



Sixty Years and Still Growing

July/August 2009

Upcoming Events
July

- Tuesday, July 7, at 6:30 p.m. Flower Show Meeting at the Club Room.
- Tuesday, July 14, at 7:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting in the Club Room.
- Tuesday, July 28, at 7:00 p.m. Program: "Designing Women" by Aggie Goss and Jo Ann Bartsch and Business Meeting in the Brecksville City Hall Community Center.

August

- Saturday, August 1, at 10:00 a.m. Field trip to Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens. Meeting place TBA.
- Saturday, August 9, Open Garden Day in Brecksville.
- Tuesday, August 11, at 7:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting in the Club Room.
- Tuesday, August 25, at 7:00 p.m. Program: "Exhibiting Horticultural Specimens" by Kathy Habib and Jo Ann Bartsch. Please take specimens to the meeting for review and discussion. Business Meeting in the Brecksville City Hall Community Center.

"Let's Keep Growing" President Kathy Ziemba's Message

Finally, summer is here! With all the rain we've just had everything is so nice and green. I have been asked to tell you some information about my family for those of you that don't know me; so here we go.

My husband Bob and I will be married 35 years this coming September. I have worked for the City of Parma as Secretary to the Tax Commissioner, Michael Mason, for eighteen years. My wonderful husband is a salesman for Siemens Energy and Automation for over 30 years. We have four children: Ann's the first she's 40; Matt and Jennifer are twins, and they're 33; and last but not least is Christine who is 26. I also have four grandchildren: twins Samantha and Morgan five years old who belong to my daughter Jennifer and her husband Tom, and Riley who's two and Avery who's eight months who belong to my son Matthew and his wife, Jen.

I have been a member of the garden club for seven years. My first years I co-chaired membership with Noreen Butano, and after that I have been vice-president and then president. I have always felt that if you belong to a club, you give it your all or as much as you can. I must say that work gets in the way of many things I would like to do.

I'm sorry I missed our members garden tour; I heard it was wonderful. If anyone is looking for a garden to visit near home start with Stan Hywet Hall in Akron; the house and gardens are just wonderful.



My daughter and I who go many times through-out the year have a membership and with that you get free tickets to events. My husband and I went this last Christmas to Williamsburg which was great; the decorations and house tours were wonderful.

Hope to see you all at our next meeting, and welcome to new members Becky Telzrow and JoAnn Sherman.

Happy Fourth of July!!!
Kathy Ziemba, President



MAY ACTIVITIES

PLANT EXCHANGE and HYPERTUFA PLANTING



Back Row: Paula Kramer, Lenore Siegman, Jo Ann Bartsch, Sandy Spann, Lynne Evans, Margaret De Wolf, Mila Kallibjian, Kathy Habib, Noreen Butano, LaVerne Laurie, Sharon Hemeyer, and Kathy Ziemba. Front row: Sharon Vairetta, Debbie Schuckert, Beverlee Furillo, and Aggie Goss



Thanks to everyone who participated in the Memorial Day Parades



FLOWER SHOW UPDATE: THINGS TO REMEMBER

Hmmm. What should I be doing?

Aah, here's a checklist:

- Signing up for a design class. Remember the draft schedule? Call Lynne Evans.
- Giving tender loving care to the house plants that I intend to enter—and to the rest of course!
- Planting my combination planter. before August 1.
- Clearing my calendar for September 11 (set-up), September 12 (the show), and September 13 (the show and dismantling).

Call Jo Ann at 740-0034 or Lynne at 582-5578 with any questions.

Our next Flower Show Committee Meeting is Tuesday, July 7 at 6:30 p.m. Jo Ann Bartsch, Vice President

Garden Mart

As a fundraiser this September at our Flower Show, we will have a garden mart open to the public. Garden related items donated by our members will be for sale. Now is the time as we do our spring cleaning indoors and outdoors to set aside quality garden related items and potted plants in attractive containers for the sale. We will discuss more details about the mart at our upcoming General Meetings.

Thanks to you all in advance for your donations!

