

Owen County Garden Club Spring 2017 Newsletter



A Note from Julie . . .

“The third time is the charm.” Does that apply to one’s third term as president of the Owen County Garden Club? Only time will tell, I guess!

The other officers and I are all pleased to do our part, along with you, to further the causes of this club: expanding knowledge, sharing our love of gardening with others, and beautifying our town and county. And of course there is also the camaraderie. On the surveys that many of you filled out last October, that was the most-mentioned positive about this club: the group, the group activities, learning together, working together. That’s my favorite part, too. *Let’s keep it up!*

Happy 2017 Gardening!

Next Meeting: Monday, April 17, 2017
6 P.M. social; 6:30 pitch-in, with meeting following

Hosted by Karen and Chad Crosby:
962 Clark Road, Spencer

Sweet Owen Community Clean-Up

The Garden Club and Spencer Pride will once again be promoting roadside trash pick-up in Owen County. Let’s start out the month by setting a good example for everyone else.

- On **Saturday, April 1**, let’s meet at 10 A.M. at the corner of W. Hillside Avenue and N. West Street. (West Street becomes Rocky Hill Road a little further up.) Park on Hillside.
- Let’s have a 2nd workday at 10 A.M. on **Saturday, April 22**. Does your road or locality need attention?? Talk to me!

I have big sturdy trash bags. Bring your own gloves. I will be speaking to the County Commissioners on March 20 about possible options for disposal of roadside trash with the county. Stay tuned. And of course, we’ll separate the salvageable recyclables.

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OCGC 20th Anniversary Trees Saturday, April 29 Cooper Park/MyPath Trailhead



So, remember this? The club's 20th anniversary was at the end of 2015. At that time, the officers proposed—and the club agreed—to do something to commemorate that anniversary. The “something” is six trees, which will be planted near the new MyPath Trailhead (right at the corner where Cooper Park meets the White River bridge). There's a lovely new shelter there and a new parking area. And soon there will be lovely new shade trees.

Please come to the park on **Saturday, April 29**, to celebrate with us. The annual Arbor Day observation will be happening—what better day to dedicate our trees and to note the contributions of the inspired woman who started the club—Kathleen Maupin—as well as the six members of the club who have been active all these years. Those six charter members are Annie Bright, Carolyn Dant, Linda Hancock, Nancy Knapp, Jo Ann Neal, and Carol Reynolds.

Plans are still in the works. Watch the *SEW* and your email for the exact time of our tree dedication.

I like the notion that we are marking our own organization's 20th anniversary by doing something to help out a fledgling organization. Twenty more years from now, it'll be interesting to see what MyPath has accomplished, and what *else* the Garden Club has accomplished!

The Great Milkweed and New England Aster Sale of 2017

We have ordered, in bulk, the common milkweed and New England aster babies. They will arrive in early May. Watch for a work session to be scheduled, at which time we will transplant the babies to 4-inch pots and assign them to foster homes (YOU could be a foster parent!). We will reserve booth space at the Farmers' Market—most likely on June 17—for the Great Milkweed and New England Aster Sale of 2017.

What a coincidence that Pollinator Week starts right about then. It's always inspiring to visit www.pollinator.org to see what folks all over the country are doing to raise awareness and to protect pollinators. *We are part of the movement!*



Plant Sale—Saturday, May 6, 2017

Owen County Farmers' Market, 8:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

One of the best days of the year, coming up! As soon as this cold spell breaks, start digging. My daylilies are already bigger than I want them to be—phooey!

On the day of the sale, deliver your plants at 7:30 A.M., or as early as possible, to the market. Stay and help? Dip in and out, as you are able? Drop and run? Or drop plants at Julie's house during the week before the sale (659 Texas Pike).

Pot 'em up and label them, please.

- plant name
- sun? / shade?
- color
- height

If you need help digging and potting, let us know; we can help.

For questions about the plant sale, contact our coordinator Jo Ann Neal, at 812-343-4956.

Bus Trip to Louisville, June 3, 2017

See separate flier for information about our bus trip. Jill McKay has done a masterful job of putting it together. And she's doing some masterful marketing to finish filling up our bus! There's still room, but speak up now!

Owen County Fair—July 9–15, 2017

Stay tuned. I have no information yet.

Town Flower Pots—A Free-for-All

In light of the construction that is due to begin on Morgan Street, we will remove the four remaining pots from Morgan Street. Too many big trucks and whatnot to risk the safety of our pots.

For the remaining pots—all clustered around the Courthouse Square, please plan to plant by Mother's Day, May 14, if the weather at all allows. At the January meeting, we voted to let this season be a free-for-all. So, no imposed color themes or plant choices; no fetters on your creativity. You are on your own!

If you wish, submit your receipts to Nan Girk, the treasurer, and be reimbursed for plant expenses. The club does have potting soil; I'll try to make sure that the empty ones are filled up sooner than later. As in the past, Pot Masters and Mistresses will be responsible for watering their assigned pots.

As always, if you have questions, contact Faye the Pot Queen, 812-828-0565.

Triangle

I have my ear to the ground regarding the beginning of the construction and what that entails. I continue to assume that we will be on hiatus for two summers. The only need might be a digging session to save whatever plants that we want to farm out to foster homes for the duration. The roses, sedum, daylilies, salvia, ooh, and that gorgeous rogue clump of iris are all candidates for salvage, I think.

Pine Cones for Pots!!!

The wonderfulness that is Ann Henk is thinking ahead—all the way to next fall when we'll be wondering what to do with the town pots for the winter. And the answer, says Ann, is PINE CONES. PICK THEM UP NOW! All sizes and shapes, she says. Pick them up anywhere you see them. Drop them into a paper grocery sack (avoid plastic to be sure they don't mold). Save them until Ann gives us a signal next fall.