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A Message from our 2023 President, Carol Davidson



Welcome to all the new Flowers in the Garden of Life and also to the trusty stabilizers.

This year has been off to a good start. The President's luncheon had a guest speaker telling us about the Timken family not only in Canton but also California.

In March we were busy organizing the N&N workshops along with our Mini programs. Tour was canceled due to lack of participation. We are hopeful for next year.

Convention was in April and Alliance Garden Club brought home several awards both national and local. CONGRATULATIONS to all the club members for their hard work and time involved.

Bert has our Beautification program up and running.

The Parks Department installed the Children's Garden pergola and it's ready for the summer programs. The Parks Department has been working on the two fountains and I see one is already running.

The gardens are coming alive with spring color and the Landscaping Committee is out in full force preparing the gardens for planting. Take the time and walk the gardens, smell the roses, and see what is new and refreshed.

Our Bus Trip this year is full. We are all looking forward to our June trip to the Cleveland Botanical Gardens and other surprises.

Please attend our meetings and support our programs. Let's grow together and enjoy old and new friendships with garden friends. Spread the word about your club and new flowers will grow.

"Bee" ready and enjoy the Canton Garden Center gardens!



Canton Garden Center's Fall Fundraiser

"Mum's the Word"

September 28, 2023

Doors open at 11 am

Lunch served at Noon

Cost: \$30

Chateau Michelle
2231 - 44th Street NW
Canton, OH 44709

Meal Selection:
Chicken Kabob with Rice & Salad
or Stuffed Shells & Salad

Guest Speaker
Raffle Baskets
& More!

*Please send your check (payable to Canton Garden Center) along with your meal choice to:
Anette Montgomery 4640 - 17th St. NW, Canton, OH 44708*

Also, please indicate others to be seated at your table.

Reservation Deadline: September 14



Looking ahead.....

Canton Garden Center will present

N&N CREATIVE WORKSHOPS



*Workshops begin at 9:30 am
on these dates:*

September 7 October 5

*If your Club has paid the \$10 yearly
N&N fee, one member may attend.*

If others wish to attend, the fee is \$5 per person.

Call one of the Co-chairs to
make your reservation!

*N&N Co-chairs: Nancy Quinn Simon 330.956.4138
Becky Day 330.627.6350*

CHILDREN'S GARDEN

Co-chairs: Jane Schultz and Karen Orosz

Children's Garden Programs

*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. Through the use of books, music,
and hands-on activities, children will learn
about plants, insects and soil in the garden.*

2023 Dates and Themes



June 14: "Come Plant a Shoe!"

June 21: "Digging with DINO!"

July 12: "Plants: Full of Surprises!"

July 19: "Here Comes the Sun!"

*Online Registration
at the CGC website.*

HORTICULTURE REPORT

NO SOIL? NO FOOD!



Submitted by Julie Edwards, Horticulture Chair for CGC

The Dust Bowl of the 1930's was named the number one weather event of the 20th century. One dust storm was 1500 miles long, 900 miles across and 2 miles high and carried dust from the middle of the country to 300 miles out into the Atlantic Ocean. Over 100 million acres of land may never be productive again. I remember hearing about it in school, but I never thought about it much. I believed that such a thing could never happen again because civilization had learned how to avoid such a disaster.

The truth is that we do know how to protect the land better than we used to, but that knowledge is not being implemented in most farming situations. Instead, soil is being tilled with large mechanized farm equipment, farmland is left without cover crops for months, crops are not being rotated and there are no patches of forest left in fields. There is also the heavy use of pesticides and synthetic fertilizers. Combine these practices with increases in flooding and drought conditions caused by climate change, & you have the perfect recipe for a worldwide Dust Bowl and catastrophic crop failure.

The UN Food and Agriculture Organization estimates that 95% of the Earth's topsoil could be at risk by 2050 unless farming practices are changed. Leaving topsoil as undisturbed as possible, returning nutrients to the soil and employing practices that reduce the chance that soil will be blown or washed away are the practices that must be employed.

