

# OUR GARDEN PATHS

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## ROSES 101

March 11th at 6:30 pm

*OSU Summit County Master Gardener Joan Gangle lives in Copley and is a certified rosarian who grows over a hundred different kinds of roses. She will cover soil amendment, diseases and the best roses to grow in Northern Ohio.*

### Seeds of Friendship

Garden Club of Ohio is collecting seeds again this year to be sent to Rwanda.

Please bring in only the following seeds:

Vegetables: Green Cabbage, Tomatoes, Carrots, Bush Green Beans, Green Peppers, Onions.

Flowers: Cosmos and Zinnias-all colors. The Rwandan women like to plant these flowers around their vegetable gardens.

Deadline for seeds is May 1st.

### Plant Sale

We are collecting items for the gift baskets to be raffled off at the plant sale.

Suggestions:

Garden gloves, hand tools, rose and foliage spray, fertilizer (all kinds), garden hand lotion, scented herbal soaps, garden/floral note cards, windsocks or welcome flags.

Please donate for the plant sale any small to medium ceramic pots you no longer need or garden books in good sellable condition



“THE FRAGRANCE ALWAYS  
REMAINS IN THE HAND THAT  
GIVES THE ROSE”. *Chinese proverb*



**March Birthday:**

**Laura Thomas 10th**



## Volunteer Opportunities Still Available

Membership—Ada needs a helper

Historian

Holiday Party Chairman

Education Committee

*Please sign-up with any board member.*

## Upcoming Events

Forum of Greater Akron Meeting

**Cooking with Herbs**

3/11/10—Noon

Stan Hywet Carriage House

GCO Convention—**Cincinnati**

April 13,14

See Garden Greetings for details.

Nordonia Hill Garden Club Meeting

**March 17—6:30pm**

Northfield Town Center

GCO Spring District Meeting

**Tuesday—April 27**

Location to be announced

**I don't know whether nice people tend to grow roses  
or growing roses makes people nice.**

- Roland A Beowne

## **GROW YOUR OWN GINGER ROOT**

Ginger root is sold in a clump. These are sometimes technically referred to as hand. You will need to choose a hand that has as many fingers as possible. You can notice the fingers in the picture provided. In order to reach the desired number of plants, cut or break the fingers off the main and allow any cut or broken surface to dry.

Planting is not difficult just choose a pot that's has a diameter twice the size as the length of the root you are about to plant. The pot should be filled until it is three-quarters full of potting soil. Just position the small root pieces on the soil surface and don't cover but water well. Ginger root will be okay during dry periods but to maintain even growth you should keep the pot damp at all times. The pot must be placed in an area that will remain warm but it need not be a sunny spot. The ginger root at this stage will grow better without direct light from the sun.

The amazing growth of the ginger is really enhanced by starting indoors in the late winter. One root, believe it or not, will produce the amount by the time you reach the fall season. You will only get this long growing season by first starting it inside and then moving it to the garden in the late spring. You should choose an area with loose, rich soil and continue to water regularly. There are very few pests or diseases to concern yourself with so this will put your mind at ease. The ginger root may produce yellowish flowers at the base of the stems.

Taking good care of the ginger root will result in a plant two to four feet tall having very narrow but glossy green leaves about a foot long. The roots maybe harvested at any point but it is best to wait three to four months before harvesting. The ginger roots will be easily visible at the surface so just trim off small sections whenever you so desire allowing the rest of the plant to continue its growth. There are many recipes for ginger. You may find many of these on the internet.

So enjoy and **HAPPY GARDENING**