

It almost feels like summer has arrived!! Aren't the hostas and daylilies looking wonderful this year with ALL of the rain!? This is a great year to be having our hosta leaf show! Everything seems to be a few weeks ahead of schedule so get outside and enjoy your garden as often as you can!

From: Eileen Hoffman [<mailto:sailA33@accesstoledo.com>]
Sent: May 28, 2019 4:48 PM
Subject: website

Just headed to our website to post this link to the Toledo Blade article that features Jim and Harold. Noted that our webpage had 245 views this past week by 129 individuals. Hooray! That actually means we're having repeat visitors within a week's time.
Eileen

<https://www.toledoblade.com/Gardening/2019/05/27/potting-plants-and-vegetables-plus-for-many-vertical-gardening>

An excerpt of “The Blade” May 27, 2019 article “Get Creative” which featured Jim Boldt and Harold Hoffman, members of the Maumee Valley Herb Society and BSHDS:

Having a portable vessel also helps, as the sun traverses the sky, said Jim Boldt, a member of the Maumee Valley Herb Society and the Black Swamp Hosta & Daylily Society.

“The thing that’s nice about the pots is you can follow the sun,” Boldt said.

If you are just looking to pretty up the place, there are hundreds of varieties of mini-hostas to consider, said Harold Hoffman, also a member of the Maumee Valley Herb Society and the Black Swamp Hosta & Daylily Society.

“They can be put in a pot on a balcony of an apartment and they don’t need a lot of sun so you don’t have to worry about the exposure. They are minimal maintenance,” Hoffman said.

At Toledo Botanical Garden, Boldt and Hoffman help maintain the hosta and herb gardens every week, and five apple trees and one pear tree grow up against a fence, their branches reaching out horizontally against the wood.

It’s called espalier, a method of pruning that originated in the European orchards. Individuals there tied the branches to wires along the fence or wall to train them to grow parallel or up. The 20-plus-year-old trees at the Garden there are mostly for aesthetic purposes, but do produce fruit, Hoffman said.

Gardeners can also consider growing these trees to produce fruit while also saving space if pruned in this manner.

“You can actually buy these trees where the espalier is already started. It might be two or three arms but it will be a small tree and you can put it where you want and grow it up against your wall or your fence,” Hoffman said, adding that they usually start producing fruit after three or four years.

Dwarf trees are also an option for container gardening, he said.

Creativity can show its face in the kind of containers a gardener uses. Vertical gardening — sometimes called live wall gardening — can consist of clay pots, tin cans, baskets, shelves or stacked crates secured to ladders, fences, a standalone or structure wall, or even pallets.

People have been known to plant vegetables and flowers in the drawers of an old dresser, or shoe holders normally secured to the back of a bedroom door.

“You can actually use a burlap bag or cloth bag and hang the plants on walls. It’s something that someone can do in their backyard quickly and easily, or on a porch,” said Steve Stockford, Metroparks services supervisor.

Sent: May 26, 2019 8:22 AM
To: Charlene Patz
Subject: Facebook report

Our FB page reached 1,500 people this week and had 1,200 engagements (likes, comments, or shares). We now have 404 “Likes”.

We’re spreading the word!
Eileen

Thank you, Eileen, for doing such a great job in keeping our FACEBOOK and website information current!!

From: John Dillon – Photo Arts Club of Toledo
Subject: Weather Exhibit

And from John Dillon of the Photo Arts Club of Toledo: Information on an exhibit that just opened on June 1st and will run weekly on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 PM through Sunday, July 28th at the Photo Arts Club in the Artist Village at Toledo Botanical Garden. Be sure to stop and check it out!

The Metroparks-Toledo and the Photo Arts Club of Toledo are pleased to present

Wild Weather

This exhibit, which will be located at the Photo Arts Club of Toledo, features the extraordinary weather photos of Meteorologist Ross Ellet and storm chaser Aaron Rigsby. These photographs depict weather in its most violent and spectacular forms. They are from the works of both artists and cover areas throughout the USA.

Ross Ellet is a well-known meteorologist of long experience. He is a graduate of Purdue University, and is the morning Professional Meteorologist at WTVG 13ABC in Toledo.

Aaron Rigsby is located in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He is a 25-year old storm chaser from Marysville, Ohio. He has documented the historic Pilger, Nebraska twin tornados of 2014, Hurricanes Michael and Harvey, and over 100 tornados across the USA.

The exhibit will be open Saturday, June 1st through Sunday, July 28th, weekly Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from noon to 4 PM. Admission is free.

The Photo Arts Club of Toledo is located in the Artist Village of the Toledo Botanical Garden, which is part of Metroparks-Toledo.

Don't forget our hosta show "Rivers of Leaves" on Sunday, June 23rd, in the Terrace Room of the Conference Center at Toledo Botanical Garden. The Conference Center will be open by 8 A.M. for you to begin preparing your entries. The show will be open for public viewing from 1 – 4 P.M. If you would like to get entry tags the week before the show, call Charlene at 419-874-8964 to arrange to pick them up.

If you have any questions about the show, contact Sarah DaPra, Show Chaiman, Tele: 517-750-1864, Email: <ashwoods@aol.com>.

If you are not going to bring hosta leaves, container grown hostas, hosta troughs, hosta arrangements, or an educational display, we can still use your help in getting the show ready from 8 – 11 AM, or answering questions about hostas and our society when the show opens at 1 P.M.

In addition to our Hosta Show on Sunday, June 23rd, Black Swamp member Brent Lohmann, is heading the committee for the "Old Orchard Garden Tour", from 10 AM – 5 PM. Tickets are \$10. For additional info, map, and ticket info, visit their website <OldOrchardGardens.org>.

