A Message from Our President
Nancy Quinn Simon

Dear Members and Gardening Friends,

During this year of reflection, we can review our proud past as we shape our future. We can discover valuable lessons from our predecessors, as we examine the strength of our roots. Then we can hopefully “Return to Our Roots”.

In 1946, wise women in the Canton area had a dream and a vision. They laid the groundwork and planted seeds for the future. They strengthened their roots while establishing a 73 year tradition of success - the Canton Garden Center. As their successors, we have reaped the fruits of their labor and hard work.

For 37 years, membership steadily grew until it peaked in the 80’s. Recruiting and maintaining members was critical. In 1983, “Community Unity” was emphasized by the leadership and it strengthened our presence in Canton. Cooperation was the key.

By 1985, additional programming was recommended in an effort to reach out to the public. “Evening Programs” were scheduled. Club members, as well as the public, were given additional opportunities to strengthen their gardening, landscaping and floral design skills through evening education. In 1987, a responsive leadership again adapted to meet membership needs. “Advancing Knowledge” and “Increasing Participation” were both made a priority. A concerted effort was made to broaden the education base at all levels, while stimulating and growing membership.

In these Golden Years of Growth, we had 2,300 members, 76 clubs and supported 7 junior garden clubs. Projects, programs and activities flourished. Successful endeavors such as May Fair in the Park, Holly Pine Lane and the infamous White Elephant Sales encouraged clubs to join efforts and work toward a common goal. A strong spirit of cooperation developed and led to unparalleled success. Our roots were strengthened through these monumental collegial projects. Members grew individually and collectively.

This year as we reflect on our past. We can continue to strengthen our roots by using previous accomplishments and past achievements to guide us in the future.

So let’s “Return to Our Roots”; then let’s remember to root for each other. Nancy Quinn Simon

Canton Garden Center presents a mini-program:

Ikebana: Introduction & Demonstration
Mieko Fujimoto & Cheryl Lundgren,
talented Ikebana designers will cover Ikebana history, techniques, supplies, etc. & will demonstrate.

Friday, February 22, 2019
1:00 - 2:15 pm
at Canton Garden Center
Open to the Public - No Charge

Canton Garden Center presents a mini-program:

FRENCH CARTONNAGE:
The Art of French Box Making

Join us as artist Betsy Begue shares the art of decorative box making using cartonnage techniques she learned while living in France. Also, she will display a variety of her handmade boxes covered in beautiful fabrics & papers.

Thursday, April 25, 2019
10 am to Noon
at Canton Garden Center
Cost: $5

To reserve your spot, send your $5 check payable to Canton Garden Center by April 15 to:

Judy Spino
6801 Feeder Run Circle NW
Canal Fulton, OH 44614

Canton Garden Center presents a mini-program:

Needle Felting Workshop

Create a felted sculpture under the guidance of Kim Anderson

Thursday, March 28, 2019
10 am - Noon at Canton Garden Center
Cost: $15 Limit: 20 participants

To make a reservation, send your $15 check payable to Canton Garden Center by March 18 to:

Judy Spino
6801 Feeder Run Circle NW, Canal Fulton, OH 44614
CHILDREN’S GARDEN NEWS

Come hang out with a younger crowd!

The Children’s Garden of the Canton Garden Center continues to be a source for families to introduce their little ones to the joys of gardening. We often heard from the adults who accompanied the children to the programs how much they learned as well.

We invite members of all our garden clubs to have representation in any capacity from assisting with any of the six programs to maintenance, better known as “playing in the dirt with friends!” Please contact co-chairs: Sue March, Kathy Arkow, or program chairs: Jane Schultz, Marcie Waltz to join in this rewarding experience!

The hour long program is held on Wednesday mornings beginning at 10 am and is geared toward pre-school and primary age children 3-8 years old. Through the use of books, music and hands-on activities, children will learn about plants, insects and soil in the garden.

Programs for 2019 are:

- June 12: “One, Two, Plant in a Shoe”
- June 26: “Plants Measure Up”
- July 10: “Micro Munchies”
- July 24: “Forever Green”
- August 7: “Critters Around Us”

Online registration will begin on May 1st at the CGC website.

