



# Sprigs N Sprouts



## June 2009 -The Gardeners of Lima

\*\*\*\*Next Meeting\*\*\*\*

Tuesday, June 9, 2009  
6:30 P.M. (starting an hour earlier than usual)  
Faurot Park Clubhouse  
(east side of park, stone building on the hill)

Touring gardens of last year's garden contest winners.

Carpools will be formed at 6:30 at the Faurot Park Clubhouse.

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First garden to visit will be:

Sam Boyer  
7980 Fort Amanda Rd

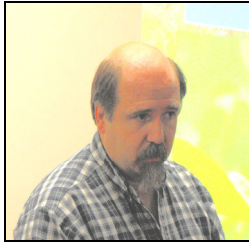
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Second garden to visit will be:

Jane & Richard Plummer  
1866 Wonderlick Road

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Third garden to visit will be:

Nancy & Scott Siatkosky  
5080 Leatherwood Dr

Nancy is a TGOL member, chairman of the program committee, and she volunteered her garden as the last stop, where refreshments will be also be served.



Curtis Young, Ph.D (above) was guest speaker at the May meeting of TGOL. Dr. Young is an entomologist with The Ohio State University Extension office (but not in Allen County since May 15 when the Allen County Extension office closed due to county budget cuts), and he teaches OSU classes. His topic was *Pests of Concern*. He said that there are many beneficial organisms that you want to keep. But, if not careful—the good organisms will be gone along with the destructive. And, some destruction can sometimes be tolerated because sometimes the cure may be too toxic. But, a few pests of concern that he talked about are below.

The European Elm flea, a really tiny weevil—not actually a flea, although it jumps like a flea, is a new concern for elm trees. Elm trees lined streets until several decades ago, he said. In some places the elm trees represented an example of monoculture because only elm trees were planted. Then Dutch elm disease spread by the elm bark beetle killed nearly all of the elm trees. Dr. Young said monoculture is not good planting strategy.

He said the Princeton American Elm is a new elm variety that shows promise for using elm trees again because it is resistant

to known insects and known diseases.

Bagworms on conifers are a problem. Manually squashing the bag containing the worm is effective, but it is unrealistic to find every bag on a tree. And, the only time a tree can be treated with insecticide is when the worm emerges from the bag around mid-June.

Japanese Beetles are a problem, too. You can stop a Japanese Beetle problem before it starts by looking around your property around mid-May to the end of May for Japanese Beetles. If you kill the ones that you find, you may stop more Japanese Beetles from arriving later. Because the beetles that you find and kill now are the “scouts” that come before the rest of the beetles. The “scout” beetles are scouting for new territory for the hoard that would arrive later.

Imidacloprid is fairly new as the active ingredient to look for in a pesticide. It is systemic and goes through the soil and into plant, he said. Reading the entire label of any insecticide used is mandatory.

For more information: [ohioline.osu.edu/lines/pests.html](http://ohioline.osu.edu/lines/pests.html) - has fact sheets for all garden pests at the above OSU Extension website.

Also, [ohioline.osu.edu](http://ohioline.osu.edu) – is a good starting point for garden info.

---Or, for non-internet research, Ortho prints helpful books for identifying and dealing with pests of concern.



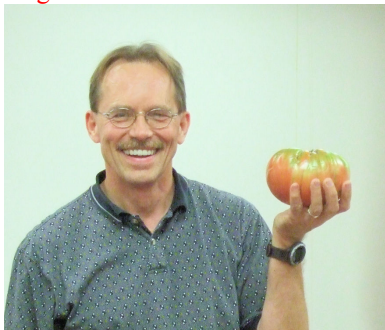
Nancy Smith serves her scrumptious desserts at the May meeting

## Biggest Tomato Contest

Grow a tomato plant and pay \$5—which is your commitment to try to beat last year’s winner—Steve Maki. Trying to take the title back again is Dick Hussey, who grows whoppers.

If you lack a tomato to grow, Steve Maki may still have some tomato plants to give away which were started from the seed of Dick Hussey’s biggest tomatoes. Good Luck!

First weigh-in is the meeting in August.



Above is Steve Maki displaying his winning tomato in last year’s contest

## Report on the Board Meeting Held on May 28, 2009

The President and the first V.P. were at the MGCA/TGOA national conference. The second V.P. had a previous commitment. So, the treasurer, Rex Maurer, chaired the meeting.

The Secretary’s Report and the Treasurer’s Report were given and accepted.

The 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Nancy Siatkosky requested by email that her house be added to the June garden tour. Her house Nancy was added for the June garden tour.

2nd Vice President/ Membership – 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. was absent because she is at the national conference

Mel Kaehler is buying and installing the board-approved small hot water heater.

Rex Maurer is communicating with Ric Stolly (city of Lima parks’ dept) about watering downtown.

Kathy Dixon wanted to know whether to make an Old Barn Out Back restaurant reservation for the Christmas banquet this year. Kathy Dixon was advised to make a reservation for usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of December.

## The Plant Sale

The Gardeners of Lima held its Annual Plant Sale all day on Friday and half a day on Saturday during the weekend of Mother’s Day. All the regular customers showed up and purchased annuals in flowers and in vegetables. The Allen County Master Gardeners sold their perennials on Friday.

