

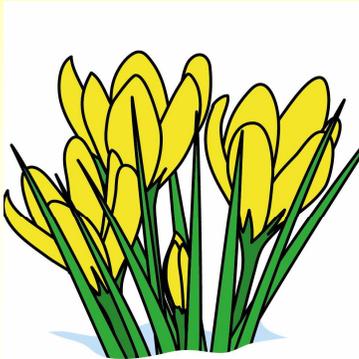
Next Meeting

April 10

6:30PM Twinsburg Community Center

Upcycling - Ideas for Your Garden

Nancy King & Karen Fullerman will give a talk on upcycling for garden projects. They will demonstrate how to make a garden globe and then members will make their own.



Daffodils are truly the signature that the sun is warmer, robins are returning, and the dormant garden is springing back to life. When choosing narcissus for your garden, consider some of the smaller, sweetly scented narcissus. N. minor is only 6 inches high. N. poeticus has extremely fragrant flowers with wavy edges rimmed in red. There exists such a wide array of sizes and shapes to choose from that you can have them blooming from early April through early June.



Happy Birthday!

Marge Roberts - April 3

Lynn Sterling April 9

Marie Piller - April 21

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Last Month's Meeting:

The beautiful club books were handed out along with membership cards for GCO and Akron District Forum.



Project Updates:

Plant Sale: Marianne got the use of the "barn" again

Rose is looking for vertical shelves to relieve overcrowding

We may add lights to the inside or maybe an awning

We will have a native plant section—email Rose as to what you have

Yearbook / Handbook: Judy explained why we get it in March

Please advise her of corrections or additions

She has been doing this since 2004! Fabulous job!

Habitat for Humanity: We will participate in providing gardens for two houses

Sue told us about the Habitat for Humanity program and the participants

Letters will be sent to local garden centers asking for donations

Cookbook: Need recipes for appetizers, side dishes, vegetables and soups

Need artists to help with design and illustrations

Tour of Homes: The date is June 28th—rain date is June 29th

We still need 5-6 homes—make suggestions

Refreshments will be served at the Herb Garden—cookies will be needed

Community Garden: We have a 20; plot and can use Madelon's plot too

Madelon will get the flyers to the schools early to get kids involved

Other News:

Marlene has volunteered to host our August picnic.

Virginia will be making welcome bags for the new members—8 since January.

Garden club shirts are for sale—please order if you need one

Jean suggested that fund raising ideas be sent to her

Garden Tour— recommend houses!

Presentation:

Favorite Vegetables given by Rudy Moyer

Hostesses:

Jean Myers & Rita Gabrovsek



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New Member Spotlight—Welcome!

Connie Solomon is a Macedonia resident and has been gardening almost all her life, although she's been taking it a little easier in recent years. She was a Charter member of the Pioneer Garden Club in Solon in the early 70's. She loves going to garden centers and says she "feels like a kid in a candy store" and wants one of everything. Connie said she loves color in the garden all year round, and I hope she has some hints and plant ideas to share with us. She's looking forward to getting to know everyone and learning and growing with TGC.

Lisa Doty comes from Northfield, and should look familiar to those who work the plant sale. Lisa is the Troop Leader of the Girl Scouts who have helped at the sale the last two years. Lisa, the girls are polite and friendly, so you are doing a great job with them! She is interested in learning about perennials, annuals, vegetables, propagation, and container gardening. She says she loves to learn, and I know our club members share knowledge freely. Other areas of interest are bee keeping and natural remedies using herbs and other plants. These are great suggestions for topics for future meeting presentations. Lisa says she is glad she finally has time to join the club, and we are too!

Garden Tips

Use chamomile tea to control damping-off fungus, which often attacks young seedlings. Just add a spot of tea to the soil around the base of seedlings once a week or use it as a foliar spray

Turn a long-handled tool into a measuring stick! Lay a long-handled garden tool on the ground, and next to it place a tape measure. Using a permanent marker, write inch and foot marks on the handle.

Reminders

We will be collecting items for the Gift Baskets for the raffle at the Plant Sale.