This year we will be launching another new event, an evening program on June 19th from 6:00-7:00 pm led by Marlene Bolea, our birding expert. The program will provide the entire family an opportunity to participate in a fun educational garden program about birds. If you have ever heard Marlene, you know this is one you won’t want to miss!

Jane Schultz  
Program Co-Chair for the Children’s Garden
MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Canton Garden Center's Executive Committee appreciates your club's membership and looks forward to a busy and productive 2019! The Committee hopes your club and its members will be a part of all the activities. Now is the time to renew your membership. Letters have been sent to all Garden Club Presidents. Included with the letter is a printout of your club's 2018 membership as the Center has it listed. Please check the accuracy of your printout and follow the instructions to make corrections, additions and/or deletions.

Dues remain $4 per member. N&N dues are $10 per club and may be mailed with the dues. This allows one member of your club to attend all N&N programs. Please send a note along with your membership dues stating you have included the N&N fee with your membership check.

At your earliest convenience, please return the corrected information along with your check payable to Canton Garden Center to Celine Hallier, 5393 N. Nickelplate St., Louisville, OH 44641-2446.

Your club’s membership ensures a successful 2019 at Canton Garden Center!

MEMBER AT LARGE — WHAT’S THIS?

You are interested in gardening, but time doesn't permit you to join a garden club. You like the events at Canton Garden Center, but sometimes you miss them because no one lets you know about them. You enjoy the activities at the Center, but you forgot to put them on your schedule.

These problems can be solved by becoming a Member-at-Large at Canton Garden Center. With this type of membership, you receive the Center's publication Garden Post that keeps you informed of all the activities, events, and programs of the Center and member garden clubs. You are also welcome to attend the monthly meeting. To become a Member-at-Large, send a check for $10 made payable to Canton Garden Center. Send your check with your information (name, address with nine-digit zip code, phone and email address) to Canton Garden Center, 1615 Stadium Park Drive NW, Canton, OH 44718-3517 to the attention of Celine Hallier.

Come join us at Canton Garden Center!

Celine Hallier, 2019 Membership Chair, 330-875-1333

LIBRARY NEWS

I want to invite every member of the Canton Garden Center to take advantage of the book resources that are available for use in the Center's library. Whatever your area of interest, be it floral design, landscaping, gardening, conservation, the environment or the Garden Club of Ohio schools, the library has a wonderful collection of books to support those subjects. You may borrow most of the books for a month; however, a few are for reference use in the library only.

Although the library is no longer open on a regular daily schedule, I will be at the Canton Garden Center for one hour after each of the Board of Directors' meetings to assist anyone wanting to borrow books. Also if you would like to make an appointment to check out books at another time, please call me at 330-875-4138 and I will be glad to meet you there.

As a former librarian, I encourage you to think of the library as a place that is there for your benefit. Happy Reading.

Shirley Rembert, Library Chair

ALLIANCE GARDEN CLUB

Alliance Garden Club is planning a club program this year that we have never done.

We are planning to tour the Herrick Conservatory at Cunningham Hall, at Kent State University, Kent, OH.

The Conservatory houses 250,000 different flowering plants. The Conservatory just updated the 5,500 square foot space. It is open weekdays from 9-5. For tours and more information, call Collections Manager Melissa Davis at 330.672.2469.

The Conservatory will be holding a plant sale the week of April 29th to May 3rd.

Cheri Myers
President, Alliance Garden Club

(Thank you, Cheri, for sharing this information. Other clubs may want to make arrangements for a tour.)
Mark your calendar for
Garden Club of Ohio’s
STATE CONVENTION
June 5 & 6, 2019
To be held at Glenmoor Country Club
4191 Brunnerdale Rd NW, Canton
Details will be announced in the GCO Publication,
“Garden Greetings”
Linda Lawrence, Convention Chair