Lynne Finance Director

KNOCK-OUT COMBINATION PLANTERS

By Julia Cornue

Was, quite simply, a knock-out. Julia is a consultant with the city of Brecksville, designing and planning the many containers and floral displays around the city. Here are some of Julia's tips for planting a combination planter:

- Make sure that the container has a hole(s) in the bottom for good drainage, and use window screening over the holes. If there is no drainage, use a second water-permeable container inside.
- Add pebbles to the bottom of the container to facilitate drainage.
- Use a potting mix, and add hot water to soil before planting.
- If container is decorative, be careful with your choice of plants so that they complement each other.
- Use some type of fertilizer every time you water— Miracle Gro, egg shells, etc. for continuous flower bloom.

Debbie Schuckert reports that the club raffled off the planters that Julia assembled and thanks everyone who participated in the raffle. Congratulations to the winners. As you can see in the attached picture, Julia created some very lovely containers.



CGC Garden Tour

On Saturday, June 13, three gracious ladies opened their gardens to our garden club members, and of course you all know that such a visitation required hours and hours of preparation. Each garden told a story about the family who live there. Our first stop was at Mila Kallibjian's home. Mila has a stunningly beautiful property landscaped with many interesting shrubs and perennials. Mila toured us through the front yard with its beautiful beds, pointing out various plants. From there, we walked down a serpentine, woodland path to a lower terrace set above the a creek which ran through the bottom of the ravine and then to a lawn and beds at the back of the house. Some of Mila's plants are from the garden club's plant exchange held in May.

Our second stop was at Lenore Siegman's home where we saw impressive front plantings and a wonderful back yard. Deer are quite familiar with this area of Brecksville, and Lenore hangs bags of deer repellent to discourage them. Last but hardly least, we visited Kathy Habib's half-acre garden where we also dined in her lovely back yard.

When Kathy and her husband bought the property, they installed a neighbor-friendly fence around the entire back yard, and Kathy began the process of creating large beds of plants. This garden is a botanist's joy, for Kathy has numerous plants, many of which are labeled. An excellent potluck lunch followed with great appetizers, salads, and desserts.

All of us came away from our garden tour with new ideas and a wish list of new plants. Have I said thank you to Mila, Lenore, and Kathy? Yes, but it's worth repeating. Many thanks to all three of you for sharing your gardens. Pat G.



Lenore's Home



Kathy's Garden for Lunch

Gardening Tips by Kathy Habib July

- Deadhead repeat blooming annuals and perennials regularly.
- Take cuttings of begonias, coleus and impatiens for winter houseplants.
- Pinch mums for final time by mid-July.

August

- Begin soil preparation for seeding a new lawn.
- Plant a cover crop (like winter rye) in spaces vacated by harvested vegetable crops.

Deer Deterrent Recipe from Beverlee Furillo

1-egg
 1/2 cup milk
 1 tablespoon of cooking oil
 1 tablespoon of Dawn (or any dishwashing solution)
 1 gallon water
 5-6 cloves of garlic cut up
 1 tablespoon chili powder
 Mix all together and let set for about a day or two. It will be putrid smelling but that is OK. Not rain proof so it must be re-applied after rain. Good luck with this. I am using it now. Bev

WELCOME TO OUR TWO NEWEST MEMBERS

Becky Telzrow is Lenore Siegman's neighbor on Westwood Drive in Brecksville. Becky moved into her home last year and is a self-described "gardening newbie." She is interested in gardening basics. She wants to work on her yard little by little.

JoAnn Sherman is a friend of long-time member, Jane Whitehead. JoAnn lives on Chaffee Court in Brecksville and has a special interest in perennials.

STAN HYWET FIELD TRIP

Our next field trip is on Saturday, August 1 at Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens in Akron, Ohio. Sign up at our July 28th meeting, or email Debbie Schuckert. Carpool location to be announced. The attached website has interesting information about the house and gardens.

<http://www.stanhywet.org/>

BRECKSVILLE'S OPEN GARDEN DAY

Brecksville's Open Garden Day will be held on Sunday, August 9. Check out the city's website a week before the event to see what gardens will be featured this year.

<http://www.brecksville.oh.us/>

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**Thanks to everyone
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