



August 2026 Newsletter

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Online ordering ends @ Noon, Thurs., 8/27

Last Call for Garden Swag!

Fall will be here before we know it, so now's a good time to cozy up with some BFCG gear. Our online merch store has long-sleeved tees, fleecy sweatshirts, hoodies, and more, but **Thursday, Noon, 8/27 is the last day to order.**

And it's not too early to think about holiday gifts for your favorite gardener (including yourself).

Have you seen the baby onesies? Seriously. Adorable.

Check out the store and get your order in before it closes for the season. All proceeds benefit the Garden.

Shop now

Harvest Potluck Picnic & Annual Meeting Sunday 9/13

Our annual gathering is our chance to come together, share a potluck meal, and celebrate a successful growing season. It's a delicious tradition!

We'll also have our annual meeting. At this year's meeting we'll vote on some changes to the Bylaws that govern operations. Proposed edits will be posted online and at the Garden.

And we'll elect members of the Operating Committee for the coming year.

One last call for candidates: We still need gardeners willing to serve on the Committee. The Garden doesn't run by itself. The Operating Committee works with our Coordinator throughout the year to help keep things running, tackle problems and improvements, plan events, and make decisions that affect all of us.

You don't need years of Garden experience or any particular expertise, just an interest in the Garden and a willingness to pitch in. Newer gardeners are welcome, too. In fact, fresh perspectives are a good thing. **If you've thought about getting more involved, now is the time.** Talk with Greg or any Committee member if you're interested or would like to know more.

Then bring a dish to share, pull up a chair, and join your fellow gardeners as we wrap up another season together.



Music in the Garden

Final 2026 shows

September 5th – Women singer-songwriter showcase featuring Liz Bullock & Jessica Sikin Vocalist and songwriter, Liz Bullock's music is inspired by folk, blues, soul and jazz. Her debut EP 'Where to Begin' highlights these influences and her powerful vocals. Jessica Sikin's dreamy songs are blooming with layers of ethereal vocal harmonies and moving melodies. With subtle influences by artists such as Loretta Lynn and Fiona Apple, but with an indie pop/rock and cosmic country flavor.

September 19th – Classical fusion showcase featuring Arlegh Savage & Eri Snowden Cellist and singer-songwriter Eri Snowden-Rodriguez explores a variety of soundscapes by the mixing the natural cello sound with effects pedals creating a unique sound and style. A one-woman band, Arlegh Savage crafts original music with looping pedals, amplifying the bassoon's, haunting and soulful qualities to illuminate the tension and paradox within womanhood.

FREE Performances are at 6 p.m. on the first and third Saturdays June – September. Bring a lawn chair & join us!

In the event of rain, shows will be performed on Sunday at 2 p.m.

♥ Thanks to everyone who has joined us—and donated—this summer. ♥
You've helped make another season of Music in the Garden a success!



"Vegging at the Beach" — Our Blue Ribbon win

You've no doubt heard the news by now, but some things bear repeating: **BFCG brought home another blue ribbon from the Cuyahoga County Fair!**

This year's Fair theme was **"Summertime Fun,"** and our take on it was **"Vegging at the Beach."** Cartoon vegetables enjoying a day at the shore joined a colorful display of the real thing, grown by our gardeners. Beach toys, flip flops, sunglasses, sand, and other beachy touches gave our produce display plenty of beachside flair.

The blue ribbon is a recognition of what our gardeners grow and it also celebrates what happens when our Garden community comes together. Year after year, gardeners and volunteers contribute their time, creativity, and produce to make the BFCG display a success.

Many thanks to everyone who donated produce and, especially, to the committee that dreamed up "Vegging at the Beach" and put it all together. Congratulations to all our gardeners on another blue-ribbon year!

If you won a ribbon with your vegetables or garden products, please let us know so we can share the news and celebrate your achievement.

Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County

Tuesday Talks at Ben Franklin

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September 8: Starting a Vegetable Garden



Full descriptions and **free registration**:

<https://cuyahogamg.org/TT>

This just in! A free, nearby workshop of interest. It's hands-on with giveaways.

Managing Native Landscapes: From Mulch to Maintenance

Tuesday, September 29

Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District

<https://www.cuyahogawcd.org/e...>

Stepped away for the season?

Situations change, and a gardener may not be able to keep tending their plot through the end of the season. If that's you, please let us know.

If you have vegetables still growing that you won't be able to harvest, we'd be happy to pick them and add them to the Garden's donations to local hunger centers. That way, the food you planted and grew can still be put to good use instead of going to waste.

Just contact Greg or a member of the Operating Committee and let us know that we have your permission to harvest your plot.

A reminder about hunger center donations: Please remember that donated surplus should be **unnneeded, not unusable**. We want the produce we share to be something we'd be happy to take home ourselves.



Still Need Volunteer Hours?

The season is winding down, and time is running short to complete your volunteer hours. Check GroupMe, the website, and the boards at the Garden for upcoming opportunities to pitch in.

If you come up short at the end of the season, you can make the corresponding monetary donation when you check out from your plot.

Garden Operating Committee Monthly Meetings

Your Garden Operating Committee meets year round! Unless otherwise indicated, committee meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation
4274 Pearl Road, rear entrance.

All gardeners and members of the public are welcome to attend!



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