



Sprigs N Sprouts



September 2010

The Gardeners of Lima

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President's Message

-Steve Maki

My crop of weeds is growing like weeds in my part of the vegetable garden. I have not had the time to pay the proper attention to weeding--good intentions at the beginning of the growing season, but alas, the weeds have taken over. I have managed to keep most of the weeds at bay from around my tomato plants in hopes of taking the big tomato crown.

Donna and I had a wonderful time at the CGLR Summer Conference held in Northeastern Ohio. We had seminars on Twilight Gardening and Native Species that were held at the Holden Arboretum. The arboretum has a large, beautiful butterfly garden near the building complex. I also took a 1-1/2 hour walking tour through part of the arboretum – our tour guide was in his 90's – I hope

I am in as good a shape when I'm in my 90's. We enjoyed wine tasting and had a delicious lunch at the Grand River Valley Winery. The owner of the winery introduced each wine to us.

Our visit to North Coast Perennials was a gem. We purchased around fifteen plants at one third the cost of retail. A flower show was held at the beginning of the conference – Donna won two Best of Sections and she won the Best of Show (for her Hydrangea).

Speaking of flower shows, Donna, Dick and Janet had winning entries at the fair. Donna had another successful year, having two best of shows, including Best Cut Flower in the first flower show and Best Pickled Fruits/Vegetables for her pickled eggs. I had successful eating at the fair: French fries, Greek dogs, gyros, homemade ice cream, and funnel cakes. Yummy!

I look forward to seeing you on the 14th at the clubhouse.

Steve

Please come to the
September Meeting!

(and bring guests, too)

Date: Tuesday September 14

Time: 7:00 PM

(7 pm is new start time for monthly meetings, unless notified otherwise)

Place: Faurot Park clubhouse

Gourds will be the topic for Bill Lanning, active Findlay club member & very active in national and regional club activities

Bill Lanning does great growing many out-of-the-ordinary plants. Some might remember how he got us interested in growing the exotic voodoo lily. About every one tried to grow voodoo lilies—some successful—Gene Buhrmester; and others, well, NOT successful--me!

He probably will get us all interested in growing gourds now. And, we will all try growing gourds!

Donna Maki, Janet Hussey, and Dick Hussey won many prizes at the Allen County Fair.

Dick Hussey- won three Best of Shows—

- 1) Canned Goods- Jellies for his raspberry jelly
- 2) Squash for his dinner plate size and shape scalloped white squash
- 3) Grapes/ Quinces for his Niagara white grapes.

Dick also won fourteen 1st places; seven 2nd places; eight 3rd places

Janet Hussey won three 1st places; six 2nd places; and two 3rd places.

Donna Maki won two best of shows

- 1) Best Cut Flower for her combination of round, spiked, & spayed form;
- 2) Pickled Fruits/ Vegetables for her pickled eggs

Donna also won twenty-one 1st places; twenty-four 2nd places; thirteen 3rd places

TGOL members volunteer work at fair

The Gardeners of Lima members were utilized as hosts and hostesses in the flower show room during the Allen County Fair.

Janet Hussey recruited the following members to volunteer their valuable time to take care of the flower exhibitions, talk to guests, and hand out TGOL's business cards.

Chuck Bowsher
Persetta Bowsher
Gene Buhrmester
Georgie Buhrmester
Alice Cooley
Frank Cooley
Teresa Heath
Donna Maki
Steve Maki
Ed Morrison
Rita Stephens

Janet Hussey said that having horticultural entries at the fair allowed her to view entries in a new light. She developed critiquing skill by using the judging measurements. And, previously, she would look at entries and not really see everything. She discovered much more to look at in each entry since she, herself, became a participant.

Biggest Tomato Contest –

Pay \$5, bring your biggest tomatoes to the September meeting for weigh-in, and maybe win all the money from the other contest contestants

August weigh-in results were:

Dick Hussey

1 lb, 6.0 oz;

Gene Buhrmester

1 lb, 5.1 oz.

Plan for
Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2010
6:00 P.M. Halloween Party & Fall Feast

Bring:

- ✓ dessert-type covered dish (but entrees will be catered-in) &
- ✓ carved pumpkin. There will be a contest for the best-carved pumpkin. Attendees will do the judging of the anonymous pumpkins.

Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010
Monthly Meeting
Program - TBA

Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010
6:00 P.M.
Awards & Christmas Party Casa Lu Al restaurant
2323 North West St Lima
Sign-up sheet is attached.

Summary of Board Meeting Held on August 26, 2010

Clubhouse & Grounds – everyone agrees that front of clubhouse looks great.

Downtown Planters – Rex Maurer talked with Ric Stolly, Lima parks & recreation dept, who said that the City of Lima wants TGOL to plant in Lima downtown again next year and that a firm commitment will be made in April 2011 of getting someone (outside of TGOL) to water the plants.