Students from the Apollo horticultural program and their

teacher Ted Verhoff unloaded and setup the plants on Thursday. Nearly all TGOL members worked Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, and quite a few worked all three days.



Customer Gloria Stephenson finds Dick Hussey to be quite a funny guy.



Customer gestures before writing a check. Members Rex Maurer, Tom Sciranka, and Steve Maki pay close attention to the customer



Members Don Hanley and Dick Hussey share a moment

## Planting Downtown

The Gardeners of Lima planted annuals in the big planters in downtown Lima’s town square in the morning on Saturday May 16.

The planters got watered throughly the following Saturday by Gene Buhrmester without the assistance of the big water tank that the City of Lima planned to lend to TGOL. That tank is broken, for now. Weeding and watering help is needed. Rex Maurer (419) 222-4356 co-ordinates work on the downtown planters.

## Planting at the Clubhouse

The Gardeners of Lima planted annuals in the flower beds by the door of the clubhouse and in the flower beds that are down the hill from the clubhouse.

Weeding and watering help is needed. Rita Stephens (419) 227-6074 co-ordinates work on the clubhouse flower beds

## 2009 Beautiful Garden Contest

Nominations are needed for gardens/landscapes that you feel are deserving of being an entry for the 2009 beautiful garden contest.

It can be a little garden or a big garden, or a secret garden—nominations are needed.

Get nominations to the following no later than July 1:

Rex Maurer  
(419) 222-4356 or  
[rexjeanne@aol.com](mailto:rexjeanne@aol.com)

Kay Studer  
(419) 642-2538 or  
[studer.26@osu.edu](mailto:studer.26@osu.edu)

Below is mostly from *The Lima News* dated May 24, 2009 with some inserted information



Rita Thelen, member of TGOL, was recently honored as a nominee for the Lima/Allen County Chamber of Commerce Athena Award.

In above picture she holds a box turtle. Rita is in charge of the Kritter Care, a group which has local families help with the care of several animals that are under the care of the park.

A senior naturalist with the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District, Rita has been known to dress up in the garb of a 18th century healer or landlady to educate children and adults about the important role women played in making Allen County what it is.

“History has not written much about women. When I portray the historical characters, I hope I bring out the important role they played in society,” Thelen said.

With the park district since 1994, before that, she did a stint with the Cleveland Metropolitan Parks and a two-year stint with the national parks system in Alaska.



Her days are now a mixed bag of tasks. One day, she’s working with volunteers. Another, it’s coordinating classes. She can spend a morning teaching classes to school groups, stop by in the afternoon to feed the reptiles in the Kritter Care program then spend the evening talking to a group of adults about the local flora.

“The thing that keeps me energized is the variety. I work with a variety of ages, from preschoolers in the day to adults in the evening,” Thelen said. “There’s the variety what I do, I never burn out on anything. And there’s a variety in the season. You never are teaching the same thing over and over.”

One group she particularly enjoys working with is older women who come in to volunteer. Often they are retired and timid about trying something new, Thelen said. But the more they learn, the more confident they get.

“I firmly believe that knowledge is power. When you teach someone something, in a way you are empowering them. It’s wonderful to watch,” Thelen said.

Some who worked at this year’s plant sale—from left: Wayne Thelen, Kay Studer, Don Hanley, Donna Maki, Steve Maki, Jo Hanley, Rex Maurer, Mel Kaehler, and Deb Brayton

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**National Photography Competition**  
**National Gardeners Conventions**  
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**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:  
Donna Maki 419-643-8450**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
**THE GARDENERS OF LIMA**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

My (our) primary gardening interests are: (Rank in order of interest starting with 1 as first choice)

Annual Flowers \_\_\_\_\_ Shrubs \_\_\_\_\_ Lawn \_\_\_\_\_

Perennial Flowers \_\_\_\_\_ Bulbs \_\_\_\_\_ Trees \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetables \_\_\_\_\_ House Plants \_\_\_\_\_ Bonsai \_\_\_\_\_

Water Gardens \_\_\_\_\_ Weed Control \_\_\_\_\_ Insect Control \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

The Gardeners of Lima is an active gardening club for both men and women. One of the best ways to meet and get to know other gardeners and learn about gardening techniques is to take an active part in one or more of the many projects or committees. Please check two or three that would be of greatest interest to you.

Downtown Beautification \_\_\_\_\_

May Flower/ Plant Sale \_\_\_\_\_

Programs \_\_\_\_\_

Clubhouse/Grounds Maintenance \_\_\_\_\_

Public Relations \_\_\_\_\_

Poinsettia Sales \_\_\_\_\_

Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Club Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_

After Meeting Refreshments \_\_\_\_\_

Club Officer \_\_\_\_\_

National dues are \$15 - single membership or \$23 - family membership.  
Regional dues are an additional \$1 per person.

Membership applications may be returned to any officer or to the Membership Chairman listed below:

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The Gardeners of Lima  
8230 Sugar Creek Rd.  
Lima, Ohio 45801  
419-643-8450