



Sprigs N Sprouts



March 2011 - The Gardeners of Lima

President, Steve Maki

When we were very tired of SNOW—
What did we get!?!)

R A I N !!
And, lots of it!
It rained on the snow!
What a mess!

Steve emailed me that he wanted to do a President's Message for this spot, but, they were still dealing with flooding in their basement. I imagine that was not good. They have a very nice, furnished basement. What a mess!

The weather is northwest Ohio is seldom boring—for sure.



Flood plain just east of clubhouse for The Gardeners of Lima. Above picture is from flooding in August 2007, but it looked the same several days ago except with winter time background

I am looking for something to write about here that would be entertaining and informative. I am not thinking of anything.

The internet is full of so much though that I cannot resist sending you the following link It shows beautiful gardens in the Wooster, Ohio area.

[Fabulous Gardens of Ohio](#)

Community Gardening, Lima, Ohio

What: **Garden registration** and a class on the **ABC's of Basic Gardening**

Who: **Community Gardens** Lima Allen Co. Neighborhoods In Partnership (LACNIP), and all those great associated partners)

When: **Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.**

Where: **Cambridge Center** 424 N. Central, which is across from where water bills are paid.

Community gardeners (LACCA & city of Lima-sponsored) are starting the 2011 gardening season. For \$10, a resident of the city of Lima can grow a nice garden. For more information contact Connie Miller, Garden Lead, 419-303-0779. Steve Maki helped manage the program last year. Teresa Heath had a garden. Either can also be contacted.

Please come to
First Meeting of 2011
(and, bring guests, too)

Date: Tuesday March 8, 2011
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Place: Faurot Park clubhouse

Presentation on
Terrariums
(the easy, inside garden)

-Teresa Heath

Terrariums - Basics
Terrariums - Ideas
Terrariums – Make it in quart jar and take it home.

To The Gardeners of Lima,

Your expertise is greatly needed to make this newsletter better.

Information, articles, or about anything interesting or useful related to gardening, nature, etc.

Please write it and GET PUBLISHED on-line and in this newsletter. Call me, email me, or tell me at the meeting.

-Teresa Heath

The Gardeners of Lima Activities

Spring Plant Sale

Shawnee & Breese Rds.
Flyer-in April newsletter
-Friday May 6
8 AM – 5 PM
&
Saturday May 7
8 AM – Noon

Downtown Planting

Lima town square
Saturday May 14
9 AM

Plant Sale & Clubhouse Planting

Faurot Park clubhouse
Saturday May 21
time to be announced

BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!

Dues are overdue. If you have not paid your dues, please contact treasurer Rex Maurer (419-222-4356). He will work with you on a payment plan. You are wanted in The Gardeners of Lima. You will be missed, if you are not there.

Member-At-Large Opening (who said there are no jobs???)

The board (Executive Board) has room for one more member-at-large. The board meeting is where the routine business is managed on the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM usually at the Faurot Park clubhouse. The member-at-large has full voting rights. Please contact Steve Maki, president, if you are interested.

Central Great Lakes Region (CGLR) Upcoming Conferences

More information on either conference, click on [Region Meetings](#)

1. Spring Conference Saturday April 9, 2011
Kingwood Center, Mansfield, Ohio - In the Gate House. Enter from Trimble Road. Park in Main parking lot Parking fee: \$5 per car.
Topic: Gourds by Karen and John Martin.
2. Summer Conference Friday & Saturday July 29 & 30
Holmes County in Ohio Amish country. Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC), then the bus will tour the Amish countryside, ending with a Amish home-cooked supper. Second day will be business meeting, visiting local attractions, and dinner at Warther museum.

New national webpage with [resources for starting gardening programs for children](#) on the national website. It is password protected, and you will need to enter the members only pages. Double click the following [The Gardeners Of America / Men's Garden Clubs of America](#) , click on **members only** , click on **log-in** , password is **lily** and click on [Youth Gardening](#)

National Scholarship award nominations are due April 1, 2011.

If you know someone (or you are that someone) wanting education in horticulture-related fields, double click on [Scholarships](#) or cut & paste the following into your browser: <http://www.tgoa-mgca.org/Scholarships.htm>

To Gardeners of America Members and Friends:

RE: 2011 TGOA/MGCA National Convention

The Overland Park/Gardeners of America is proud to be hosting the 2011 annual convention of The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America. Our theme for the convention is "A Little Bit of Heaven in 2011".

Join us on June 16, 17 & 18, 2011 while we learn about the flora & fauna native to Kansas and Missouri.

