

Chippewa Garden Club Newsletter



Sixty Years and Still Growing

September/October 2009

Upcoming Events

September

- Tuesday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting in the Club Room.
- Friday, September 11, 10:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m. Flower Show Set-up at the Brecksville Community Center.
- Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13, Flower Show at the Brecksville Community Center.
- Thursday, September 17, GCO Lunch/Meeting at St. Michael's Hall in Broadview Hts.
- Tuesday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m. No program. Election of 2010 Officers. Brecksville City Hall Community Room

October

- Saturday, October 10, at 10:00 a.m. Garden therapy at the Pleasantview Nursing Home.
- Tuesday, October 13, at 7:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting in the Club Room.
- Tuesday, October 27, at 7:00 p.m. Program: "You're Invited To a Tea Party" by Paula Hershman and Business Meeting in the Brecksville City Hall Community Room.

Lost And Found

- One pair of gardening gloves left at the Plant Exchange at Jo Ann's house
- One earring found in the Club Room after the Hypertufa workshop.

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

Dear Chippewa Garden Club Members,

Summer is almost over, and soon fall colors will take over with falling leaves and pumpkins. I love that time, but it's too short before old man winter comes. I hope you're all ready for our Flower Show, "Thanks for the Memories." We will need your help with setting up and taking down. I think there are still a few openings left that have to be filled in the design part. I'm asking you all to save us even just an hour to help.

We will be starting at 10:00 a.m. on Friday September 11th at the Brecksville Community Center. Hope to see you there.

The Nominating Committee has submitted the 2010 slate of officers. We are looking for a Historian; so if you like to do scrap booking, you'll like this job. Please let me know at the August 25th meeting. If no one steps up, we will be calling. Our October 27th meeting will be a "Tea Party" given by our speaker Paula Hershman. She will show us many varieties of white, green, and black teas. She also will have teas and tea ware for sale.

I want to thank everyone for all you do, I know with family, work, and church projects we are all stretched to our limit. So, again, thank you all for that you do.

Keep on growing
Kathy Ziemba, President



"Thanks for the Memories A 60-year stroll through past CGC Flower Shows"

This newsletter should arrive in your e-mail box just before our Flower Show, September 12 and 13, 2009. By then one of two things will be happening: 1) we'll all be totally composed, completely assured that all the details of our staging, designs, and horticulture have been appropriately addressed, or 2) we'll be frantically racing around convincing our plants to be at peak bloom and our designs to come together just as we envisioned.

Want to bet there will be more of #2 than #1? Never mind....once the Flower Show is judged we can sit back on our laurels and enjoy the show. Please remember that it takes an entire Club to pull this off. Be generous with your volunteer time and come help Friday, Saturday, and Sunday! Please don't hesitate to call the Flower Show Co-chairs if you have any questions or just need some reassurance that yes, you can do this!

Jo Ann Bartsch and Lynne Evans,
Co Chairpersons, 2009 Flower Show

YOUTH GARDEN WORKSHOP SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2009

Saturday, July 11, two of our members educated fourteen youths from the surrounding communities on "how to plant a combination planter."

At the Squire Rich Museum's Herb Garden in Brecksville, Jo Ann Bartsch and Debbie Schuckert headed the group. They shopped for succulents and herbs and purchased quite a large variety from Quailcrest Farms in Wooster.

The students brought their 'toy' containers, anywhere from lunchboxes to a pink toy grocery cart to building blocks. They filled them with stone, mesh, potting soil, and then planted their selection of succulents and herbs. They were very interested in the shapes and colors of the plants and did their own choosing.

Each parent was given a Youth Division Information & Rules flyer in hopes that some of the students who attended would join in on the FIRST Youth Division in the Chippewa Garden Club's Standard Flower Show September 12 & 13, 2009, at the Brecksville Community Center.

Let's hope we get some of the fourteen attendees to our 1st YOUTH division at the Flower Show as they will be our 'future' CGC members.

Thanks Jo Ann and Debbie for a fine job !

Noreen Butano



Designing Women Our July 28th Program



Hostesses Judy Guinn and Aggie Goss

You can tell it's a Flower Show Year in Chippewa! Our July program was devoted to getting us prepared for the Design Division portion of our upcoming Flower Show "Thanks for the Memories."

Aggie Goss and Jo Ann Bartsch went over design "rules" and demonstrated the principles of design in multi-rhythmic designs. (One of the design types that will be in the show!) Jo Ann showed us how rhythm can be expressed both by the container, color, and the lines of the plant material. Aggie used a wonderful sculptured container and varied the plant material to demonstrate how multiple designs can be created with minimal effort!

We all then participated in a team judging of four designs brought in by members. We looked at all the judging parameters, focusing on the design principles, where the most points can be obtained. Aggie was heard to say afterwards "If these designs are an indication of what we can expect in the Flower Show, we're going to have a great show!"

