

Celebrating over 51 Years of Service to the Community

TWINSBURG
GARDEN CLUB

March 2015

Meetings are held the 2nd
Thursday of each month at
the Center on the Square,
6:30 pm Sharp

OUR GARDEN PATHS

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Next Meeting March 12 with Melissa O'Grady

Melissa will be speaking about the
Healing Garden and Labyrinth at
University Hospital's Seidman
Cancer Center.

REMINDER: Our March meeting will be held at our new location —
Center on the Square, 9833 Ravenna Road off Richner Court. Parking
and the entrance are both in the rear of the building.

Welcome to Our Newest Member

Adelle Nykjaza

Happy Birthday!

March 18- Jean Myers



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February Meeting Notes

New Ideas:

Sue shared ideas for how the TGC can contribute to impact the seniors.
Marlene suggested we have a Front Door Contest with a simple award

Scrapbook:

Ada has updated the scrapbook and it was passed around for all to see.

Cost of Freedom Event:

The Cost of Freedom tribute was discussed. The event will be held from July 1- 5.
The exhibit is open 24 hours. Volunteers are needed for setup and teardown. Anyone interested in participating should contact Virginia Schmidt, Sue Davis or Karen Fullerman. Sue decided on having plant inserts for the display planters and later selling the plants and donating the money back to the V.F.W.

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting in March will be held at the new location on Richner Court Road. Our club materials will be moved from the Community Center to the new location.

New Project:

A new project was introduced by Karen Fullerman to help the Cosmos and Damian Food Pantry throughout the entire year. It supports local residents in Twinsburg and Reminderville. Donations can be brought to the Church or to our meetings.

Flower Show:

The Flower Show theme this year will be Garden Party. Details will follow at future meetings. The June meeting will be on design for the flower show.

Field Trips:

Kaye discussed plans for field trips and a list was passed around for anyone who is interested in signing up.

Seeds of Friendship:

The Seeds of Friendship program was explained by Karen Fullerman.

Hostesses: Judy Frohman and Marie Pillar

Program: Presented by Twinsburg Naturalist Stanley Stine.



*Photos by
Victoria
Fliegel*

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Upcoming Events

Garden Club of Ohio State Convention March 31 - April 1, 2015

Deer Creek State Park and Convention Center (One half hour south of Columbus)

All TGC members are also members of the Ohio State Garden Club. Our club will be applying for several awards at this event. Last year we won an award for the most outstanding yearbook and a first place for our Blue Star Marker. This year we should again win several awards and hopefully an award for Outstanding Garden Club in the state award category. There will also be a Standard Flower Show. We have not received lodging information yet.

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Perkins Garden Wildflower Rescue Workshop: Green Guardians Needed Cleveland Museum of Natural History March 25, 2015 6 to 8 pm

Registration for workshop at: <https://www.cmnh.org/event?id=8212>

Instructors: Judy Semroc, Stanley Stine, Garrett Ormiston and Renee Boronka

In just a few short months, all of the plants in the Perkins Wildlife Center and Woods Garden must be moved to temporary homes to make way for museum renovations. The museum is seeking gardeners willing to adopt a portion of their plants and care for them over a two-year period. They will reclaim the plants for the new garden site scheduled to be ready in spring 2017. Anyone interested in adopting plants is asked to attend the Perkins Garden Wildflower Rescue Workshop for details. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

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Herbal Bath Salt

A long soak in the tub is a nice treat after working outdoors. It's even better with homemade bath salts made with herbs harvested from the garden.



Materials

- 1 cup fine sea salt
- ¼ cup coarse sea salt
- ¼ cup dried herbs (lavender, mint, and lemon balm are good choices)
- ¼ cup baking soda

Directions

1. Combine the first three ingredients in a food processor and blend until the mixture is powdery, about one minute will do.
2. Pour the mixture into a bowl and add 1/4 cup baking soda. Whisk to combine all the ingredients.
3. Transfer the bath blend to an airtight container and store in a cool, dry place. Enjoy!

Karen Fullerman



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Garden Word Power

The English language can be very confusing. It's often difficult to figure out the pronunciation of a word or try to find the best word to describe how something looks or is used. There may be several words that seem to have the same meaning, but which one is the best to use? Check out the following to see which word best describes the structure in your backyard.



