



“Open the gate,  
step into the Garden”

November/December 2010  
January 2011

### Upcoming Events

#### November

- Wednesday, November 3, GCO Holiday Luncheon. Contact Kathy Ziemba for more information.
- **Saturday, November 6, workshop cancelled.**
- Tuesday, November 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the Brecksville Community Center. Fundraiser: Decorating For Christmas Events In Your Home by Vince Dicillo.
- Tuesday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the Club Room. Budget Meeting.
- Sunday, November 21, at noon. Help decorate the planters on Route 21 in Brecksville for the holidays. Join the volunteers by the planters.

#### December

- Tuesday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. at the Brecksville Recreation Center, room C. Julia Cornue will present a program on Christmas greens. Please contact JoAnn Bartsch if you have holiday containers to donate. We will raffle the completed arrangements.
- **December 12, Installation dinner Rescheduled.**

## President Kathy Ziemba's Message

Dear Chippewa Garden Club Members,

Fall is here, and the color of the leaves are beautiful. Enjoy your Thanksgiving with your families, and remember, this is the best time. We are winding down the year, and there is lots to do. Our big fundraiser is November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Please sell those tickets, and don't forget to make your cookies and your auction item. Thank you in advance for all you do to make our club a success.

We have changed our Installation Luncheon to January 23, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. at the Brecksville Community Center. You will receive an invitation in the mail the beginning of January; please keep the date open. Remember to save those Acme Receipts.

Please, if you are going to re-join Garden Club next year please fill out the form that Judi Lakner has e-mailed to you. Just getting in the information early will help us have the year book ready for the Installation Luncheon, which replaces our January meeting; so everyone should come.

#### January, 2011

- Sunday, January 23, at 1:00 p.m. at the Brecksville Rec Center. Installation Luncheon for 2011 Officers and Annual Business Meeting.



I would like to take this time to tell you all what a good time I have had serving as your President for these past two years. The friendship I have with all of you is priceless. Congratulations to Pat Gabriel, your new President for 2011. I know Pat will do a wonderful job, and we all stand beside her. You go girl!!



Keep on digging!  
Kathy Ziemba

If you were not at the last meeting, your officers for the 2011 year are as follows:

President—Pat Gabriel  
Vice President—Lynne Evans  
Secretary—Debbie Schuckert  
Treasurer—Kathy Habib  
Finance—Kathy Ziemba  
Historian – Sharon Hemeyer

## Return of the Designing Women Part II

On September 28, garden club members and several guests enjoyed a flower design demonstration by Barb Shuh and Barbara Okleson, both of whom are flower show judges. Barb is a member of the Gates Mills Garden Club and on the board for Garden Clubs of Ohio, and Barbara is the executive secretary of Garden Club of Ohio, Inc.

Both are members of the Cleveland Flower Arrangers Guild.

Barb and Barbara discussed and demonstrated several design types including spatial thrust, the duo design, the stretch design, the reflective design, and the mono-botanic design. Most of the designs were arranged as functional tables, or exhibition tables types one and two. A functional table is arranged for the service of food. An exhibition table is a creative design which is not related to function. Exhibition Type one contains floral designs while type two must include some plant material but not a floral design.

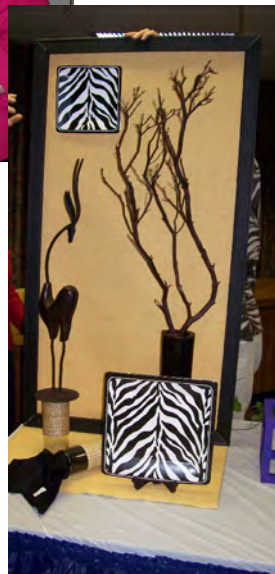
Miniature designs and questions and answers completed the presentation.

Thanks Barb and Barbara!