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Upcoming Events

Changing Seasons, Changing Self

April 10 10:00 AM

Sheraton Suites Hotel: 1989 Front St. in Cuyahoga Falls

Joint meeting of the Garden Forum of Greater Akron and the Garden Club of Ohio. The program will be presented by Mary Lou Smith, accredited flower show judge.

On the Upland Trail

April 11 6:00 PM

Dodge School Parking Lot at the Center Valley Park Bike Path

Skunk Cabbage and Marsh Marigolds make for some beautiful views from this trail. Eagle Scout projects created this popular trail in Center Valley Park and if the weather cooperates, it's a great place to view springtime's beginnings.

Early Wildflowers

April 13 3:30 PM

HH/Main Entrance: 2925 Akron-Peninsula Rd. Akron

Join Naturalist Meghan Doran for a gentle walk on moderate terrain to view the wildflowers that are already making their debut.

Spring Bird Walk

April 19 and April 26 8:00 AM

Liberty Park, Twinsburg Ledges

New and experienced birdwatchers join a naturalist on Saturday mornings through May 17 for spring bird walks in Liberty Park. We will alternate each week between the Twinsburg Ledges and Pond Brook areas. Binoculars are recommended.

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More Upcoming Events

Wildflower Hike

April 19 10:00 AM and April 26 6:00 PM

Cascade Valley South/Oxbow (4/19) and Liberty Park (4/26)

Join Metropark naturalists to search for wildflowers and discover plant uses

Audubon's Birthday Walk

April 26 4:00 PM

Pond Brook parking area, Rt. 82 between Twinsburg and Aurora

This is a date of John James Audubon's birthday, so we'll celebrate this famous artist's day by seeking migrating birds on Buttonbush Trail. Expect amphibian singers as well, if the day meets their temperature demands.

Cleveland Metroparks Over Time

May 3 7:30 PM

Look About Lodge — South Chagrin Reservation

How the park has changed since 1917.

Amphibian Night on the Bike Path

May 9 and May 23 9:00 PM

Dodge School Parking Lot

Bring your flashlights and cameras as we seek the webbed-wonders along the bike path of Center Valley Park. A very popular activity, fun whether raining or dry.

Stroller kids can enjoy this one too

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Butterflies

More than 140 different kinds of butterflies have been recorded in Ohio. More than two dozen species, ranging in size from the tiny blue spring azure to the magnificent monarch and tiger swallowtail are common across the state. If you want to attract wildlife to your property, start with butterflies!

Nectar Sources

Nectar producing flowers with multiple florets and broad petals provide convenient landing pads where butterflies can rest and sip nectar. Plan your gardens so nectar is available from spring through fall. Cultivated annuals and perennials as well as native wild flowers offer a variety of planting options. Some flowers that attract butterflies:

Purple coneflower	Phlox	Ironweed	Butterfly milkweed
Butterfly bush	Zinnia	Cosmos	New England aster
Anise hyssop	Lilac	Goldenrod	Mexican sunflower

Host Plants

Caterpillars are butterflies too! Many caterpillars are fussy eaters; some rely on only one or two plant species as a food source. Others, such as the red-spotted purple, will feed on a variety of deciduous trees. You may already have host plants and not realize it. The following list shows some common butterflies and their host plants.

Monarch.....	Milkweeds
Black swallowtail.....	Parsley family (dill, parsley, carrot)
Great spangles fritillary.....	Violets
Silver-spotted skipper.....	Black locust
Spring azure.....	Dogwood, viburnum

Other Ways to Attract Butterflies

Butterflies are sun lovers. They use the sun to navigate and raise their body temperatures so they can fly. Most lay their eggs on plants that grow in full sun. The more sun your butterfly garden gets, the more butterflies you will see. Provide a spot sheltered from gusty winds and you're likely to see even more butterflies. Butterflies drink water but most is sipped from damp soil rather than deep puddles. You can offer a shallow dish of damp sand as a water source. Occasionally, you may see many butterflies gathered around a shallow wet spot, a behavior known as puddling. These butterflies are not drinking water: most are males gathering extra nutrients such as sodium. Pesticides kill butterflies. Some pesticides kill every insect that comes into contact with them. Remember, Plants generally tolerate more leaf damage than gardeners do.

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