Christmas Banquet Charge per person is \$20 for meal, gratuity & entertainment. There will be a choice of 4 or 5 entrees, which will be ordered individually at the tables.

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)

The sign-up sheet is attached that is for both the Christmas party and for 2011 membership dues.

Sept 18 – Ft. Wayne Club Bus Trip \$70
Includes all the following:
Fernwood Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve in Niles, MI; St. Julian Winery in Paw Paw, MI; Krider Park in Middlebury, IN; and Essenhouse in Middlebury, IN

Oct 2, 2010 –
Regional Fall Conference, Kingwood Center, Mansfield, Ohio

More Upcoming Events

National Conventions
June 16-18, 2011
Overland Park, Kansas
“A Bit of Heaven in 2011”

Details on above activities can be accessed at the website: [The Gardeners of Lima](#) (double click above)

Upcoming Flower Shows

Sept 10 & 11 – 49th Annual Horticultural Show sponsored by the Gardeners of the Bluffton/Pandora Area. Bluffton Elementary School. Entries accepted from 5:30 - 6:30 pm on Friday, 9/10 and 8:00 to 10:00 am on 9/11. Judging beginning at 11 am on 9/11.

Sept 25 – Mennonite Memorial Home 2nd Annual Flower Show. Entries will be received from 8:00 to 10:00 am with judging at 10:00 am. For more information call Bessie Bassitt at 419-358-1015.

The Lippincott Bird Sanctuary is in Lima, Ohio on State Route 117, one-half mile east of Bowman Road

Tom Sciranka works there as a volunteer. He works to maintain plants that are native to that particular area just east of Lima, Ohio.

There are no regular visitor hours there. But, Tom would have more information. His email is tsciranka@woh.rr.com



Tim Arheit, Honey Run Apiaries owner, talked about and answered many, questions about beekeeping at the August meeting of The Gardeners of Lima. Below is my synopsis of Mr. Arheit’s presentation:

Besides selling honey, he specializes in selling queen bees. And, evidently, someone needs queen bees because they are sold for between \$75 for regular queen bees and up to \$500 for artificially inseminated queen bees.

Honey has been used for thousands of years as a sweetener and an antibiotic
 Pollen and bee venom - used in medicine
 Propolis (bee glue) – used in medicine and also has antibiotic properties
 Beeswax - used to make high-quality candles
 Pollination – bee industry provides hives to pollinate crops.

A typical beehive has between 30,000 – 60,000 bees—and every bee in the hive has a specific job. The three specific bee types are queens, workers, and drones. There is only one queen bee in a hive. She is the only one

who lays eggs to produce more bees.

After her first and last flight to mate and be fertilized she never leaves the hive. After she is fertilized, she is fertilized for life. She stays in the hive, grows large with eggs, and produces eggs continuously for the rest of her life.



Alice Cooley made and served the most wonderful refreshments—Thanks, Alice!

Feeding, cleaning, and guarding the queen bee are worker jobs. Caring for the queen are worker jobs, but they are high-status worker jobs. The high-status jobs have to be earned by doing more menial work first. Most worker bees live for only around 6 weeks because their work is dangerous and physically demanding. Other worker jobs include gathering nectar and pollen, making nectar into honey, making wax, cleaning the hive, guarding the hive, cooling the hive by flailing their wings, moving and caring for eggs laid by the queen, feeding the young,

caring for the young—you get the idea—everyone has a specific job.

Besides queen bees and worker bees, there are also drone bees. Drone bees in a hive number in the hundreds. Their only job is to breed with a queen—when the hive produces a queen. Hives produce a new queen to take away overpopulation when the hive is getting overpopulated. Hives are most likely to produce a new queen and divide the hive at the beginning of the growing season. The hive produces new drones at the beginning of each growing season, also; because all of the drone bees were kicked out of the hive at the end of the last growing season.

Physical care of bees in northwest Ohio can involve the following problems:

- Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) – unknown why the hive dies out
- Brood disease - causes baby bees to die
- Mites & beetle problems – Varroca mite, Tracheal mite, small hive beetle
- Some wild animals that attack hives

Bees can be helped by utilizing native species of plants in landscaping
 Get more bee information from Tim Arheit’s website at [Honey Run Apiaries](http://www.honeyrunapiaries.com)

-Teresa Heath, member, The Gardeners of Lima

THE GARDENERS OF LIMA

- 1) Reservation Payment for Christmas/Awards Banquet
AND
- 2) Membership Payment for 2011 Club Dues

Member (s) Name _____

Address _____

Home Telephone _____ Other Telephone _____

- 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 \$ _____

- 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: \$ _____

Banquet and Membership GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Check or Cash payment may be made to: Rex Maurer, Treasurer, TGOL
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(419) 222-4356