

GARDEN SCOOP

Colorful Coleus



WGC Events

All events On Hold until further notice.

Westlake in Bloom

Ceremony, August 13 - transferred to the Recreation Center; no floral bouquets to arrange this year.

Garden Club of OH

November 5: GCO Holiday Program, North.

St Michael's Woodside.
More information to come.

*Garden
as though
you will live
forever.*

Glow at the CBG

Decorating Day: Monday, Nov 16 or Monday, Nov 23, 2020-to be determined

Tear down date: Monday, Jan 4, 2021

Our Garden Club has participated in the Glow decorating project at the Botanical Garden for the last 4 years and it is always a fun activity. Christmas seems remote in July but if you could help with the decorating and tear down at the CBG, please contact Kathy Bruening. We have not yet signed up but will do so soon if a few more can commit to help out. Please check the website: cbgarden.org under Join and Support / Affiliate Garden Clubs / Bulletin Board.

The coleus or *Plectranthus scutellarioides* is the unsung hero of the garden. They give so much and ask for so little care in return. Some coleus varieties can grow in sun but most prefer shade or semishade. They love the heat but hate drought and will grow in just about any garden. The beautiful, multicolored leaves show off brightly all summer long and are so very easy to care for.

Coleus are not a favorite of deer and come in a wide variety of heights from low front of the border plants to those several feet high and there is a new giant coleus with huge leaves on the market. There are also different colors and patterns.

It is a tropical evergreen native to Southeast Asia and Malaysia and is therefore considered an annual in this area but it is ridiculously easy to propagate a coleus. You can start with cuttings or seeds. The seeds are very tiny but will germinate within about 5 days or less. They can grow out in the garden but are also happy as houseplants.

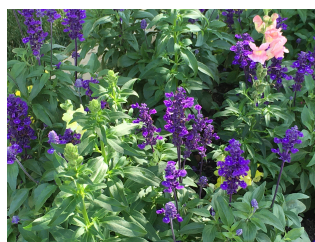
Pinch out any flowers as soon as you see them. Once the flowers set seed the plant will consider it has done its job and die. Wait until the end of the season and then finally let them do what they have wanted to do all summer long - let them flower.

Choose the plant with the colors you like the best and cut off the flower when it starts to turn brown. Then put it on a white plate and cut each tiny floweret off and get the seeds at the very base. The plate will make it easy to see the little seeds. Store them in a plastic baggie and now you are ready to begin the process all over again next year.

One word of caution. You may have seen advertisements for a "new" species of coleus that is black with a neon blue swirl. According to reviewers on Amazon this is a hoax. The seeds, if they germinate at all, are just totally green coleus.

Carolyn Steigman

June 28 Hilliard Rd Flower Box





Membership

It is a pleasure to let you know that, in spite of the hardship our group has seen this year, two new ladies are joining the garden club: **Mrs Eileen Cernea** of Bay Village, a former member who is rejoining and a talented photographer (as per the rose picture attached), also **Ms Carmen Popa** of Lakewood, who enjoys nature, travel and her work in IT. We welcome them and eagerly look forward to meeting them soon.

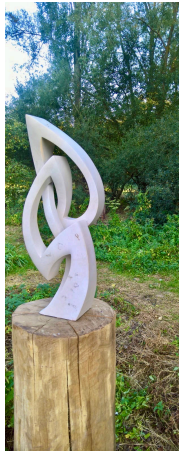
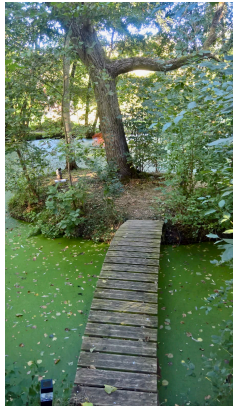
Lavinia Cozmin, membership chair

A Big Little Thing



How does the ant know that its purpose has arrived? Does it sense the warmth of the air or the feel of the fresh breeze? Is it the smell of the hyacinths fading—and the teasing scent of cranesbill lingering? Or is it the faint stirrings of the peony bush—"it's time to start gently separating my petals"—walking around and around, pushing between the delicate layers—until the full lovely bloom bursts forth. Ah yes, the moment has arrived. And I am grateful for the gift of beauty and the ant's work well done.