One may ask how we could ever run out of dirt. We probably can't, but we are running out of topsoil. One teaspoon of productive topsoil has 100 million to 1 billion bacteria, several yards of fungal filaments, several thousand protozoa and scores of nematodes. (Makes you want to wear your garden gloves, huh?) Soil is a "jungle of voracious creatures eating and pooping and reproducing their way towards glorious soil fertility." (Oregon State University web site). Topsoil varies in depth but averages 8 inches deep worldwide. Some places have none and have turned into deserts and some places have much more. Iowa had topsoil depths of 14-18 inches at the beginning of the 20th century but, 100 years later, it had 6-8 inches. The United States is eroding soil on cropland 10 times faster than it is being replenished. Saving our topsoil is of utmost importance and very achievable.

(Sources furnished upon request.)



LAKE CABLE GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

Saturday, June 17, from 9 am to 2 pm



In the parking lot of the Lake Cable Clubhouse at 5725 Fulton Drive NW

We do not price items - just make an offer we can't refuse and it is yours!

Call Nancy Miller (330.499.1208) for details or if you want to donate items. Nancy will arrange for pick-up. No clothing, upholstered furniture, tv's, air conditioners or broken electronics.



CANTON GARDEN CENTER PLANT SWAP

July 25, 2023, 10:00 am until plants are gone



All Garden Club Members are invited. You may bring ONE guest and your guest must also bring a plant/plants for admission to the event.

Bring outdoor or indoor plants and identify the name of the plants with a small stake.

All members and guests are required to register by Friday, July 21.

To register: contact Annemarie Miller at mgardener4513@gmail.com

CANTON GARDEN CENTER CHILDREN'S GARDEN HAS A NEW PERGOLA!

The newly constructed pergola has been completed thanks to the herculean efforts of the Parks and Recreation Department staff including Dan Gravilla, Todd Davis and, of course, Doug Foltz. These folks made it happen with a mere sketch. We are excited to be able to gather there to conduct educational programs. It will serve the Canton community for many years.

Additionally, we are very excited to announce new volunteers to our committee from the Heritage Herb Society and the Stark Master Gardener Program. The new members are:

Cindy Blower

Evelyn Hronec

Sharon Crawford

Donna Szink

Laura Bitonte

Theresa Bober

Kim Musille

As the saying goes, "*many hands make light work.*" We are truly grateful for the support to make the Children's Garden a magical experience for children, as well as, for the adults who stroll through the gardens.



Submitted by: Jane Schultz and Karen Orosz,
Children's Garden Co-chairs



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2023 CGC Calendar of Events

June 1, 9:30 am	N&N Creative Workshop
June 1	Beautification Nominations close
June 5 - 10	Beautification Judging
June 13, 9:00 am	Executive Committee Meeting
June 13, 10:00 am	Board of Directors' Social
June 13, 10:30 am	Board of Directors' Meeting
June 14, 10:00 am	Children's Garden Program "Come Plant a Shoe"
June 15	Bus Trip - Cleveland Botanical Gardens
June 21, 10:00 am	Children's Garden Program "Digging with Dino"
July 11, 9:00 am	Executive Committee Meeting
July 11, 10:00 am	Board of Directors' Social
July 11, 10:30 am	Board of Directors' Meeting
July 12, 10:00 am	Children's Garden Program "Plants: Full of Surprises"
July 19, 10:00 am	Children's Garden Program "Here Comes the Sun"
August 8, 9:00 am	Executive Committee Meeting
August 8, 10:00 am	Board of Directors' Social
August 8, 10:30 am	Board of Directors' Meeting
Sep 7, 9:30 am	N&N Creative Workshop
Sep 12, 9:00 am	Executive Committee Meeting
Sep 12, 10:30 am	Board of Directors' Meeting
Sep 12, 11:30 am	Beautification Awards Luncheon
Sep 28, 11:00 am	Fundraiser, "Mum's the Word"



GARDEN CLUB OF OHIO



Hi there CGC Gardeners!

I am so very happy to be serving as your Garden Club of Ohio District Director for the next 2 years! Please mark your calendars for the **FALL DISTRICT MEETING, Friday, September 8, 2023**. It will be held at the Canton Garden Center, with specific details coming very soon.

The new Garden Club of Ohio President is Kathy Wagner. Her theme for the next 2 years is **"Let's Garden with Ohio Natives"**. She believes that "we can work together to restore and improve the health of our ecosystem. Ecosystems are based on native plants". She is encouraging all of us to garden with Ohio Native Plants at home and throughout our community.

Announcing the new Garden Club of Ohio Officers:

President: Kathy Wagner

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Please know that if you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

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