If you are looking for something to do on July 12th, 13th or 14th, check out the 4th Annual Flag City Daylily Tour in the Findlay area featuring the gardens of four of your fellow Black Swamp members.

Friday July 12: 10 AM to 6 PM

Saturday July 13: 10 AM to 6 PM

Sunday July 14: Noon to 6 PM

Tour seven gardens, each with its own personality.

The tour is free; however, several gardens will sell plants to anyone interested.

Located just off I-75, Findlay offers numerous hotels and restaurants to fit all styles and tastes.

For more information contact Mike Anders: anders@findlay.edu or call 419-889-8827

What a very successful Plant Sale last month!!! It was raining when we started to set up for the sale at 6:30 AM but about a half hour later the rain stopped, and the sun started to come out. It was a windy and cool start but by 9 o'clock we began shedding a jacket or two. What a great selection of plants for our followers to purchase this year! We could not do it without your support, and want to say "THANK YOU" to everyone who participated by bringing plants for sale, and helping the day of the sale!! Members who brought plants were Jim and Luci Flannery, Karen Shelt, Frank and Charlene Patz, Carol Kimbrough, Phil and Marian Parsons; Irene Kecskes, Win Sturgeon, Nancy Diego, Helen Hundsrucker, Sharon and Bob Supinski, Terrie Wiltsie, Lisa and Jerry Marlatt, Marilyn Hummel, Linda and Jay Hoffman, Charlie Harper, Rita Stanford, Harold and Eileen Hoffman; Dave and Carol Hoobler; Jodi Waldron; Rich and Linda Nagy; Diane Vogt, and 577 Foundation. This was our 24th sale so it works like clockwork – everyone just pitches in and everything gets done. Special Thanks to Betty Moore, our plant sale committee co-chair, and the plant sale committee who do a lot of work behind the scene before and after the sale-Jim and Luci Flannery, Linda Scheuerman, Nancy Diego, Vicki Dillon, Linda Nagy, Linda Hoffman, and Frank Patz. Thanks to Betty and Linda Nagy for being our cashiers, Sharon and Bob Supinski, Judy and Jim Hersch for manning the Holding Area again this year, Phil Parsons for bringing everything and setting up the Holding area, Rich Nagy for handling the sale of the water plants, Vicki Dillon for making our signs, our order writers (who

were so numerous I can't begin to list them-I don't want to miss anyone!), Eileen Hoffman with her Nature cards and envelopes (who donates her sales to the society), and Dan Parratt for setting up a membership and information table. And "thank you" to all of the members who came to the sale to help our customers select their purchases, answer questions, and clean up after the sale ended! It amazes the folks at Churchill's Market how well run the event is, and how our "tribe of followers" show up every year!! It is an ideal location and serves us well.

Welcome to our new members:

Three new membership written at the Plant Sale were Diandra Bertok/Benjamin Galandiuk from Toledo
Megan McNulty and Darlene M. McNulty – both from Perrysburg

Renewing his membership for another year was Fred Bobel from Bowling Green

The Crosby Festival of the Arts - Northwest Ohio's premier fine arts festival sponsored by ToledoGrows- will take place on June 28 thru 30, 2019 at Toledo Botanical Garden and features the work of more than 200 artists from across the country.

Since 1965, CFA has been held at Toledo Botanical Garden (formerly Crosby Gardens), set amidst the beauty of gardens and nature. Celebrating its 54th year, this festival is heralded as Ohio's oldest outdoor juried art festival. As the only show of its size and caliber in our region, participating artists are received enthusiastically by 15,000 or more guests each year.

This 3-day art show not only features beautiful artwork, but great local food, drinks, live music and activities for children.

Friday, June 28 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Saturday, June 29 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday, June 30 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

- DISCOUNTED PRE-SALE: \$9 general admission tickets available online
- DAY OF EVENT: \$10 general admission tickets at the gate
- DAY OF EVENT: \$5 Metroparks member tickets (each - 2 people per card)
- Children 12 and under are free

Parking

General Parking at the Meijer parking lot at 7240 West Central Ave.

FREE shuttle bus service provided to Toledo Botanical Garden. Shuttle times: half-hour before

start time and half-hour after closing time
Handicap parking at TBG Elmer Entrance with valid tag.

Workshop

August 20

8:00 PM

Hosta Hillside

Tuesday,

7:00 PM -



Come to Hidden Lake Gardens for a tour of the Hosta Hillside collection. Hostas are one of the most popular perennials for shade gardens. Learn the history of how Hosta Hillside was started with Paul Pfeifer, Managing Director of Hidden Lake Gardens. Discover the more popular cultivars of hostas. See the variety of leaves, flowers, sizes, forms, and colors of hosta plants. Determine the requirements for growing hostas as well as strategies to protect them from pests including deer.

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LOCATION: Hidden Lake Gardens, 6214 Monroe Rd., Tipton

Registration required:

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/mars/xpages/T/TECUMSEH/EK.cfm?curOrg=TECUMSEH&curMonth=8&curYear=2019&SelectedDate=8/20/2019>

Have you been keeping your journal on our tissue culture plant H. "Etched Glass" that you received at our April meeting??? Phil Parsons selected a wonderful hosta for our Tissue Culture Program again this year, didn't he?? Thanks, Phil!! Don't forget to bring

your potted hosta and journal back to our August 19th daylily auction, or our September 23rd or October 14th meeting to be eligible to participate in the tissue culture program next year.

If you have any info for the next EFLASH, be sure to send it to us.

Live life to its fullest!!!!

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