1. **Trellis**· a structure of crisscross slats on which vines or flowers may climb.
2. **Espalier**—a trellis that is often set against a flat wall.
3. **Arbor**· makes an arch of that trellis.
4. **Pergola**· puts the trellis above a frame made of posts.
5. **Gazebo**· you have this if the structure's roof is solid.
6. **Belvedere**· this is what you have if the gazebo is high on a hill, it's Italian for beautiful view.

Karen Fullerman



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Your Dues

Have you wondered how the \$20.00 you pay each year for dues is spent? Here is a breakdown of how it is used.

The Twinsburg Garden Club is a part of the Garden Club of Ohio's Akron District to which \$5.00 of your dues is paid. GCO is also affiliated with National Garden Clubs, Inc. *Garden Greetings* magazine, which you receive three to four times per year, is published by GCO. GCO also recognizes member clubs for their efforts in activities like community projects, outstanding yearbook, holiday projects, flower shows, community enrichment, etc. TGC is proud to have received many awards over the years. GCO's annual convention is held each spring, and there are also two district meetings each year. District meetings include a luncheon and design program. Any TGC member may attend the district meetings or the convention.

TGC also pays \$3.00 of your dues to and is associated with The Garden Forum of Greater Akron. Forum is a group of garden clubs in Akron, Cuyahoga Falls, and the rest of Summit County. Monthly meetings are usually held on the second Thursday of the month (same as TGC meetings) at 10:00am at Stan Hywet Carriage House. Meeting topics include environmental issues, cooking with vegetables, birds, and hands on projects. There also is normally a bus trip in the summer. The holiday luncheon features a photo contest and design program. All TGC members are welcome to attend Forum programs.

The balance of your dues goes into our club's general fund to pay for monthly speakers/programs, printing of the yearbook, and miscellaneous small expenses during the year. Fundraisers like our annual Plant Sale help to fund our Scholarship Program as well as other projects and donation that fit in with the club's mission and goals.

Virginia Schmidt

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Seed Starting

The seed catalogs have been arriving in the mail, bursting with an exciting array of beautiful plants of all kinds. As spring approaches you have a decision to make. Should you buy seedlings from the local garden center or start your own plants from seed? Here are a few good reasons to do some indoor seed starting:

- Starting plants from seeds is less expensive.
- There are many more varieties to choose from.
- You can grow higher-quality plants.
- You will get to enjoy the simple satisfaction of growing your own plants from seed to harvest.
- Starting seeds indoors gives plants a head start that brings earlier blooms, earlier harvest and greater yields.

To be successful you need to provide the right conditions for good germination and healthy growth. A good time to get started is around April 15th. You will need to allow about six weeks for your seedling to be ready for planting outdoors. Starting seeds is not complicated or difficult, if you understand the process. The basic ingredients are: a proper growing medium, containers, light, water, warmth and attention. This is just an overview of how to get started. For more information check the websites below.

Growing medium—To provide the best growing conditions and avoid disease and insect problems, seeds should be started in a soilless growing mix, not in garden soil. A good blend is fine-textured, moist and spongy. You can purchase a ready-mixed blend or mix your own using 1/3 vermiculite, 1/3 perlite, and 1/3 milled sphagnum moss. Since the medium is soilless it contains few nutrients, so you will need to start feeding your seedlings with liquid fertilizer a few weeks after they germinate.

Containers—You can purchase cell packs or pots or use almost any container as long as it is 2 to 3 inches deep and has some drainage holes. If you are reusing containers they must be sterilized with a solution of one part bleach and nine parts water. Set your containers in a waterproof tray.

Light—Seedlings need lots of light or they will be stinky, spindly and feeble. A very sunny south-facing window may do in southern climates but, most likely, will not provide adequate light in northern climates. Most gardeners use grow lights specially designed for growing plants. They can be purchased at local garden centers. Most seedlings need 14-16 hours of direct light. A lamp timer can be used to turn the lights on and off so the plants get enough light each day and a good rest each night.

Moisture—Germination requires consistent moisture. It is important that the soil be kept moist but not soggy to prevent the seeds from rotting. To retain moisture, clear plastic can be used to cover the flats or some seed-starting systems come with plastic covers. Check the soil daily to ensure that it's moist, not wet. Allowing the soil to dry a bit between watering can help prevent mold and fungus from growing on the soil surface.

Warmth—Setting your containers in a warm place such as on top of a refrigerator or dryer or using a special heating mat sold for this purpose will help keep your containers warm enough to promote germination.

Attention—This is the secret ingredient to successful seed starting. You'll need to give your seedlings daily attention to be sure they're growing properly.



For more information check: www.burpee.com or www.gardeners.com

Judy Aplis

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