Barb Shuh and Barbara Okleson

Exhibition Table Type II



## Announcements Congratulations Lenore Siegman!

Lenore Siegman's brief for Arbor Day won a first place award with CAR, the Central Atlantic Region, and with that award comes a bonus of \$100.00.



## ACME Fund Raiser

Chippewa Garden Club is asking you to please SAVE ALL your

[ACME Grocery receipts](#)

Envelopes are available, & I will collect the receipts by January 15, 2011.

The garden club will receive a percentage back to help with [Community Projects](#) and [scholarships](#) for high school students in our area.

Thanks so much for your help,  
CHIPPEWA GARDEN CLUB  
Noreen Butano, 440-838-1186  
Chippewa Garden Club Member

## Budget Meeting

Our budget meeting will be at 7 p.m. at our club office. If you would like to come, please join us. If you have a committee or project for the new year, this is the time to tell us and ask for a dollar amount. The meeting is open to all.

## Installation Luncheon

When: January 23, 2011

Where: Brecksville Community Center

Time: 1:00 p.m. Lunch

Ladies, the luncheon this year will be in January so hopefully more people will attend because it is not during the Holiday season. This will be our January meeting. The price should be somewhere around \$19.00 to \$20.00.

You'll receive an invitation in the mail the beginning of January. See you there! Kathy Z.

## Garden Therapy

### Garden Club Offered Garden Style Therapy

*Brecksville Magazine, October 2010 v.21 no. 10 p. 24*  
by Tia Began

Chippewa Garden Club members spent part of a recent Saturday morning giving a talk to interested seniors about plants and flower arranging. The two plants featured were aloe (aloe vera) and sunflowers (helianthus). A group of residents of Pleasant View Nursing Care Center gathered for the session. First was a hands-on activity decorating the pot of an aloe plant, which the seniors could take their plant back to their rooms. The plant represents longevity and has a substance inside, which has been used for thousands of years to heal a variety of conditions, most notably burns, wounds, skin irritations, and constipation. Some of the seniors said that they already had some plants in their rooms and the aloes would be a fine addition. The bunch of sunflowers waiting in the wings took everyone's attention soon. How could they not with such a velvet brown and golden color? During the interesting facts about the sturdy plants, many recalled growing them. Senior Betty LaBoy said, "Sunflowers were always a part of my garden."

Other folks contributed some of their fond memories.

It helped for them to make a connection to the past, thus the therapy aspect. It also gave them something dimensional to view as stems were placed in a variety of vases.



*Pleasantview staffer Evelyn Krause (center) accepted flowers from Chippewa Garden Club members Lynne Evans (on the left) and Paula Kramer. The vases were displayed at nurses' stations for the residents to enjoy. Photo by T. Began*

### More Garden Therapy

Saturday, November 6, 10:00 a.m. at the Pleasantview Care Center, our Garden Club will present Tiny Tannenbaums, a program to prepare for the celebration of Christmas. Each participating resident will decorate their own tiny pine tree with holiday buttons and red berries. Any members who would like to assist residents in creating a holiday tree are welcome. Contact Lynne Evans at (440) 668-6128. Club members will also plant daffodils in the courtyard with funds provided by the Lee Forster (CGC President 1966) memorial.

## Holiday Show and Fundraiser

Please support our so important Holiday Show on Tuesday, November 9. As members you know that we use the money to provide community projects—scholarships, children's projects, educational opportunities, and so much more.

We ask that you take your Chinese raffle item to the Community Center before the doors open at 6:30. Not crafty? Neither am I. Michaels on Ridge Road and Pat Catans on Broadview Road have a nice selection of finished items for reasonable prices.

Our refreshment ladies, Margaret DeWolf and Judy Guinn, ask that you take your two dozen cookies on disposable plates. They'll be at the Center at 5:00. Doors close as the program starts at 7:00.

See you there.

## Schnormeier Gardens

By Kathy Habib

In June of this year, I had the opportunity to visit Schnormeier Gardens in Gambier, Ohio, about 2 hours south of Cleveland.

