

**GARDEN CLUB OF OHIO (GCO)
Information**
**ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES SCHOOL
COURSE TWO, SERIES TWO
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
August 6, 7 and 8, 2008
Presented by
THE GARDEN CLUB OF OHIO, INC.**

To be held on the campus of The Ohio State University AGRICULTURE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, 1901 Apple Orchard Drive, Wooster, Ohio. Cost \$120.00 and includes two lunches, coffee breaks and Continental Breakfast.

For information and brochure, please contact Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich, Chairperson, 330.630.9625; email: mafr43@hotmail.com

A PLEA FOR MATERIAL

The Sun Dial Editor would like to have some input from garden clubs about their activities. Share your events with others. Send in a typed or clearly printed copy of the information to:

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2182 Graham Rd. Stow, OH 44224
330-688-3019

Deadline for copy is the third Thursday of each month prior to the event.

GARDENING TIDBITS

--from *backyard living* June/July 2008

Scent-astic Flowers

Summer Phlox
Phlox paniculata

Flowering Tobacco
Nicotiana glauca

Honeysuckle
Lonicera

Rose
Rosa species and cultivars

Sweet Pea
Lathyrus odoratus

Pinks
Dianthus

Oriental Lily
Lilium hybrids

Lavendar
Lavandula angustifolia

Gardenia
Gardenia jasminoides

Small-Space Perennials

Bergenia
Bergenia cordifolia

Blue Fescue
Festuca glauca

Dwarf Iris
Iris reticulata

Hellebore
Helleborus spp.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

Gardening is in full swing for the summer of 2008. We've just finished a truly outstanding spring. Although we did have a late frost at the end of May, all of the flowering trees and shrubs have had the best bloom seen in years. Even the magnolias came out in full glory-not a brown-blossomed tree anywhere in sight. The rhododendrons were covered in deep shades of pink, and the Kousa dogwoods that so many have planted in recent years, are rounding out the season. My purple iris, 'Ceasar's Brother' is welcoming visitors at the end of the driveway.

Asparagus season is wrapping up for me, and we are fortunate to have an abundance of lettuce and radishes. Do you ever plant the heirloom 'Black-Seeded Simpson'? It's slow to bolt, even in the ninety degree weather we've had after the late frost. A lovely lime green, with wavy leaves, it's pretty enough to use in a bouquet and quite flavorful. Lettuce does well in containers and Pro-Mix sells an organic potting mix especially for vegetables, which is available at most of the local nurseries. Are you growing any vegetables this season? The public is returning to thoughts of victory gardens in the wake of ruinous gas prices and the resulting escalation of cost at the grocery store.

It's not too late to put in a crop-green beans love the heated soils of June. Pick up a few zucchini plants that are probably now on sale at the garden centers.

Fall crop planting doesn't start until late July. How about vitamin-rich collards or a few turnips for winter soups? We have something to eat from the garden starting in May and running through October. At least it makes you feel as if you are doing something to combat a difficult economy.

Our flower show is coming up next month. "The Earth is Our Garden" needs your help! We have arrangement categories to fill and we need your horticulture. Our goal is to get 100 per cent participation. We would like at least one horticulture and/or design entry from each club. Everyone has something to offer-houseplants, herbs, single-specimen flowers, even vegetables in containers. I have added a vegetable container category to the show schedule-a single vegetable, multiple vegetable plants of one type, or multiple vegetables of more than one type. There is no restriction on the size of vegetable containers-if you can get it there, it doesn't matter how big it is!

For those who don't want to carry in a lot to the Cuyahoga Falls Library, consider doing a miniature arrangement. There are 5" and 8" categories. Any questions, call me at 330-630-9625.

We'd like to go for national and state awards and we need your support. Let's make this the best show ever.

Your President,
Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich

2008 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The following is a list of events and programs for the year held at 10:00 am:

June 12 – Design Program Workshop – Deanna Stearns

July 10– Flower Show – Cuyahoga Falls Library

August 14 – *Butterflies* – Letti Adams



July - STANDARD FLOWER SHOW!!!

SPECIMEN'S AND EXHIBITS FOR AUGUST

The design topics are the same for both large and petite designs. ALL designs are 'Designer's Choice':

- A) Sizzlin' Hot
- B) Jubilee!
- C) Cosmopolitan Flair

The large designs should have a background. Use the 36x24x12 winged backgrounds used by school kids, the petite designs should be 8 inches or less.

Horticulture will be:

- A) Annuals
- B) Perennials
- C) Bulbs, Corms & Tubers
- D) Trees & Shrubs

The flowering plant must be in flower at the meeting.

HOSTESS REPORT - April

Executive Board Members	13
Club Representatives	11
Club Members	7
Individual Members	6
Guests	3
TOTAL	40



SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Contributions to our Hardesty-Peelman Scholarship Fund are very slow in arriving. Has your group donated this year? Hopefully, you all had the opportunity to meet our 2008 awardee, Laura Franz, at the June meeting

Appreciation is expressed to the following for their continued financial support:

Akron Garden Club

Leaf and Blossom Garden Club

Northampton Hill and Vale Garden Club

Richfield Garden Club

Also, please remember to bring in your unwanted items for our silent auction table. We all know that "one woman's trash is another woman's treasure."

UPCOMING CLUBS' PROGRAMS

Bath Alpha Garden Club

June 20, 2008 – Salad Luncheon, 12:00, Montrose Zion United Methodist Church; Dr. Laura Deeter will talk about *Bringing Your Perennials Up Right*.

Hudson Home and Garden Tour

June 19-20-21 – 10:00 am to 5 pm daily
Presale tickets \$15 and are available at Acme and The Learned Owl Bookshop.

Twinsburg Garden Club Garden Tour

June 21 – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Presale tickets can be purchased at Richner Hardware or by calling Marianne Pieramici at 330.425.7166.

THINGS TO DO.....

Midland Hosta Society Annual Bus Trip on Saturday, July 19 – You will visit three member gardens, a nonprofit horticultural park, a unique lunch/shopping experience in Medina and one of the largest retail indoor gift/greenhouses in NE Ohio! If you're interested, please call Priscilla at 330.645.1740.

Midland Hosta Society Hosta Extravaganza 2008 14th Annual Show of Hosta Leaves – Saturday, June 21, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm – Kent State University

Master Gardeners of Summit County 8th Annual Tour of Gardens on Saturday, June 28 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Self-guided tour of Summit Counties' best gardens located in the Richfield, Bath and Copley areas. Tickets cost \$15 and must be purchased in advance. For additional information, contact Rita Chambers, Chair at reet442@yahoo.com.

From the Flower Bench of Tami Custer located at 4088 S. Sunrise Blvd., Mogadore, Ohio 44260; email: tammb02@yahoo.com, 330.687.9829.
Upcoming programs:

July 15 – Summer Harvest – Fresh and dried flowers – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Quirk Center

ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

June/July Tip: Here are a few tips provided by the **MetroParks** serving Summit County (via Pat McRowe):

Going Green

- Drive a vehicle that gets 30 MPG or better
- Lower your thermostat by two degrees to save energy
- Compost kitchen and yard waste
- Use reusable drink and storage containers instead of paper or plastic disposable
- Use recaptured rain water to water household or landscape plants.
- Only use organic fertilizers on my lawn.
- Recycle hazardous waste materials in an environmentally sustainable way
- Reuse paper products, including printing double sided from my computer at home and work.