

# OUR GARDEN PATHS

## Horticulturist Deborah Davis Speaks at Twinsburg Garden Club, April 10

Deborah Davis, former horticulturalist with Sea World of Ohio, will present a program on "Container Gardening" for the Twinsburg Garden Club on April 10. Her presentation at the Twinsburg Senior Center is free and open to residents in Twinsburg and the neighboring communities. The monthly meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Davis' presentation begins at 7 p.m.



The popularity of container gardening continues to grow for many reasons. It is especially great if you have a small porch, patio or even just the steps leading in to your home. Container gardens are also portable and can be rearranged or moved to different locations. They are also wonderful combined with existing garden beds for

accent or color.

Deborah Davis has an eye for gardening color, form and movement that is simply unmatched in the Midwest. She will talk about the many advantages of container gardening and will demonstrate how to plant a container garden. Davis will also discuss how to select plants, design principles and maintenance from soil, fertilizer and watering.

Formally educated as a fine arts teacher, Davis works for Daisy Hill Greenhouses in Hunting Valley where she is able to combine her love for art and her passion for gardening. Her vast experience was gained not only from retail garden centers and greenhouses, but also from an impressive five years of service as the head horticulturist for the Columbus Zoological Gardens and 19 years as the horticulturist for the former Sea World of Ohio.

## Insect Pests Are Eating and Damaging Tree Foliage

Bagworms, insect pests that can cause serious defoliation of plants, have been found in a number of tree species within the City of Twinsburg. Twinsburg's Beautification Commission and Tree Board, chaired by Catherine Tyler, is launching a public service campaign this spring to make everyone aware of the problem and what can be done to prevent serious defoliation of trees and evergreen plants.



Jason Knowles, Twinsburg's consulting municipal forester, said, "The most heavily impacted areas surveyed are in pockets of trees, including locust trees at the U.S. Post Office and CVS on Route 91.

Bagworms are the caterpillar stages of moths. They are a little tricky to identify

because they are camouflaged by silk bags constructed from bits of foliage and debris from whatever plant the caterpillars choose. As the caterpillars grow, the cone-shaped bags enlarge throughout the summer and can reach a length of one to two inches. Infestation often goes unnoticed because the protective bags are mistaken for pine cones or other plant structures. "Once you know what to look for, they are easy to spot," Knowles said.

The easiest way to control bagworms is to handpick or clip off the bags from fall through spring and destroy them in soapy water or seal them in plastic.

When manual removal is not practical, insecticides (biorational materials) should be applied soon after the eggs have hatched in the spring. A second application may be necessary for heavy infestations.

## Twinsburg's Stanley Stine Speaks at Akron Forum, April 10

Make April 10 your *Garden Day!* Hear Twinsburg naturalist Stanley Stine in the morning at the Garden Forum of Greater Akron and Deborah Davis in the evening at the Twinsburg Garden Club.

Our naturalist will talk about the changing ethics of being a city naturalist and how to teach the public about growing weeds in an almost formal garden.

Also check out his monthly nature passages at [mytwinsburg.com](http://mytwinsburg.com). Once at the site go to the site map and click on Stone House and then current or archived passages. They are eloquently written.

### Handbook Corrections

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