 7:30 pm

Tuesday September 8, 7:30 pm

Tuesday October 13, 6:30
(cook-in)

Tuesday November 10, 7:30 pm

Tuesday December 8, 6:00
(banquet)

National - website
<http://www.tgoa-mgca.org>
password: lily

Regional - website
Central Great Lakes
<http://www.acorn.net/cgl>

If you are interested in joining The Gardeners of Lima, contact any Board member, or any member of The Gardeners of Lima, or just show up at a monthly meeting. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month (March thru November) at the Faurot Park Clubhouse, Lima, Ohio

2009 Officers

(contact any one for information)

President – Steve Maki
(419) 643-8450

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Nancy Siatkosky
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Donna Maki
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Treasurer – Rex Maurer
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Secretary – Teresa Heath
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The Gardeners of Lima

(formerly The Men's Garden Club of Lima)



SPRING PLANT SALE

at Elmview (Shawnee & Breese) under the big tent

May 8 (Friday) 8 AM – 5 PM

&

May 9 (Saturday) 8 AM – Noon

Many Geraniums types— colors found only at this sale

Hanging flower baskets--great for Mother's Day

Annuals & Vegetables—sold in flats and sold separately

All

Top

Quality!



Funds raised go toward giving horticultural scholarships, planting flowers downtown and in Faurot Park.

THE GARDENERS OF LIMA

Join Today - Enjoy Better Gardening Tomorrow



The Gardeners of Lima Advantages

Award Winning Community Beautification

Youth Scholarships

Garden Tours

Lending Library

Interesting Speakers / Topics

Monthly Meetings

Monthly Newsletter

Plant Exchange

Help with gardening problems

Regional Conferences

National Photography Competition

National Gardeners Conventions

Latest Plant Studies

Lifelong Friendships

Food & Fun

MEETINGS

Second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

HEADQUARTERS

East Side of Faurot Park, Lima, Ohio

Visitors are Welcome!

If interested please contact:

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