



“Open the gate,  
step into the Garden”

July/August 2010

### Upcoming Events

#### July

- Tuesday, July 13, at 7:00 p.m. Board meeting in the Club Room.
- No July Business Meeting
- Thursday, July 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the Brecksville Community Center. A Fall Make It Take It Workshop. See flyer in this newsletter for more details.

#### August

- Saturday, August 7, at 10:00 a.m. Garden Therapy at the Pleasantview Care Center. Call Lynne Evans to help with the “Sunflowers Bright and Bold” project.
- Saturday, August 21, at 9:00 a.m. Field trip to Quailcrest Farm in Wooster, Ohio. Meet us in the parking lot behind Broadview Hts. City Hall (east side) (Broadview and Oakes Roads) where we will arrange car pools
- No August Business Meeting

## President Kathy Ziemba’s Message

Dear Chippewa Garden Club Member and Friend,

Do you remember when we couldn’t wait to get out into the garden and start planting? Well here it is July, and I have to wait till the sun goes down so I can get some work done outside. It still makes me happy.

We have a big fundraiser coming up on July 22<sup>nd</sup> with Sandy Apidone from Countryside Florist.

To make this fundraiser a success, we need the help of all of you to tell your daughters, sisters, aunts, and friends to buy a ticket to this fabulous program where you can go home with a door hanging that will make the neighbors envious.

Our last field trip was to Schedel Arboretum & Gardens. Nine ladies made the trip to Elmore, Ohio, to enjoy this beautiful garden. They also had plants for sale, and once again our cars were loaded up. Lunch was in town, and the food and service were great.

August 21<sup>st</sup> is the trip to Quailcrest Farm, in Wooster, Ohio. I hope you will all be there.

See you all at the Fall Design Fundraiser and until then....



Keep on digging,  
Kathy Ziemba



### Children’s Garden Project At the Library

On May 1<sup>st</sup> the Chippewa Garden Club presented a drop-in program at the Brecksville Library titled GARDENING FOR KIDS. It was publicized for school-aged children to make a Mother’s Day gift. Each child was given a 6-in. pot to decorate with ribbons, buttons, and jewels, which they did with the help of some of the library teen helpers. Then they moved to the planting table where CGC members helped them plant basil and thyme. They then received a direction sheet that explained how to take care of their plants and included two recipes for using their herbs.

The 40 children who participated, their parents, and Garden Club members had great fun with this program. There has been a lot of positive feedback from parents and the library staff. All agreed that next year we will do something similar for Father’s Day.

Carol Burns, Library Chairperson

## Chippewa Annual Plant Exchange

The weather on Saturday, May 22, was overcast and threatening thunderstorms, but the rain held off until almost the last vestiges of the plant exchange and pot luck were hurriedly tucked into members' cars.

As members arrived that day, all sorts of plants were lined up on picnic tables and benches at the Meadows Picnic Pavilion in the Brecksville Metroparks.

Daylilies, hostas, ladies mantle, lamb's ear, dianthus, catnip, daisies, black-eyed Susans, Ostrich ferns, Japanese primrose, anemones, astilbes, and more!



The buffet lunch was equally bountiful with hamburgers and hot dogs provided by the Program Committee and grilled by resident chefs JoAnn Bartsch and Lynne Evans. Members brought yummy salads and desserts.

What a great opportunity to talk to people knowledgeable about a variety of plants and then take some new friends and old acquaintances home for our own gardens!

Pat Gabriel



## Constitution and Bylaws

The final version of the Chippewa Garden Club Constitution and Bylaws was approved at the June 22, 2010, business meeting. Although the Club may approve amendments to the Bylaws at any time, a committee is appointed every five years to review the Constitution and Bylaws for relevant changes. The last revision was approved in October, 2005. This year the committee consisted of Kathy Ziemba, Kathy Habib, Pat Gabriel, and Diane Mele, and after their review, the Executive Board discussed their recommendations. Additional revisions were recommended, and this version was distributed by President Ziemba to the membership prior to the June meeting. At the June business meeting, the revisions were discussed, and one section modified for clarification. The twenty-four members present then unanimously approved the new Constitution and Bylaws.

## Garden Therapy Keeps On Blooming!

Saturday June 19th, residents of Pleasantview Care Center were treated to a Summer Garden Social by three of our members.

