



September 2026

Well, the end of another great planting season is upon us. If you were like me, we are at the peak of our vegetable gardens and all of our flowers. Enjoy the season while we can because, unfortunately, we will be digging up and turning our gardens over sooner than later.

In August, we had a great presentation by Alexandra Higgins. Alex is a school teacher in the Carbondale School District who we have supported twice through our grant program. She educated us on the do's and don'ts of hydroponics. I hope many of you are inspired by her presentation and will try to start your own year-round gardens at home.

Due to a logistics problem (Clifford Parkfest), we will be changing our venue for our September 12 mushroom hunt and potluck to the Lackawanna State Park. Activities begin at 11 am. We have secured one of their pavilions for our event and we will have an expert walk around with us to help us forage for mushrooms. We are guessing we will not have electricity, so bring something that will not have to be heated!

This will be our second time foraging after our first event at Sally Fischbeck's home. Hopefully by the second time we are all experts and learn an edible from an LBM (also known as little brown mushroom).

The work has begun on the Greenfield Township Veterans Park on 106 partly due to our funding of materials. Corky's Garden Path ended up working with Greenfield at a huge discount to supply them with trees and shrubs in addition to two trees for us. One of which will be in memory of Nancy Ross.

~John Stahl

Good News!

Congratulations to Diane Sysko who has accepted the nomination as the new vice president of the Mountain View Garden Club. Diane joined the club a few years ago and has been an active member ever since. This year she has taken over the task of securing vendors for the Plant Exchange. We welcome her commitment to the Garden Club and look forward to her working with John and the board to continue furthering the mission of the Mountain View Garden Club to "share our knowledge and love of gardening while beautifying the Elk Mountain area and surrounding Communities."

Clifford Community Center Fall Clean-up

Grab your rake and shovel and meet fellow club members at the Veteran's Memorial in Clifford on **September 8th at 10 am**. We will neaten the garden area around the memorial before the Clifford Parkfest. The more members who come to help, the quicker the job will get done!

Mountain View Garden Club 2026 Programs

SEPTEMBER 12 (**Saturday at 11:00**)

Mushroom Walk

Lackawanna State Park
Followed by a pot luck lunch

OCTOBER 20

Meet our Educational Grant Recipients

Teachers from Carbondale District High School, Fells Charter School in Carbondale, and Susquehanna School District will report on their projects

NOVEMBER 17

Pine Cones and Greens,

Holiday Decorations presented by club member John Stahl

DECEMBER 9 (**Wednesday at 5 pm**)

Holiday Party at Elkview Country Club

Crystal Lake (note the change of venue)

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at the Clifford TWP Fire Company.



Do you have empty planting pots that the club could use for the next plant exchange? Leave them in Clifford near the recycle area and we will collect and store them for next year's event.



Mushroom Walk

Saturday September 12th
at 11:00am

Led by David Wasilewski
from Wyoming Valley
Mushroom Club.

Meet at the Pine Pavillion
in Lackawanna State
Park.

Bring a cold dish to share
for a pot luck lunch.

Members Plant Exchange!

If you wish to participate in the Plant Exchange bring 1 to 3 divided perennials or house plants and, at the end, take home plants of the same number or value.

As we get closer to the date, check your email for updates and specific directions to the pavilion.

Happy Birthday

August

Jessica Ray – 6th

Janet Murray – 7th

Lynn Conrad – 8th

Nadia Wohlgemuth – 15th

Elaine Burman – 18th

September

Colleen Bobrovcam – 1st

Erin Speicher -8th

Norma Genevich – 10th

Nancy Cummings – 12th

Deb McNamara – 26th

Carolinel Seamans – 26th

October

Marianne Belcastro – 10th

Darlene Chaykosky – 18th

Katie Cicilioni – 21st

Linda Hayes – 22nd

Diane Sysco – 23rd

November

Linda Leber – 1st

James OPecko – 6th

Jennifer Mayers – 15th

Samantha Safara – 15th

Joyce Lomma – 23rd

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to the newest members of the Mountain View Garden Club:

Sally Blackridge

Linda Hayes

Jessica Ray

Carolinel Seamans

We look forward to seeing you at future meetings and activities!

Fall Is for Planting



As part of the last year's 20th Anniversary Celebrations it was decided to plant a number of trees in the local surrounding communities. We are pleased that these plans are progressing and trees will soon be planted in Greenfield at the Veteran's Memorial Park. Clifford Community Park, Forest City's Kennedy Park, and the Fell Charter School campus will also soon have new trees planted.