GARDEN CLUB OF OHIO NEWS
Thursday, April 11, 2019
Canton District Spring Meeting
First Christian Church
6900 Market Avenue North in North Canton
9:00 am - Club Presidents meet with GCO Pres. Deanna Stearns
10:15 am - Welcome and Introductions
10:45 am - Program: “The Mystery of William Shakespeare’s Controversy” by Richard Hald, Professional Speaker
12:00 pm - Lunch: Swiss Steak or Scrod
Afternoon Program: “From the Flower Shop to the Table and on to the Show” by Lynn Fronk, NGC Flower Show Schools Instructor
Cost for the day: $18
Please bring a 1# box of pasta for the Feed America project!
Mail your check payable to Canton District GCO by April 4 to:
Darlene Kaczmarek
PO Box 345, Ravenna, OH 44266-0345

Tuesday & Wednesday, April 23 - 24, 2019
Landscape Design School Course IV
Wooster, Ohio

Wednesday & Thursday, May 15 - 16, 2019
Gardening School Course IV
Akron / Canton Area

Nancy Quinn Simon, GCO Canton District Director
E-mail: carlylefarm46@gmail.com

2019 CGC Calendar of Events
Feb. 12 Executive Committee Meeting 9:00 am
Feb. 12 Board of Directors’ Meeting 10:30 am
Feb. 12 Presidents’ Luncheon 11:30 am
Feb. 22 Mini-Program: Learning about Ikebana 1:00 pm
Mar. 12 Executive Committee Meeting 9:00 am
Mar. 12 Board of Directors’ Social 10:00 am
Mar. 12 Board of Directors’ Meeting 10:30 am
Mar. 28 Mini-Program: Needle Felting Workshop 10:00 am
Apr. 4 Nature’s Naturals (N’N) Workshop 9:30 am
Apr. 9 Executive Committee Meeting 9:00 am
Apr. 9 Board of Directors’ Social 10:00 am
Apr. 9 Board of Directors’ Meeting 10:30 am
Apr. 25 Mini-Program: French Cartonnage 10:00 am
May 2 Nature’s Naturals (N’N) Workshop 9:30 am
May 14 Executive Committee Meeting 9:00 am
May 14 Board of Directors’ Social 10:00 am
May 14 Board of Directors’ Meeting 10:30 am
June 6 Nature’s Naturals (N’N) Workshop 9:30 am
June 11 Executive Committee Meeting 9:00 am
June 11 Board of Directors’ Social 10:00 am
June 11 Board of Directors’ Meeting 10:30 am
June 12 Children’s Garden Program 10:00 am

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Jeanne Freitag dffandjmf@aol.com
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NORTH CANTON GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 18, 2019  8 am to 2 pm
Dogwood Park Shelter
241 - 7th Street NE, North Canton, OH  44720

The North Canton Garden Club wishes to invite the community to their Plant Sale. Each year, North Canton Garden Club members rally together to dig up perennial plants that need thinned from gardens in the area, lovingly place them in recycled pots, label and maintain them throughout the spring. These plants are transported to the Dogwood Shelter and organized so they can be sold at a very reasonable prices to local gardeners. The Club Members are on hand to help with your choices and to answer questions. Get there early for the best selection!

“From our gardens, to yours”

TOWN & COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB
OF LOUISVILLE

Plant Sale
Saturday, May 11, 2019  
9 am to 1 pm

Beacon of Hope Community Church
1101 East Main Street, Louisville

Questions? Contact Tammy Flowers
taveasey@gmail.com

ALLIANCE GARDEN CLUB

Plant Sale
Saturday, May 18, 2019  
9 am to 1 pm

Beechwood Playground
2270 Beechwood Avenue
Alliance, OH  44601

Cheri Myers,
President

AFTERNOON GARDEN CLUB

Plant & Stuff Sale
Thu. Fri. May 23 & 24, 2019  
9 am to 5 pm
Sat. May 25 from 9 am to 1 pm

6943 Lake O'Springs Ave NW
Off Portage Rd, North Canton

You don’t want to miss this sale!

SUBURBAN GARDEN CLUB

Bake and Plant Sale
Saturday, June 1, 2019  
11 am to 3 pm

Bluebird Farm Park
190 Alamo Rd SE
Carrollton, OH  44615

Pat Roudebush,
Co-President