JoAnn Bartsch, Lynne Evans, and Kathy Ziemba presented locally grown fruits, vegetables and freshly baked grain walnut cinnamon bread bought at the Peninsula Farmers' Market.

Residents feasted while enjoying the beautiful garden in Pleasantview's courtyard. Residents were also treated to a personal tour of their garden, and they were encouraged to identify, touch, and smell plants as they manipulated their wheelchairs which were guided by JoAnn, Lynne, and Kathy.

We received so many comments of thanks from the residents and activities staff. A good time was had by all. A big thank you to our volunteers who gave some of their Saturday to the folks at Pleasantview Care Center! Your kindness will be remembered by these residents.

Our next Garden Therapy group is planned for August 7th when we will make floral designs from bright and bold sunflowers. Any members who would like to give an hour of their time that Saturday morning to cheer our older gardening friends, please call Lynne Evans at 440-668-6128.

Lynne Evans

## Schedel Arboretum

On Saturday, May 12th, nine CGC members went on the first field trip of the year to Schedel Arboretum & Gardens in Elmore, Ohio. The group consisting of Kathy Ziemba, Jo Ann Bartsch, Debbie Schuckert, Noreen Butano, Mary Lou Melena, Pat Gabriel, Sharon Hemeyer, Beverlee Furillo, and Judi Lakner car pooled to the destination and spent 1.5 hours walking through the breathtaking grounds, which was once the home of Joseph and Marie Schedel.

In fact, the Schedels privately enjoyed their over 17 gardens for 50 years before opening it up to the public after 1989. Not only is the arboretum a visual feast, it is also home to many exotic trees and shrubs rarely found in our area, such as the Katsura tree from Japan, the Ponderosa Pine from the western U.S., and cherry trees grown from cuttings taken from the original cherry trees that were planted around the Tidal Basin in Washington, D.C., in 1912.

Club members enjoyed a self-guided walking tour of the exquisite gardens starting with the Japanese garden, then made their way through Cypress trees, Dawn Redwoods, a Bonsai shelter with over 70 specimens, and a variety of lovely perennial gardens. The Arboretum also features the blending of beautiful artwork with the gardens, mainly in the form of sculptures. And on this day, the area in front of the gracefully sprawling Japanese Garden was the site for two outdoor weddings. After the walking tour, club members had time to stop in the greenhouse for the plant sale, visit the gift store, and lunch in downtown Elmore.

The next field trip will be to Quailcrest Farms on August 21. It promises to be another great time for camaraderie, education, and, of course, lunch.

Judi Lakner



## Ten Great Plant Stories Program Presented by Ed Simon June 22, 2010

As advertised, Mr. Simon entertained us for nearly an hour at our membership meeting with stories about plants that were both “great” and had an interesting story attached to their discovery or development.

Some of the stories were close to home: Mr. Lowe of Chagrin Falls finding tuberous begonias in Belgium and bringing them back to propagate, and Ohio arboretums discovering isolated stands of trees that we can now use in our home landscapes (i.e., the lacebark pine).

Some of the stories were steeped in history: tulips traded as a commodity in European stock exchanges, dawn redwoods and the Ben Franklin tree snatched from the brink of extinction and saved for us to admire and grow. And some of the stories were particularly relevant for us: joining Martha Stewart in her use of ‘Endless Summer’ hydrangeas or participating in the race to get the next non-purple echinacea.

After being thoroughly entertained, we were left with those same horticultural questions that always plague us. Will the new echinaceas be as good as the old? Where will the next great plant story come from, and will it address hostas or tulips that are poisonous to deer?

Jo Ann Bartsch

## Quailcrest Field Trip

If you've been reading ahead in your yearbook, you'll notice that we have a field trip to Quailcrest Farms planned for Saturday, August 21. If you're interested in joining us, please send me an e-mail at [jabartsch@att.net](mailto:jabartsch@att.net).

We'll meet at the Broadview Hts. City Hall at 9:00 a.m. (back entrance) for car pooling. It takes about 40 minutes or so to get to Quailcrest. The farm specializes in herbs but also sells perennials. There should be some great end-of-the-season sales by then. Oh, and don't forget, we'll be touring their gardens on the farm showing us how to combine herbs and perennials in the landscape. Finally, there will be lunch afterwards – at a place we'll select that morning. If you have any recommendations in the Wooster area, please let me know.

