



Next Meeting May 12

Richard Haury will present "Suncrest Gardens—a Company Story". This presentation will show how a small Mom and Pop operation became the full service Landscape Development, Management and Garden Center it is today.

Hope everyone had a very Happy Mothers' Day!

Happy Birthday!

Beverlee Helser—May 3
Geni Spera - May 6
Lynn Wyse - May 9
Darlene McArthur—May 15
Lynn & Jim Nargang—May 16
Virginia Schmidt - May 23
Melani Nance - May 25



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Last Month's Meeting Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 on April 14, 2016 at Christ the King Lutheran Church and adjourned at 7:34.

- Guest Michael Toth was welcomed.
- Rose S., chair of Plant Sale, presented information needed by members for the sale. New things this year are
 - There will be no member presale the morning of the sale. Members may preorder by April 22.
 - There will be a greater variety of plants this year.
 - "Gimme Five!" Each member is requested to donate five plants in four-inch pots to the sale. Proceeds from the sale of member-donated plants are all profit for the club. With purchased plants, our profit margin is small. Plant drop-off is Thursday, May 5, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
 - Ada P. has many plants to donate. She needs help to ready them for the sale. A "Dig and Pot" party will be held at Ada's on Wednesday, April 20 from 4:30 until done. All are invited. Dress for the weather.
- Rose reviewed the procedures for the day of the sale, describing sequence and responsibilities of various positions.
- Any member who wishes to preorder must send order form with payment to Virginia S. by Friday, April 22.
- Valerie W. recapped minutes of the March 2016 meeting.
- Sue D. gave the treasurer's report for Virginia S., who is in Italy. The checkbook balance is \$6,362.88. There was no income in March. Expenses were for library books, GCO registration for Sue, and historian and yearbook costs.
- Denise read a note of thanks from the Twinsburg Public Library librarian for the garden related books that TGC gave to the library. There is a display of those books in the library now.
- Karen C. gave an update on the scholarship. She has heard from the student recipient of 2013. He is having many successes in college and has great plans for a career in environmental conservation. We are waiting to hear from others. Once the application deadline is past, the scholarship committee will determine if the scholarship will be given this year and if a past recipient will receive a smaller amount to support their studies at this time.

New business

- Sue D. updated us on Karen Murphy's status. Karen had a bad fall that fractured some bones in her neck. She is in a neck brace now; she may not need surgery. Sue passed on Karen's thanks for cards and notes she has received. Members may help get Karen's garden ready for summer on April 23 at 9:30 a.m. (2561 Ashdale Dr., Twinsburg).
- Sue D. reviewed results of the Garden Clubs of Ohio awards given to clubs from all over the state. TGC won thirteen awards, including first place for a large club.
- Sue shared other notes of thanks from Karen C., Marge P. who is no longer able attend meetings, and from the Nature Conservancy for the TGC donation. Marlene thanked everyone for cards well wishes for her surgery. The new knees are working well!

Future Field Trips

- Ada P. described the July trip to Draime Estate.
- Mary G. distributed a list of field trips. Members should let Mary know which trips are of interest to them.
- A bus trip to the Toledo Botanical Garden and Schadel Aboretum was discussed. There will be two bus pick-up locations. More details will be emailed.
- Marlene H. is District Director for Garden Clubs of Ohio and a TGC member. She spoke about three of the awards, including a first place for our 2015 Flower Show. There will be a GCO district meeting at the Twinsburg Public Library on April 27. Let Marlene know by April 19 if you plan to attend

Presentation:

Denny (D.J. Reiser), travel and nature photographer, presented the evening's program.

Hostesses:

Ada Pollack and Beverlee Helser

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Other News

Club members potted up about 150 "extra" plants from Karen and Steve Murphy's yard while they were cleaning up and "organizing" the beds. Thanks go out to Ada Pollock, Carol Buczek, Denise Herman, Jean Myers, Judy Aplis, Lynn and Jim Nargang, Naomi Stutzman, Pat and Larry Miller, Rose Skipper, Sue Davis and Violet Barbosa. Special thanks to Ada and Naomi for organizing the clean-up. Karen and Steve appreciated all the help!



Special thanks to all of our Members who went to Ada's on April 20th and 21st. Many, many plants were dug up and transplanted. At the end of the second day, her yard looked like a mini garden center. Ada and her friend, Betty, donated a tremendous number of plants and their contributions will bring a great deal of money to the sale. Thank you, Ada!

Thanks to Rita and those who spent some time in the herb garden on April 23rd. They cleaned up the garden and transplanted about 50 plants for the sale. Great job, Rita.

Scholarships

Twinsburg Garden Club is proud to announce our 2016 Twinsburg High School \$1,000.00 Scholarship. This year's recipient is Simran Gill. Simi has been involved in the Twinsburg Interact Club, a youth services organization under the auspices of the Twinsburg Rotary Club. She is a member of the Twinsburg High School Environmental Club and the Teen Rep. for the Twinsburg Environmental Commission. It is our hope that Simi continues with her interests in the environment and obtains her goal in the medical field.

Alexander Horvath is a past recipient of a Twinsburg Garden Club scholarship. He is a junior at Ohio University and is majoring in Marine Freshwater and Environmental Biology. He has a 3.85 GPA and tutors in various biology and chemistry courses. He volunteers at Raccoon Creek Partnership, studying acid mine drainage. Alexander was awarded an additional \$500.00. Congratulations Alexander!

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Upcoming Events

Plant Discovery Day

May 14 9:00—12:00 Noon

Seacrest Arboretum

A premier plant and art sale featuring hard-to-find annuals and perennials, herbs, woody plants and art for the home and landscape. Children will enjoy the Bug Zoo and free tomato plant. Parking and admission are free.

Lake Shore Garden Club Flower Show

May 20-21

Henn Mansion in Euclid "Cleveland-Opoly"

See the beautiful flower arrangements and horticultural specimens.

Leaf & Blossom Garden Club Plant Sale

May 21

Lapidary Club in Cuyahoga Falls

Come and stock up!

Right Rose, Right Place

May 25 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Geauga County OSU Extension, Burton Fairgrounds

Peter Schneider will hold a class on growing roses in this area. His book and rose plants will be available for purchase. The cost of the class is \$15. Call 440-834-4656 to register.

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Don't Core Aerate in the Spring

While core aerating can be good, in the spring it can cause more problems than it's worth. Specifically, all the cores you bring up (the plugs of dirt) contain weed seeds. In the fall, this isn't a big deal because weeds aren't germinating. But in the spring, weeds just can't wait to sprout and all those cores you pulled out will soon turn into new weeds!

Build Bluebirds a Home

Bluebirds can be very helpful to your lawn because they eat ground dwelling insects and provide natural grub control. Grassy areas (like your lawn) are perfect environments for bluebirds. They do best in a pesticide and herbicide free habit.

Sadly the number of bluebirds has declined because of deforestation, removal of old trees and invasive species — all of which reduce natural nesting cavities. The volunteer Bluebird Project at the Holden Arboretum is working to bring the number of bluebirds back up.

Bluebird boxes are quick and easy to build. They can be built from cedar which is naturally weather and insect resistant. Boxes should be free of any toxic paint or caulk and well ventilated for hot summer months. Crosshatched foot holds on the inside help fledglings climb out. You can help the bluebirds (and your lawn) by giving the birds a home. Here's a helpful link from the North American Bluebird Society that tells you how easy it is to get started: <http://www.nabluebirdsociety.org/nestboxes/nestboxplans.htm>. Here is a link about bluebird box care: <https://www.bluebirdnews.com/nest-box-guide.htm>.



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