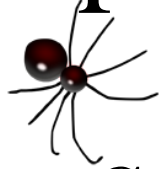




# Sprigs N Sprouts



October 2010

## The Gardeners of Lima (Ohio)

### President's Message for October 2010

-Steven Maki, President, TGOL



Well, surprise, surprise, Dick Hussey has taken back the crown as the "Biggest Tomato". Most of our gardens were not as productive this year as in past years – the biggest tomato was less than two pounds this year. I have prepared my seeds for next year's contest –

will they germinate in the spring and produce tomatoes be big enough? Time will tell.

Fall. Autumn. Falling leaves. Smoke from burning leaves. Cool mornings. Crops coming off the farmers' fields. Apple cider pressing. Hay rides. Trick-or-Treating. Preparing the ground for the winter slumber before the spring planting. A change in the seasons. I enjoy the change in seasons – a variety for us to enjoy throughout the year. One of the benefits of living in Ohio is the change in seasons.

I hope y'all come in the spirit of Halloween for our October members meeting. Donna and I will again be coming in costume – we will not be Count Dracula and his bride this year. I hope that you will also be participating in the pumpkin carving contest – we will have a prize for the members' choice for best adult and child pumpkin.

I look forward to seeing you on the 12<sup>th</sup> at the clubhouse.

Steve

### October Meeting

**Tuesday October 12, 2010**

**6:30 PM**---Note the earlier time

**Faurot Park Clubhouse**

#### **Cook-In & Halloween Party**

**Provided will be: main dishes & side dishes catered by Ed & Bev Morrison**

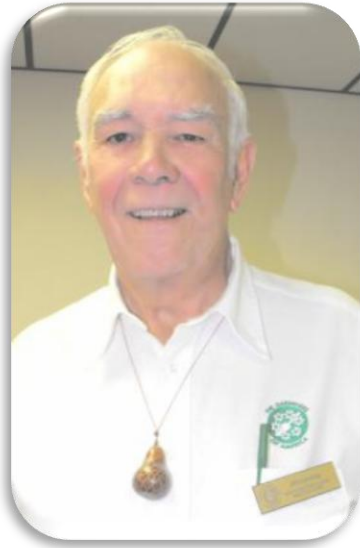
**Please bring: a Dessert covered dish**

**Also, dress for Halloween, if you like. And, Kids & Grandkids are invited.**

**Also, carve a pumpkin and bring it for the best-carved pumpkin contest. Prizes will be awarded to an adult & to a child for the best carved pumpkins.**



## Bill Lanning Presentation on Goards - Creating Art Out of Something Common



Bill Lanning

If you are not already familiar with William Lanning, you should meet him. Both Bill and spouse Anita Lanning are just about the nicest people you'll ever meet and they are very knowledgeable about everything related to gardening.

Mr. Lanning gave a presentation at the September meeting on gourds, gourds, and more gourds. Bill has continually been a very active member of the Findlay, Ohio club, the regional, and the national club. My bet would be that he is active in more clubs related to gardening and improving the community in general.

He is active in The Ohio Gourd Society. The Ohio

Gourd Society recently had its 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio Gourd Show in Greenville Ohio at the Darke County Fairgrounds.

Mr. Lanning has held the world's record for a long handle dipper gourd for four years. A long handle dipper gourd is pictured.



There are many uses for varied types of gourds. Gourds are used for decorations mostly. But, the sponge-like lufta is a luxury bath item. Lufta is a gourd that can be grown in this area. Bill grows them in Findlay Ohio. He brought one to show us.

Gourds inspired Joc Lee (a Chinese immigrant and a friend of the Lannings) to craft small gourds into beautiful pendant necklaces and other works of fine art. Mr. Lee, confined to a mental institution, gained a reputation for being an artist and discovered that he had something beautiful to contribute to others. Mr. Lanning is wearing a pendant made by Mr. Lee and below is a close-up picture.



Mr. Lanning convinced The Gardeners of Lima that gourds are special and that gourds are worth growing.

