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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-

### As Time Passes It Seems We All Face The Same Issues

While we would like to pass on to those around us and to the next generation what we enjoy and find pleasure in doing, it is increasingly difficult to do so. Each of the Clubs in the Central Great Lakes Region seems to be facing the same issues.

How do we attract new members, particularly those who are younger than the median age of our respective groups?

How do we better retain the current members of our clubs?

How do we demonstrate that what we believe in, enjoy, and work diligently to continue, is of value to others?

In a prior note to each of the individual Clubs in the Region, I posed these or similar questions. I asked each club to relate what they might have done that proved to be successful.

What they tried to do that was not successful, and how were they exciting their existing members, and financing their operations?

If you guessed that I received not one response, you would be correct.

I would postulate that most of the members of our Cleveland Gardeners have little understanding of, and little concern for, the Regional Organization. And this issue continues on to the National Organization.



It seems that the focus is on the local organization and its issues. This is not all bad. Being concerned about the local club should be job-one for each group. This is where we spend the most time and energy.

Perhaps it is the role of the leadership of each Club to be the glue that holds the Region together, and that of the Regional Officers to interface with the National Organization.

Not unlike the democracy we live in where representatives are selected to represent the populace at the National level. Perhaps this is where we find ourselves and need to do the best we can to continue to do what is possible and not to agonize over what does not change.

Your thoughts?  
Larry

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## YOUTH GARDENING

### Much To Do About Gardening with Youth Sheila Hamilton Taylor - Youth Gardening Program

Dig, Plant and Grow these youth gardening resources- books, internet websites, models for youth gardens, craft and grants. OH MY!

Children are born with curiosity, a sense of wonder and a hunger to learn. For us adults, children often become the garden teachers and show us how to learn through the senses:

- Smell the basil and thyme
- Touch the smooth tomato or prickly squash leaf.
- See the Monarch butterflies.
- Taste the tomato and green pepper
- Hear the bees buzz around lavender
- Feel the silky corn, silk or lily pollen on their cheek.



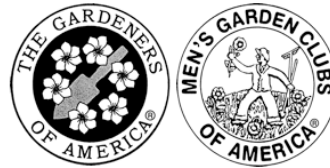
Through children’s magic in gardens with us, we pause and become less focused on weeds, bugs, harvests and perfection. They teach us the splendor of small things in our often frantic lives. If we want a positive attitude, talk to a three year old as we walk through the gardens with the child full of curiosity with no prepared agenda. They teach us!

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See Sheila Hamilton Taylor’s full article in the May /June 2018 TGOA/MGCA National Newsletter.



The CGLR Summer Conference will be held in conjunction with the National Convention in Fort Wayne, IN - explained in the Jan/Feb National TGOA-MGCA Newsletter. <http://www.tgoa-mgca.org/>



Reminder: Central Great Lakes Region Newsletter JAB is sent via email. Please be sure you will be able to access JAB using Adobe pdf.

JAB will be sent to the Senior Officers of the CGLR Clubs, they will in turn send to their membership. JAB is not sent to individual members of CGLR Clubs.

There will still be some clubs that will receive JAB in paper copy; however it is more efficient to email the newsletter.

Marggie Faley, JAB Editor



**SPRING CGLR MEETING**  
Spring CGLR Membership Meeting was held April 21, 2018. Minutes attached to this newsletter.



### Kathy's Kibitzin' for JAB Summer, 2018

*"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need".*  
Marcus Tullius Cicero

### Some Tips for Horticulture Show Exhibiting

- Read and understand every word in the Show Schedule and Rules!
  - That sounds simple, but the rules tell you whether to include a leaf or stem and, how many items to include in a each display; i.e. 3 or 5, or 1, etc.
- When considering what to exhibit, remember that hairy leaves are hard to groom. And plants with many small leaves are harder to groom.
- Presentation and Grooming of your exhibit is important. Judges may lift and examine your vegetable, so you can't hide flaws.
  - Remove dirt, dead or yellowing flowers, leaves and stems.
  - Do not oil the item.
  - If instructions say to tie the leaves, tie them neatl. y.
  - If the roots are to be left on a vegetable, comb out the dirt.
  - Do not display overly mature, bruised or blemished produce. if mature produce is not available, slightly immature is better.
  - If a live plant, turn it regularly during it's growing period to keep it symmetrical.
  - Remove any debris, weeds or perlite chunks from the soil on the pot.
  - A little fresh soil on top of the soil, improves it's appearance, but don't obscure the bottom of the plant.
  - If insect damaging or browning has occurred on the edges or tips of leaves, you might be



- able to trim the leaves into the shape of a leaf. Coat cut edges with a little egg white to prevent browning.
- Carry a bucket of warm water with you when cutting flowers.
  - Use sharp cutter which doesn't crush stem.
  - Cut on slant to allow flower to take up more water and prevent sitting flat on bottom of container.
- Transportation to the show requires care.
  - pack flowers to prevent damage to leaves and petals.
  - Pack vegetables and fruits in moist paper towels and zip bags.
- In other words, Factors considered in Judging are Quality, Condition, Uniformity, Standard of variety.

Sources: - <http://lgcofrye.org/cgi-bin/p/awtp-custom.cgi?d=the-little-garden-club-of-rye&page=19005>  
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The Gardeners of America - Fort Wayne

*"Ah, summer – that long anticipated stretch of lazy, lingering days, free of responsibility and rife with possibility. It's a time to hunt for insects, master handstands, practice swimming strokes, conquer trees, explore nooks and crannies, and make new friends."*  
– Darrell Hammond





### Tips For Growing An Organic Herb Garden On A Budget

<https://www.rodaleorganiclife.com/garden/10-tips-for-growing-an-organic-herb-garden-on-a-budget/slide/1>

Organic herbs are a great way add interest to your food without adding calories, and no other type of plant gives you anywhere near as much flavor punch for your gardening dollar. So, if you're thinking of starting your own **herb garden** this year, but don't know where to start—or what seeds, plants, and supplies are actually worth buying—here are some tips for stretching your dollar.