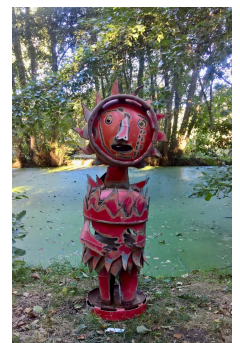
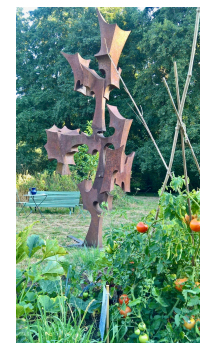
Cathi Peter



We are all missing our garden walk this year but we hope that you are enjoying your own garden or bit of porch greenery more than ever. The surrounding photos are from a

sculpture garden walk

in France last year.—yes, this is a mini-garden tour and trip to the Loire Valley via newsletter. A big thank you to Lavinia for sharing the photos from her brother who lives in France.



Keeping up with our friends in the garden club . . .

Sally Knurek 5/28

Am I a little obsessed? Possibly, but there are many reasons for my interest. A curiosity about the evolution of plants is one. Moss is the second green plant to invade the land. Algae is the first and ferns are the third. Mosses helped to break down the rocky planet into soil which paved the way for more advanced plants. It also has not changed much since that early era so we are looking at living fossils.

When looking at mosses, feelings of peace and serenity are engaged. Hence its use in Japanese temple gardens to evoke mood. In addition, its multi-cycle reproductive system gives an ever-changing view of this miniature world.

A third consideration is the petite size of this plant. In a glass bowl or terrarium, growing a single specimen or a mini landscape could provide a gardening activity for people with limited space or mobility. Grow some moss! Why not?



Linda Lydrickson 6/15

Well I picked a really great time to join! It's been a bit of a challenge but I'm so glad we can be outside now. Makes things a little more bearable. The important thing is my family is healthy! These are peonies originally from my grandfather's garden. The scent is amazing and they make me so happy every year. Looking forward to eventually meeting everyone. Linda Lydrickson



Eileen Cernea June 2020

Eileen Cernea enjoyed taking pictures at the Cahoon Memorial Rose Garden this June. The yellow roses were the most beautiful that day.



Eileen also has a wonderful Vermillionaire plant in a basket in her yard. The hummingbirds love it! It is in the cuphea family of plants and Dean's usually has them. The close-up of the lily is also from her yard. Great gardening & great photos.



Sally Knurek June 2020

This rainbow spurge is one of my favorite plants. It is in partial shade and is interesting the whole year. It somehow survives all winter above ground with a variegated appearance. I don't remember when it started blooming. It must have been late spring and looks like it will be blooming for quite a while.



Some of Sally's other plants that are surviving the heat rather well are pictured below:



Summer Recipe from Agnes Tark

Aggie brought this zucchini bread to one of our meetings last year. It is delicious and this is the season when many of you may have an abundance of zucchini. I tried it with a reduced amount of sugar and still loved it.

Makes 2 loaves

3 eggs	1 tsp salt
1 c oil (light olive oil)	1 tsp baking soda
2 1/4 c sugar	2 tsp cinnamon
2 c grated zucchini (remove some skin)	1 1/4 tsp baking powder
1 tsp vanilla	1 cup chopped walnuts
3 c flour	1/2 c sour cream

Beat eggs and add oil, sugar, zucchini & vanilla. Mix lightly but well.

Add flour, salt, soda, baking powder and cinnamon. Mix lightly.

Add nuts and sour cream. Beat well.

Grease two 9" x 5" x 3" loaf pans. Pour batter evenly into pans.

Bake in oven at 350° for 1 hour.



Cathi Peter 7/18

Cathi has this super-tall Calla lily growing in among the Hosta. All of the Hosta have been closely cropped by the deer who think they are salads. Apparently, they do not like the lily and left it alone. It has grown about 3 ft tall and so far there is just one beautiful bloom. Notice the variegated leaves.



Marsha McEntee 7/18

Who says you can't garden in an apartment?

One balcony and more plants than many people have in a large backyard!