The convention will be held at The Doubletree Hotel located at 10100 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS 66210. We have been offered a great room rate of \$99 per night for a single/double. An early bird registration fee of \$270.00 per person up thru April 13 and a registration fee of \$300.00 from April 14 thru May 15, 2011 will cover all meals, seminars and tours from Thursday morning thru Saturday night.

One of our visits will be to The Overland Park Arboretum and Botanical Gardens which "was founded to keep the city at the forefront of environmental and ecological issues". Another of Kansas City's pride is our football/baseball stadiums previously owned by Ewing and Muriel Kauffman. Their legacy also includes a foundation devoted to entrepreneurship. We will visit the beautiful gardens created as a memorial honoring this couple that gave so much to the Kansas City area.

We have scheduled several interesting speakers and experts for our seminars. A few that will enlighten and entertain us are Eric Nelson, Larry Ryan and Charles Gusewelle. Eric Nelson, owner of three local garden centers, will share his knowledge of Begonia's. Larry Ryan, owner of Ryan Lawn and Tree, will discuss Integrated Plant Management. Our Sat. evening speaker will be Kansas City's own Charles Gusewelle, the author of six books and his titles at the Kansas City Star have included reporter, editorial writer, associate editor and a columnist, which was distributed nationally.

We can't wait to see all of your wonderful faces in our home town. For more information; contact Sherra Schuck at – email: sschuck4@kc.rr.com; phone (913) 424-3029 or Honey Barnekoff at – email: Barnekoff@everestke.net; phone (913) 722-5562.

For more convention information, check out our website at Overland Park Gardeners of America
Thank you. *Sherra Schuck*, Overland Park/GOA, Co-chairman, 2011 Convention Committee

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DIGGIN-IN It's time to sow seeds

From *The Lima News*, February 27, 2011 By **KATHY VAN MULLEKOM Daily Press (Newport News, Va.)**

Now through April is the time to start your seeds indoors so you can put the transplants — tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, zinnias, marigolds and celosia — outdoors when warm weather stabilizes, usually in mid-May.

“Warm-season annuals like to be outdoors May 1 or later, the warmer the soil, the better start they get,” says Lisa Ziegler of The Gardener’s Workshop, a southeastern Virginia-based (but, in Ohio we wait at least a week longer, says editor) online source of seeds and gardening supplies (shoptgw.com).

“Soil is typically 10 degrees cooler than air temperatures and it takes a couple of weeks of warm air temps to warm the soil — one day of 80 degrees doesn’t do it.”

When you buy seed packs, be sure to first read the directions carefully for information on how to prep the seed and plant it properly.

Here are some seed-starting tips to get you growing.

Seeding terms

Seeds from different plants have different germination requirements, and seed

packs tell you which method to use, including:

- * Stratification, or periods of warm and cold temperatures.
- * Scarification, when there’s a thick or hard seed coat that needs a nick, cut or scratch.
- * Soaking, when a large volume of dried tissue needs to be submerged in water for 24 hours before sowing.
- * Sowing straight from the package into soil-filled pots or the ground.

Seeding supplies

- * Containers such as a shallow tray or empty egg carton
- * Sterile seed-starting mix
- * Seeds
- * Labels/markers
- * Light source
- * Mister

Seed-starting tips

- * Store seed in refrigerator until ready to use
- * Read seed packs for directions on how to handle and sow seeds.
- * Avoid sowing seed too thick; it’s hard to separate seedlings when you need to move them to larger pots.
- * Label seeds with common and botanical names.
- * Keep soil lightly moist until germination.

Seed-starting sources

- * Seeds, soil blockers, seeding kits and a how-to video; The Gardener’s Workshop at shoptgw.com.
- * CowPots, biodegradable seed-starting pots made from odor-free composted cow manure; garden centers nationwide and Gardener’s Supply at gardeners.com.
- * Coir pellets that expand into a growing medium within a pot when watered; garden centers nationwide and Burpee at burpee.com
- * Heirloom seeds from reeneesgarden.com

Want to sow seed directly in the garden?

Flowers: zinnias, sunflowers, celosias, bachelor’s buttons, cosmos, ornamental grasses, marigolds, morning glory and moonflower vines, monarda, nasturtiums, rudbeckias and scabiosa.

Vegetables: lettuce, arugula, Asian greens, kale, kohlrabi, carrots, radishes, squash, beans, beets, corn, fennel, peas, spinach and chard.

Herbs: basil, catnip, chamomile, chives, cumin, cilantro, dill, parsley and sage.