PLANT SALE/EXCHANGE AND MARKET PLACE

Sunday June 7, 2026

A few of the successful digs at
member's gardens.



There are many aspects involved in getting
ready for the day of the sale.



Plants need to be sorted, organized, labeled
and priced.



The Second Hand Rose crew poses for a photo



Browsers at Second Hand Rose



Eagerly waiting for the sale to begin



Vendors in the park



Looking for the perfect plant



& in the garage



Happy and satisfied costumers

Thank You!

The Plant Exchange Committee extends a big thank you to Blueberry Hill Farm Greenhouses for their generous donation of garden pots for our garden digs for the Plant Sale. They also provided reasonably priced hanging baskets for the club to sell.



Mary Tomaine helps to sell the hanging baskets from Blueberry Hill Greenhouses.



Another big thank you goes to Lisa Ruedemann for her donation of all the beautiful silk flower stems that were so popular at Second Hand Rose.



This year's plant sale was a great success in a variety of ways! The many digs yielded a supply of plants that sold quickly, Second Hand Rose had unique items that shoppers enjoyed browsing through, along with the raffle items and vendor's wares.

The adjacent chart shows a side by side comparison from past years. Thanks to our treasurer, Rachel Bembas, for her reporting skills. And a thank you to all those members whose hard work helped to make the day so successful.

Lakeland Orchard and Cidery

June 16



We were treated to strawberry shortcake and coffee upon arrival.



Julianna Roba greeted members and talked about the operations of the Roba farm family, the many improvements to the property, the schedule of events and the day to day tasks involved in running an agro-entertainment organization.

The focus of the organization is to maintain a sustainable agriculture profile while providing the surrounding community with family orientated fun and activities.



The carousel in the background is a vintage Allen Herschel carousel, moved from the now closed Catskill Game Farm in New York, and reassembled on the property.



Julianna highlighted a new method of growing their raspberries. The mechanism allows the plant to grow horizontally, but can be raised vertically to allow for easier picking.



The many rows of apple trees waiting for fall

Garden Hopping

at Acre Lake

July 21



A rainy afternoon turned into a beautiful evening at Acre Lake



Our gracious host, and club president,
John Stahl



John welcomes the club members to Acre Lake.



One of the many gardens at Acre Lake



The garden art was created from cans!



The latest addition to the gardens are gourds grown from seeds obtained from when the club visited Gordlandia in Ithaca.



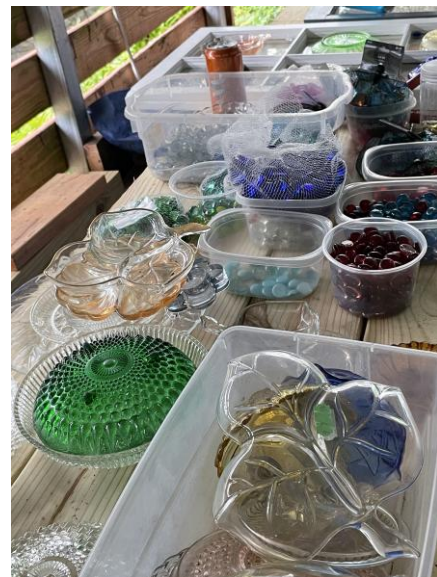
John demonstrates hand pollination of the gourd flower.



The female gourd flower has a tiny swollen gourd at the base



John in his workshop demonstrating how he cuts cans to fashion his garden art.



Thrifty glass pieces used to create decorative “stained glass windows.”

Hydroponics

August 18

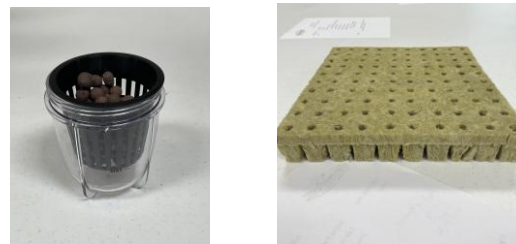
Presented by Alexandra Higgins



Alexandra, from the Carbondale School District, explains the basics of hydroponic gardening. It is basically a system where plants grow in a nutrient rich water solution that deliver what the plant needs directly to the roots. Special equipment, supplies, and vigilant monitoring are required for a successful experience.



Some hydroponic growing systems



Dried clay pebbles, rock wool and nutrients are a few essentials for a hydroponic system