The next Ohio Gourd Show is Sept 24 & 25, 2011. Membership in the Ohio Gourd Society is \$12 yearly. Write to: The Ohio Gourd Society c/o Judy Barber, 6305 Dustin Rd, Galena Ohio 43021

Gourd questions can go to Bill Lanning at Anita & Bill Lanning ([amlan@thewavz.com](mailto:amlan@thewavz.com))



## **Congratulations!!!**



**Dick Hussey won the 2010 Biggest Tomato Contest!**

## **Congratulations!!**



**Donna Maki, Janet Hussey, and Dick Hussey**

**These three TGOL members won all those prizes at the Allen County Fair.**

**Donna Maki continues to win. Recently she won prizes and cash of \$195 for entries in the Bluffton Ohio flower show.**

## **Awards & Christmas Party**



**Wednesday, Dec. 15**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Casa Lu Al restaurant**

**2323 North West St Lima**

**Sign-up sheet is attached.**

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## **Membership Dues for 2011**

**Individual membership is \$16**

**(\$15 goes to national and \$1 goes to regional)**

**Family membership is \$25 plus \$1 for each family member**

**(\$25 goes to national; and the additional \$1 for**

**each person goes to regional)**

**Sign-up sheet is attached.**

The sign-up sheet is attached that is for both the

Christmas party and for 2011 membership dues.

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## **Poinsettia Fundraiser**



Dave Williams will have a great crop of poinsettias that will be ready for delivery to customers after Thanksgiving. They make great Christmas gifts for friends and relatives and will brighten our homes for the Christmas Season.

Starting after Thanksgiving, poinsettias can be picked up at his greenhouse at 1874 Bowman Road. Just be sure to call Dave at 419-225-1458 at least 48 hours in advance so he can have your poinsettia orders ready when you arrive for pick-up. An order form is attached so you can start taking orders right away.

Who else wants to make an Entry?  
**38<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Tree Festival 2010**  
On Oct 18, Teresa will submit this form.  
Theme - "CHRISTMAS JOY"  
Contact Teresa before Oct 18.



**WHAT:** A community event for people of all ages to enjoy the spirit of Christmas... YOU (individuals, churches, clubs, scout troops, school groups) are welcome to participate in this holiday celebration by placing a decorated tree, wreath, or other item in the Museum. Please incorporate the theme "Christmas Joy" into your decorating designs.

**WHEN:** Wednesday December 1, 2010 thru Sunday December 5, 2010  
Daily 10 AM to 5 PM, with special hours on Friday 10 AM to 8 PM and Sunday 1 to 5 PM

**WHERE:** Allen County Museum, 620 W. Market St., Lima, Ohio 45801 • 419-222-9426

**WHO:** The Christmas Tree Festival is cooperatively sponsored by the Allen County Historical Society, Church Women United, and the YWCA.

**SET-UP:** Monday, November 29, 2010 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**TAKEDOWN:** Monday, December 6, 2010 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To participate, please return this entry form no later than **October 18, 2009** to: **Christmas Tree Festival Committee - Allen County Museum, 620 W. Market St., Lima, Ohio 45801**

\*\*Entries not received by the deadline may not be listed in the program.

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**Entry Form 2010**

Name of Person, Group or Organization: The Gardeners of Lima

Faurot Park Clubhouse

Address: c/o 1031 W. Elm, Lima OH 45805

Contact Person(s):

(1) Teresa Heath Phone (419) 516-8020

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Entry: Tree  Wreath (Please use battery lights) ( ) Other ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Size: 4' to 5' Electricity required: Yes ( ) No

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ELECTRICAL OUTLETS ARE LIMITED. Only small indoor or LED lights should be used. NO SPRAY SNOW OR OPEN FOOD ITEMS ARE ALLOWED.**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please bring an 8 x 10 inch sign with the tree's title and group's name to be placed with tree.**

*The committee reserves the right to accept and place all entries. The theme must be in the spirit of the holidays and in keeping with the purpose of the Museum. NO ADVERTISING PERMITTED!!!*



# THE GARDENERS OF LIMA

- 1) Reservation Payment for Christmas/Awards Banquet  
AND  
2) Membership Payment for 2011 Club Dues
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Member (s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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- 1) Christmas/Awards Banquet on Wednesday December 15, 2010  
at Casa Lu Al, 2323 North West Street, Lima, Ohio  
6:00 pm - social half-hour and 7:00 PM - Dinner served seated

\$20.00 for each person X \_\_\_\_\_ (number of persons attending)  
Banquet Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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- 2) 2011 Membership  
The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Club of America (TGOA/MGOA)  
Single is \$16.00  
Family is \$25.00 + add \$1.00 for each family member joining

-OR- (pay below only if you are a national lifetime member)

2011 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  
1861 Wendell Ave, Lima OH 45805  
(419) 222-4356