(Whether you're starting your first garden or switching to organic, ***Rodale's Basic Organic Gardening*** has all the answers and advice you need—get your copy today!)



#### Pick the right herbs

Grow only **herbs** that you'll actually use, and that taste best fresh. Obsessed with pesto? You should probably go for basil. Love a nightly cup of mint tea? Then mint is a no brainer. Can't get enough guac? Bring on the cilantro!

If it's your first herb garden, plant a few of your favorites, then add a few more next year. Start with herbs that are best fresh such as basil or mint, or those that are expensive or hard to find fresh and organic.

Decide how to start: seeds or plants

Start annual herbs from seed, especially if you want more than one or two plants. For the price of a single plant start, you can get enough seeds to grow herbs for all of your neighbors. While some herbs are notoriously difficult to start from seed, basil, dill, fennel, parsley, chives, and cilantro are some of the easiest, making them perfect for beginner gardeners. If you can't find organic seeds locally, two all-organic companies worth trying are **High Mowing** and **Sustainable Seed Co.** (Here is more you need to know before buying seeds this year.)

Comparison shop

Start Browsing Early

Know your zone

Have a Plan for the garden

Make sure plants match conditions

On the other hand, it may be less expensive to buy small organic herb plants rather than a packet of seeds if you need only one or two plants, especially for perennials like **lemon balm**, which are worth the small investment, as they take more time to reach harvestable size and they'll last for many years once established.



See also

<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/edible/herbs/hgen/growing-organic-herbs.htm>



History of TGOA/MGCA National Conventions  
by Frank Mitch TGOA/MGCA 2018 President

Most likely there were regular Board meetings since the beginning of Men’s Garden Clubs of America but when annual National Conventions were first started is not certain. My wife and I attended almost all since our first one in the 1990’s in North Carolina. That one was in the Blue Ridge Region which is no longer active, but 8 past presidents were from that region. Jim Bagwell from South Carolina is the only one living at present.

One of the first tasks for a Convention committee to establish a theme for their convention.

Here are the very interesting themes since 1999:

- 1999: Green Bay, WI: Beauty on the Bay ‘99
- 2000: Greater Kansas City: Fountains and Flowers 2000
- 2001: Minneapolis: Gardening Fun in 2001
- 2002: Tucson, AZ: Tucson and You in 2002
- 2003: Albany, NY: More to See in 2003 in Albany
- 2004: Des Moines, IA: Flowers and More in 2004
- 2005: Palm Beach, FL: Jupiter in June, Out of This World
- 2006: Spartanburg, SC: Enhancing the Enhancements
- 2007: Rockford, IL: Gardening Heaven in 2007
- 2008: Fort Wayne, IN: Gardening is Great in 2008
- 2009: Santa Rosa, CA: Roses and Wine in 2009
- 2010: Grand Rapids, MI: Together Again in 2010 (hosted by CGLG)
- 2011 Overland Park, KS:A Little Bit of Heaven 2011
- 2012: Convention cancelled by MGC of Youngstown, OH
- 2013: Springfield, IL: Land of Lincoln (hosted by Convention Committee)
- 2014: No Convention
- 2015: Clear Lake, IA: Planting Your Dreams in 2015
- 2016: Green Bay, WI: Growing Green in 2016
- 2017: Cleveland, OH: Gardening Green in 2017 (hosted by Cleveland, Akron & Youngstown clubs)
- 2018: Ft Wayne, IN: Gardeners Reign in Ft Wayne
- 2019: Des Moines, IA: (Convention plans by Iowa Garden Clubs)



Ramada Plaza Hotel and Conference Center –  
Location for 2018 TGOA/MCGA National  
Convention. Ft. Wayne, IN

It’s time to sign up,  
now ... really ... now!

Grab yer grins and yer pens—it’s time to sign up for hosting roles at the 2018 Annual National Convention of The Gardeners of America. Registration and Hospitality Room volunteers **especially** are needed, as well as meal hosts and hostesses.

We’ll want to welcome convention goers at every opportunity, at every event. We’ll want to overwhelm our guests with helpfulness. This is our time to announce that Gardeners Reign in Fort Wayne!

The signup list is in this newsletter. Feeling crafty? The decorations team needs our help. Strong arms can set up and tear down the catered lunch and memorial service setting at the Trowbridge’s. Don’t let what looks like full rosters for some teams discourage you; the more the happier. If you cotton to introducing speakers, helping wit projector setup, gathering door prizes and auction items – sign up! We’ll have a blast!

Got an idea? Speak up! Let’s fill this volunteer list this month.



Register today at [tgoa-mgca.org/Convention2018.htm](http://tgoa-mgca.org/Convention2018.htm)





**2018 CENTRAL GREAT LAKES REGION GARDENERS MEETINGS AND CONFERENCE DATES**  
**Gardening in Education and Excellence in Horticulture Since 1932**

2018 TGOA National Convention – June 26 – 29 Fort Wayne, IN - John Kessen  
2018 CGLG Summer Conference - At National Convention, Friday & Saturday, Fort Wayne IN- Lawrence Kell  
2018 CGLG Fall Meeting October 27, 2018, Kingwood Center, Mansfield OH – Lawrence Kell

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