Although the gardens are private, they are opened to the public one weekend each year (or to groups by appointment throughout the year). In 2011, the gardens will be open June 4-5 from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. There is no fee.

The gardens, which were begun in 1996, were selected as one of the top ten favorite gardens in the world by Arthur Frommer's Budget Travel Magazine in May, 2008. The Asian-themed gardens consist of 75 acres with 10 lakes and dozens of sculptures.

The home on the property is Frank Lloyd-inspired but is not open to the public. There is a Japanese teahouse and a Japanese garden house.

The gardens are planted with rare and dwarf conifers from around the world. There is a 1-acre hosta garden and a quarry garden with 1,000 tons of limestone blocks planted with weeping trees and shrubs, as well as a water lily pond and a recreated mountain stream and waterfall.

When the Schnormeiers die, they will donate the property to Knox County, and it will become a public garden.

It is well worth the trip.

Check the website: [www.schnormeiergardens.org](http://www.schnormeiergardens.org).



Quarry garden at Schnormeier

## Butchart Gardens

By Kathy Habib

In August of 2010, I had the opportunity to visit Butchart Gardens on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. Vancouver Island is 3 hours from Seattle by ferry.

The gardens were begun in 1904 by Robert and Jennie Butchart in a limestone quarry. Robert Butchart became wealthy in the cement business.

There are 55 acres of gardens on the 130 acre estate, and it is still family-owned. The gardens have been designated a Nation Historic Site of Canada.



Italian garden at Butchart

There are hundreds of thousands of flowering bulbs, shrubs and trees. It is the most colorful garden that I have ever seen, with masses of mixed annuals. They change the beds for each season, and were beginning to plant the mum displays. We spent 7 hours in the gardens and stayed to see the fabulous fireworks display.

Among the theme gardens are a Japanese Garden, Mediterranean Garden, Rose Garden, Italian Garden with pond, Bog Garden, Dahlia Display, and the famous Sunken Garden with the Ross fountain in the old quarry.

They have a manned plant identification booth where you can ask questions about any of the plants.

## Let It Rot

Garden Club members and guests were again treated to an informative program on composting on Tuesday, October 26. CGC Vice President, Jo Ann Bartsch, defined composting as a biological reduction of organic waste to humus or, as we know it, compost.

Reasons for composting include helping to keep our earth healthy by keeping food scraps and yard waste out of landfills where they release toxic gases. In addition, composting improves the soil in our yards and saves us money as we reduce the need for chemical fertilizers and wood mulch.

Creating a structure for composting can be as easy as making a pile or creating a simple container out of snow fence or wooden pallets. More elaborate methods of composting include bins that rotate (for aeration) and a series of bins which facilitate aeration by moving the contents of one container to the next. Make piles at least three cubic feet but no more than five cubic feet.

The recipe for composting is simple. Air plus water plus carbon plus nitrogen equals compost. While carbon to nitrogen levels, referred to as the browns and the greens, should have a ratio of 15-40 carbon

to one nitrogen, it's more practical to think of adding two times more carbon than nitrogen. Greens include fresh grass which is untreated with chemical pesticides, weeds and clippings, fruit and vegetable scraps, eggshells, and coffee grounds.

Browns include dried leaves, sawdust, dried hay, wood chips, dried plant material, and shredded paper. Don't add metal, glass, dairy, fats, meat or seafood scraps, plastic, or roots of perennials.

Layer the browns and greens, making sure to chop or shred larger pieces. Periodically turn the pile over to aerate, and observe that the pile should get warm as it decomposes.

The finished compost should crumble, appear dark brown to black, smell earthy, have a neutral pH, and be neither too wet or too dry. Use it in the spring or fall on vegetable gardens, in perennial beds, and on lawns (spring).

For more complete information go to the OSU Extension Fact Sheet COM-0001-99

<http://ohioline.osu.edu/com-fact>

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