The Designing Women enjoyed themselves so much that they are going to continue their "show" with another design type demonstration in an upcoming program. Stay tuned!

Jo Ann Bartsch

Stan Hywet House and Garden Tour

A dozen garden club members enjoyed the tour of Stan Hywet on Saturday, August 1. The grounds were lovely with wide sweeping lawns and an allee on either side of the house. Renovations closed the back patio as well as the Japanese garden. After the garden tour, members lunched on the patio outside the gift shop and then met for the house tour.



BRECKSVILLE'S 2nd Annual Garden Tour

HOT & HUMID in the mid-upper 90's --- that was the hottest day so far this year.... on Sunday, August 9, 2009 ! Many came out to do a self-guided tour of ten lovely residents' gardens in Brecksville.

We received an easy-to-follow guide with a map and description of each garden. I was able to visit eight of the ten gardens plus the Gazebo on Public Square, the gardens behind City Hall and at the Community Center, and the cemetery on Highland. Some gardens were planted for sun and some for shade....some took a couple of years, and some an ongoing project, said the residents.

Lucky for us when Robert & Jerry on Edgerton offered ice tea and some zucchini appetizers on their shaded patio. It was a pleasure to take a break, as our bottled water was now 80+ degrees in the air conditioned car.

Our last garden was at our very own CGC member, Mila Kallibjian and hubby Ara on Timber Trail. After recently arriving back from vacation, one could not tell, as the yard looked just marvelous !!! even they thought all the plants grew at least a foot !

Thank you again Brecksville's Beautification Committee for a fine TOUR!

Noreen Butano

Gardening Tips by Kathy Habib

September
Plant chrysanthemums.
Ripen green tomatoes out of the sun.
Prune broken or diseased branches now. Wait until trees and shrubs are dormant for other pruning needs.

October
Dig and store canna tubers after frost blackens leaves.
Dig gladiola corms when leaves turn yellow.
Leave foliage of mums and asparagus in place over winter.

Want AD

**Historian and Program
Chair needed for 2010.**

**Please call Judi Lakner
or Kathy Ziemba.**

Exhibiting Horticultural Specimens in a Standard Flower Show

At our August meeting, Kathy Habib and Jo Ann Bartsch delivered a presentation designed to inform us on how to submit our horticultural entries for the September Flower Show. Using live examples, they demonstrated how to exhibit both potted and cut specimens. Throughout the presentation, they answered the many questions which members had. Following is the information from their handout.

Flower show exhibits are divided into "Design" and "Horticulture". Horticulture is divided into "Cut Specimens" and "Potted Specimens". Exhibitors must fill out exhibit cards and use the correct botanical name for

both potted and cut specimens. Use permanent ink pens. All cut specimens must be grown by the exhibitor. Faded leaves or flowers should be removed. No artificial coloring or plant shine, or evidence of pests is allowed. Garden club provides the bottles for displaying cut specimens.

Cut specimens may also be entered as a "Collection". This is a set of 5 or more related plant cuttings. Members must provide their own bottles when entering a collection. It is suggested that these bottles be clear and identical. Members must number the bottles and provide an index card with those numbers along with the names of the corresponding cut specimens.

Container grown plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession at least 90 days.

Combination plantings must have been in the exhibitor's possession at least 6 weeks. Pots should be clean and plants free of pests. Remove or trim browned or damaged leaves. Remove faded flowers.

Botanical names consist of "genus" and "species" names.

The genus name is a category and is always capitalized. A species is a descriptive term and is in lower case. When printing genus and species names, they are italicized (*Acer rubrum*). Because we cannot italicize when we write, the botanical name is underlined (Acer rubrum).

When the species name is unknown, substitute sp. (*Acer sp.*)

Acer is the category of maple, while *rubrum* is the Latin word for red. Thus, this is the botanical name for red maple.



Kathy Habib Demonstrating How To Exhibit Horticultural Specimens

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Thanks to everyone
who sends me photos.**

2009 Holiday Show

The title for our 2009 Holiday Show is "Holiday Designs On a Budget," and Kathy Carson and Sue Bernhard from the Lowe's Greenhouse and Gift Shop in Chagrin Falls will present designs for Thanksgiving and Christmas, from table to door, as well as outside pots. Additionally, they will show us how to reuse some of the pieces from each holiday. Kathy has been at the Gift Shop for twelve years and Sue for twenty years. Loewe's Greenhouse has served the Chagrin Valley area since 1926 and provides florist and landscape services, a garden center, nursery, and greenhouse production as well as distinctive home and garden accents. Both ladies conduct seminars and classes.



Please start thinking what decoration you can make to donate for the Chinese Raffle. This is always such a fine event, and remember how our profits go to worthy Community Service Projects throughout the year.