Jo Ann Bartsch

## Home Days

The Brecksville Home Days on June 25, 26, and 27 were as warm as the CGC members who manned the CGC booth. It's always fun getting to know each other better while encouraging passersby to talk about gardening and check out what we have to offer. Thanks to Lynne Evans for scheduling the volunteers, and thanks to the volunteers who helped out. We sold three pairs of those great gardening gloves for a total of \$21.00 and reaped \$108.00 from the sale of the donated flashlights.

Pat Gabriel

### Memorial Day Parades

Kathy Ziemba and Debbie Schuckert represented our Chippewa Garden Club in the Brecksville Memorial Day Parade and also in the Broadview Hts. Parade. Our ladies and family members drove in vehicles with our garden club logo on the side. Thanks to these two members for their time and dedication.

**Newsletter Chair:**  
**Pat Gabriel**

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## Chippewa Garden Club minds the Squire Rich herb garden in Brecksville: Sun Star-Courier Garden of the Week

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Mike Kezdi, Sun News



A sun dial is the centerpiece of the Squire Rich herb garden in Brecksville.

Editors note: With the warmer weather, Northeast Ohio residents come out of hibernation and many polish off their spades, hoes and hoses and head off to the local garden center for Miracle Gro, potting soil and this year's crop of tomatoes, petunias and other flora. As so many of our readers are also gardeners, the Sun-Star Courier has decided to highlight some of the gardens and the gardeners that plant them. This week we are highlighting a community garden.

The Chippewa Garden Club has maintained the Squire Rich Herb Garden since 1982. At that time it was primarily medicinal herbs that the pioneers settling in Brecksville would have used in the mid-1880's.

In 2003, the CGC recognized the need to refurbish the garden as a "new" pioneer garden.

In 2004, the CGC began excavating the old bed, with the help of the Cleveland Metroparks, and lined a new area with siltstone from the Cuyahoga River Valley. Because of the Metroparks' hard and careful work, the sun dial and a previously buried millstone became the focal point of the garden. The garden was fenced using decorative, scalloped pickets that indicate that Squire was an affluent citizen of Brecksville.

The new garden was planted in 2005 after extensive research that led club members to Lebanon Springs, N.Y., where the first Brecksville pioneers came from.

Through the arbor of Squire Rich, notice the hops growing on either side. But the club has no intention of becoming brewers, though many pioneers did.

The center of the garden is the sundial, surrounded by several thyme varieties. Moving counterclockwise along the path is the culinary garden, the tea garden and the fragrance garden. At the southwest corner, downwind of the fragrance garden, is a bench, dedicated to the club's past president, Karen Hostettler. Climbing on the trellis is "Henri" and behind the trellis is a native autumn blooming clematis.

The south bed is entirely devoted to medicinal herbs, which were critical to the pioneers. And on the eastern side there is a native flower garden.

For more information on the garden or the club visit [chippewagardenclub.net](http://chippewagardenclub.net) or call (440) 740-0018.

**Chippewa Garden Club Presents  
Sandra Apidone of Countryside Florist  
TV's Fox 8 Hotlist; Akron's #1 Florist  
A Fall Make It - Take It Workshop**

**Thursday July 22nd, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.  
Brecksville Community Center  
1 Community Drive, Brecksville, OH**

*Sandra Apidone, owner of Countryside Florist in Richfield, Ohio and graduate of Hixon's School of Floral Design will be the featured designer of a live birch based design. This design will be suitable as a door hanging, a table center piece or as wall art.*

*Sandra will guide attendees through the step-by-step construction of the fall design during the workshop. Attendees will be encouraged to put their own creative flair on the design and to bring dried materials from their own gardens to add to Sandra's provided supplies.*

*Reserve your enrollment to attend this creative and fun instructional class by returning the tear-off form below with your payment. All proceeds will benefit the Chippewa Garden Club community projects.*

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**Chippewa Garden Club Fall Design Make it-Take it  
Workshop Reservation**

**Thursday July 22nd, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclose your \$40.00 payment to reserve your enrollment and return to:**

**Lynne Evans**

**9455 Woodchip Lane**

**Broadview Heights, OH 44147**

**No later than Thursday, July 15.**

**Call Lynne Evans with any questions at 440-582-5578**